

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE, ALBANIA, MONTENEGRO, CROATIA, MEDJUGORJE & TURKEY

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Sep 8 - 22, 2026 15 days CA\$5,290 (Taxes & Tips Incl.) for Land Only

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Sep 8 Day 1 Board your overnight flight to Athens.

Sep 9 Day 2 Upon arrival, we will follow the road to Ancient **Corinth** where Apostle Paul lived and preached for two years. Visit the Archaeological Museum, the Marketplace, the Bema and the Temples. Dinner and overnight in Thiva area.

Sep 10 Day 3 After breakfast, travel to Kalambaka and we see mystical **Meteora**, where we will visit famous Byzantine monasteries perch precariously on top of rock formations of varied and beautiful shapes. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka area.

Sep 11 Day 4 After breakfast, we travel to **Tirana**. The main capital city of Tirana has received Mother Teresa (herself an Albanian), Pope John Paul II (1993) and Pope Francis (2014). In fact, the airport is known as Tirana Mother Teresa Airport. Saint Paul's Cathedral in Tirana bears-stained glass windows of each as you enter. After our guided tour in Tirana, we check in our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Sep 12 Day 5 After breakfast, travel to **Kotor**, a fortified town on Montenegro's Adriatic coast, in a bay near the limestone cliffs of Mt. Lovćen. Characterized by winding streets and squares, its medieval old town has several Romanesque churches, including Kotor Cathedral. Dinner and overnight in Kotor area.

Sep 13 Day 6 Morning, we travel to **Dubrovnik**, an old city on the Adriatic Sea coast. It has been nicknamed "Pearl of the Adriatic" and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1979. Stroll around the narrow streets of the old town of Dubrovnik and experience the history and culture of this magnificent walled city. We see Onofrio's Fountain, the Franciscan Monastery, the City Bell Tower, the Church of St Blaise, the city's patron saint. Continue across the main square, where you will visit Dubrovnik's baroque Cathedral of the Assumption, built in the 18th century after an earthquake destroyed the original one. Continue to **Medjugorje** for dinner and overnight.

Sep 14 Day 7 After breakfast and mass we climb on the top of "Krizevac" 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 15 Day 8 After breakfast, we celebrate Holy Mass and then take 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 in Medjugorje.

Sep 16 Day 9 Morning, transfer to airport in Sarajevo for our flight to **Istanbul**. If time permits, tour the Old City with photo stops at landmarks, such as: Blue Mosque, Hippodrome Square, Topkapi Palace, etc. Enjoy some free time for shopping at the Grand Bazaar.

Sep 17 Day 10 After breakfast, we will visit the breathtaking Hagia Sophia, a splendid architectural wonder, rich with Islamic and Christian history. It has served multiple roles over its almost 1,500-year-old existence: it began as a Christian Basilica, before transforming into a mosque for 500 years and then a museum. Also, we visit Basilica Cistern. Then, we start our Bosphorus tour and visit the Spice Market. Next, we embark on a scenic cruise along the Bosphorus Strait, the waterway that divides Europe and Asia. Enjoy stunning views of Istanbul's iconic landmarks, such as the Dolmabahce Palace, the Rumeli Fortress, and the iconic Maiden's Tower. Experience the unique beauty of Istanbul from the water as we sail through the heart of the city. and Chora Church (if it is open and timing permits). Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

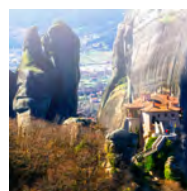
Sep 18 Day 11 Fly to **Izmir**. Arrival and visit the Agora where St. Polycarp is believed to have been martyred if timing permits. Transfer to the hotel in Nazilli/ Pamukkale area for dinner and overnight.

Sep 19 Day 12 After breakfast, departure towards **Pamukkale**. Visit to Hierapolis, where the Apostle Philip came to spread Christianity and it is believed that he lived and was a martyr here. Hierapolis is mentioned in St. Paul's epistle to the Colossians (Colossians 4:13). We will explore one of the richest cemeteries of the ancient world, the Domitian main gate and the main avenue. Next, we visit Algodón Castle, a natural wonder of gigantic white waterfalls, stalactites and natural pools formed over the centuries, by the passage of waters loaded with calcareous salts, from thermal springs. Continue to the splendid city of **Ephesus** (Rev 1:11,2:1-7) (Acts 18:19-28, 19:1-41 Ephesians). Saint Paul came to this city in the year 54 AD. and he stayed three years. He preached the Gospel, gained followers and also established the church of Ephesus. Ephesus is the best preserved ancient city in Asia Minor, which during the 2nd century had a population of 250,000 inhabitants and monopolized the wealth of the Middle East. Dinner and overnight.

Sep 20 Day 13 Morning, we will visit the Temple of Hadrian, the Roman baths, the library of Celsus, the odeon, the Theatre, etc. We also visit the House of the Virgin Mary, a strong tradition of the Catholic Church states that Saint John brought the Virgin Mary to Ephesus and that here she ascended to paradise. Transfer to the airport in Izmir for our flight to Athens. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Sep 21 Day 14 Full day in **Athens**. We will visit: immortal Acropolis with its classical temples, marvel at the ruins of the Parthenon, Erectheum and the Propylaea. Ascend Mars Hill, where St. Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech. Mass. In the afternoon some free time and dinner in historical district of Plaka. Overnight in Athens.

Sep 22 Day 15 Transfer to the airport for your flight home.



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- All sightseeing as per itinerary with English speaking guide
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