

In the Footsteps of Francis: Rome - Assisi - Medjugorje

May 30th-June 12th, 2018

Spiritual director: Fr. William Pifher

Special guest in Assisi: Fr. Petar Ljubicic



POPE FRANCIS



FR PETAR

ASSISI

This opportunity offers more than just a pilgrimage, it has the depth of a spiritual retreat. In Assisi we will pray before the same crucifix from which Jesus came alive and spoke to Francis, giving him the great commission, "Rebuild my Church!" In Rome, visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, where St. Francis sought a meeting with the Pope to receive his blessing and approval for his mission. It was here, the residence of Popes for the first 1,000 years of the Church, that the Pope had a dream of the crumbling Church being lifted up on the shoulders of a holy and humble poor man sent by God. He came to realize that man was Francis!

While in Assisi we will be accompanied by Fr. Petar Ljubicic, the Franciscan priest well-known for his special role in connection with the events of Medjugorje. Fr. Petar will lead us in spiritual reflections and prayers during our time in Assisi that will help us find healing and spiritual renewal in our faith.

ITINERARY

May 30th (Wednesday) USA - ROME Depart Detroit on a transatlantic flight(s) to Rome, Italy.

May 31st (Thursday) ROME Arrive Rome in the morning. Transfer to a hotel walking distance to the Vatican. Orientation to the Vatican and visit to St Peter Basilica. Dinner in Rome Restaurant.

June 1st (Friday) ROME Breakfast. Afternoon tour of Rome's Basilicas, including St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran, Santa Scala (Holy Steps of Pilate) and short stop at the Coliseum. Holy Mass at the Santa Scala. Free time for lunch and personal activities. Dinner at the hotel. Evening stroll to the Trevi Fountain and to a Gelateria for Gelato!

June 2nd (Saturday) ROME Early private Mass in St. Peter Basilica. Our own Holy Mass will take place at the altar of St. John Paul II, which is over the very spot where his body rests at St. Peter! We will pray here for his intercession for us and our families. Breakfast. Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel Tour. Free time for lunch. Afternoon free for prayer, shopping or visit to the Rotunda of St. Peter Basilica. Dinner in Rome Restaurant.

JUNE 3rd (Sunday) ROME - ASSISI Morning Mass in St. Peter Basilica, Breakfast. The Pope will greet the pilgrims for the Angelus on St. Peter Square and give his Papal Blessing to all. Free time for lunch and then transfer to Assisi. Check-in at Assisi hotel close to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, which preserves the Portiuncola Chapel, the motherhouse of the Franciscan world! Those who pray here devoutly may obtain the great Portiuncola Plenary Indulgence. In Assisi we will be greeted and accompanied by the world-known Franciscan priest, **Fr. Petar Ljubicic**, who is associated with the events of Medjugorje. He will lead us in our spiritual reflections while in Assisi. Dinner.

JUNE 4th (Monday) ASSISI Breakfast. Visit the Basilica of St. Francis for our own exclusive Mass scheduled at the Crypt Tomb of St. Francis. Tour will include the artwork of the Basilica and the stories of St. Francis' life with a visit to the museum of his relics. After lunch, visit the family home and workshop of St. Francis and then on to the Basilica of St. Clare to see her still incorrupt body. We will pray in front of the same crucifix from which Christ spoke to Francis. Visit San Damiano Church where Jesus came to life from the crucifix and spoke to Francis. Relax with dinner at hotel.

JUNE 5th (Tuesday) ASSISI Breakfast. Optional visit to Mt. LaVerna, where St. Francis was branded in his body with the holy stigmata, the five wounds of Jesus Christ. Holy Mass will be planned in the Stigmata Chapel where Jesus Christ appeared to St. Francis in the form of a fiery seraphim angel to mark him with the holy stigmata. Dinner at the hotel. In the evening pilgrims may enjoy a stroll through the Plazas of Assisi that overlook the olive trees on the slope of the hill. Here one appreciates the sweeping Tuscan vistas and admires the site that so delighted Francis: the cheerful larks that swoop down to Spoleto Valley below.

