



April 22 – May 04, 2025 10 days Medjugorje Pilgrimage

“Pray with the heart and surrender yourselves to Jesus in prayer.”

The message of Our Lady in Medjugorje 08/11/1984

Day 1: Departure by flight

Estimated Time of Departure: April 22 2025 from Auckland International Airport

Day 3: Airport - Medjugorje

Estimated Time of Arrival:

Arriving at the airport (Sarajevo or Dubrovnik), your local bus driver will meet you upon arrival at the airport. You will then board a private coach/bus to your hotel. Stops will be made for refreshments and a visit to the restroom if needed.

Accommodation: Pension based on single / twin sharing basis (Dinner)

Zdravo! Welcome to Medjugorje

Since 1981, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been appearing and giving messages to the world in a small village in Bosnia-Herzegovina named Medjugorje. She tells us that God has sent Her to our world, and these years She is spending with us are a time of Grace granted by God. In Her own words, She tells us, "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". Our Lady's mission is one of peace. She has come to earth to re-educate and help us convert and re-center our lives back to God. Our Lady's role has always been one of guiding people to Her Son, Jesus. What an amazing opportunity we have before us! Our Lady's call to conversion is urgent, and we should respond with all our hearts.

Day 4: Medjugorje Saint JAMES church, Apparition Hill, Blue Cross

8.00 am Breakfast at the hotel

10.00 Join daily English Mass at St. James Church

After mass continue with your guide for an orientation tour around St. James Church Adoration chapel, the Exterior altar, the Statue of the Queen of Peace and St. Leopold, the Risen Savior statue and its prayer area, etc.)

St James Church

The church is the focal point of the village. It has 600 seats inside, and several thousand outside. It is moderately air-conditioned in the summer and heated in the winter. It has a total number of 61 confessionals available for confession.

1.30 am With a guide, climb Apparition Hill where the young visionaries first encountered Our Lady. As you climb, you can see the inspired beauty of the bronze plaques depicting each mystery of the rosary, and pray before the cross that commemorates the spot where Our Lady appeared. Visit Blue Cross

Apparition Hill (Mount Podbrdo)

This mountainous hill is where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady. Also, at the base of this hill is a Blue Cross, where it is said Our Lady appeared to the children while they hid from the communist police in the early days of the alleged apparitions. When climbing, your group is invited to recite the Rosary, pausing five times for each decade of the Rosary.



At the top of the hill, you will witness the exact location of the first alleged apparition of Our Lady to the visionaries, and enjoy private time in prayer. It was from Apparition Hill where Our Lady first began inviting the world, through the visionaries and the village of Medjugorje, to respond to Her call. There have been thousands of apparitions of Our Lady on this hill —apparitions that continue even to this day.

Blue Cross

"This Medjugorje site has a distinct Blue Cross marking the spot where the visionaries met in secret for their apparitions during the communist persecution of the early days. During the early days of persecution, Mt. Podbrdo (Apparition Hill) was occupied by the armed Yugoslavia Socialist Army. The Yugoslavian government did not believe in the apparitions. They wanted them to stop. Blue Cross was hidden from the road, not far from the base of Podbrdo, and went unnoticed by the Socialist Army. Apparition Hill was occupied for a short period as thousands of visiting pilgrims ignored repeated attempts to stop the apparitions. Pilgrims continued to flood Medjugorje until the Army gave up trying to stop them and disappeared. From this most recent picture, we can see this hidden spot is no longer hidden.



The Blue Cross is located at the base of Apparition Mountain. It is on this site that Our Lady appeared to the visionaries when they were hiding from the Communist police in the beginning days of the apparitions. A blue cross was erected to mark the spot of the apparitions, which led to the naming of the site, "**Blue Cross**", where visionary Mirjana has an Apparition every 2nd of the month at 9 am

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Free to join the evening Prayer program and Confession.
8:00 pm Dinner at the hotel

DAY 5: MEDJUGORJE RETREAT CASTLE NANCY AND PATRICK, CENACOLO COMMUNITY

8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.
10:00 am Join daily English Mass at St. James Church

11:00 am Visit the Nancy and Patrick Castle on your return to Medjugorje.
In 1999, Nancy and Patrick Latta began to build a castle in Medjugorje, retreat place for priests, nuns, seminarians, and religious.



Afternoon visit the "**Cenacolo**" **Community** which was founded in Saluzzo (Italy) by Sr. Elvira Petrozzi in 1983, to help drug addicts. The main goal of the community is to discover and live the true values of Christian life. According to their words, their therapy is Jesus Christ, and the way of healing is prayer, work, and friendship. The boys of the "Cenacolo" community gladly receive pilgrims and give witness to their conversion and liberation from drug addiction.

