

## **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje and Balkans, May 6-18, 2019**

### **May 6, 2019 MONDAY**

Depart at Our Lady Of Czestochowa at 3:00 PM. Please arrive at 2:30 PM so we have time to pack our luggages on the bus. Depart from Boston Logan Airport at 7:15 PM to Zagreb (Croatia) via London. British Airlines BA 212

### **May 7, 2019 TUESDAY**

Arrive in Zagreb 11:45 Transfer to the area of Plitvice Lakes. Dinner & overnight at Plitvice Hotel.

### **May 8, 2019 WEDNESDAY**

**Tour of Plitvice Lakes.** Plitviče Lakes National Park is a 295-sq.-km forest reserve in central Croatia. It's known for a chain of 16 terraced lakes, joined by waterfalls, that extend into a limestone canyon. Walkways and hiking trails wind around and across the water, and an electric boat links the 12 upper and 4 lower lakes. The latter are the site of Veliki Slap, a 78m-high waterfall.

Dinner & overnight at Villa Grace Hotel in Medjugorje. *B, L & D*

### **May 9, 2019 THURSDAY**

**Tour of Medjugorje** - Medjugorje is a town in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It's been a place of Catholic pilgrimage since the Virgin Mary appeared on Apparition Hill in 1981. There is a "Queen of Peace" statue marking the site of the 1st apparition and one in front of the St. James Church. There will be time for Mass, private prayer and reflection.

Dinner & overnight at Villa Grace Hotel in Medjugorje. *B, L & D*

### **May 10, 2019 FRIDAY**

**Tour Sarajevo.** Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, is a compact city on the Miljacka River, surrounded by the Dinaric Alps. Its center has museums commemorating local history, including Sarajevo 1878–1918, which covers the 1914 assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, an event that sparked World War I. Landmarks of the old quarter, Baščaršija, include the Ottoman-era Gazi Husrev-bey Mosque.

Dinner & overnight at Villa Grace Hotel in Medjugorje. *B, L & D*

### **May 11, 2019 SATURDAY**

**Tour of Dubrovnik.** On our way to Budva we will visit Dubrovnik.

Dubrovnik is a city in southern Croatia fronting the Adriatic Sea. It's known for its distinctive Old Town, encircled with massive stone walls completed in the 16th century. Its well-preserved buildings range from baroque St. Blaise Church to Renaissance Sponza Palace and Gothic Rector's Palace, now a history museum. Paved with limestone, the pedestrianized Stradun (or Placa) is lined with shops and restaurants.

Dinner and overnight at Tara Hotel in Budva. *B, L & D*

### **May 12, 2019 SUNDAY**

**Tour of Budva.** Budva is a town in Montenegro on the Adriatic Sea. Part of the Budva Riviera, it's known for sandy beaches and nightlife. Stone walls built by the Venetians surround the narrow streets of the medieval old town (Stari Grad). This historic district is home to a seaside citadel and religious sites such as the Church of Santa Maria in Punta, established in the 9th century.

Today, in the afternoon we will have time for our private exploration of Budva or rest on the beach.

Dinner and overnight at Tara Hotel in Budva. *B, L & D*

### **May 13, 2019 MONDAY**

**Tour of Kotor.** Kotor is a fortified town on Montenegro's Adriatic coast, in a bay near the limestone cliffs of Mt. Lovćen. Characterized by winding streets and squares, its medieval old town has several Romanesque churches, including Kotor Cathedral. It's also home to the Maritime Museum, which explores local seafaring history. Sveti Đorđe, one of 2 tiny islands off the ancient town of Perast, features a centuries-old church.

Dinner and overnight at Tara Hotel in Budva. *B, L & D*

### **May 14, 2019 TUESDAY**

**Tour of Mostar. On our way to Makarska we will stop at Mostar.** It is a city in southern Bosnia and Herzegovina, straddling the Neretva River. It's known for the iconic Stari Most (Old Bridge), a reconstructed medieval arched bridge. The nearby alleys are full of shops and market stalls, and the Old Bridge Museum explores the bridge's long history. A narrow staircase leads up to the Koski Mehmed-Pasha Mosque's minaret for panoramic city views.

