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Shrines of Italy with Medjugorje

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Day 1

Depart on an overnight International flight with dinner and breakfast on board.

Day 2

Rome - Morning arrival. You will be met at the Airport and transferred to your hotel. The rooms might not be available at the time of your check-in. Eventually a courtesy room will be arranged. In the afternoon, first guided tour of the city, including the Colosseum, the Forum, and the Mamertine Prison and, with a supplement, a Catacomb. Return to the hotel. Get acquainted dinner. Accommodation.



St. Peter's Basilica

Day 3

Rome - Breakfast at the hotel. The full day guided tour will include, together with many other features, the major Basilicas of this city: Saint Mary Major, Saint John in Lateran, the Scala Sancta, Holy Cross in Jerusalem and Saint Paul's Outside the Walls. Return in the late afternoon to the hotel. Dinner. Accommodation.

Day 4

Rome, Lanciano - Early breakfast at the hotel. Check out from the hotel. Baggage to be loaded on the bus. Transfer to the Vatican City for a guided visit of its Museums with the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, and the underground chapels with the Tombs of many Popes. Departure towards the Apennine Mountains. The drive is pleasant and the scenery extremely interesting. Arrive in LANCIANO, where you will have the possibility to worship at the Church of the Eucharistic Miracle. Dinner and accommodation in this fair town by the Adriatic sea.

Day 5

Lanciano, Loreto, Ancona - Breakfast at the hotel. Return on the Highway and proceed north, toward Ancona. Stop in Porto San Giorgio for lunch, on your own. A few miles before this seaport the bus will stop in LORETO, where you shall visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady. The walls of the Virgin Mary's house are kept, which were transported from

Nazareth in the year 1291 to Tersatt in Croatia. From this nation, endangered by the Muslim's invasion, the house was transported in the year 1294 to its actual location. According to tradition "The Annunciation" was given in this house. Its Black Madonna is remarkable in its beauty and simplicity.



Loreto

Proceed to the Port of Ancona. After your Bus has boarded the Ferry, get installed in your cabins and be ready for a dinner on board. The Ferry will depart at 09.00 pm. For your comfort, we would like to suggest that you take along to your cabin only whatever strictly necessary, that can be contained in a handbag or large purse. No portorage is available on the ship and you must carry whatever luggage you will want in your cabin. Enjoy the overnight sailing.

Day 6

Split, Medjugorje - Wake-up call between 6:00 and 6:30 a.m. Beginning at 7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast is served in the dining room, up to 15 minutes prior docking in the Port of Split, in Croatia. Passport control and Customs either on board, or at the Pier, depending



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on the local authorities decision. Board the bus and immediate departure. As a consequence of the political turmoil that has shattered this part of Europe between 1992 and 1995, you will be crossing and re-crossing 6 or 7 borders. Usually, only when entering for the last time Bosnia & Herzegovina you will be asked to show your Passport. Nevertheless, please make sure that you have it handy and in a safe place. The roads are in a good shape, but this is a mountainous country

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and consequently, even if the distance from Split is relatively short, it will take three to three and half hours to reach MEDJUGORJE. Upon arrival you will be escorted to your accommodation. In the afternoon the local hostess will walk you around, to show and introduce you to this village. Dinner at your lodging. You will find the food simple, and abundant. Usually local wine and mineral water comes with your meal. Accommodation.

Day 7

Medjugorje, Split - Continental Breakfast with bread, butter,

marmalades, black coffee, the Turkish way, or Maxwell House, tea and juices. Ask for refills, if needed. If you want a couple of eggs, the extra charge is nominal. The morning program will be mostly on foot, with the assistance of the local hostess. The Franciscan Monks have always been in this area, even during the Turkish occupation, 1463



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through to 1878. The Parish church was established as such, in the year 1892. But, since the first apparition in the year 1981, it has become a site where over 20 million of pilgrims have come from over the entire world. A morning Mass, private or public, can be arranged. You might want to visit one of the many communities active in this city. The most important ones are the Community of the Tabernacle, the Oasis of Peace and the French community of the "Beatitudes". Meet the people living here, talk to them and understand them. Mass in Croatian, at 11.00 a.m., in the Church of Saint Jacques. In the early afternoon, you local hostess will bid you good-bye. Depart to the Port of Split. Please do not pack your Passport! After the usual Passport and Customs operations, your bus will board the Ferry. Get installed in your cabins, and meet at the ship's restaurant, at the given time, for dinner. The departure of the ship, for Ancona, will be at 09:00 p.m. Enjoy the overnight sailing.

