



TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

EXPERIENCE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PILGRIMAGE TO
MEDJUGORJE

September 6 - 15, 2021



A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 20 years. Working closely with your priest to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life. By immersing yourself in the rhythm of the prayer life of Medjugorje, we hope your faith will be reinvigorated and renewed by this pilgrimage. Daily Mass and time for prayerful reflection are the cornerstones of each day's experience in this retreat-like setting.

We use only experienced Catholic or Christian guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35). Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus," your Tekton pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the Scriptures and Church history and tradition. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

On June 24, 1981, six young people from the quaint village of Medjugorje, in modern-day Bosnia-Herzegovina, claimed the Blessed Virgin Mary had appeared to them, bringing messages of peace and conversion for all people. She continues to appear to the present day, and her messages urge all people to turn their hearts back to God and place Him first in their lives and families. Her messages also provide the instructions for doing this: daily conversion, prayer of the heart, fasting, penance, Mass, monthly confession, and reading and living out Scripture.

Pilgrims on this grace-filled pilgrimage will enjoy the guidance and leadership of Ann Vucic, early witness to the Medjugorje apparitions. Born just two miles away from Medjugorje, Ann's family immigrated to the United States when she was two years old. They returned to their homeland to visit relatives in 1981 and were there when the Blessed Mother began appearing to the children. Hearing of the apparitions, Ann and her family rushed to the site. Her life forever changed, she is now dedicated to sharing the story of Medjugorje and encouraging others to grow in love for Our Lady and her Son.

Medjugorje is not just a pilgrimage, it's an immersion experience into a rhythm of prayer in a setting steeped in the Lord's peace. Many have said that it is the closest to heaven on earth that they have experienced.

Pilgrims will spend 6 days in Medjugorje, participating in the daily spiritual life of St. James Church, which includes the English Mass, the evening program of prayer and adoration as well as additional activities as outlined in the itinerary.

The visionaries of Medjugorje at the beginning of the apparitions



The town of Medjugorje



● Day 1 - Monday, September 6 *Depart Chicago*

Depart Chicago on our overnight flights to Sarajevo. Meals served on flight.

● Day 2 - Tuesday, September 7 *Sarajevo / Medjugorje*

Upon arrival in Sarajevo, we will travel to Medjugorje. Dinner will be waiting for us upon our arrival at our pansion. (D)

Cross Mountain



Apparition Hill



Outside Altar of St. James

● **Day 3-9 (Wednesday-Tuesday, September 8-14)**

Medjugorje

- On our first full day in Medjugorje, Ann will provide you with a comprehensive orientation about Medjugorje and the apparitions, and you will be given a brief tour of the area, so that you are familiar with everything.
- We will have two meals each day at our pansion (breakfast every morning, and either lunch or dinner, depending on the events scheduled that day). There are many restaurants in Medjugorje for people who may wish to have a third meal each day.
- Many of the activities will be subject to availability and weather. You will always have the option of participating in group activities or spending time by yourself. These activities include:
 - Attending the Holy Mass in English every day at St. James church (usually at 10:00 am), with English speaking pilgrims from throughout the world.
 - Participating in the international program of prayer each evening, which includes the Rosary, Sacrament of Reconciliation, international Mass for all pilgrims, prayers for healing, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



Celebrating Mass inside St. James



Risen Christ Statue

- Climbing Apparition Hill, site where Our Lady first appeared to the visionaries.
- Climbing Cross Mountain; praying the Stations of the Cross as we ascend to the summit.
- Visiting the Cenacolo Community, where young people with various addictions will share their testimonies about how they found freedom and a new life through prayer, work, and the Sacraments.
- Hearing talks by visionaries, priests and other locals, when possible.
- Free time for shopping, so that you can bring back a piece of Medjugorje to your loved ones at home, and private reflection

● **Day 10 - Wednesday, September 15**

Sarajevo / Chicago

Depart Medjugorje in the morning after a wonderful pilgrimage with Our Lady!

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

The following COVID travel restrictions and requirements currently apply. These may change prior to your pilgrimage and it is the pilgrim's responsibility to adhere to these requirements. The costs of any tests are not included in the price of the pilgrimage.

1. To enter Bosnia, US citizens must have a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) not older than 48 hours from the moment of entry.
2. To return to the US, all travelers must provide a negative COVID-19 viral test taken within 3 calendar days of travel OR may provide documentation from a licensed healthcare provider of having recovered from COVID-19 in the 90 days preceding travel. Tekton Ministries will provide transportation to an official testing site in Bosnia and arrange for all pilgrims to have this test completed at the proper time. The current estimated cost is \$70.

Up-to-date information may be found here: <https://ba.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information>

** Please note that all rates and services are subject to availability and confirmation. We cannot be responsible for any increase in these rates or changes in services or flight and land arrangements in the event that government regulations change due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*



MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy w/ airfare **\$2,120.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES *(applied to final invoice)*

- **Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges** **\$573.22**
(subject to change until final ticketing)
- **Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff** **\$75.00**

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$2,768.22**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add **\$215**
- Land-only option: **\$1,479** *(no flights included, includes gratuities)*

Final Payment Due

June 2021

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Chicago O'Hare to Tel Aviv on Austrian Airlines
- 8 nights accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Pilgrimage Director (Ann Vucic) from arrival to departure
- Local guide in Medjugorje; deluxe motor coach transportation to and from Medjugorje and holy sites
- Breakfast and dinner per itinerary

Rates do not include: *lunches, drinks with meals*

Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 75 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 74 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 22 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$150.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 14 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Croatia and Bosnia Herzegovina. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on Austrian Airlines. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes made within 120 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included in base price: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$573.22 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours agrees to provide

passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

Trust Account Disclosure: California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"): George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if George's International Tours was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which George's International Tours failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount, which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to George's International Tours, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

Responsibility Clause: Tekton Ministries, George's International Tours and/or their co-operating selling agents and/or their suppliers of services offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public, and are not responsible therefore, either directly or indirectly, for any loss, accident, or injury which may result from any act, omission, negligence in or responsible for performing or providing these component services. The transportation companies concerned take no responsibility for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules,



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