



TOUR RELIGIOUS MEDJUGORJE & ITALY

Day 1 – ARRIVAL DAY – This morning we arrive in Europe where we board our flight to Split, Dubrovnik or Sarajevo where we will be met by our guide and transferred to Medjugorje. Upon arrival in Medjugorje we go to our accommodation and are introduced to our host family. Light snack or dinner will be served depending on the time of arrival.

Day 2 – MEDJUGORJE/MOSTAR - After breakfast, Holy Mass for English speaking pilgrims is at 10.00am in the church of St. James. Following mass there will be an opening meeting and introduction at the shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace. Hear a talk by one of the Medjugorje priests on the messages of Our Lady. Visit Mostar. Dinner. After dinner we will participate in the evening program.

Day 3 – MEDJUGORJE – After breakfast, we meet with our guides at the statue of Our Lady to walk through the vineyards, to the Hill of Apparitions (Podbrdo). We hear the story of the first days of the apparitions and then climb, in prayer, to the site of the first apparition. Holy Mass. There will usually be a talk by one of the visionaries on the messages of Our Lady or a meeting with one of the parish priests. Dinner. Evening prayer program in the church.

Day 4 – MEDJUGORJE/SPLIT – Following our final Mass in Medjugorje, we depart over the mountains and again cross the border to Croatia. We will stop in Makarska, center of the vacation area on the beautiful Croatian coast and have free time for lunch on the promenade overlooking an idyllic bay. Continue along the spectacular Magistrale coast road to Split where we will enjoy a short sightseeing tour including the 3rd century Diocletian Palace and Cathedral, formerly the Mausoleum of the Emperor Diocletian. We will have dinner near the port before boarding our overnight ferry to Ancona in Italy.

Day 5 – ANCONA /ASSISI – This morning, we arrive in Ancona where we will be met and transfer to Assisi. Our first stop will be in the lower town for a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, and the Portiuncula, Francis' Church of the Little Portion. We will celebrate Mass here. In the Village, we begin our walking tour at the Basilica of St. Francesco with a visit to St. Francis Tomb. Afterwards, we visit the Church of St. Clare to view the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis. We pass by the famous Temple of Minerva in the Piazza del Comune. Continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



Day 6 – ASSISI/ROME - This morning, we depart Assisi and travel south to the Eternal City, Rome. This afternoon, we will tour her sites, including the Roman Fora passing the Arch of Constantine, the Colosseum, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We conclude our day at one of the Catacombs, burial place of early Christians. We celebrate Mass here and view the 2nd & 3rd century fresco paintings. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 7 – ROME - This morning, we will make our way to St. Peter's for the Audience of Pope Francis if he is in residence. This afternoon we celebrate Mass at St. Paul Outside the Walls. Rome's second in size only to St. Peter's it is the first of our major Basilicas and the tomb of the Apostle Paul. Finally, we make our way to St. Mary Major, our second patriarchal Basilica of Rome which we will visit this week. This is the first church dedicated to the Blessed Mother first built in the fifth century following the Council of Ephesus. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 – VATICAN CITY/ROME – This morning, we begin our day celebrating Mass at St. Peter's. Afterwards, we will see the treasures of the Vatican Museum. We will marvel at Michelangelo's recently restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel and the wonders of St. Peter's. This will be our third of the four major Basilicas of Rome. This afternoon we will tour the sites, including the Church of St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's possibly most celebrated sculpture, the "Moses." Next, we will visit the Church of the Holy Stairs and the last of our four major Basilicas as we enter the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome. First built in the fourth century. The Basilica was the site of five ecumenical councils between the 12th and 16th centuries. The Popes resided in the Palace from the time of Constantine until 1304 when they moved to Avignon. We will enjoy a tour of her treasures. We will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 9 - DEPARTURE DAY – We transfer to the airport for our return flight to our home cities with unforgettable memories to cherish always.
