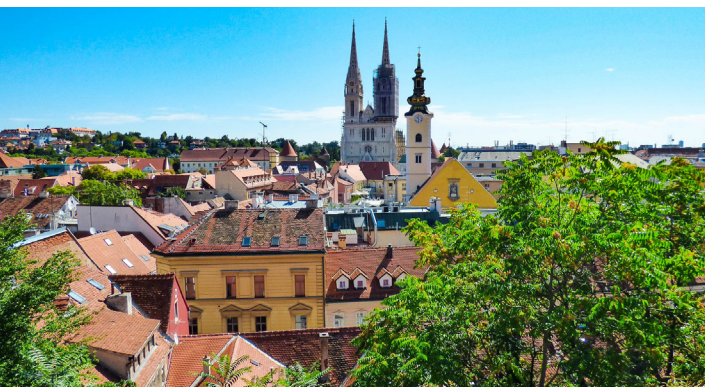




Pilgrimage to
MEDJUGORJE
& Croatia

2025 DEPARTURES



ITINERARY



Day 1 - Depart for Croatia

Day 2 - Arrive in Zagreb

Arrive in Zagreb and transfer to the hotel. The rest of your day is at leisure. (D)

Day 3 - Zagreb

Begin the day in Kaptol Square in Upper Town, dominated by the monumental Zagreb Cathedral, with its soaring twin spires. Then, head into Zagreb's medieval Upper Town with its cobblestone streets and red-tile-roofed buildings. Walk along Krvavi Most street to St. Mark's Church, with its brightly colored roof, and the 17th-century Jesuit Church of St. Catherine. After a stop at the Parliament building, enjoy free time to explore. (B, D)

Day 4 - Transfer to Medjugorje

Depart Zagreb for the Marian Shrine of Marija Bistrica and celebrate Mass there. Continue to Medjugorje. Check in at the hotel for dinner and your overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 5-7 - Medjugorje

Your guide will arrange a meeting with one of the visionaries (subject to their schedule) to experience first-hand their unique experiences with Our Lady. Later, we will see from a distance and then climb Kirževac Mountain, where, in 1933, the villagers built a 30-foot cross on the anniversary of Jesus' Crucifixion. Lining the path up the hill are wooden crosses and bronze images representing the Stations of the Cross. The next two days are yours to explore, pray and meditate. You may climb Apparition Hill, where the visionaries first encountered our Lady in 1981. You may touch and pray before the Cross commemorating the spot where Mary first appeared to the visionaries. Mass will be held at St. James Church. (B, D)



Day 8 - Dubrovnik

Following breakfast, travel to Dubrovnik and enjoy a walking tour of the Old City. It will begin at St. Blaise Church, which is dedicated to the Patron Saint of Dubrovnik. This Baroque-styled church was constructed by Venetian architect Marino Gropelli in 1715, styled after the Venetian church, St. Mauritius. You will know that you have reached this masterpiece by its large staircase leading to the ornated main portal and the large dome that decorates the roof. Continue to the Gothic and Renaissance-styled Rector's Palace, home to the History Department of the Museum of Dubrovnik. Next, you will stroll by the iconic Bell Tower Clock and Orlando's Column. To the left of this column, you will see the Sponza Palace. In the sixteenth century, members of the Academia dei Concordi met on the palace's first-floor hall to discuss literature. As a result, the palace is the most important cultural institution in Dubrovnik. Lastly, you will visit the Dominican and Franciscan monasteries. The location of the Dominican monastery is strategically placed at the most sensitive point of Dubrovnik's defense barriers. While at the Franciscan monastery, you will have the opportunity to visit the pharmacy, the founding of which was collaborative, as it served both as the public pharmacy and for the needs of the monks. This afternoon, you will enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many small, family-owned restaurants along the narrow streets. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. This evening, enjoy dinner and an overnight stay in Dubrovnik. (B, D)



Day 9 - Dubrovnik - Vepric - Sinj - Split

Following breakfast, you will depart for Split. Along the way, you will stop at the Little Lourdes Shrine in Vepric. The shrine was founded in 1908 and is situated in a natural cave surrounded by hills, just as the Grotto of Massabielle is in Lourdes, France. Your group will take an additional break in Makarska before continuing to Sinj. While here, you will visit one of Croatia's oldest spiritual centers, the Shrine of Our Lady of Sinj, home to the eighteenth-century miraculous icon of the Virgin Mary. In 1715, the people of Cetina and the Franciscan monks prayed before a picture of the Mother of Grace during a Turkish attack. As a result, through much prayer to Our Lady, the Turkish army inexplicably fled after three hours, and since then, it has been a miraculous site for many pilgrims. Lastly, your journey will culminate upon arrival in Split, where you will eat dinner and enjoy an overnight in Split. (B, D)

Day 10 - Split

Today, you will enjoy a city tour of Split, the second-largest city in Croatia. The historic inner city of Split was built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. While exploring, you will have the opportunity to see remnants of Split's Roman heritage such as Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle of Diocletian's Palace and the Cathedral of St. Domnius. The Temple of Jupiter was built around the third century and is dedicated to the highest Roman god, the god of the sky, and the god of thunder. Diocletian's Palace had two purposes; half was used for the Diocletian's personal use, and the other half was used as a military garrison. Lastly, you will visit the Cathedral of St. Domnius, which is encircled by twenty-four columns. The oldest monuments in this holy place are those depicting the life of Christ, which can be found on the entrance doors of the church. This evening, you will enjoy dinner at a local konoba (little restaurants in the coastal area of Croatia). Following dinner, you will continue to your hotel, where you will have a restful overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 11 - Return Home or Enjoy an Extension

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, you will transfer to the Split airport for return flights home. If you choose to do the Rome extension, you will take a flight to Rome.



