

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE, ALBANIA, MONTENEGRO, CROATIA, MEDJUGORJE, ITALY

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May 3 - 18, 2023 16 days CA\$4,590. taxes & tips included **for Toronto departure**

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Day 1 May 03 Depart Toronto for Athens.

Day 2 May 04 Upon arrival, transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 May 05 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.

Day 4 May 06 After breakfast, 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. Continue to Kalambaka for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 May 07 After breakfast, we see mystical **Meteora**, where we will visit famous Byzantine monasteries perch precariously on top of rock formations of varied and beautiful shapes. Continue to Butrint, Albania for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 May 08 Butrint, inhabited since prehistoric times, has been the site of a Greek colony, a Roman city and a bishopric. Following a period of prosperity under Byzantine administration, then a brief occupation by the Venetians, the city was abandoned in the late Middle Ages after marshes formed in the area. The present archaeological site is a repository of ruins representing each period in the city's development. Butrint was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1992. After lunch, continue to Tirana, the capital city of Albania for dinner and overnight.

Day 7 May 09 After breakfast, we tour the city of **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 lunch, continue to Kotor for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 May 10 After morning tour of the city of **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. Then 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.

Day 9 May 11 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.

Day 10 May 12 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.

Day 11 May 13 After breakfast and mass we visit the Statue of Risen Christ and pray at the Way of the Cross. In the afternoon, Last chance for discovering on your own the serene beauty of Medjugorje, time for prayer and reflection. Continue to Zadar for dinner and overnight

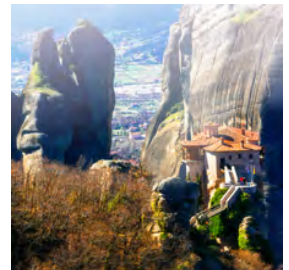
Day 12 May 14 After breakfast, city tour of **Zadar**, Croatia, a city on Croatia's Dalmation coast, is known for the Roman and Venetian ruins of its peninsular Old Town. There are several Venetian gates in the city walls. After lunch, travel to Rijeka area for dinner and overnight.

Day 13 May 15 After breakfast morning tour city tour of **Rijeka**, Croatia includes visit to St. Vitus Cathedral and Our Lady of Trsat Church. Continue to Padua where we 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.

Day 14 May 16 Full day in **Venice**, spectacular city sited on a group of 118 small islands separated by canals and linked by bridges. We enjoy the tour of Venice, including St. Mark Square, the Byzantine Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the "Bridge of Sighs". Dinner and overnight

Day 15 May 17 After breakfast, excursion to **Ravenna**, Italy. Although it is an inland city, Ravenna is connected to the Adriatic Sea by the Candiano Canal. It is known for its well-preserved late Roman and Byzantine architecture, with eight buildings comprising the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Early Christian Monuments of Ravenna". We will visit Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, Basilica of San Vitale and Basilica of San Vitale. Dinner and overnight.

Day 16 May 18 After breakfast we get transferred to the airport for our return flight 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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