

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

VISITING BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA + CROATIA + MONTENEGRO + POLAND

WITH THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF FATHER XAVIER DE PINTO

SEPTEMBER 21 TO OCTOBER 2, 2024

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DAY 1, SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 21

FLIGHT TO SARAJEVO

We fly to Sarajevo via Zurich aboard Swiss Air. Relax and enjoy your flight with complimentary meals and in-flight movies on board. Group seating for our flight will be pre-assigned by the airline.

DAY 2, SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 22

SARAJEVO-MEDJUGORJE

After landing in Sarajevo airport and clearing customs and immigration, we meet our guide and enjoy a panoramic drive of the city on the way to Medjugorje.

Since 1981, in this small village of Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been appearing and giving messages to the world. These years that She is spending with us are a time of special Grace granted by God. In Her own words She tells us, "I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this fullness and peace, you must return to God".

The drive is about 2.5 hours and when we arrive, we will check-in at our hotel and enjoy free time to rest after the long journey. **Dinner**

DAY 3 TO 5, MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY-SEPTEMBER 23 TO 25 MEDJUGORJE

During our stay, you will experience the beauty and peace of this simple village and have the opportunity to share your faith with pilgrims from all over the world. Here are some of the activities planned for our visit:

Daily Mass: Each morning, at 10:00 am (noon on Sunday), the group will assemble at St. James Church for Mass and the blessing of religious articles immediately following.

Climb Apparition Hill: Recite the Rosary while climbing the hill to the place where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady.



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. Climb to the top, stopping 14 times along the way to rest and Pray the Stations of the Cross.

Apparitions: Join the villagers and fellow pilgrims in praying the Rosary in St. James Church at 5:00 pm (6:00 pm Daylight Savings Time) and stay for the apparition of Our Lady to the visionaries at 5:40 pm (6:40 pm Daylight Savings Time). Stay for the

Croatian Mass the Blessing of the Sick immediately following.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Our Lady has always called us to be close to Her Son. Join fellow pilgrims for Adoration on Tuesday and Saturday at the outside altar of St. James Church, and for Veneration of the Cross on Friday inside the church. Adoration is also available in the Chapel every afternoon.

Meetings with the Visionaries: Pending their availability, the guide will arrange meetings with the Visionaries.

Visit to the Community of Cenacolo: Founded by the Sisters of Charity, Cenacolo is a community for young men and women who have lost their way in life and are on the road to recovery. We will hear their inspirational words about their journeys back to Jesus Christ.

Prayer at the Statue of the Risen Christ: Pray at the bronze statue located on the grounds of St. James Church and witness the droplets of water that miraculously seep out of Christ's right knee. **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 6, THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER 26

MEDJUGORJE-DUBROVNIK (CROATIA)

We depart from Medjugorje towards Dubrovnik, the pearl of the Adriatic Sea. Upon arrival we take a walking tour of Old Dubrovnik. Stroll past the Baroque St. Blaise Church to Renaissance Sponza Palace and Gothic Rector's Palace. Paved with limestone, the pedestrianized Stradun (or Placa) is lined with shops and restaurants. Next, see the Dominican Monastery and the Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy, one of the oldest in the world. **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 7, FRIDAY-SEPTEMBER 27

DUBROVNIK-PERAST (MONTENEGRO)

Morning at leisure to explore and stroll around Dubrovnik on your own. In the afternoon we drive towards Perast, a tiny idyllic village in the Bay of Kotor, Montenegro. Perast's rich history, ancient architecture, jaw-dropping views, and romantic waterfront restaurant patios make it a captivating destination. Check-in at our hotel and enjoy free time to explore on your own. **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 8, SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 28

OUR LADY OF THE ROCKS-KRAKOW (POLAND)



Take a boat ride along the scenic coast of the Bay of Kotor towards the legendary island Our Lady of the Rocks. This is a man-made islet, built upon a crag that bore the icon of the Holy Mother Mary, and it houses a church that's been built by seafarers and other locals to honor the graceful Mother Mary. It is a place where visitors can listen to the mystical story about the

island's genesis, as well as examine the many paintings, votives, and other art pieces inside the museum attached to it. We return to the mainland and drive to Dubrovnik Airport to board the flight to Krakow, former capital of Poland. Cited as one of Europe's most beautiful cities, its Old Town was declared the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in the world. Upon arrival, meet and greet by our local guide and transfer to our hotel. We get settled in our rooms and enjoy a light dinner before retiring for the evening. **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 9, SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 29

