

Medjugorje

September 2 - 12, 2024



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Croatia



Bosnia & Herzegovina

Dubrovnik



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with Fr. Matt Simonar



Fr. Matt Simonar



Amy Kawula



Juan Landa on apparition Mountain



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Medjugorje, Dubrovnik & a bit of Relaxation

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Meals' Legend:
M = Airplane Meals B = Breakfast
L = Lunch D = Dinner



Day 1: Monday, September 2nd - Depart for Croatia (M)

Depart Chicago for Dubrovnik, Croatia, via Dublin, Ireland (airfare may be available from other cities — please call for price difference), enjoy in-flight service with dinner, drinks and video entertainment onboard.

Day 2: Tuesday, September 3rd Arrive in EUROPE (M, D)

After a connection in Dublin, arrive in **Dubrovnik, Croatia**. Join your fellow pilgrims for **Mass*** (requested at the Church of St. Nicholas in Cavtat) in a spirit of thanksgiving for a safe flight. Afterwards, check-in at your resort hotel in the charming town of **Mlini**, for our **welcome dinner** and a well deserved rest. Relax as you get acclimated to Croatian time zone.

Day 3: Wednesday, September 4th Dubrovnik (B, D)

We begin our day with a walking tour of **Dubrovnik** including the famous **Church of St. Blaise**, where **Holy Mass*** has been requested. We shall receive the traditional blessing of the throats and pray before **St. Blaise's relics**. After a lunch break, enjoy a **walking tour** of the old town. There may be an opportunity for **Eucharistic Adoration**. Return to your hotel for dinner and your 2nd of 3 nights in the Dubrovnik area.



11-Day Trip Inclusions:

- ★ **Fr. Matt Simonar**, Pastor of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Diocese of Green Bay, as Chaplain for the Pilgrimage.
- ★ Round Trip Air transportation from Chicago O'Hare to Dubrovnik (via Dublin, Ireland). Additional airfare may be available from other cities.
- ★ Private Motor-coach with professional driver in Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina for the driven portion of the itinerary (however, this pilgrimage will require some walking).
- ★ Airport Transfers in Croatia and Bosnia (for those flying with the group).
- ★ Accommodations at nice properties (3 stars in Mlini (near Dubrovnik) and 4 stars in Neum, Bosnia, and non-rated accommodations at one of the visionaries houses in Medjugorje).
- ★ 18 Meals (9 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches or Dinners depending on the Medjugorje daily itinerary).
- ★ Admissions to all featured and selected visits of the touring program.
- ★ Tour program highlights (for detailed inclusions read the daily itinerary):
 - * **Dubrovnik**: Panoramic Tour, Walking Tour of old town, Cable- Car Ride to Mt. Srd, Boat ride of Dubrovnik Harbor, and more!
 - * **Kravica Falls**: Beautiful natural beauty in a State Park in Bosnia.
 - * **Shrine of Medjugorje**: St. James Church, Adoration, Healing Prayers, Apparition Hill, Cross Mountain, Blue Cross, Cenacolo (if available), Talk by Fr. Leon, Confessions, and at least 3 excursions outside Medjugorje.
- ★ Pilgrimage Director: **Juan Landa** from Mater Dei Tours.
- ★ Pilgrimage Host: **Amy Kawula** from the **Diocese of Green Bay**
- ★ Expert local Bi-Lingual Tour Manager/Guide accompanies group in Dubrovnik area and Medjugorje in Bosnia & Herzegovina.
- ★ Full documentation packet with luggage tags & re-usable security wallet.
- ★ Spiritual program including daily Mass, Rosaries, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Meditations, Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- ★ Gratuities included for baggage (where available), hotel and restaurants detailed in the itinerary are included. **Gratuities for Tour Guide and Motor-coach Driver are also included.** Please read your "Essential Reading Material" (provided with your documents) for recommendations on tipping. Please budget accordingly.
- ★ Hotel sales tax, hospitality taxes & service charges, all related airfare, airline and airport taxes, surcharges and fees (subject to change before departure).

Note 1: For this pilgrimage, US Citizens require a valid US Passport with more than 6 months validity from the return date.

