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PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - WITH MOSTAR, CROATIA & MONTENEGRO

SEPTEMBER 21 - September 30, 2018 (10 Days)

A Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with side trips to the beautiful cities of Split, Mostar, Dubrovnik and Montenegro

Visit this peaceful village OF MEDJUGORJE nestled between mountains and the Adriatic Sea in Bosnia Herzegovina. On June 25, 1981 Our Lady appeared to six children and identified herself as the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace. Her mission, as explained to the visionaries, is to promote peace between God and mankind through Jesus, her son. Take this time away from home as a personal retreat to experience the love of our Blessed Mother and renew our relationship with her Son, Jesus. Many pilgrims came home from Medjugorje with profound spiritual experiences and conversions. Let this experience change your life!

Day 1 USA – DUBROVNIK or SPLIT September 21, 2018 (wherever airfare is cost effective)

Boarding overnight on an intercontinental flight; dinner and breakfast served on board

Day 2 ARRIVE DUBROVNIK or SPLIT, CROATIA AIRPORT September 22, 2018

Arrive early morning arrival in either Munich, Frankfurt or Vienna and connect to our flight into Dubrovnik. We continue our drive to Medjugorje for 2.5 - 3 hours. On arrival, check into your hotel with time to explore this peaceful village and take part in the evening Rosary in St. James Church and the Eucharistic Adoration. Pray with pilgrims from around the world.

Day 3-4 MEDJUGORJE, September 23 - 24, 2018

The most beautiful feature of Medjugorje is its simplicity, and its peace. While in Medjugorje, you will have the opportunity to experience your faith grow and share in the faith journey of pilgrims from all over the world. The 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: 00A.M, 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 Noon

Climb Apparition Hill: This mountainous hill is where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady. Also, 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. When 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 in 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. When 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 5PM or 6PM 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 6: 40P.M (5:40 P.M. 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 outside altar of St. James Church. Adoration is held on Wednesdays 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. Adoration is held here 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: Located on the grounds of St. James Church, is the bronze statue of the Risen Christ. 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 5 MOSTAR & KRAVICA WATERFALLS - MEDJUGORJE, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

Attend early morning Mass, return to hotel for breakfast. We depart for a tour in Mostar (45 minutes' drive from Medjugorje). Mostar is a city in southern Bosnia and Herzegovina, straddling the Neretva River. Mostar is one of the most frequented attractions in [Bosnia](#), thanks to its outstanding natural

beauty, architecture, and, of course, its famous UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Stari Most. It is full of quintessential Ottoman architecture, with plenty of traditional [restaurants](#), market stalls, mosques and other historic buildings. It is also surrounded by stunning landscape waiting to be explored. We will explore the top things to see and around Mostar. A narrow staircase leads up to the Koski Mehmed-Pasha Mosque's minaret for panoramic city views. Visit the "Don't Forget Stone" found near to the Stari Most and serves as a reminder of the civil war. The 'Don't Forget' stone serves to gently remind visitors to reflect on the city's tragic past. A short drive south of Mostar are the Kravice Waterfalls (55 minutes' drive), some amazing waterfalls near the small town of Kravice. After a brief visit of Mostar, we return to Medjugorje with an opportunity to attend evening prayers and adoration. Dinner & overnight in Medjugorje.

Day 6 MEDJUGORJE - SPLIT - MEDJUGORJE, September 26, 2018

Split, a town on Croatia's Dalmatian Coast, is known for its beaches and the fortress like complex at its center, Diocletian's Palace, erected by the Roman emperor in the 4th century. Stroll the city's promenade Riva, enter Diocletian Palace through Bronze Gate (On Riva promenade), enter the Diocletian basements (Palace's substructures), visit Peristyle Square, St. Dujice Cathedral, Jupiter Temple, Vestibule, Silver Gate – 'Pazar' – Split open green market, Iron Gate – Old city clock, Pjaca – Narodni Trg, Golden Gate – Grgur Ninski Statue, City Squares – Fruit and People's Square, Stroll the Marmont shopping Street and Prokurative Square. Dinner in Split. After dinner, return to Medjugorje for overnight.