JUNE 6th (Wednesday) ASSISI - MEDJUGORJE Breakfast. Private Mass in the Portiuncola Chapel in the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels with spiritual reflections by **Fr. Petar Ljubicic**. It was in this Chapel that Jesus and Mary appeared to St. Francis one night and where he requested from them to grant the Plenary Indulgence for all who visit this Chapel. We will then transfer to Rome's airport to catch a flight to Split, Croatia. Upon arrival, transfer to Medjugorje. Dinner and overnight.

JUNE 7th- 11th (Thursday - Monday) MEDJUGORJE Medjugorje is a simple mountain village. During our stay, we will share our faith with thousands of people from all over the world. Each morning at 10:00am, we meet at St. James Church for the English language Mass. Our tour guide will escort us to the Hill of Apparitions. In 1933 the villagers built a 30' high cross on the anniversary of Jesus' crucifixion on top of Cross Mountain. We will climb the mountain through the Stations of the Cross. Also, visit and pray at "Blue Cross," a place of healings and graces at the foot of Apparition Hill. We will have the chance to attend meetings and talks with the visionaries (subject to their availability and health during our trip). In the evening, we can join the villagers at 5:00pm (or 6:00pm daylight savings time) to pray the rosary. Followed by Croatian Mass during which there is the blessing of the items you have with you. Adoration takes place on Wednesdays and Saturdays later in the evening, and veneration of the Holy Cross takes place on Fridays later in the evening. We will also have time for personal prayer and reflection.

JUNE 12th (Tuesday) MEDJUGORJE - USA Early morning departure to the airport, to catch our flight home.



VATICAN CITY

MEDJUGORJE

**Package price per person
from Detroit, MI:
\$3,999.00 (double occupancy)**

Single room supplement: \$560.00

Package includes:

all airfare and taxes - 6 nights accommodations in double rooms at the Two Hearts Hotel in Medjugorje - 3 nights accommodations in double rooms in a well located religious guest-houses in Assisi - 3 nights accommodations in doubles rooms in a Franciscan sisters' Convent on St Peter's Square - breakfast and dinner daily - airport transfers both in Rome and Split - English speaking tour guide - all touring and sightseeing as specified in the itinerary - Daily Holy Mass - meetings with visionaries and parish priests in Medjugorje - entrance fees where applicable - all local taxes.

Not included: tips, lunches, travel insurance.

**SPACE IS LIMITED
REGISTER ASAP**

HOW TO JOIN THIS PILGRIMAGE

- fill out form on the back of this flyer
- send a \$600.00 **non-refundable** deposit along with your signed registration form
- balance is due 60 days prior to departure
- Checks should be made payable to

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REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print in block letters)

I want to join you on the **FOOTSTEPS OF ST FRANCIS** pilgrimage on **MAY 30th, 2018**. Departing from: _____

FIRST & MIDDLE NAMES (as per passport): _____ **LAST NAME (as per passport):** _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ **SINGLE ROOM:** YES NO (circle one) **ROOMING WITH:** _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____ **e-mail address:** _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ **Mobile Phone:** (_____) _____

PAYMENT: I enclose a **non refundable deposit of \$600.00** to reserve my space. **I understand that balance is due 60 days prior to departure.** Checks should be made payable to "Croatian Mir Center".

TRAVEL INSURANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT www.travelguard.com

OTHER INFORMATION:

___ I advise that my passport is valid and has not expired.

___ I am obtaining a new passport.

___ I am a Non-US Citizen, a National of _____, and hold a re-entry visa or green card.

Passport number: _____ Issue date: _____ Expiration date: _____

NOTES: _____

My signature indicates that I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions included on this flyer. Signature _____ Date _____

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATION AND PAYMENT: A reservation is confirmed upon receipt of a non-refundable \$600.00 deposit per person and a signed registration form. Balance is due 60 days prior to your departure date. Full payment is required for bookings made within 60 days of departure. A late fee of \$100.00 applies for reservations made within 3 weeks of the departure date. A written confirmation of the reservation will be mailed to you once the deposit has been processed.

