



MEDJUGORJE SPIRITUAL RETREAT

**A Journey of faith and reflection
7 days – 6 nights**

Bosnia and Herzegovina is a land of dramatic landscapes, ancient cities, and profound spiritual devotion. At its heart lies Medjugorje, the site of the Marian apparitions that began in 1981 and continue to draw pilgrims from around the world. This retreat invites you to experience both the serenity of the mountains and the powerful spiritual energy that has transformed this small town into a global pilgrimage center. The journey begins in either Sarajevo, the country's vibrant capital, with its Ottoman-era mosques, Austro-Hungarian architecture, and rich religious history, or in Mostar, famous for its iconic Old Bridge and its cultural crossroads of East and West. These cities provide context for the pilgrimage, highlighting the coexistence of faiths, historical resilience, and the enduring significance of devotion in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Upon arriving in Medjugorje, pilgrims are immediately immersed in Marian spirituality. The Apparition Hill, where the Blessed Virgin Mary first appeared, offers breathtaking views & a path for contemplative prayer. Mass is celebrated at the parish church, allowing participants to connect directly with the local faithful. Pilgrims have time to visit the Blue Cross, St. James Church, and the surrounding chapels, reflecting on the messages of peace, reconciliation, and prayer that have resonated across the globe. The retreat is designed for deep reflection and spiritual renewal. Quiet moments on the hills, group prayers, and guided meditations complement visits to local monasteries and historical sites, offering both cultural context and spiritual depth. First-time visitors will gain an understanding of Medjugorje's unique significance and its growing role in modern Catholic devotion, as well as the history of the surrounding Herzegovinian region.

To conclude the journey, a two-day stay on the Adriatic coast in Dubrovnik provides time for rest, reflection, and enjoyment of the stunning seaside scenery. Here, pilgrims can explore the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and walk the ancient city walls, connecting history, culture, and faith before returning home. By the end of this retreat, pilgrims leave not only with memories of sacred mountains and coastal beauty but with a heart renewed by prayer, reflection, and the enduring presence of Marian devotion in Medjugorje.

DAY 1 MOSTAR/SARAJEVO Arrival in Mostar or Sarajevo – Entering a Land of Faith and History
Arrival in Mostar or Sarajevo, two cities that reflect the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Transfer to your hotel and enjoy an orientation walk through your chosen destination. In Mostar, admire the iconic Old Bridge and the harmonious presence of churches and mosques. In Sarajevo, discover the historic bazaar and the unique blend of Catholic, Orthodox, Islamic, and Jewish traditions. As evening falls, gather for a moment of reflection, preparing your heart for the spiritual journey ahead.

DAY 2 MOSTAR/SARAJEVO – MEDJUGORJE First Encounter with a Sacred Place
After breakfast, depart for Medjugorje through the scenic Herzegovinian countryside. Upon arrival, visit St. James Parish Church, the spiritual center of the pilgrimage community, and participate in Holy Mass. In the afternoon, visit the Blue Cross and begin the ascent of Apparition Hill. Along the rocky path, learn about the reported apparitions and their messages of peace, conversion, and reconciliation. The day concludes with quiet reflection and spiritual anticipation. (B)

DAY 3 MEDJUGORJE Pilgrimage Walks – Prayer in Movement and Silence
Breakfast at the hotel. Today invites you into a deeper rhythm of pilgrimage, where movement becomes prayer. After breakfast, you may choose to participate in a guided ascent of Apparition Hill or explore the surrounding paths of Podbrdo. The climb is not merely physical; each step over the

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Pilgrimages created especially for parishes, families, and prayer groups.

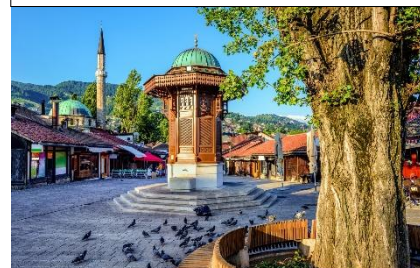
Every program can be fully customized according to your group's needs.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- 7 nights accommodation in selected hotels including daily breakfast
- Private airport transfers
- Transportation by modern air-conditioned coach throughout the itinerary
- Professional English-speaking tour leader and/or local guides
- Guided sightseeing tours in Mostar, Sarajevo (if applicable), Medjugorje and Dubrovnik
- Visit to St. James Parish Church, Apparition Hill (Podbrdo) and Blue Cross
- Visits to local monasteries and religious sites in Herzegovina
- Holy Mass arrangements according to the pilgrimage program
- Entrance fees to sites mentioned in the itinerary (where applicable)
- Farewell dinner in Dubrovnik
- Hotel taxes and service charges

