

# <u>Spiritual Director</u> Fr. Jim Sullivan

# Your Pilgrimage Includes:

† Round-trip Airfare from San Francisco

† Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges

† 7 Nights Accommodation at Centrally

Located First Class Hotels as Follows: (or similar)

- ~ 4 Nights: June 17 21: Grand Hotel Moderne, Lourdes
- ~ 3 Nights: June 21 24: Modern Pansion, Medjugorje
- † *Optional Post Tour:* 2 Nights Accommodation at Centrally Located First Class Hotels as Follows: (or similar)

~ 2 Nights: June 24 – 26: Hotel Dubrovnik, Dubrovnik

- † Transfers as per Itinerary
- † Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- † Wine and Mineral Water with Dinners
- † Transportation by Air-Conditioned Motor Coach
- † Whisper Headsets Where Needed
- † Assistance of a Professional Local Christian Guide(s)
- † Sightseeing and Admissions Fees as per Itinerary

† Medjugorje: Meeting with Visionaries and Visit to Community Cenacolo

- † Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities
- † Flight Bag & Digital Final Confirmations

Lourdes & Medjugorje

Pilgrimage

Apparition Hill, Medjugorje

Lourdes, France

Mt. Krizevac, Medjugorje

Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Medjugorje June 16 - 24, 2024 \$4,650 per person from San Francisco (SFO)

Optional Post-Tour to Dubrovnik June 24 – June 26, 2024 \$960 per person

> All prices based on double occupancy. Pricing available from any airport.

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# Sample Daily Itinerary

## Day 1, Sun, June 16: Depart for Lourdes

Make your way to San Francisco Airport (SFO) or your local Airport, where you will board your overnight flight. Your meals are served on board.

# Day 2, Mon, June 17: Arrive in Lourdes

Upon arriving at Pau or Toulouse airport, make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the arrival's hall, where you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Embark on scenic drive to Lourdes. Check-in to your hotel, and then relax or explore before dinner. Following dinner, you will have free time to pray the Rosary and to attend the candlelight procession. (*April-October only*). These processions are lit by candlelight and guided by the Most Holy Rosary. Following this prayerful experience, you will return to your hotel for an overnight.

# Day 3 - 5, Tues - Thurs, June 18 and 20: Lourdes

Over the next two days, you will stay in a small town, nestled within the Pyrenees Mountains. During your time in Lourdes, you will pray and meditate in a site of Our Lady's apparitions. Our Lady first appeared to Bernadette in 1858, and announced herself as "The Immaculate Conception", near the Grotto of Massabielle. During the first two apparitions, little Bernadette prayed the Rosary with Our Lady and left without any exchange of words. During the following apparitions, Our Lady emphasized God's love for us and the necessity of performing acts of penance for sinners. Throughout your time in Lourdes, you will have the opportunity to attend Mass at the Grotto, where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette; watch a video presentation that explains in detail, the story of Lourdes; drink water from the miraculous spring that has healed many and submerge yourself in the healing baths. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to experience Christ's unconditional love, as you meditate upon the "life size" Stations of the Cross that overlook the Grotto of Massabielle. Also in Lourdes, you will walk in and meditate upon the footsteps of St. Bernadette. Your group will have the opportunity to see Boly Mill, the birthplace of St. Bernadette, and the "Cachot," an abandoned prison where Bernadette's impoverished family lived. Each evening following dinner, you will have an opportunity to attend the candlelight procession and pray the Rosary before a restful overnight.

# Day 6, Fri, June 21: Lourdes – Medjugorje

You will have an early morning transfer from Lourdes to board your flight(s) to Medjugorje. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver, who will take you on the 2.5 hour drive to the village of Medjugorje. Dinner and overnight.

# Day 7 and 8, Sat - Sun, June 22 - 23: Medjugorje

The most beautiful features of Medjugorje are its simplicity and peace. While in Medjugorje, grow in your faith and share in the journey of pilgrims from all over the world. A local guide will accompany your group throughout your stay in the village.

