

Medjugorje and Rome



Day 01 Depart home city for ROME.

Day 02 Rome – Assisi (D)

Arrival in **Rome, Italy**. We will be met by our tour director and transferred by motor coach through the lush Umbrian countryside to **Assisi**, hometown of our beloved **St. Francis**. Remainder of the day at leisure to wander the medieval, winding streets of this very peaceful village at the base of **Mt. Subasio**. Tonight, our welcome dinner is at the hotel serving homemade local specialties. Buon Appetito!!

Day 03 Assisi (BD)

We begin our day with a visit to the **Basilica of St. Francis** with frescos by Giotto and the tomb of St. Francis. Visit the **Church of St. Clare** housing her incorrupt body and the **Cross of San Damiano**. Continue to lower **Assisi** visiting the **Portiuncula**, the little church that St. Francis built, housed inside the **Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli**. After dinner, enjoy a stroll through the peace-filled streets.

Day 04 Assisi - Florence (BD)

Morning departure through the *rolling hills of Tuscany* as we make our way to **Florence**, rich with Renaissance art treasures of Da Vinci and Botticelli including a visit to the *Academy of Fine Art* to view Michelangelo's magnificent "David." Afternoon visit of the great **Duomo** - Santa Maria del Fiori, *Baptistry* and bronze "Doors of Paradise." Remainder of day to wander through Renaissance Florence "as you please."

Day 05 Florence (BD)

Today visit to the Franciscan Church of Santa Croce, *final resting place of Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavelli*. Remainder of day to discover Florence "as you please." Art lovers might enjoy a visit to the **Uffizzi Gallery**, greatest collection of Renaissance art. The piazza of **Santa Croce** is known for its magnificent **Florentine gold and leather goods**. Tonight enjoy dinner in a festive local Florentine restaurant.

Day 06 Florence - Siena - Medjugorje (BD)

Morning departure from Florence through Tuscany dotted with Chianti vineyards & olive groves to old **Siena**, the best preserved medieval town in Italy. Visit the Cathedral and St. Domenic's Church which houses the incorrupt **St. Catherine of Siena**, doctor of the Church. We will also visit the famous shell shaped **Piazza del Campo**, where the famous **Palio** (annual 75 second horse race) is held every summer. Late afternoon transfer to **Rome airport** for our flight to Split. We will be met and transferred 2 hours by motor coach to **Medjugorje**, peaceful village in Bosnia where **Our Lady continues to appear daily** to the visionaries since June 24, 1981. Enjoy our 3 night stay where we will be graciously housed with Ante and Alenka, **Vicka's family home**. The visionaries in Medjugorje tell us that no one goes to Medjugorje by accident. We are called individually by Our Lady. What an awesome thought! **If you feel called to go to Medjugorje, answer Our Lady's invitation!** Traveling to Medjugorje is truly a life changing experience

Day 07 Medjugorje (BD)

Today in Medjugorje you will have another opportunity to pray the **Stations of the Cross**, visit with other pilgrims or spend time talking with the local people as they share with humility the story of how Mary's visits to this small village has changed its history forever.

DAY 08 Medjugorje (BD)

Another glorious day to spend peace-filled time in **Medjugorje**. Celebrate Mass, private meditation and rosary. Opportunity to climb **Apparition Hill** (where Our Lady first appeared to the 6 village children), climb the much higher **Krizevac Mountain** and visit with the visionaries (based on their availability).

Day 09 Medjugorje - Rome (BD)

After a leisurely breakfast and one last opportunity to take in the peaceful serenity of this special village, you will be transferred to **Split** airport for your return flight to the **Rome**. The *Eternal City* is considered the "**Cradle of Western Civilization**" and the heart of Catholicism. After dinner, enjoy a leisurely stroll and the excitement of a city bursting with activity and the beauty of **Rome at night**. Magnifico!!

Day 10 Rome (B)

After breakfast, enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of the Monument to Victor Emmanuel, inside visits of the magnificent **Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, St. John Lateran, Santa Scala** (Holy Stairs Jesus walked up to meet Pontius Pilate) and much more. Afternoon at leisure to stop for a gelato at the famous **Piazza Navonna** (Neptune's Fountain), photo opportunity at **Spanish Steps** and **remember to toss a coin in Trevi Fountain that assures your return to Rome**. Afternoon, visit ancient Rome with outside visit of **Coliseum, Forum, and St. Peter in Chains**, which houses the famous statue of **Moses**. Enjoy dinner tonight "*on your own*" to experience a "Roman Feast."

Day 11 Rome

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Morning **Papal Blessing (Pope's schedule permitting)**. Followed by a guided tour including the **Vatican Museum - Sistine Chapel**, world famous for *Michelangelo's* ceiling paintings and *The Last Judgement*; visit St. Peter's, largest Basilica in the world housing Michelangelo's "Pietà." Tonight, a Festive Farewell Dinner with wine and music. Enjoy!!

Day 12 Depart Rome

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With fond memories of the magnificent spiritual places visited, cultures experienced and friendships made along the way.
Arrivederci Roma