

# Pilgrimage to Italy

With Croatia & Bosnia and Herzegovina



## DUBROVNIK

"The city known as the pearl of the Adriatic, an ornament of the Croatian coast."

## ROME

Historic city and capitol of Italy

## MEDJUGORIE

"The most famous Marian Sanctuary in Southern Europe."

# Day 1

USA – ITALY

Group meeting at the airport. Flight to Rome.

# Day 2

ROME

Arrival in Rome, transfer, and visit to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. After the Holy Mass, and walk through Ancient Rome: Colosseum (exterior), Imperial Forums, Capitoline Hill, Venice Square, Teatro Marcello, Forum Boarium, Church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin (home to the Mouth of Truth), Portico of Octavia, Turtle Fountain, and Torre Argentina. Transfer to the hotel, check-in, dinner, overnight stay.

# Day 3

ROME

Breakfast, visit to the Basilica of St. John Lateran and the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. Holy Mass and a walk through Baroque Rome. We will explore the most beautiful squares and fountains: Piazza Navona with the Fountain of the Four Rivers, Campo de' Fiori, the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, Piazza di Spagna (with the famous Spanish Steps). Then, we'll stroll through Via Condotti, famous for its "alta moda" shops, and Caffé Greco. Free time. Return to the hotel, dinner, overnight stay.

# Day 4

ROME- VATICAN

After breakfast, a transfer to the Vatican. Explore the Gardens of Vatican City, rich in centuries-old trees and exotic flowers. Stroll along the paths among the most elaborate fountains, houses, palaces, viewpoints, chapels, and grottoes. Visit the Vatican Museums with the famous Sistine Chapel. A visit to St. Peter's Basilica and a prayer at the tomb of Saint John Paul II. Return to the hotel, dinner, overnight stay.





## Day 5

### MONTE CASSINO- NAPLES

Breakfast and departure to Monte Cassino – visiting the Abbey of Montecassino and the Polish Soldiers' Cemetery. Transfer to Naples – visit to the Church of St. Joseph, where the remains of the Servant of God Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo, are kept. After the Holy Mass, we will explore the Old Town, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Then, we'll visit the Cathedral of Assumption of Mary, and a city tour by the bus. During the journey, we will see: Castel Nuovo, Piazza del Plebiscito, the Royal Palace, Galleria Umberto I, and Teatro San Carlo.

Transfer to the hotel, dinner, overnight stay.

## Day 6

### MONTE ST.ANGELO- SAN GIOVANI ROTONDO

Breakfast. Departure to Monte Sant' Angelo - visit to the Sanctuary of Saint Michael the Archangel. Transfer to San Giovanni Rotondo, where a Holy Mass will be held. Free time for exploring places related to Padre Pio Church.

Return to the hotel, dinner, overnight stay.

## Day 7

### MONOPELLO-ANCONA

Breakfast, departure to Lanciano – visit to the Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle. Village of Manoppello – housing the Church and Sanctuary of "Holy Face" – the cloth with the authentic image of Christ. Holy Mass will be held there. Transfer to Ancona, check-in at the hotel. Dinner, overnight stay.



# Day 8

## SPLIT-TROGIR

Breakfast. Arriving by ferry in Split, Croatia; we will explore the Old Town, the harbor, and the ancient Palace of Emperor Diocletian. Next, we will visit Trogir, where we'll wander through the charming Old Town, see the Town Hall, and visit the St. Lawrence Cathedral. Afterward, we'll proceed to Medjugorje, where we'll check in, enjoy dinner, and spend the night.



# Day 9-10

## MEDJUGORIE

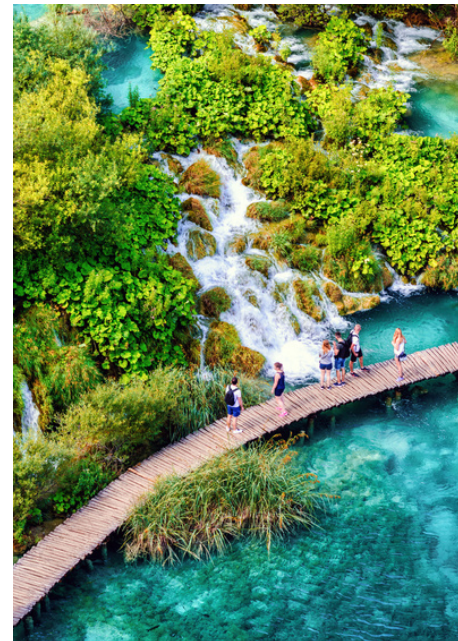
Breakfast, stay in Medjugorje combined with visits to Marian devotion sites. We will visit the Church of St. James and make our way to Podbrdo Hill, the place of the initial apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, accessible via a path adorned with bronze reliefs depicting the mysteries of the rosary. Way of the Cross on Križevac Hill, with time for prayer. A visit to Mostar follows, a medieval town founded by the Turks, where the main attraction is the 16th-century stone Old Bridge. Conclude the day with dinner and overnight accommodation.



# Day 11

## DUBROVNIK

Breakfast, departure to Dubrovnik, known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic." Exploring this picturesque city, rich in historic landmarks and charming streets. Transfer to the hotel, dinner, overnight stay.



# Day 12

## CROATIA-USA

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport in Dubrovnik or Split. Departure to your home country.

The program is in general outline, the sequence of implementing individual program points may change or be rearranged. Daily Mass will be held daily (as much as possible) in a chosen sanctuaries.

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## THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Round trip flights Chicago-Italy-Croatia-Chicago;
- Baggage fees according to the carrier;
- Ferry from Italy to Croatia;
- Sightseeing according to the program;
- Accommodation in high-standard tourists hotels in double rooms in Italy, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina;
- Two (2) meals a day (breakfast and dinner) -excluding flight days. The number of meals on these days depends on the arrival/departure times. Beverages and water are included.
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coaches in Europe
- Transportation from the airport in Italy and to the airport in Croatia;
- Admission tickets to sites listed in the itinerary;
- English speaking local tour guides in Italy, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Services of English-speaking guide and TL (if available);
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges;
- Parking, Highway and city entrance tickets;
- Personal sound system/headphones for each participant;
- Medical group insurance;
- Spiritual care;
- Daily Masses – if possible in selected shrines.



## THE PRICE DOESN'T INCLUDE:

- Optional sightseeing as listed in the Tourist Event brochure;
- Miscellaneous fees i.e;
- Meals other than those mentioned above;
- Personal expenses, beverages, drinks, souvenirs, phone calls, devotional items, intentions, mass offerings, passports, laundry, extra baggage fees, individual transfers,
- Travel insurance (lost baggage, trip cancellation, etc.);
- Customary tips for guides and drivers
- Single room surcharge: approx. \$800. Cost to be confirmed at the office;



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