

# ITALY & MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Celebrate the Feast Day  
of  
St. Francis of Assisi in Assisi

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October 1 - 12, 2024



## Rome - Vatican - Assisi & Medjugorje October 1 - 12, 2024

### Day 1 - Departure, Oct. 1, 2024

Your pilgrimage starts with the overnight **intercontinental flight to Italy, to Rome**. Meals are served onboard the plane.

### Day 2 - Arrival in Rome, Oct. 2, 2024 - The Feast Day of St. Francis

Pick up the group at the Rome International Airport – transfer to Assisi, and check in to a hotel in Assisi.

### Day 3 - ASSISI, Oct. 3, 2024 - The Feast Day of St. Francis

We are in Assisi for the occasion of **the biggest feast day in Assisi**, The Feast Day of St. Francis. We will have a sightseeing tour of **Assisi**, the City of Peace, St. Francis, and St. Claire. Our tour of the City of Peace will start with "**Porziuncola**," one of three restored churches of young Francis that nowadays is inside the **Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels**. The group will be learning about **St. Francis** and his life. After that, we will go up to **Old Assisi**, where your walking tour will start at the **church of Santa Chiara** to see **The Cross that spoke to St. Francis** and pray his prayer before the same Crucifix. After a guided tour of the City of Peace, leisure time until dinner at our hotel!

**The Assisi itinerary might be changed due to the program of the celebrations of the Feast Day of St. Francis. The precise program for Oct. 2 - 4 will be advised on time!**

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#### **Day 4 - ASSISI - ROME Oct. 4, 2024**

Breakfast and then check-out from the hotel – free **morning in Assisi** before we leave for **Rome!** In the early afternoon, transfer to Rome. Check in to a hotel in Rome. Leisure time, dinner, and first overnight in Rome.

#### **Day 5 - ROME - VATICAN, Oct. 5, 2024**

Early morning transfer to Vatican Museums for a visit! After the Museum, we will continue visiting **Saint Peter's Basilica**. Free time for lunch. Afternoon visit to **Ancient Rome**, including the Colosseum (no entrance), **Roman Forum**, **Temple of Julius Caesar**, and **Arch of Constantine**.



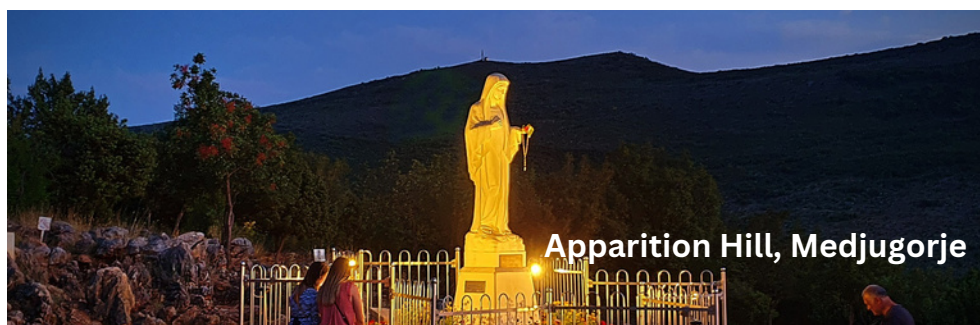
St. Peter's Basilica, Rome

#### **Day 6 – CHRISTIAN TOUR OF ROME, Oct. 6, 2024**

We will head for **Sunday Mass** in the morning and continue our Christian tour of Rome. Today, we visit the **Patriarchal Basilicas of Rome**, **Saint John Lateran**. Saint Mary Major, **Saint Paul Outside the Walls** & minor basilica Holy Cross of Jerusalem. After a lunch break, we will take a walk from **Spanish Steps** to **Trevi Fountain**, to **Pantheon & Our Lady of Sopra Minerva**, finishing at Piazza Navona. We have an Italian farewell dinner in the evening, canzona and good wine.... "Arrivederci Roma"

#### **Day 7 – ROME - SPLIT, Oct. 7, 2024**

Free morning until we leave for **Rome International Airport** for a flight to **Split**. Upon arrival to Split, we will leave for **Medjugorje** after border formalities. dinner and overnight in Medjugorje.



Apparition Hill, Medjugorje



Assisi  
Basilica of St. Francis

**Day 8 - 11 - MEDJUGORJE, Oct. 8 - 11, 2024**

On your first **morning in Medjugorje**, after breakfast, you will meet with your local English-speaking guide, who will give you an introduction, a little walk from your hotel to the **Church St. James** just before **English language Holy Mass at 10:00 am**. You will have a chance to participate in many activities during your stay in Medjugorje. Visiting **Bijakovici village**, all six visionaries come from it; you will go up the Apparition Hill, **Podbrdo place where Our Lady first appeared**. Visionaries Ivan, Marija, and Vicka, according to their words, still receive daily apparitions, while for Jakov, Vicka, and Mirjana, this happens only once a year.

Every evening before Mass at 6:00 pm, you and thousands of other pilgrims will pray for The Rosary. All three Mysteries are prayed during the evening program. In Our Lady's messages, it was repeated many times how important it is to come to Mass, where "we meet Jesus alive." Messages of **Prayer of the Rosary, Holy Mass**, and Confession are the center of the program at St. James church. On Thursdays and Saturdays, **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, and Fridays, **Veneration of the Cross** in the Church. After the Mass, there is also the **Blessing of the Sick** and the religious items and souvenirs you have with you. With your guide you will have a chance to climb the "**Cross mountain**", **Krizevac** as local people know it, and visit the "**Blue Cross**", another place of the apparition of Our Lady.

Each pilgrim will have time for private devotions, lunches, and shopping...



**Day 12 - MEDJUGORJE - FLIGHT BACK HOME, Oct. 12, 2024**

Early morning breakfast (or breakfast box) and **transfer to Airport**, flight back home, arrival the same day!

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**Price per person in a double room:**

Package price "Land & Air" New York.....US\$ 4199.00  
Single room supplement.....US\$ 560.00

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**Gospa - Medjugorje**

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**Includes:**

- Flights from NEW YORK, JFK
- Flight Rome - Split on Oct. 7, 2024
- Airport taxes - subject to change by the airlines
- 4\* First-class Hotels:
  - 2 nights in Assisi, Oct. 2 - 4, 2024
  - 3 nights in Rome, Oct. 4 - 7, 2024
  - 5 nights in Medjugorje, Oct. 7 - 12, 2024
- Breakfast and dinner daily, a glass of wine & water incl.
- High-class tour coach
- Tour escort with group
- English-speaking local guides, Rome, Assisi, Medjugorje
- Entrance fees: Vatican Museums; St. Peter's Basilica; St. Francis Basilica
- Tour system, whispers for the city tours
- Daily Holy Mass, with the priest in the group
- All taxes, parking fees, driver accommodations, and meals

**Not Included:**

- Lunch, the third meal daily
- Travel Insurance - strongly recommended!
- Gratuities, tips for guides, tour escorts, and drivers
- Any personal expenses
- Possible visa/passport expenses for non-US citizens

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*Have a blessed pilgrimage*

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