Some spiritual activities that will accompany you during your time in Medjugorje:

- Attend Daily Mass: Each morning at 10:00AM, your group will assemble at St. James Church for Mass (English-Speaking). At the end of each Mass, regardless of language, there is a blessing of the religious articles that you have with you. On Feast Days, and Sundays: English Mass is at Noon
- **Climb Apparition Hill:** This mountainous hill is where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady. Also, at the base of this hill is a Blue Cross, where it is said Our Lady appeared to the children while they hid from the communist police in the early days of the alleged apparitions. When climbing, your group is invited to recite the Rosary, pausing five times for each decade of the Rosary. At the top of the hill, you will witness the exact location of the first alleged apparition of Our Lady to the visionaries, and enjoy private time in prayer.

- Climb Mt. Krizevac (Cross Mountain): In 1933, the villagers built a 30' high cross atop a mountain to commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Your group will have the opportunity to climb this mountain and venerate that very cross. When climbing, your group is invited to pray the Stations of the Cross (to meditate on Jesus' suffering Road to Calvary), pausing fifteen times for each Station.
- Apparitions: Each evening at 6PM daylight savings time, your group will join the villagers and fellow pilgrims of Medjugorje in saying the Rosary as all anxiously await the alleged arrival of Our Lady to the visionaries. Following the apparition, at 6:40 PM feel free to stay at St. James Church and attend the Croatian Mass. Following the Croatian Mass there is a Blessing of the Sick.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: You will have the opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament at the outside altar of St. James Church. Adoration is held on Tuesdays and Saturdays; Veneration of the Cross is held on Fridays inside the church. Additionally, there is an Adoration Chapel on the grounds of St. James Church, held in the afternoon hours.
- Meetings with the Visionaries: Pending their availability, your guide will arrange meetings with the visionaries at their homes.
- Visit to the Community of Cenacolo: You will have the opportunity to visit the community of Cenacolo, founded by the Sisters of Charity, for young men and women who have taken a wrong path and are on the road to recovery. You will be able to listen to their inspirational words about their journeys back to Jesus Christ.
- **Prayer at the Statue of the Risen Christ:** Located on the grounds of St. James Church, is the bronze statue of the Risen Christ. This statue miraculously seeps droplets of water at all times of the day, out of Christ's right knee.

# OPTIONAL POST TOUR TO DUBROVNIK

# Day 9, Mon, June 24: Medjugorje to Dubrovnik

After breakfast, you will transfer to Dubrovnik also known as the Pearl of the Adriatic Meet our local guide who will take us on a walking tour of the Old City. It will begin at St. Blaise Church, the Patron Saint of Dubrovnik. Continue to the Gothic and Renaissance styled Rector's Palace. Next, you will stroll by the iconic Bell Tower Clock and Orlando's Column. To the left of this column, you will see the Sponza Palace. In the sixteenth century, members of the Academia dei Concordi met to discuss literature and to this day, the palace is the most important cultural institution of Dubrovnik. Lastly, you will visit the Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries. The location of the Dominican Monastery is strategically placed at the most sensitive point of Dubrovnik's defense barriers. While at the Franciscan Monastery, you will have the opportunity to visit one of the first pharmacies still in existence. Dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik.

# Day 10, Tues, June 25: Dubrovnik (Free Day)

After Mass enjoy free time to explore the timeless streets in Dubrovnik. No cars are allowed inside the wall city (deliveries are made during the night). Stop at the market, or at one of many small family-owned shops and restaurants. You can buy a ticket to walk on top of the wall, from there you can watch one of the best preserved 600 year old cities in the world, still occupied by 5,000 inhabitants. Final dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik.

# Day 11, Wed, June 26: Return Flights Home

Early morning transfer back to Dubrovnik Airport for your flights home to San Francisco (or your hometown).

\*206 Tours Disclaimer: Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits.