

ROME and MEDJUGORJE

10 DAY ITINERARY



St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City



St John The Lateran Basilica, Rome



Cross Mountain, Medjugorje



St. James Church, Medjugorje

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DAY 1 USA - ROME Depart on a transatlantic flight to Rome, Italy. Dinner and breakfast are served onboard.

DAY 2 ROME Upon arrival your escort will warmly greet you and welcome you to Italy. Enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Rome. Dinner and overnight in your hotel.

DAY 3 ROME Wake up in Eternal City, one of the greatest centers of Western Civilization and the first truly cosmopolitan city on earth! It is also spiritual capital for all the Catholics around the world. Today is truly a day we will have in our minds for many years to come. This morning we go to Vatican City to attend the weekly Papal Audience or Blessing given by His Holiness Pope Francis (pending papal schedule). Following, visit the Vatican Museums, a group of most impressive edifices with hundreds of galleries filled with art treasures. See awe-inspiring relics and works of art donated throughout centuries as tributes of faith. We'll cover The Tapestry Gallery, The Raphael Rooms and the most overwhelming Sistine Chapel, Michelangelo's Masterpiece, restored mural of the Last Judgment. Later, enter the largest church in Christendom St Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St Peter was martyred. Unsurpassed in beauty, a monument to the long history of the Catholic Church, to which pilgrims come from around the world, St Peter's is the grandest of the world's churches. Marvel Pieta and Bernini's amazing bronze canopy. We will also visit the grave of Pope John Paul II located at the Vatican. Dinner and overnight in your hotel.

DAY 4 ROME Enjoy a tour of Rome's Basilicas which includes: the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the Holy Stairs, the Basilica of St. John the Lateran, St Paul Outside the Walls, and the Appian Way -- the oldest road from Roman times-- plus the famous Domino Quo Vadis Chapel; see the ancient Baths of Caracalla, Arch of Drusus; Tomb of Celilia Metella, and the catacombs of St Callixtus where the early Christians hid themselves to escape persecution. Enjoy a visit of the Trevi Fountain before dinner in your hotel.

DAY 5 ROME - MEDJUGORJE Today, we will enjoy some free time for shopping and some personal activities. In the afternoon, we will transfer to Rome's Fiumicino Airport to catch our flight to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Upon arrival, transfer to Medjugorje. Dinner and overnight in Medjugorje.

DAY 6 - 9 MEDJUGORJE 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 where the visionaries first saw Our Blessed Virgin Mary. Pray before the statue that symbolizes the place of the first apparition. In 1933 the villagers built a 30' high cross on the anniversary of Jesus' crucifixion on top of Cross Mountain (Krizevac). 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). We will also visit the community of Cenacolo (a rehab center). 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. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Wednesday and Saturday evenings. And Veneration of the Holy Cross is on Thursday evenings. We will also have time for personal prayer and reflection.

DAY 10 MEDJUGORJE - USA Morning transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.