

Medjugorje: A Pilgrimage of Messages and Healing

9 days / 7 nights

"I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this Fullness and peace, you must return to God". - Message from Mary at Medjugorje. Prepare to be nourished in mind, body, and spirit!

Day 1: June 3, 2013 - Departure from the USA

A pilgrimage is a journey toward holiness (Scott Peck, In Search of Stones).

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart the USA on an international overnight flight to Europe where we will connect to our flight for Dubrovnik (Split, or Sarajevo). Dinner and breakfast are served in flight.

Day 2: June 4, 2013 - Medjugorje

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:26-28

After an early morning arrival in Europe, we board our flight to Dubrovnik (or Split or Sarajevo). Upon arrival, we will be greeted by our tour manager and board our bus for the 2 1/2 hour drive to the village of Medjugorje. Once there, we meet fellow pilgrims and our spiritual leader. We will meet our host family in whose modest but comfortable inn we will be staying for the next seven nights. We enjoy a hearty dinner before retiring for the evening.

Days 3 – 8: June 5 – 10, 2013 - Medjugorje

"Medjugorje is the hope for the entire world". Blessed Pope John Paul II to visionary Mirjana during a visit to the Vatican

During our stay, we will discover the enchanted beauty and peace of this simple village. After breakfast each morning in Medjugorje, we will share our faith with pilgrims from around the world. Our local guide will be there to accompany us throughout our stay.

At 10:00 am each morning, we will assemble at St. James Church for the English-language Mass (Feast days and Sundays English Mass is at Noon). We will follow the path up Apparition Hill where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady. We will pray before the cross that commemorates the spot where Mary first appeared to the visionaries when they were children.

Each evening, before the apparition takes place, we will join the villagers and pilgrims to pray the Rosary. The apparition takes place at 5:40pm (6:40pm daylight savings time). Following the apparition, we will celebrate Croatian Mass with other pilgrims. Each evening during Croatian Mass, there is the Blessing of the Sick and blessing of the items you have with you. On Tuesdays and Saturdays, we may join in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and on Fridays, we may attend Veneration of the Cross in the Church.

Our guide will arrange meetings with the visionaries at their own homes provided that they are in Medjugorje during our trip and pending their availability. We will have the opportunity to climb Krizevac Mountain, where in 1933 the villagers built a 30' high cross on the anniversary of Jesus' crucifixion. We may also pray at "Blue Cross", at the base of Apparition Hill which is a place of great healings and many graces. We will also visit the community of Cenacolo.

Day 9: June 11, 2013 - Depart for Home

Let all your things be done with charity (1 Cor. 16: 14).

After an early breakfast, we board the motor coach for Dubrovnik Airport (Split or Sarajevo) for our return flight home. Our pilgrimage has delighted our senses and fed our souls. We have memories to treasure.