NOTE 2: In case our Chaplain becomes unable to participate, the pilgrimage will continue to operate and every effort will be made to obtain a substitute Priest.

NOTE 3: Although a motor-coach is included for tour transportation, it is important to point out that all Pilgrimages require a considerable amount of **walking**.

Day 4: Thursday, September 5th Dubrovnik (B, D)

After breakfast, transfer to the old town to visit **The Church of St. Ignatius** (where **Mass*** has been requested). Afterwards, join your pilgrim group for an exciting excursion to **Mt. Srd** (pending weather) using the famous **Dubrovnik Cable Car**! Enjoy spectacular sights of Dubrovnik, the islands, the sea and many other locations up to 60 kilometers away! Then break for free time including lunch on your own. There may be another opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration. This afternoon enjoy an opportunity to admire Dubrovnik's harbor and other spectacular sites from the water on a **mini-cruise** (pending weather). After our unforgettable visits, return to our hotel for dinner and our last night in Dubrovnik area.



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Day 5: Friday, September 6th: Kravica Falls & Medjugorje (B + L or D)

After breakfast, travel through the border of Croatia and Bosnia to visit one of Bosnia's natural beauties, **Kravica Falls!** After this relaxing visit, transfer to **Medjugorje**, the main purpose of our pilgrimage. The small village was the setting of a supernatural event witnessed by six young people. The Beautiful Lady, that appeared to them, has consistently given messages of faith, hope and charity to humanity since June 24th, 1981 (Feast of St. John the Baptist), pleading with everyone to obey her Son and thanking them for hearing her call. Upon arrival, check-in at **Mirjana's House**, belonging to Mirjana, one of the visionaries. Today, we receive a brief introductory orientation on the way to attend the **International Mass at 7:00 PM**, concelebrated in the local language (Croatian). A late lunch or early dinner will be served at Mirjana's House.



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Day 6: Saturday, September 7th: Medjugorje all day (B + L or D)

After breakfast at our accommodations, we commence the real orientation walk of the shrine's grounds. **Holy Mass*** will be concelebrated at **10:00 AM** in our English language at **St. James Church**. The final itinerary in Medjugorje will be determined when we are closer to arrival there. According with all local ecclesiastical needs, weather variances and the shrine's activity schedule, we shall be open to visit the following places at the pilgrim's discretion:

Adoration, Healing Prayers, Apparition Hill, Cross Mountain, Blue Cross, Cenacolo (if available), **Talk by Fr. Leon, Confessions**, and other activities. **Lunch or Dinner** included today (we will advise which meal, depending on the shrine's posted hours for activities - programs change every week and we will not know until the week of arrival). There are plenty of places in town to have a snack or a meal. Return to our Medjugorje accommodations for our 2nd overnight.



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Day 7: Sunday, September 8th: Medjugorje all day (B + L or D)

Today, depending on our final schedule and weather, we may be able to climb **Apparition Hill**. A private Mass* is to be celebrated outside Medjugorje, either at **Tihaljina** (famous statue of Our Lady, or **Siroki Brijeg**, a town with a story of atrocities made by communists to 33 Franciscan Martyrs or at the **Divine Mercy Chapel** outside of town (we will advise when we are cleared for the final itinerary at the shrine).

Day 8: Monday September 9th: Medjugorje all day (B + L or D)

Today, depending on our final schedule and weather, we may be able to climb **Cross Mountain**. A private Mass is planned outside of town (today's meal will be advised once the final itinerary will be determined).



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Day 9: Tuesday, September 10th: Medjugorje all day (B + L or D)

Today, depending on our final schedule and weather, we may visit the **Cenacolo** (if available), attend a **Talk by Fr. Leon, Confessions**, and other activities. A private **Mass*** is planned outside of town (today's meal will be advised once the final itinerary is determined - depending on the shrine's posted hours for activities - programs change every week and we will not know until the week of arrival).



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Day 10: Wednesday September 11th Medjugorje and Neum (B, D)

Attend your last **Mass** at **Medjugorje**. Visit any site still left to visit or re-visit other favorite ones. Depart Medjugorje and arrive at the coastal city of **Neum** in Bosnia, where we stay for our last night at a 4-star hotel and spa. Relax! Tonight, join your group for your farewell dinner.



