

Medjugorje, Dubrovnik & Split Tour 1-C

13 Days

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YOUR TRIP INCLUDES

- Round-trip airfare from your desired Airport
- Book without airfare (land only option)
- All airport taxes & fuel surcharges
- Centrally located four-star hotels:(or similar)
- 7 Nights: Modern Pansion/Hotel, Medjugorje
- 2 Nights: GH Park Hotel, Dubrovnik
- 2 Nights: Hotel President Solin, Split
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Wine with dinners
- Free Wifi (in Medjugorje)
- Assistance of a professional local guide(s)
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Visit to Community Cenacolo
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
(English at 10:00am & Croatian at 6:00pm)
- Meeting with visionaries(Pending availability)
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight bag & portfolio of all travel documents

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches, Tips to your guide & driver

OPTIONAL:

Travel Insurance

Providing you coverage for both pre-existing conditions and those that may arise during your trip, including medical and dental emergencies, loss of luggage, trip delay, and so much more.

Supplemental Cancellation Protection

A Cancellation Waiver - allowing you to cancel your trip and receive a refund anytime - up until 24 hours prior to departure. The "Waiver" expires once you are within 24 hours of departure.

About Medjugorje & Dubrovnik:

Spend the first few days of your Pilgrimage in Medjugorje, a small village located in Bosnia & Herzegovina. In 1981, six children witnessed the Blessed Virgin Mary on what is now known as Apparition Hill. The children, now adults, continue

to see her along with the many Pilgrims who climb Apparition hill to witness and worship every evening. Since 1981, 40 million people have visited the now popular Pilgrimage site. In 2018 Pope Francis appointed Archbishop Henryk Hoser the “Apostolic Visitor” to Medjugorje in steps to officially recognize Medjugorje as a sacred Catholic site. While sightseeing in Dubrovnik, visit St. Blasius Church to appreciate the Baroque architecture and the Dominican and Franciscan monasteries. Complete your Pilgrimage in the “Pearl of the Adriatic” and explore the Old Town where you will enjoy Dalmatian delicacies and wines. About the Six Medjugorje Visionaries

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Medjugorje

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

Day 2: 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 3 to: 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 the religious articles that you have with you.

On Feast Days, and Sundays: English Mass is at 12 PM.

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 it is said Our Lady appeared to the children while they hid from the communist police in the early days of the alleged apparitions. While climbing, your group is invited to recite the Rosary, pausing five times for each decade of the Rosary. At the top of the hill, you will witness the exact location of the first alleged apparition of

Our Lady to the visionaries, and enjoy private time for prayer.

Climb Mt. Krizevac (Cross Mountain): In 1933, the villagers built a 30' high cross atop a mountain to commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Your group will have the opportunity to climb this mountain, and venerate that very cross. While climbing, your group is invited to 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. For this, you will have the opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament at the altar outside of St. James Church. Adoration is held on Tuesdays and Saturdays; Veneration of the Cross is held 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 to the Community of Cenacolo: You will have the opportunity to visit the community of Cenacolo, founded by the Sisters of Charity, for young men and women who have taken a 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.

Day 9: Medjugorje - Dubrovnik

After breakfast, you will transfer to Dubrovnik. Upon arrival in this city fronting the Adriatic, you will be able to spend the afternoon at your leisure. Feel free to walk to the Old Town, also known as the Pearl of the Adriatic. This evening, you will have dinner at a typical Dalmatian restaurant that serves local delicacies and wines.

Day 10: Dubrovnik

Following breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of the Old City. It will begin at St. Blasius Church, which is dedicated to the Patron Saint of Dubrovnik. This Baroque styled church was constructed by Venetian architect, Marino Gropelli in 1715; it was styled after the Venetian Church, St. Mauritius. You will know that you have reached this master piece by its large staircase leading to the ornamented main portal and the large dome that decorates the roof. Continue to the Gothic and Renaissance styled Rector's Palace, home to the History Department of the Museum of Dubrovnik. Next, you will stroll by the iconic Bell Tower Clock and Orlando's Column. To the left of this column, you will see the Sponza Palace. In the sixteenth century, members of the Academia dei Concordi met on the palace's first floor hall to discuss literature. As a result, the palace is the most important cultural institution of Dubrovnik. Lastly, you will visit the Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries. The location of the Dominican Monastery is strategically placed at the most sensitive point of Dubrovnik's defense barriers. While at the Franciscan Monastery, you will have the opportunity to visit the Pharmacy. The founding of this Pharmacy was collaborative, as it served as the public pharmacy and for the needs of the monks. This afternoon, you will enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many small, family-owned restaurants along the narrow streets. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. This evening, enjoy dinner and an overnight in Dubrovnik.

Day 11: Dubrovnik - Veprice - Sinj - Split

Following breakfast, you will depart for Split. Along the way, you will stop at the Little Lourdes Shrine in Veprice (approximately two hours and fifty minutes). The Shrine was founded in 1908, and is situated in a natural cave surrounded by hills, just as the Grotto of Massabielle is in Lourdes. Your group will take an additional break in Makarska, before continuing to Sinj (approximately one hour and twenty minutes). While here, you will visit one of Croatia's oldest spiritual centers, the Shrine of Our Lady of Sinj; it is home to the eighteenth century miraculous icon of the Virgin Mary. In 1715, the people of Cetina and the Franciscan monks prayed before a picture of the Mother of Grace during a Turkish attack. However, through much prayer to Our Lady, the Turkish army inexplicably fled after three hours, and since then, it has been a miraculous site for many Pilgrims. Lastly, your journey will culminate upon arrival in Split (approximately one hour). You will eat dinner and enjoy an overnight in Split.

Day 12: Split

Today, you will enjoy a city tour of the second largest city of Croatia, Split! The historic inner city of Split was built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. While exploring, you will have the opportunity to see remnants of Split's Roman heritage such as, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle of Diocletian's Palace and the Cathedral of St. Domnius. The Temple of Jupiter was built around the third century and is dedicated to the highest Roman god, the god of the sky, and the god of thunder. The Diocletian's Palace had two purposes; half was used for the Diocletian's personal use, and the other half was used as a military garrison. Lastly, you will visit the Cathedral of St. Dominus that is encircled by twenty-four columns. The oldest monuments in this Holy place are those depicting the life of Christ, which can be found on the entrance doors of the Church. This evening, you will enjoy dinner at a local Konoba (restaurant in the coastal area of Croatia). Following dinner, you will continue to your hotel where you will have a restful overnight.

Day 13: Return Home

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, you will transfer to the Dubrovnik airport for return flights home.

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