Pilgrimage to Medjugorje August 30 - September 9, 2024





PRICE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare
- All airport taxes & fuel surcharges
- 9 Nights in Medjugorje at Pansion Jelka
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Wine with dinners
- Assistance of licensed local guide Josip Elez
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Sightseeing and admission fees as per itinerary
- Visit Community Cenacolo & Mother's Village
- Climb Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain
- Daily Holy Mass
- Attend Evening Program and talks
- Meet with visionaries (pending availability)
- Very special lunch with the Elez family
- 81 Tours backpack
- Portfolio of all travel documents
- And much more!

PACKAGE
\$ 2,970.00
(Double occupancy)
\$180 extra
Single Supplement

EXTEND YOUR STAY SEPTEMBER 10-17, 2024



With Spiritual Director:



Father C. Paul Bergeron

Lafayette Diocese of Louisiana Celebrating 43 Years as a Priest Member: Marian Movement of Priests

Assisted by: Deacon Bill Betancourt

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Canoga Park, California Archdiocese of Los Angeles



Local guide: **Josip Elez**, son of visionary Ivanka Group Leader: **Patti Flores** (818) 307-4332, PJFLORE@AOL.COM

NOT INCLUDED: Insurance, tips to house hosts, guides, drivers.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Nine nights at the quiet *Pansion Jelka* in Bijakovici. All rooms have modern private bathrooms with hairdryers, and individually controlled air conditioning/heating units. Very close to Apparition Hill, Blue Cross, Oasis of Peace and Cenacolo, the 1-mile walk to St. James Church is an easy stroll, 15 minutes (one rosary) thru the vineyards. When walking is not possible, cabs are always readily available. The yard has a lovely, private gazebo, perfect for praying, reading and sharing.

Delicious, ample breakfasts and dinners are home-cooked daily, and served family-style in a very comfortable dining room. Wine is served with dinner, which is a minimum 3-course meal (example: soup/salad, main dish, vegetables, dessert). At the end of each day after the International Program, the dining room is open with a nice variety of fruits, pastries, snacks, coffee, tea, etc., courtesy of your house hosts.

MEDJUGORJE IS UNIQUE

Planning itineraries and activities in Medjugorje is different than most other locations. Many factors can impact plans, such as weather, special talks, prayer program, surprises, etc. For that reason, we encourage you to remain flexible, expect change, entrust everything to Our Lady and allow HER to guide you!

The most beautiful features of Medjugorje are its simplicity and peace. While in Medjugorje, we pray you will be blessed with many opportunities to deepen your faith and witness the same in others. An experienced local guide, born and raised in Medjugorje or nearby, will accompany you throughout your stay, sharing with you the rich history of this special place, where Heaven literally touches Earth...











<u>August 30, 2024 – Depart for Medjugorje</u>: Make your way to your local airport to board your overnight flight. Your meals will be served on board.

<u>August 31, 2024 – Arrive Medjugorje</u>: Upon arrival in Split, Sarajevo or Dubrovnik, collect your luggage in the baggage claim area and continue to the exit. You will be greeted by your tour guide, who will escort you on the 2-hour drive to Medjugorje. A delicious dinner will be ready for you before settling in and retiring for the evening.

<u>September 1-8, 2024 – Experience Medjugorje:</u>

Daily Mass: English Mass is celebrated at St. James Church every morning at 10:00 am, except Sundays and Feast Days, when it is celebrated at noon in the Yellow Hall. After breakfast each morning, most choose to walk to Mass. If walking is not an option, cabs are always available.