Day 8

Ancona, Assisi, Rome - Morning call between 6:00 and 6:30 a.m.

Breakfast is served in the dining room, till 15 minutes prior docking in Ancona. Customs and Immigration operations. Once your bus has disembarked from the ferry, immediate departure for Assisi. Walking

guided tour of this Medieval Village, visiting the Churches of San Damiano, Santa Chiara, and the Basilica of San Francesco, constructed on two levels. The Tomb of Saint Francis is in the Crypt, on the third underground level. On your way out of Assisi, stop at the Village of Santa Maria degli Angeli, and visit its Church, built over the Porziuncola, a tiny little country chapel where Saint Francis used to pray. Continue on your day's drive to Rome. Check in at your hotel. Dinner. Accommodation.

Day 9

Rome - Breakfast at your hotel. No arrangements are foreseen for the day but, with the help of your Tour Escort, walking tours to sites of special interest can be arranged. Meet in the hotel lobby at 07:30 p.m. for a return transfer to a typical restaurant where a Farewell Dinner has been planned, for a pleasant and friendly what to conclude your tour. Accommodation.

Day 10

Rome - Breakfast at your hotel. In due time, this is to say three hours prior flight's departure, meet your Tour Escort in the lobby and transfer departure to the Airport. Registration of tickets and luggage. End of our arrangements.



Assisi

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Day 1

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Day 2

Rome - Morning arrival. You will be met at the Airport and transferred to your hotel. The rooms might not be available at the time of your check-in. Eventually a courtesy room will be arranged. In the afternoon, first guided tour of the city, including the Colosseum, the Forum, the Mamertine Prison, Saint Paul's Outside the Walls and a Catacomb. Return to the hotel, for dinner and accommodation.



Day 3

Rome - The full day guided tour will include the City of the Vatican, with its Sistine Chapel, the Basilica of Saint Peter, the Tombs of the Popes, Saint Mary Major, Saint Peter in Chains, Saint John Lateran and its Scala Sancta. Return to your hotel for dinner and accommodation.



Day 4

Rome, Lanciano, Loreto - Early breakfast. Check out from the hotel. Baggage is loaded on the motorcoach. Transfer to the Vatican for the Wednesday Audience by the Holy Father. Immediately thereafter departure with your Italian hostess toward the Adriatic sea, over the Apennines. The drive is pleasant and the scenery extremely interesting. Continue to LANCIANO, where you will have the possibility to worship in the Church of the Eucharistic Miracle. Return on the Highway and proceed north, towards Ancona. A few miles before the harbour, the bus will stop in LORETO, to allow a visit to this Sanctuary. The



walls of the Virgin Mary's house are kept, which were transported from Nazareth in the year 1291 to Tersatt in Croatia. From this nation, endangered by the Muslim's invasion, the house was transported in the year 1294 to its actual location. According to tradition "The Annunciation" was given in this house. Its Black Madonna is remarkable in its beauty and simplicity. Proceed to the Port of Ancona. The hostess will help you to get installed in your cabins, will introduce you to the chief purser, show you the dining room, and will bid you Good-Bye. Dinner is arranged on the Ferry. Its departure is scheduled between 09.00 and 10.00 pm, depending the day and the season.

Day 5

Morning Call at 05.00 a.m. Breakfast is served in the dining room, up to 15 minutes prior docking in the Port of Split, in Croatia. Passport control and customs. Meeting with your Bosnian hostess, who will be in charge of your group for the duration of your pilgrimage. Board the bus and depart. As a consequence of the political turmoil that has shattered this part of Europe between 1992 and 1995, you will be crossing and re-crossing 6 or 7 borders. Usually only when entering for the last time Bosnia & Herzegovina, you will be asked to show your passport. The roads are in a good shape, but this is a mountain country and consequently, even if the distance from Split is relatively short, it will take three to three and half hours, to reach MEDJUGORJE. On arrival you will be escorted to your accommodation. In the afternoon the hostess will walk you around, to show and introduce you to this village. Dinner. You will find the food simple, and abundant. Usually local wine and mineral water comes with your meal.