Day 11: Thursday, September 12th Mlini, Dubrovnik Airport, Dublin Connection & Return to USA. (B, M)

Our memorable visit to Croatia and Bosnia & Hercegovina, ends as we transfer to Dubrovnik airport to board your homebound flights (connecting in Dublin). A unique feature of all flights from Dublin to the USA, is that our US Immigration and Customs is performed at the airport in Dublin (no customs in Chicago!). As you take-off, take one last look out the window at the unique landscape of these beautiful lands and say:

*Zbogom Hrvatska!
Zbogom Bosno i
Hercegovino!!*

*Upon departure from
Ireland, you will be
processed by US
Homeland Security.
WELCOME HOME!*

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By embarking upon his/her travel, the traveler(s) voluntarily assumes all the risks, and is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage against them. Your booking shall constitute a consent to the above and engaging the company, acknowledges these conditions and agrees to hold the company blameless in making the arrangements on his/her behalf, and agrees that restitution or damages, if any are claimed, shall be sought directly from the suppliers.

Deposits: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure your space to Mater Dei Tours. Your deposits are used to cover and guarantee your space. Deposits will be refunded in the event the tour does not meet the minimum quorum necessary to make the trip possible. If you use a credit card as payment, you agree that if any cancellation penalties are due, Mater Dei Tours is authorized to charge the penalties to the credit card listed on the registration.

Final Payments: Full payment must be made no later than **100 days** prior to departure unless otherwise stated. Payments may be made by check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. If payment is not received as scheduled, your reservation may be automatically canceled and your deposit payment is forfeited. If you use a credit card as payment, for your convenience, you may opt to have Mater Dei Tours charge your balance to the same authorized credit card on the registration form by simply calling us with your verbal authorization.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be received in writing to our company prior to your departure during normal business hours (9:00am to 5:00pm CST, Monday through Friday). All Cancellations are subject to the following per person penalties prior to departure:

120 days or before.....	\$500.00
119 to 90 days.....	25% of tour
89 to 70 days.....	50% of tour
69 to 50 days.....	75% of tour
49 to 0 days.....	100% of tour (No Refunds)

Mater Dei Tours cannot refund independent purchases of Airfare or Travel Insurance Premiums.

If you use a credit card as payment, you agree that if any cancellation penalties are due, Mater Dei Tours is authorized to charge the penalties to your credit card on record. Traveler agrees to forfeit their reserved space if payment is not made by the designated date. In the case of an approved refund, traveler agrees to forfeit 3% of all credit card charges to cover merchant fees absorbed by Mater Dei.

For price, taxes, fees & deposit and balance information, please see registration sheet.

Registration Deadline:

May 3rd 17th, 2024

(space is likely to sell out before deadline)

Early Angel Discount -\$100/person expires April 12, 2024

Tour Membership: To ensure a positive experience, Mater Dei Tours reserves the right to reject any client (before or during the trip at the expense of the traveler) whose conduct is incompatible with the interest of the group. Mater Dei Tours is not responsible for lost persons and for the expenses incurred while being lost. Each traveler assumes responsibility for staying with the group.

Travelers with Special Needs: Passengers who require attention must advise the tour operator at the time of booking. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travelers who need such assistance and must assume full responsibility for their well being. Coaches are not equipped with wheelchair accessible ramps, therefore all tour members must be able to mount 3 to 5 steps into the coach. **Participants should expect to walk at least 1 to 3 miles minimum in one day.** Walking surfaces may at times be uneven. Mater Dei Tours is not responsible for denial of service by any suppliers.

Young Travelers: Travelers who are less than 18 years old on the departure date must be accompanied by an adult and must share the adult's accommodations. If a child will be traveling with adults other than the parents or with only one parent, it is highly recommended that a notarized letter be written by the parents or non-traveling parent granting authorization to travel, including the dates of travel. We suggest that you also contact the appropriate consulate and airlines because they may have additional requirements.