NAME AS PER PASSPORT (IMPORTANT): for security reasons, airlines require that the passenger's name in the air reservations must exactly match the name as it appears on the passport. The Croatian Mir Center is not responsible for denied boarding or issue costs due to an incorrect name supplied to the Croatian Mir Center. We recommend that you send us a copy of your passport along with your registration form to ensure that all reservations and documents are properly ticketed.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: a valid US passport is required for travel. Passport must be valid 6 months after return date. Citizens of other countries should consult with the corresponding embassy or consulate for visa requirements. Cancellations due to lack of appropriate travel documents will incur usual penalties.

FINAL DOCUMENTS AND TICKETS: All documents will be sent by USPS second day delivery two weeks prior to your departure. Upon receipt of your travel documents, you are responsible to check your itinerary, name, times and other important information.

PRICE GUARANTEE: the price is guaranteed if paid in full. The pilgrim is responsible for any increase in published airfare or costs due to exchange rate fluctuations.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: All cancellations must be made in writing. **Cancellation fees and penalties will be deducted from your refund. 90 days or more prior to departure: \$600.00 per person. 60 to 89 days prior to departure: \$1,000.00 per person. 60 to 46 days prior to departure: \$1,400.00. 45 to 31 days prior to departure: 60% of package price. 30 to 15 days prior to departure: 80% of package price; 14 days prior to departure or no show: no refund.** No refunds are made for forfeited sightseeing excursions, transfers, accommodations or airline tickets. Refunds are issued within 4 to 6 weeks after tickets are returned and cancellation notice received. **Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Please visit www.travelguard.com**

DEVIATIONS, REVISIONS, AND CHANGES: If you want to change your itinerary and/or dates of travel, there will be a \$75.00 deviation fee plus any difference in airfare that applies. No changes are possible once tickets are issued.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an extra cost (see itinerary for prices). If you do not have a room-mate, you must pay the single room supplement, unless we can find a compatible room-mate for you. A limited number of single rooms are available. No reductions are made for triple rooms.

AIRPORT TAXES, FUEL SURCHARGES and SECURITY FEES: are included in the price of the pilgrimage.

NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE PRICE: lunches, tips, items of a personal nature like taxis, telephone and laundry. Passport and visa fees (if applicable).

TRANSFERS: Our pilgrimages include group round-trip transfers at your destination point. Pilgrims who did not purchase the whole package and are arriving or leaving independently must transfer at their own expense. Please call the Croatian Mir Center to make arrangements and check on the additional costs.

MEALS: our pilgrimages include breakfast and dinner daily served at your hotel or guest house. There are no refunds for unused meals. Even though we can not guarantee, we will try to accommodate special meal requests on flights.

TIPPING: Tipping is recommended for good services to the bus driver and tour guide, approximately \$3-4 per person per day for the bus driver, \$4 to \$6 per person per day for the tour guide. And in Medjugorje \$4 to \$6 per person per day for the host family.

TOUR CANCELLATION BY OPERATOR: Seldom a pilgrimage departure may be cancelled for lack of participation. In such case, the operator's sole responsibility is to provide a full refund without any other liability whatsoever. The operator will have no responsibility for any conjunction tickets, non-refundable or otherwise, not purchased directly from the Croatian Mir Center.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: The Croatian Mir Center (CMC) acts only as agent for the airlines and tour operators, in all matters pertaining to transportation, hotel accommodations, and sight seeing tours. The airlines, hotels, land operators, and other suppliers providing services are independent contractors and not agents, employees or associates of CMC. Promoters are not agents, employees or authorized representatives of CMC. The passenger agrees that The Croatian Mir Center shall not be liable for any changes in flight schedules, delays, weather conditions, damages, inconveniences, losses (including personal injuries, deaths, and property losses) or expenses caused by acts or omissions of any person, including suppliers providing services, or for any acts of war, insurrection, revolts and other civil uprisings, military actions, strikes or acts of God occurring in either the country of origin, through passage, or destination.

CMC reserves the right to decline or accept or retain any person as a pilgrim participant, to make changes in the itinerary whenever the company deems it necessary to the comfort, convenience and safety of the pilgrim participants, and to cancel a pilgrimage at any time. A minimum number of 20 pilgrims is required or the pilgrimage is subject to cancellation. If CMC cancels a pilgrimage, it shall have no responsibility beyond the refund of all moneys paid to the company by the pilgrim participant. All published fares and prices are based on exchange rates and all fares and prices quoted at the time of publication are subject to change at any time.

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