Day 6

Continental Breakfast with bread, butter, marmalades, black coffee, the Turkish way, or Maxwell House, tea and juices. Ask for refills, if needed. If you want a couple of eggs, the extra charge is nominal. The morning program will be mostly on foot, with the assistance of the local hostess. The Franciscan Monks have always been in this area, even during the Turkish occupation, 1463 through to 1878. The Parish church was established as such, in the year 1892. But, since the first apparition in the year 1981, it has become a site where over 20 million of pilgrims have come from over the entire world. Mass is celebrated

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every day, at 06.00 p.m. During the day, you will have the possibility to climb the Podbrdo hill of the Apparition, with its splendid Via Crucis. Dinner and accommodation.

Day 7

Continental breakfast. Depart with a private bus for the half-day excursion to the SIROKI BRIJEG Village. We shall visit the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady. The communist forces of Marshall Tito have martyred this church, and over 30 Franciscans monks were killed in a barbaric way. It is famous for the actions of Father Didak Buntic, whose statue is to be seen left of the church. Over the years he has saved hundreds of children from starvation. He is as well renown for his writings about his country's art and history. Meet with Father Jozo Zovko, now in charge of this parish church. The landscape seen as you go is just beautiful.



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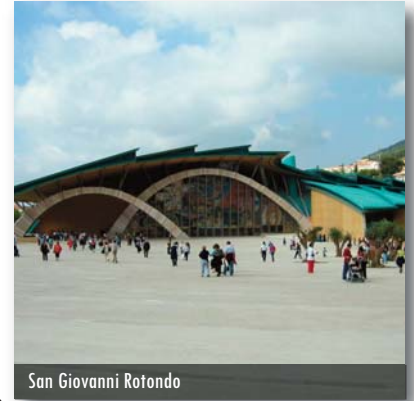
In the afternoon, to complete your pilgrimage, climb the hill of the Cross, the Krizevac, tightly linked with the apparitions. Either on Day 3 or on Day 4, your Tour Escort will arrange a meeting with one of the Visionaries. The original seven, blessed by the visions, are: Marija, Vicka, Jakov, Ivan, Ivanka and Mirjana. Two more, Jelena and Marijana are blessed by the wisdom given to them by the Holy Virgin. Dinner and accommodation.

Day 8

Continental breakfast. Your last day in Medjugorje. You will spend the morning visiting a Community founded for the healing of drug abuse or anyone in need of a Christian help. The major ones are the Community of the Tabernacle, the Oasis of Peace and the French community of the "Beatitudes". Meet the people living here, talk to them and understand them. Mass in Croatian, at 11.00, in the Saint Jacques church. Early afternoon departure by bus, with your hostess, toward the Port of Split. Please do not pack you passport! Upon arrival, and after having checked you with the Ship's purser, your Bosnian hostess will bid you Good-Bye. Dinner on board. The departure of the Ship is between 09.00 and 10.00 p.m.

Day 9

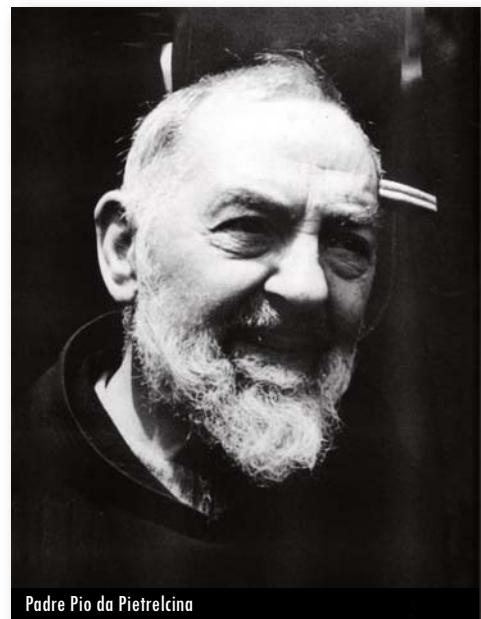
Morning call at 06.00 a.m. Breakfast is served in the dining room, till 15 minutes prior docking in Ancona. Customs and immigration operations. You will be met by an Italian hostess and depart by private bus toward San Giovanni Rotondo. Visit the Old Church of St. Maria delle Grazie, the Tomb of San Pio, the Chapel with the Crucifix where, in the year 1918, he received the Stigmata. After having visited the Church of San Pio and free time, departure toward Rome. On arrival, dinner and accommodation.



San Giovanni Rotondo

Day 10

Morning call. Breakfast from the buffet. Day free for optional arrangements. In due time, this is to say three and half hours prior flight's departure, meet the hostess in the lobby and transfer departure to the airport. Our services will terminate after baggage and tickets have been registered.



Padre Pio da Pietrelcina

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