Roommate Assignments: Mater Dei Tours will make every reasonable attempt to find you a roommate. However, this is not guaranteed. If no roommate is found by the registration deadline, the passenger will have the option to upgrade to a single room (if available) by paying the single occupancy or cancel altogether with a full refund. Mater Dei Tours cannot be held responsible if the roommate you were assigned to is not agreeable to you. If you desire to get your own room, you will be responsible for all the financial consequences of such action, including but not limited to, covering the single occupancy costs of both you and your ex-roommate.

Air Transportation: We have selected airlines that are most suitable with land arrangements. All fares are subject to government approval and are subject to change without notice. Airfares are guaranteed once they have been paid in full and ticketed. Name changes required after tickets have been issued are subject to cancellation and re-ticketing at a higher fare and subject to change fees. Some airlines do not allow you to earn, and/or upgrade with frequent flier miles for group bookings.

Airline Seating: Passengers who require specific seating due to medical conditions are advised to bring Doctor's Orders to the counter so the airlines may have proof of the condition and may accommodate the order. In addition to making the request through our company, please bring the doctor's note to the ticket counter. Passengers who desire a specific non-medical related seat are requested to contact the airline directly, approximately 30 days prior to departure for preferred seating. Group seating is under control of the airline and Mater Dei Tours can only pass on your requests.

Voluntary changes to itinerary: Independent voluntary changes to an individual passenger's itinerary are usually not permitted by most of our tour suppliers. Some exceptions may be granted in a case-by-case basis. All change requests must be made prior to 45 days before departure. If passenger purchased a land only package, they are free to plan their own itinerary before or after the trip (read Land Only bookings for restrictions).

Not Included: All items of a personal nature (room service, beverages, telephone charges, laundry, etc) and meals not specified on the tour itinerary are not included and must be paid by the passenger.

Accommodations and Itinerary: Land arrangements are provided as described in the tour program. The tour company reserves the right to change or substitute (1) hotels for accommodations in similar categories (2) or features of the itinerary in order to accommodate changes in the schedule.

Meals: Meals are provided as specified in the tour program. If you require special meals due to medical dietary restrictions, we must receive written details of your requirements at the time of booking. We cannot guarantee that each and every vendor will honor your requested diet, but every effort will be made to report and accommodate these requests. No weight loss plans or special nutrition diets can be accommodated.

Passports: Obtaining a passport is the sole responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be current and valid beyond the dates of travel (except for Mexico, where your passport needs to be valid just for the dates of travel). **Your airline ticket name must match your passport name or you may be denied boarding the airplane.** Passengers who are denied boarding due to discrepancies between ticket and passport names or because of expired passports accept full responsibility and are subject to the cancellation terms of the tour. Some countries (like Israel) require your passport expiration to be 6 months beyond your travel dates. **We recommend that you apply for your passports (if needed) no later than 4 months before departure.**

Tips: Gratuities for baggage (where offered), hotel and restaurants detailed in the itinerary are included. **Gratuities for Tour Guide and Motor-coach Driver are included with Compass** (unless otherwise stated in the brochure). Please read your "Essential Reading Material" (provided with your documents) for recommendations on tipping Please budget accordingly.

Smoking: Smoking is not allowed on the motor-coach but frequent stops are made throughout the day.

Travel Health: This pilgrimage is being operated under the premise that it is safe to travel under the current health protocols. If governmental authorities and/or our tour vendors, declare that it is no longer safe to travel because of Covid-19 (or any other sickness), Mater Dei will need to cancel the pilgrimage. If all our vendors cancel their services, Mater Dei will issue a full refund to all. If a passenger cancels because of fear of Covid-19 (or any other sickness), but authorities still declare that it is safe to travel as long as people practice the appropriate advice to keep proper hygiene to avoid contamination, the passenger shall be assessed the appropriate cancellation penalty detailed in the first column. Please consider bringing a face mask (may be required by some airlines and/or foreign governments), especially if you are coughing and sneezing. If you are sick with Covid-19 or any other sickness, please stay home.