Day 11 – Fly from Split to Rome

Fly to Rome today. Your guide in Rome will greet you at the airport and escort you into the city for a driving tour to help you acclimate to where things are. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 12 - Vatican

Enjoy a guided tour of the Vatican's Museums and the Sistine Chapel. Built by connecting portions of the old papal residence with newer structures, the museum houses a world-renowned collection of art and antiquities. Michelangelo painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel between 1508 and 1512 and later painted The Last Judgment between 1535 and 1541 for Popes Clement VII and Paul III. The primary function of the chapel is the Papal Conclave, providing the place where the College of Cardinals of the church gathers to elect a new pope. Then, walk through St. Peter's Basilica and celebrate Mass here. The present structure, completed in 1590, was built over the Byzantine and Middle Ages structures that marked the tomb of Saint Peter. There are more than 100 tombs within the basilica, including, most recently, Saint John Paul II. Finish the day at the Pantheon, built by Marcus Agrippa during the reign of Augustus (27 BC to 14 AD). Emperor Hadrian rebuilt it around 126 AD. The building was given to Pope Boniface IV who converted it into a church - Saint Mary and the Martyrs (Santa Maria della Rotunda). Mass continues to be celebrated here. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B)

Day 13 – Rome

Begin your afternoon with a visit to the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran. Six popes are entombed here. Next door is the Holy Staircase (Scala Santa), brought from Pilate's Palace in Jerusalem by Saint Helena in the 4th century. Climbing the stairs on your knees is a devotion many pilgrims perform, and a plenary indulgence is granted for completing this feat. Next is the Basilica of Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls (San Lorenzo). Saint Lawrence was one of the first seven deacons of Rome, martyred in 258. The church is built next to catacombs that lead down to his grave. The relics of Saints Justin Martyr and Stephen are also enshrined here. Continue your pilgrim journey to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (Maria Maggiore). This is the largest Marian church in Rome. Its construction began after the Council of Ephesus in 431 proclaimed that Mary was the Mother of God. Saint Jerome, translator of the Bible into the Latin Vulgate, is buried here. Celebrate Mass in one of the churches here. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B)

Day 14 – Pilgrimage in Rome

This morning, you will begin your day at the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. The present structure stands over the place where Constantine built the first church over Saint Paul's grave. The church features a portrait of every pope who has served the church, with the face of Pope Francis illuminated as the present pontiff. Step beneath the surface into the Catacombs of Callixtus, built along the Appian Way. Here, sixteen popes from the 2nd through 4th centuries were interred, though they have been removed to various churches over the centuries. San Sebastian Outside the Walls is another of the seven Pilgrimage churches built over the Catacombs of Saint Sebastian. The remains of Peter and Paul were temporarily protected here during the Valerian Persecution of 258. Our seventh and final pilgrimage stop is the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. Saint Helena brought Passion relics here, and the floor was covered with soil from Jerusalem. Relics here include the index finger of Thomas that touched the wounds of Christ after His resurrection and a piece of the Good Thief's Cross. Those who want to complete the seven-church pilgrimage as declared by Saint John Paul II in 2000 can continue to one more stop at the Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love. Here, a pilgrim pursued by dogs appealed to Our Lady, and she intervened for his safety. Pilgrims began to frequent the site, and a chapel was built here in 1745. Celebrate Mass in one of the churches. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B)

Day 15 - Return to the USA

Starting at

\$4,598* from NEW YORK

March 18, 2025 - Starting at \$4,598*

or

November 9, 2025 - Starting at \$4,798*

YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

**Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing,
Round-trip International Airfare**
(Additional baggage & optional fees may apply;
see fine print for details)

Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes
(Subject to change)

**Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees
Meals as listed in the Itinerary, Deluxe Motorcoaches,
First-Class Hotels & much more!**

*See back for pricing details



TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Meals as listed in itinerary • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, Dinners, beverages & baggage fees • Visas for non-US citizens • Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day)

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$499 during the basic tour; \$499 for Rome Extension.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Table with 3 columns: Deposit, Payment Amount, Due Date. Rows include Registration Deposit (\$300), Final Payment (Full payment), and Travel Protection Premium Amount.

Departure City: _____ Departure Date: _____ (M)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: _____ (Name Tag: _____)

Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: M F

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

How did you learn about this tour? _____

Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Rome Extension

Guest 2: First Name: _____ (Name Tag: _____)

Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: M F

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

How did you learn about this tour? _____

Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Rome Extension

Roommate(s): _____

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited - \$499)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan: Guest 1: I Accept I Decline. Guest 2: I Accept I Decline.

\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION FINAL PAYMENT DUE 105 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

via check # _____ via credit card (circle): VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____

Name on Card: _____ CVN: _____

PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: _____

Guest 2 Signature: _____

Tour: XP25 Date: _____ Code: M ID: _____ V.002 07/11/24

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

Table with 8 columns: Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost. Rows show premium rates for various trip cost ranges.

Table with 2 columns: Schedule of Coverages, Maximum Benefit. Rows include Part A (Trip Cancellation), Part B (Trip Interruption, Missed Connection, Trip Delay), Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation, and Accidental Death & Dismemberment.

Part A - Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver is provided by Educational Travel Services. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Company and serviced by Trip Mate, Inc. In MN and NY, a different cancellation waiver is available. Available for purchase separately in NY.

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We welcome registrations after 105 days prior to departure. Registrations received between 104-90 days prior will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 89-75 days prior will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 74 days prior or less will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 105 days prior to departure. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel advisor for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES and SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 01/11/25. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of services.

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.