Dinner and overnight at Osejava Hotel in Makarska. *B, L & D*

### **May 15, 2019 WEDNESDAY**

**Tour of Split.** Split, a town on Croatia's Dalmatian Coast, is known for its beaches and the fortresslike complex at its center, Diocletian's Palace, erected by the Roman emperor in the 4th century. Once home to thousands, its sprawling remains include more than 200 buildings. Within its white stone walls and under its courtyards are a cathedral and numerous shops, bars, cafes, hotels and houses.

Dinner and overnight at Osejava Hotel in Makarska. *B, L & D*

### **May 16, 2019 THURSDAY**

**Tour of Makarska.** Makarska is a port town on Croatia's Dalmatian coast, known for its Makarska Riviera beaches, seafront promenade and nightlife. On a small bay between wooded headlands, the old town centers on Kačić Square. Ferries connect the port to nearby Brač island. To the east towers the rugged Mt. Biokovo, a nature reserve home to golden eagles and Balkan chamois, with hairpin roads up to Sveti Jure's summit.

Today, in the afternoon we will have time for our private exploration of Makarska, shopping or rest on the beach.

Dinner and overnight at Osejava Hotel in Makarska. *B, L & D*

### **May 17, 2019 FRIDAY**

After Breakfast we leave Makarska toward Zagreb. It is a 5 hour drive through beautiful country of Croatia. On the way we will stop for lunch. Depending on the traffic conditions we may be able to have a couple short tour of the Zagreb in the afternoon.

Dinner and overnight in Zagreb. *B, L & D*

### **May 18, 2019 SATURDAY**

After Breakfast, transfer to the airport for our return flight home via London. Depart Zagreb on 12:35 PM. Arrive in Boston on 7:35 PM. Expected arrival in Worcester at 9:30 PM.

## **PILGRIMAGE CONDITIONS:**

**Note:** The order of the program can be changed.

**Total cost per person - \$2,990.00.** (double occupancy)  
Single room supplement is \$350.

**Deposit \$1,000.00** is due at signing and not later than by October 30, 2018  
Remaining balance 1,990.00 is due by **January 31, 2019**

**Please make checks payable to Our Lady Of Czestochowa Church,** with the note in Memo area:  
“Trip to Medjugorje”

Price may be subject to change, as Air Ticket taxes or fuel surcharge may change slightly.  
In addition, the price may change in case of severe fluctuations in exchange rates:  
U.S. Dollar to EURO

### **The price includes:**

- **Transportation:** Round trip Bus transportation from Worcester (34 Ward St.) to Boston Logan airport; Round trip flight from Boston to Zagreb (Croatia); Air-conditioned motor coach in Balkans
- **Accommodation:** 11 nights in a first class hotels
- **Meals:** breakfasts, lunches and dinners daily
- Local Guides and Pilot
- Admissions tickets and entrance fees to sites specified in the program
- Highways and Parking fees
- Gratuities to tour guides and drivers

### **Price does not include:**

- The price does not include beverages with lunches and dinners.
- **Price does not include optional travel insurance (cancellation, accident/health, baggage, delays)** that is recommended to buy on your own before you travel, through one of the reputable insurance agency. If you have a preexisting conditions, insurance must be purchased within 7 days of deposit.
- Price does not include cost of Passports, baggage handling, items of personal nature, phone calls.

**REQUIRED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:**

A valid and up-to-date passport is required for entry into Balkans. Your passport should be valid for at least 3 months after scheduled return.

PLEASE GIVE A COPY OF YOUR SIGNED PASSPORT PICTURE PAGE TO FR. RICHARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Also keep copy for your own records in carry on or suitcase.

**LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE:**

**One large** sized suitcase (50 pounds) and one carry on bag (17 pounds) are allowed per passenger. Please make certain that all bags have a clearly labeled identification tag on the outside.

**WEATHER AND CLOTHING:**

The temperature in Balkans is higher than in Massachusetts. In May temperature in Balkans is around 70 (with an average of 57-79). However, layering of clothing is advisable (nights can be chilly). Comfortable walking shoes (not new) are essential - please be advised that there will be a some amount of walking on several of our day trips.

Be prepared for some rain.

**CURRENCY:**

Montenegro use the Euro. Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina have their own currency. US dollars and Euro are easily exchangeable in all of the countries.

**ELECTRICITY:**

If you plan to bring any electrical equipment with you, you will need an adapter (220V to 110V plugs) or voltage converter, depending on the kind of the device.

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