Total Group Cancellation: If it becomes necessary to cancel an entire tour prior to departure, Mater Dei Tours will offer the next available date or will make a full refund of money paid as soon as all our vendors refund us your money. Mater Dei Tours cannot accept responsibility for any additional costs, fees or cancellation penalties relating to any independent non-refundable purchases (personal airfares, travel insurance, etc.). If you use a credit card as payment, traveler agrees to forfeit 3% of all credit card charges to cover merchant fees absorbed by Mater Dei.

Land Only Bookings: Passenger(s) who desire to book their own airfare do at their own risk. Land only passengers are responsible for connecting with the group at the hotel. Passenger(s) accept all responsibility for costs incurred due to misconnections with the group. Mater Dei Tours cannot accept responsibility for any additional costs or fees related to such a booking or for any cancellation penalties due to independent non-refundable airfare (even if Mater Dei Tours assisted with this booking).

Luggage: Handling of one piece of luggage per person at hotels is usually included in the cost of this tour wherever hotel luggage service is offered (some hotels do not have bell captains). Train tickets do not include portage. Luggage is carried at owner's risk throughout the tour (insurance suggested). Carry-on and hand baggage and small articles such as coats, umbrellas or cameras are entirely in the care of the passenger. Size and weight limitations for carry-on and checked baggage vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. Airlines with domestic connections reserve the right to charge airline baggage fees. Some international flights are now charging airline baggage fees. Check your final documents for details of acceptable luggage, fees, dimensions and weight allowed on your tour. **All baggage and personal effects are at all times and in all circumstances at the risk of the passenger. Luggage insurance is recommended** (see Travel insurance section below).

Validity: Rates in this brochure are valid for the travel period stated on the brochure, and are quoted on a per person sharing twin/double room basis. All prices are shown in U.S. Dollars and are calculated on currency rates and fares existing on **the day the brochure was made.** Mater Dei Tours reserves the right to alter prices at any time prior to departure and without prior notice due to currency exchange rates, taxes, fees or fuel surcharges increases.

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Travel Insurance: Mater Dei Tours recommends travel insurance for your travel investment. You must purchase this insurance independently. We also recommend that travel insurance be purchased only after Mater Dei Tours notifies the traveler when their deposit money has been charged or deposited.

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(Follow the numbered steps)



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Step 1

1st Passenger Information

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Last Name (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY) †		† First Name (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY) Middle Name †	
Address †		City †	State † Zip Code †
M or F	Phone Numbers (CELL PREFERRED) †		Email Address (for faster communications) †
Date of Birth †		Place of Birth (State, Country) †	
Any Comments? Requests? Medical Conditions/Allergies/Diets? (Weight loss or specialty diets cannot be accommodated)			

Step 2A
2B

**** Please check your desired Room Occupancy below ** NOTE: US PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL!**

Triple occupancy:
Please print an additional form to add a 3rd person

Single Private Room | Sharing Room with 2nd person below | Sharing room (please find me a roommate) | Triple Occupancy
 * Very limited * Please write roommate's name on passenger 2 * We will do everything to assign you a roommate * Very Limited >>

2nd Passenger Information (only if you have a second passenger) (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Last Name (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY) †		† First Name (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY) Middle Name †	
Address †		City †	State † Zip Code †
M or F	Phone Numbers (CELL PREFERRED) †		Email Address (for faster communications) †
Date of Birth †		Place of Birth (State, Country) †	
Any Comments? Requests? Medical Conditions/Allergies/Diets? (Weight loss or specialty diets cannot be accommodated)			

3. A note about Travel Insurance (all registrations need to have this below item checked off)

We recommend travel insurance to protect your travel investment. You must purchase this insurance independently. We also recommend that travel insurance be purchased only after our company has notified you that your deposit has been charged or deposited. Exclusion of pre-existing medical conditions is usually waived if you purchase your insurance within 14 days from your deposit date on your confirmation statement. Note: You agree that Mater Dei Tours will not be held responsible for any non-refundable insurance premiums in case your tour is cancelled for any reason.

Optional Travel Insurance is additional. Information and suggestions will be included with your confirmation.

< I UNDERSTAND < please check here that you understand that if you wish to protect your trip with travel insurance, you need to contact a travel insurance company directly or an insurance agent, once we notify you that your deposit has being charged.