Evening International Program: This is the spiritual highlight of Medjugorje. Our Lady's specific requests are fulfilled here - Confession / Rosary / Holy Mass / Adoration / Veneration. Each evening at 5:00 pm, villagers and pilgrims join together in praying the Rosary, anxiously awaiting the arrival of Our Lady at 5:40 pm. Everyone kneels in silence for a few moments to welcome Our Queen of Peace into Medjugorje. The International Mass is followed by the Blessing of the Sick, a Peace Rosary, and depending on the day, either Adoration, Veneration of the Cross or completion of the Daily Rosary. The International Program is held in Croatian, but a variety of radio stations translate the program into many different languages. Radio transmitters are available in Medjugorje for use during visits, but the sound quality is not always reliable. Pilgrims are encouraged to bring their own simple AM/FM radios with earphones and extra batteries.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Our Lady always calls us to be close to her Son. For this, you will have opportunities to adore the Blessed Sacrament at the outside altar or inside of St. James Church on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings after Mass. Veneration of the Cross is held on Friday evenings. Additionally, there is an Adoration Chapel on the grounds of St. James Church which is open for Adoration every afternoon.

Parish Activities: A variety of talks are frequently scheduled at the Yellow Hall on the grounds of St. James Church by priests, visionaries and other special guests of Medjugorje. These are always worthwhile, often quite humorous, and on occasion, special concerts will also be performed.

Mt. Krizevac (Cross Mountain): In 1934, the villagers built a 30' high cross atop this mountain to commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. When climbing, the group is invited to pray the Stations of the Cross, pausing to pray at each of the 15 Stations.











Apparition Hill: This rocky hill is where the six young visionaries first encountered Our Lady in 1981. On June 25, 1981, she identified herself as the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, telling the children, "I have come to tell the world that God exists." At the base of this hill is the Blue Cross, where Our Lady appeared to the children while they hid from the Communist police in the early days of the apparitions. When climbing, your group is invited to recite the Rosary, pausing to pray at each of the five bronze Joyful mystery stations. At the top of the hill, you will appreciate quiet, private time in prayer near the beautiful white statue of Our Lady, located where she first appeared. Bronze stations for the Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries are also on Apparition Hill, and as time permits, you are free to hike and pray any time you like.

Meet with Visionaries: (Pending availability) We will do our best to schedule at least one private testimony with one of the 6 visionaries. Please remember that visionaries are leading private lives with their own families, and they should not be the reason for a pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

Statue of the Risen Christ: Located on the grounds of St. James Church is the bronze statue of the Risen Christ. Many pilgrims find quiet comfort sitting and praying on the benches surrounding this peaceful statue. Directly surrounding this quiet area are beautiful Stations of the Cross.

Siroki Brijeg: An emotional visit to Siroki Brijeg will help you better understand the incredible depth of unwavering Catholic faith here, due to the Franciscans' commitment to the Church and to education, which tragically led to the martyrdom of many Franciscans during the Communist rule.

Tihaljina: At the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Tihaljina, you will be captivated by a breathtakingly beautiful statue of Our Lady. This is also one of our traditional places for a special, private Holy Mass.

Surmanci: The Church of Divine Mercy, in Surmanci, a small village in the Medjugorje parish, is very simple, but houses relics of St. John Paul II and St. Faustina, and a miraculous icon of Jesus the Divine Mercy. A private mass will be celebrated here for your group.

Community of Cenacolo: Founded by a Sister of Charity, Mother Elvira, the Cenacolo Community is where many who struggle with addictions are healed by prayer and hard work, relying only on Divine Providence for their needs. You will hear beautiful testimonies from current residents, reflecting their devotion and love for Jesus and His Most Blessed Mother. The recovery rate here is something that could only be achieved by the Grace of God, and Cenacolo Communities are now located throughout the world.

Lunch with the Elez Family: You will also be invited to enjoy a very special lunch with the Elez family.

And...You will have the opportunity to visit some gorgeous sites in Herzegovina, such as the world renowned Waterfalls of Kravica and the Old Bridge in Mostar.

<u>September 9, 2024 – Sadly, the Return Home</u>: Depending on departure time from Pansion Jelka to your airport, generally early in the morning, you will either be served breakfast, or provided with a packed breakfast to take with you.

<u>September 10-17, 2024 – Optional Extension</u>: Free time to re-visit any locations you'd like, or arrange private transportation to venture someplace new.







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\$500 Deposit is required at registration. Final Payment is due 8 weeks prior to Departure Date. You will receive Travel Documents approximately three weeks before departure.





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