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Join **Veneration of the Cross** at St. James Church
8:00 pm Dinner at the hotel



Day 6: Medjugorje Mothers Village Tiheljina Day Tour

8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel
9:00 am

Visit to **Mother's Village**. Mother's Village was founded in 1993 by the late Father Slavko, during the war in the Balkans. It began operating on September 8, 1996, as an orphanage for children whose parents had died during the war.

The Village was built and maintained by pilgrims and donors from all over the world. It provides a family-like atmosphere for its occupants, who live in separate houses instead of a big institutional building. The main objective is to maintain harmony between God, man, and nature while giving witness to the love promoted by Our Lady. Mother's Village belongs to the Community of the Herzegovinian Franciscans and works within the sphere of the Catholic Church. This Village is a visible fruit of Medjugorje.



Departure to Tihaljina which is located 45 kilometers away from Medjugorje. Part of the visit to Tihaljina is a visit to the church of **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** where our pilgrims have an opportunity to attend a Holy Mass. A day trip to the monastery and church in The parish priest Fr. Jozo Zovko 1985-1991 renewed the parish house and the church, and in its place of the old parish house is a new home for nuns, the grounds of the church have also attractively been reclaimed.



5:00 pm **Evening Prayer Program and Confession**

Holy Mass and Blessing of holy objects
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Dinner at the hotel

8:00 pm

Day 7 Medjugorje Cross Mountain

8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.
10:00 am Join daily English Mass at St. James Church
11:00 am Your guide will accompany you to the Cross Mountain. As you climb, you can see the artistry of the bronze plaques depicting each mystery of the Way of the Cross.

Cross Mountain (Krizevac)

"Krizevac" means "Mount of the Cross." It is the highest mountain in the area. In 1933, the parish of St. James erected a large concrete cross to commemorate the 1900th Anniversary of Jesus' passion and death on the Cross. Cross Mountain is central to one's pilgrimage to Medjugorje. It is a penitential climb that leads pilgrims to reflect upon their relationship with God and what they need to change in their lives to draw closer to Him. Often deep healing, cleansing, and peace are experienced at the summit of the mountain, at the foot of the cross, after pilgrims arrive at the top. Our Lady has made it clear in Her messages that she desires to see pilgrims climbing both Cross Mountain and Apparition Mountain.



Noon Join daily English Mass at St. James Church
Afternoon Silent Adoration in Adoration Chapel
8:00 pm Dinner at the hotel.
9:00 pm – 10:00 pm Adoration of the Holy Blessed Sacrament

Day 8: Medjugorje , Devine Mercy Church Surmanci

8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.
9.00 am Depart and visit the Church of Devine Mercy in Surmanci, a place only a few kilometers away from Medjugorje. There is a miraculous icon of Jesus of Mercy.

Free day in Medjugorje

Day 8, 9 10, 11: Medjugorje

8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.
10:00 am Join daily English Mass at St. James church Afternoon
Silent Adoration in the Adoration Chapel
8:00 pm Dinner at the hotel.

Day 12:

Medjugorje - Dubrovnik or Sarajevo

Board the coach/bus back to the airport

During dinner each evening, the schedule for the following day will be posted in the reception area, by the front desk.

The End of your Pilgrimage Tour

"You will be carrying with you the graces received in Medjugorje to share with those back home through the witness of your lives"



Notes:

- *Before leaving Medjugorje, consider writing a letter to Our Lady! These will be put in the special basket for petitions at the Information Center. Our letters will soon be placed at the feet of Our Lady during an apparition.*
- *The power supply in Medjugorje is 220 V. Use only a European plug with two circular metal pins for the wall outlets.*
- *Most of the late spring and the first few weeks of autumn are pleasant, although one should bring along a collapsible umbrella, and a windbreaker with a hood to ward off the occasional blast of cold air from the north.*
- *As for money matters, US dollars and Euros are accepted in the Medjugorje market.*
- *We discourage the use of traveler's checks in the village, as many shops do not take them. We recommend that you use Euro rather than the Cdn. Dollar. We also suggest that you do not bring large bills—anything over \$20.*

The rate includes:

10 overnights in Family House in Medjugorje

10 BUFFET breakfast and Dinners at the (3-course menu with ½ mineral)

English-speaking local spiritual guide for 3 days in Medjugorje (Orientation tour, Apparition Hill, Cross Mountain)

English-speaking local spiritual guide for 2 days on the day trips (Tihaljina and Surmanci)

Private coach for return transfer and local on their visits

Local transfers

The rate does not include:

Personal expenses

Tips

Lunches

PACKAGE RATE PER PERSON IN EUROS

Minimum 19 paying pax + 1 free in single EURO 580 per person in DBL/Twin

Single room supplement EURO 200,00

Minimum 28 paying pax + 2 free in single EURO 565 per person in DBL/Twin

Single room supplement EURO 200,00