MEDJUGORJE IN DEPTH With Mir Pilgrimages



A pilgrimage to Medjugorje can be life changing. Respond to God's gift of Our Lady's presence among us in these times and join us for an unforgettable pilgrimage to the holy valley of Medjugorje.

Travel with Mir Pilgrimages who has visited the holy site 35+ times. Be confident knowing you are receiving a correct account of historical events, are being given the most up-to-date information and are having a truly authentic experience through Mir Pilgrimages' personal, local Medjugorje connections. Join us for a deeply spiritual experience.

We look forward to sharing pilgrimage with you.

COST PER PERSON

Price is based on two people sharing a room and includes air, land and taxes.

*\$6,640

*Price is subject to increases in departure taxes and fuel surcharges until final payment.

"An amazing trip for me and one of the most incredible experiences ever. No matter how much you read about a place like Medjugorje or watch things about it on the internet, nothing quite prepares you for the real thing." - Grant.

"Now I am back home, more optimistic and totally confident in who I am and where I am with my Catholic faith; all thanks to this exhilarating experience in Mediugorie nothing will come near to that for a very long time " - Deidre

Day #1

Depart from Auckland International. Depending on the airline of choice, it may be possible to depart from other cities eg Christchurch or Wellington.

Day #2

Arrive in Europe early morning. A few hours on the ground before boarding a Croatia Airlines flight to Split.

After a short flight, arrive in Split, Croatia. Drive in your private coach to Medjugorje where Our Lady is waiting to greet you! Freshen up before a light supper.

As Apparition Hill is only 100 metres from our accommodation, we will visit the base of the hill at what is known as the 'Blue Cross' for a short prayer of thanks for a safe arrival.

DAILY PROGRAMME

Your Medjugorje programme depends on what is happening in the village each day, which can change, and for that reason is planned daily by the guide and group leader. The programme is written up and posted on the pilgrim lounge noticeboard each evening.

Day #1 will be an Orientation Day beginning with breakfast and a walk through the vineyards to English Mass at 10.00am at St James Church. Taxis are also available. Directly following Mass, an orientation will take place with your guide around the shrine area and important sites in the immediate vicinity – confessionals, adoration chapel, rosary garden, statue of the weeping knee of Christ, first aid station, public facilities etc.

The afternoon is free time as this is the first full day after a long journey.

Subject to events that may be happening on any given day, the daily programme in Medjugorje includes the following:

- Daily English Mass at 10am every morning, and evening international prayer programme (outdoors in summer), consisting of Rosary, Holy Mass, prayers for healing, blessing of religious articles and confessions.
- Visit the Risen Christ statue that miraculously weeps from the knee.
- Experience evening exposition/adoration the Medjugorje way held outside in the church grounds in summer.
- Meet with the visionaries and Franciscan friars. Talks will be given at appointed times for language groups depending on the availability of speakers. At least two visionaries should be in the village during your visit.
- Climb the Hill of Apparitions (Podbrdo) and follow the Rosary walk, finishing at Our Lady's statue in the place of many of her apparitions. If unable to take part in the climb, you can do the Rosary walk in the lovely garden near the church.
- Climb Cross Mountain (Krizevac) and make the Way of the Cross. If unable to climb, there is a Way of the Cross near the Church area in the lovely garden.
- Visit the community of Cenacolo founded by Italian nun, the late Mother Elvira and hear the testimonies of young men from around the world who were in the grip of drink and drug addictions and have found healing and peace.
- Soak up the atmosphere of the holy valley alone or with the group strolling through the village and its vineyards, relaxing in one of the many cafes, enjoying the sharing of

experiences and interacting with the locals who have hosted millions of pilgrims since June 1981.

- Take half or full day excursions to places of historical and cultural interest; a full day in Dubrovnik (of world heritage status) and a half day in Mostar. These excursions are arranged during your stay.
- Indulge in personal time and reflection.

Day #12/13

Depart for Split Airport after English Mass. Flight departs mid-afternoon. Arrive in central Europe and board your international flight to NZ.

Day #14

Arrival at Auckland International Airport.

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT

The full cost of the pilgrimage to Medjugorje is \$6,640. Prices are based on twin/ triple share occupancy. Single room supplement can be requested.

To secure a place on the 'Medjugorje In Depth' pilgrimage, please send completed reservation form to: Mir Pilgrimages, PO Box 1467 Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240...OR...scan and send your form to info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz.

The pilgrimage is organised through a bonded travel agency.

FINAL PAYMENT

An invoice will be sent to you prior to final payment advising balance of payment.

A letter of confirmation of your booking will be sent on receipt of your registration and deposit.

A full information pack including a detailed final itinerary, what to pack, accommodation details, emergency contact numbers and addresses, points of interest and final instructions will be available to view on **www.pilgrimage.nz** via a private login page for pilgrims upon full balance of payment. A paper version will be sent on request.

Variations in Travel

If you wish to extend your stay in Europe at the end of the pilgrimage, we are happy to assist and arrange this for you.

Airport taxes, security fees, and fuel charges are always subject to change until airline ticket has been paid for in full.

Group Size

If the group size is below that allowed by an airline for a group fare, the pilgrimage will still go ahead with a smaller group, but the flight portion of the pilgrimage will need to be paid upon registration.

Cancellation/withdrawal

Any cancellations, revalidations or amendments after payment may incur extra fees. Amendment fees are applicable as advised by the airine and the tickets once issued are non refundable. It is strongly advised to obtain travel insurance including cancellation insurance.

Passport and Visas

Please check that your passport is valid at least six months <u>after</u> your return date. The cost to obtain appropriate valid visa travel documents (if applicable) is the responsibility of the client. The travel agency can advise.

Insurance

Travel insurance is a requirement for travel on a Mir Pilgrimage. The agency can advise on comprehensive travel insurance.

Disabilities, dietary requirements and seat assignment

Please let us know, in writing, any special dietary, disability or travel requests you may have. Seat assignment is at the discretion of the airline and pending availability.

Pilgrimage Price Fluctuation and Adjustments

Adjustment to the pilgrimage price may be necessary should there be changes to the value of the New Zealand dollar, or conditions imposed by airlines or other independent service providers due to currency, airfare adjustment, timetable changes and final availability of accommodation.

Mir Pilgrimages and its suppliers/agents reserve the right to change at any time before and during a pilgrimage, the daily itinerary, accommodation or travel arrangements where it is necessary to make these changes.

Mir Pilgrimages and/or any travel agency and supplier services in connection with this pilgrimage are not responsible for any loss or injury to person or property, any delay, or extra costs incurred due to the delay or cancellations caused by weather or events beyond anyone's control.

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return economy class air travel ex AKL via Frankfurt or Rome to Split, return
- International and New Zealand Departure Taxes and fuel surcharges.
 - (NB: tax and fuel surcharges subject to change until paid in full.)
- Ground airport transfers associated with the pilgrimage
- 10 nights accommodation in Medjugorje twin/triple share
- Transit stop on return (to be confirmed)
- All breakfasts and dinners
- Half and full day excursions Dubrovnik and Mostar as stated on <u>final</u> itinerary
- English-speaking Medjugorje guide
- Chaplain and group leader
- Some tips/gratuities to coach drivers/local guides.

THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Travel Insurance
- Lunches
- Personal domestic transport arrangements prior to and at the end of the pilgrimage.
- Passport and/or visa costs if applicable. (Visas are NOT necessary for New Zealand passport holders on this pilgrimage.)



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