NOT INCLUDED

- International and local flights.
- Local city taxes (to be paid at the hotels)
- Tips for Guides, drivers and Porters
- Personal expenses
- Optional tours
- Other services not mentioned here





rugged stones becomes an act of intention, a quiet offering of reflection or petition. Along the way, statues and simple crosses mark moments of pause, encouraging you to slow down and listen—not only to the guide’s insights but to your own inner voice. The panoramic views from the hilltop reveal the vastness of Herzegovina’s landscape, reinforcing a sense of perspective and humility. The afternoon provides space for personal devotion. Lighting candles, sitting in silent prayer, or simply observing the steady flow of pilgrims creates a shared yet deeply personal experience. A guided discussion later in the day helps contextualize Medjugorje’s role in contemporary spirituality, offering insight into why this place continues to resonate with so many seekers. **(B)**

DAY 4 MEDJUGORJE Monastic Heritage – Faith Rooted in Community

This day expands your understanding of the region’s spiritual heritage through visits to nearby monasteries and churches. After breakfast, you travel into the surrounding Herzegovinian countryside, where Franciscan communities have long played a vital role in preserving faith and culture. The monasteries you visit are not grand in excess, but rich in history and devotion. Within their stone walls, you learn about centuries of perseverance—how faith was maintained through times of hardship and change. Participation in Mass within a monastery chapel offers a more intimate and contemplative setting, deepening your connection to the traditions of the region. The afternoon is intentionally unstructured, allowing for personal reflection. Whether walking through olive groves, sitting quietly in nature, or returning to familiar prayer sites, the day encourages integration—bringing together the insights and emotions of the journey so far. It is a time to listen inwardly and recognize how the experience is beginning to shape your perspective. Overnight in Medjugorje. **(B)**

DAY 5 MEDJUGORJE - MOSTAR Beauty, Resilience, and Renewal

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Medjugorje and travel toward Mostar, carrying with you the peaceful spirit of the pilgrimage. En route, visit the beautiful Kravice Waterfalls, where cascading waters and lush surroundings create an atmosphere of serenity and gratitude. Upon arrival in Mostar, enjoy a guided tour of the historic center. Discover its blend of cultures, religions, and traditions reflected in its mosques, churches, and vibrant marketplaces. Learn about the city’s resilience and renewal throughout its history. The day concludes with group prayer and reflection. Overnight in Mostar **(B)**

DAY 6 MOSTAR - DUBROVNIK Journey to Dubrovnik

After breakfast, continue south toward the Adriatic coast. The scenic drive reveals breathtaking sea views as the landscape gradually changes from inland mountains to coastal beauty. Arrive in Dubrovnik, one of the Adriatic’s most celebrated cities. During an orientation walk, discover its impressive walls, historic streets, and architectural treasures shaped by centuries of maritime history. In the evening, gather for prayer overlooking the sea, reflecting on the blessings and experiences of the journey. Overnight in Dubrovnik. **(B)**

DAY 7 DUBROVNIK Reflection, Integration, and Celebration

Breakfast at the hotel. Your final full day is intentionally spacious, allowing you to move at your own pace. After breakfast, you may choose to walk along the ancient city walls, offering panoramic views of the sea and rooftops below. Each step becomes a reflection—on history, on faith, and on your personal journey. You might visit monasteries tucked within the city, sit in quiet corners overlooking the water, or simply wander the narrow streets, letting the experience unfold naturally. Optional guided reflections provide gentle prompts, helping you integrate the spiritual and emotional dimensions of the retreat. In the evening, a farewell dinner brings the group together one last time. Stories are shared, insights are voiced, and connections are acknowledged. What began as a journey through places has become a journey within—one marked by stillness, discovery, and renewal. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 DUBROVNIK Carrying the Journey Forward. Departure

Breakfast at the hotel. On your final morning, the rhythm slows once more. After breakfast, you prepare for departure, carrying with you not only memories of landscapes and sacred sites but a quieter, deeper awareness. The journey does not end here—it continues in the way you return to daily life, shaped by moments of prayer, reflection, and connection. Medjugorje, Mostar, Sarajevo, and Dubrovnik each leave their imprint, forming a tapestry of experience that remains long after the trip concludes. As you transfer to the airport, there is a sense of completion, but also of beginning—a renewed perspective ready to unfold in the days ahead. End of our services. **(B)**