Day 7-8 - MEDJUGORJE - MONTENEGRO, September 27 - 28, 2018

After breakfast, we will transfer to Montenegro and stay for 2 nights in Montenegro's most picturesque cities, Kotor; Cross the border into Montenegro and savor views of Boka Bay as you journey along the coast. Upon arrival, we will have a full day guided tour and uncover the mysteries of Montenegro. Stroll the cobblestone lanes of picturesque Kotor on a walking tour of the historic town, visit the cathedral of St. Trifun from the 12th century, the Maritime Museum, numerous palaces, old squares and feel the atmosphere of this unique medieval city. Then admire the sandy beaches and medieval city walls of Budva. Drive through Boka Kotorska, a dramatic and secluded Mediterranean Bay and southern Europe's deepest fjord. The local guide will take you through cobbled lanes and atmospheric squares. Visit Budva, a walled medieval town on the sea, famous for its beautiful clean sandy beaches. We will visit the Njeguši village which is best known as the birthplace of the Petrović dynasty, which ruled Montenegro from 1696 to 1918. Cheese and prosciutto made solely in the area around Njeguši are genuine examples of Montenegrin cuisine. The mausoleum sits at the top of a climb of 461 steps. The most impressive part of the mausoleum is the chapel which has six sides and one central niche; it is built from the finest Boka and Brac marble. Then you will do a one hour walking tour through Cetinje visiting its main sights, such as Cetinje Monastery where several relics are kept (Remains of St. Peter of Cetinje, the Right hand of John the Baptist, Particles of the True Cross, the Icon of the Philermos Mother of God, the Remains of Petar II Petrović-Njegoš (relocated), Royal Regalia of Serbian Emperor Stephen Uroš IV Dušan, among others), Vlaska church (built in 1450, with its fence made out of barrels of captured enemy rifles), museums, the royal theater and historic foreign embassies. Return to our hotel in Kotor for overnight.

Our 2nd day in Montenegro will be spent on a Cruise boat (9am-5pm). Experience Boka bay on a cruise boat for the most enjoyable journey on water – welcome to Kotor bay Cruise! We embark in Kotor and shortly after we have our first swimming break to cool down from a hot day. Refreshed, we are headed straight towards the Blue Cave passing entire bay and as we go around the famous former prison "Mamula" we reach the open sea. Swimming in fluorescent blue water inside of a natural cave is one of

the best attractions of Boka Bay! Time for lunch break at the beach Žanjice for to regain our energy. From there we sail back to Kotor and make another stop for Yugoslavian military tunnels. Don't miss another quick jump into clear ink blue water here! The evening hours are the best time to visit famous island Our Lady of Rocks, both church and a museum, when all the tourists are gone. According to the legend, the islet was made over the centuries by local seamen after finding the icon of Madonna and the Child on the rock in the sea on July 22, 1452. Over time, the islet gradually emerged from the sea. Now, Our Lady of Rocks is protector of all seamen who come to Boka Bay. Your tour guide will make sure to inform you about more details about the island, church and museum. Next to island of Our Lady, there is a natural one, St. George. While sailing on glittering water with wonderful scenery around, we don't miss opportunity to catch a perfect sunset photo before ending our journey. As we approach our disembark point, we'll pass old beautiful villages on the opposite side of the Bay: Stoliv, Prčanj and Muo. Then we return to Kotor port and overnight in our hotel.

Day 9 KOTOR - DUBROVNIK, September 29, 2018

After breakfast, we drive to Dubrovnik. We will try to get the most out of our one-day tour in Dubrovnik. First ascend via cable car to Mt Srđ, a 1,352-foot (412-meter) mountain, the craggy mountain that towers over the city, for jaw-dropping views of the walled medieval town. Once at the top, take some time to enjoy the incredible views: the medieval walled town of Dubrovnik, the vast Adriatic Sea, the islands that dot the horizon. Then, head back down and go on a guided walking tour of Dubrovnik, strolling its limestone-blanketed streets and learning about the history of some of its most famous landmarks from St Onofrio's Fountain to the Cathedral of the Assumption. Stroll through Pile Gate, one of three entrances that go through the 12th-century walls and stop at Onofrio's Fountain, a large circular structure with faucets that was the terminus for the 7.5-mile (12-km) aqueduct that flowed drinking water into Dubrovnik. Then walk over to the nearby medieval Franciscan monastery, home to a recently restored Pieta sculpture and one of the oldest still-working pharmacies in Europe. Continue walking down the limestone-clad Stradun, one of the widest and straightest streets in Old Town, until you reach the Renaissance-era Sponza Palace, which is today the home of the state archives. Other highlights you'll hit along the way include the city's bell tower, the Church of St. Blaise, dedicated to the patron saint of Dubrovnik, and the opulent Rector's Palace. Walk a bit further on to explore the Cathedral of the Assumption, a Baroque and Mannerist-style church that was rebuilt after a fire in the 18th century. Finally, head over to an entryway up onto the walls, hearing about the history of these impressive fortifications. As you stroll along walls, note the gorgeous views of the Adriatic, as well as the towers at each corner of the wall, including Minčeta Tower, St John's Fortress and Fort Bokar. After you've walked in a complete circle (or, in this case, a square), head back to Pile Square for the end of the tour. Overnight and last dinner in Dubrovnik.

Day 10 DEPARTURE FROM DUBROVNIK AIRPORT, September 30, 2018

After breakfast we depart for Dubrovnik airport for our overseas flight for the USA taking with us blessings, grace and peace to last us a life time. We arrive home in the US same day.

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