

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, MEDJUGORJE & SWITZERLAND

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Sep 13 - 28, 2023 16 days CA\$5,090. (Taxes & Tips Incl.) for Toronto departure

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Sep 13 Wednesday Depart Toronto to Venice

Sep 14 Thursday Monday Arrive in Venice, transfer to **Padua**. Celebrate mass at the Basilica dedicated to St. Anthony. St. Anthony is buried here in the small church of Santa Maria Mater Domini, which was incorporated into the present basilica as the Chapel of the Dark Madonna. Dinner and overnight in Padua.

Sep 15 Friday Full day trip to **Venice**. Upon arrival we are transferred by private boat to the Square of St Mark, where we visit the magnificent Basilica, view Doges Palace, the Bridge of Sighs. Mass. Some free time for shopping. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Sep 16 Saturday After breakfast, travel to **Florence**, capital of Tuscany and the cradle of Renaissance. Here we see the Santa Croce Basilica, beautiful Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower, Baptistery's heavy bronze door "Gate of Paradise" sculpture-studded Signoria Square with the statue of David by Michelangelo and the famous Ponte Vecchio. Mass. Dinner and overnight in Florence.

Sep 17 Sunday Morning, travel to Assisi, the city of St. Francis, saint patron of Italy. The town of Assisi with its winding medieval streets and sacred shrines has been one of the most popular pilgrimage destinations. We visit the Lower Basilica housing the tomb of St Francis and the Upper Basilica with famous Giotto frescoes, illustrating scenes from St Francis life. We also visit the Basilica of Santa Chiara. Mass. Dinner & overnight in Assisi.

Sep 18 Monday Today, travel to Lanciano, visit the Church of St. Francesco in **Lanciano**, where we will celebrate Mass, a place where many pilgrims come every year. In the 7th century, the Eucharistic miracle happened in the walls of the monastery of St. Longinus (a contemporary church was eventually built in its place) – during the liturgy, bread and wine turned into body and blood in the hands of Basilian monk, who at that time had doubts about religion. Seeing this, the priest fell to his knees and began to pray. And the pilgrims began to come to the temple. Having conducted more than one hundred studies, scientists have not been able to explain this case from a scientific point of view. Dinner and overnight.

Sep 19 Tuesday After breakfast, transfer to Vatican to visit the Vatican Museum, continue with St. Peter's Basilica. Afternoon, city tour of **Rome** including Colosseum (picture taking from outside only, no entrance), Spanish Steps. Tour of Trevi Fountain, where we toss the three coins. Mass. Dinner & overnight in Rome.

Sep 20 Wednesday Morning, transfer to the **Vatican**, audience with Pope Francis. After lunch, the sightseeing tour of the three major basilicas – St Paul Outside the Walls and St. Mary Major, St John in Lateran Basilica, the oldest of the four major basilicas of Rome, home to the relics of Peter and Paul. Crossing the street, we come to the Holy Staircase which is believed to be brought to Rome by St. Helen in the 4th Century (photo stop only). Mass. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Sep 21 Thursday Morning, transfer to airport for the flight to Split. Upon arrival, transfer by motor coach to **Medjugorje**, a simple mountain village. Experience its beauty, spirituality and peace. During our stay, we will share our faith with thousands of people from all over the world. We will have the chance to attend meetings and talks with the visionaries (subject to their availability and health during our trip). Every evening, you can join the villagers at 5:00pm at St. James Church to pray the Rosary, followed by Croatian Mass during which there is the blessing of the religious items. 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. Upon arrival in **Medjugorje** time to rest, mass, dinner and overnight.

Sep 22 Friday After breakfast we celebrate Holy Mass and then take the walk 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. A steep path leads to the top of the mountain, along which bronze reliefs were placed representing the joyful and the sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary. We also, visit and pray at "Blue Cross", a place of healings and graces at the foot of Apparition Hill. Dinner and overnight.

Sep 23 Saturday After breakfast and mass we climb on the top of "Križevac" which 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. During construction of the 16 ton cross, the parishioners carried up all of the materials, cement, sand, water, tools, etc., in memory of Christ's way of the cross. The cross was completed on March 15, 1934. A relic of the True Cross of Jesus was received from Rome from Pope Pius XI and built into this cross. Dinner and overnight in Medjugorje.

Sep 24 Sunday After breakfast and mass we visit the Statue of Risen Christ and pray at the Way of the Cross. In the afternoon we visit the Community Cenacolo Centre. The Community is a Christian association, founded by the Italian nun, Sister Elvira Petrozzi in 1983 to welcome in desperate young people, who are suffering from the strains of life, and may have turned to drug addiction, alcohol or substance abuse. In the Community they are able to rebuild their lives. Dinner and overnight in Medjugorje.

Sep 25 Monday On the 25th of each month, Our Lady appears to the Medjugorje visionary Marija to give us her message to the world. Official English translations are provided by the Information Center in Medjugorje. Time for individual prayers and reflection. Dinner and overnight in Medjugorje. You can also participate in 24 hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint James Church.

Sep 26 Tuesday Early morning, travel to **Dubrovnik**, short city tour if time permits, then Fly to Zurich. Upon arrival, short city tour of Zurich. Continue to Einsiedeln. Dinner and overnight in Einsiedeln.

Sep 27 Wednesday Morning, visit the Shrine of **Einsiedeln**, a Benedictine Monastery established in the 10th century and dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Afternoon, excursion to Lucerne, tour the city of **Lucerne** takes us to Lion Monument, the Cathedral and the Old Bridge. Dinner and overnight in Einsiedeln.

Sep 28 Thursday After breakfast, fly to Toronto.



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- 2 meals daily breakfast and dinner - all sightseeing as per itinerary with English speaking guide
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- Drinks at dinners

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