



Pilgrimage To *Medjugorje*

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September 11 - 24, 2024

With overnights in Miami



Join us for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.

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Inclusions:

- † Round-trip airfare from Miami (MIA)
- † Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- † Accommodation at centrally located first class hotels as follows: (or similar)
 - ~ 10 nights: Sep 13 - 23: Villa or Hotel Grace, Medjugorje
- † Breakfast and Dinner daily
- † Transfers as per itinerary
- † Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- † Whisper headsets where needed
- † Assistance of a professional local Catholic Guide(s)
- † Visits to Široki Brijeg, Tihajlina, and Surmanci
- † Meeting with Visionaries (pending availability)
- † Visit to Community Cenacolo

Day 1, Wed, Sep 11: Depart Trinidad for overnight in Miami

Day 2, Thu, Sep 12: Depart for Medjugorje

Make your way to the Miami airport, where you will board your overnight flight. Your meals will be served on board.

Day 3, Fri, Sep 13: Arrive Medjugorje

Upon arrival in Europe, change gates to board your short connection flight to either: Dubrovnik, Split, or Sarajevo airport. Upon arrival, collect your luggage in the baggage claim area, and continue to the arrival's hall, where you will be greeted by a tour guide and/or driver, who will take you on the 2.5-hour drive to the village of Medjugorje. Enjoy dinner before retiring for the evening.

Days 4– 12, Sat – Sun, Sep 14 – 22: Experiencing Medjugorje

The most beautiful features of Medjugorje are its simplicity and peace. While in Medjugorje, you may experience your faith grow, and share in the faith journey of pilgrims from all over the world. A local guide will accompany your group throughout your stay in the village. Some activities that will accompany you in your spiritual journey:

Attend Daily Mass: Each morning at 10:00 AM, your group will assemble at St. James Church for Mass (English-Speaking). At the end of each Mass, regardless of language, there is a blessing of religious articles pilgrims can attend. On Feast Days and Sundays English Mass is at noon.

Climb Apparition Hill: This mountainous hill is where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady. At the base of this hill is a Blue Cross, where Our Lady appeared to the children while they hid from the communist police in the early days of the alleged apparitions. While climbing, pilgrims are invited to recite the Rosary, pausing five times for each decade of the Rosary. At the top of the hill is the exact location of the first alleged apparition of Our Lady - enjoy private time for prayer in this Holy place.

Climb Mt. Krizevac (Cross Mountain): In 1933, the villagers built a 30-foot high cross atop the mountain to commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. You will have the opportunity to climb this mountain and venerate that very cross. While climbing, pilgrims pray the Stations of the Cross to meditate on Jesus' suffering Road to Calvary, pausing fifteen times for each Station.

Apparitions: Each evening at 5 PM or 6 PM (depending on daylight savings time), your group will join the villagers and fellow pilgrims of Medjugorje in saying the Rosary, as all anxiously await the alleged arrival of Our Lady to the visionaries. Following the apparition, at 5:40 PM (6:40 PM during Daylight Savings Time), feel free to stay at St. James Church and attend the Croatian Mass. Following the Croatian Mass, there is a Blessing of the Sick.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Our Lady has always called us to be close to her Son. In response to her call, pilgrims will have the opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament at the altar outside of St. James Church. Adoration is on Tuesdays and Saturdays; Veneration of

- † Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- † Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- † Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- † Flight bag & Portfolio of all travel documents

Not Included:

Lunches and beverages not mentioned, Tips to your guide & driver.

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the Cross is on Fridays inside the church. Additionally, there is an Adoration Chapel on the grounds of St. James Church, where Adoration is held in the afternoon hours.

Meetings with the Visionaries: Pending their availability, your guide will arrange meetings with the visionaries at their homes.

Visit the Community of Cenacolo: Pilgrims will have the opportunity to visit the community of Cenacolo, founded by the Sisters of Charity, for young men and women who have taken the wrong path and are on the road to recovery. You will be able to listen to their inspirational words about their journeys back to Jesus Christ.

Prayer at the Statue of the Risen Christ: The bronze statue of the Risen Christ, is located on the grounds of St. James Church. Many pilgrims sit and pray on the benches surrounding this peaceful statue. This statue miraculously seeps droplets of water at all times of the day out of Christ's right knee.

Visit to Tihajlina: Just 20 miles from Medjugorje, you will visit the Immaculate Conception Parish Church, which contains the Our Lady of Grace statue that many pilgrims associate with Medjugorje. Here you will have a private mass for your group and time for prayer.

Visit to Široki Brijeg: Only 18 miles from Medjugorje, you will go to Široki Brijeg after visiting Tihajlina. Here you will visit the Franciscan friary of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is where on February 7th, 1945, thirty Franciscan friars were executed for refusing to renounce their faith. Fr. Jozo Zovko, the parish priest who was in Medjugorje when the apparitions began, was stationed here as guardian for many years and received thousands of pilgrims at this church.

Day 13, Mon, Sep 23: Medjugorje - Home

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, we leave by motor coach for Dubrovnik Airport (Split or Sarajevo) for our return flight(s) to Miami.

Day 14, Tues, Sep 24: Depart Miami for return to Trinidad

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