KRAKOW-DIVINE MERCY

Today, Old Krakow will come alive during our sightseeing. We visit the same Franciscan Church that before becoming Pope, Carol Wojtyła frequently prayed. On Wawel Hill, we find the Royal Castle and Krakow Cathedral where we see the Shrine of Saint Stanislaus and the Cathedral Treasury and Museum. Next visit to the 14th-century Gothic St. Mary's Basilica, located in Market Square to see the world-famous Altar of the Virgin Mary, the largest of its kind in Europe. We break for lunch around the square and in the afternoon we visit the Monastery in Lagiewniki that features the Shrine of Divine Mercy proclaimed 'The center of Divine Mercy' by Pope John Paul II, 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy'. **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 10, MONDAY-SEPTEMBER 30

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

Day tour to Our Lady of Czestochowa where we visit the monastery at Jasna Gora, one of the most famous Marian Shrines in Europe. It is here that the miraculous icon of Our Lady with the Child Jesus, also known as the Black Madonna, is located. Also venerated as the "Queen of Poland", it has become the country's national symbol. A visit to the library and the treasury, where many valuables were hidden during the war, is also included. **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 11, TUESDAY-OCTOBER 1

WADOWICE-KRAKOW

Our last day of Pilgrimage. We visit Wadowice where John Paul II was born in 1920 and pray at the Pope's parish, visit his home and the church where he was baptized. We return to Krakow and enjoy the afternoon at leisure to stroll and explore on our own and last-minute souvenir shopping. Tonight, we toast to new friendships and enjoy a Farewell Dinner. **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 12, WEDNESDAY-OCTOBER 2

FLIGHT(S) TO TORONTO

We transfer to the airport for our return flight to Toronto via Munich. Arrival at Pearson Terminal 1. **End of our Pilgrimage.** **Breakfast**

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM

\$5,295.00 CAD

Price includes Fuel Surcharge & Airport Taxes \$872.88 CAD - Taxes are subject to change without notice until time of ticketing. Staying in Individual room Pay \$1090 CAD supplement. See next page for complete list of inclusions.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage (Psalm 84)

To register and for more information please contact:



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THE TOUR INCLUDES:

- ✓ Round-trip economy airfare from Toronto.
- ✓ 10 nights accommodation at First Class hotel, std room
- ✓ Daily Buffet Breakfasts and Dinners with set menus
- ✓ Private coach transportation throughout
- ✓ Entrance fees, tours as per the itinerary with bilingual English-speaking guide
- ✓ Hotel taxes and service charges
- ✓ Fuel surcharge & Airport taxes (currently at \$872.88 CAD and may change at any time without notice until the time of ticketing)
- ✓ Portage at hotels

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- ✓ Meals not mentioned above
- ✓ Drinks
- ✓ Passports: Canadian citizens require a valid passport for more than 6 months after the return date
- ✓ Gratuities to guides and drivers and other local staff: **Eur 150.00** per participant collected in cash ahead for your convenience
- ✓ Costs of personal nature, optional excursions, excess baggage charges
- ✓ Insurance for medical, Cancellation and Interruption, baggage

BOOKING:

A \$ 500 non-refundable deposit is required at time of booking. If you opt to purchase Non-Medical or All-Inclusive insurance, it must be purchased at the time of first deposit. Bookings after **June 7, 2024** are subject to availability and full payment is due at time of booking.

PLEASE NOTE ALL PAYMENTS ARE 100% NON- REFUNDABLE.

CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGES:

If you must cancel, Gateways International must be informed in writing immediately. A \$75 CAD fee will be applied for any changes you wish to make to the group's itinerary. Changes after full payment is received will be treated as cancellations.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

Participants on this tour take full responsibility for being fully able to participate in the daily scheduled activities of the group, noting that tours organized by Gateways International require physical fitness. There is daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, and at times sidewalks and uneven terrain. One may choose not to participate in parts of the sightseeing; however, there is no refund for missed sightseeing.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL HEALTH & CANCELLATION INSURANCE

CAD \$Premium per person (for residents of Ontario only)	All-Inclusive	Non-Medical	Staying in single room add
up to 59 years	348.00	308.00	49.00
60-64 years	421.00	350.00	59.00
65-69 years	508.00	389.00	67.00
70-74 years	668.00	444.00	76.00
75-79 years	1,010.00	629.00	118.00

- ✓ All-Inclusive Worldwide Plan provides coverage for cancellation and interruption up to sum insured, trip delay, \$ 10 million emergency medical, baggage & personal effects, baggage delay, personal money loss, passport loss, airflight accident and travel accident. When the travel advisory is not into effect, Emergency Medical coverage for COVID-19 will be available only for fully vaccinated individuals or those not medically eligible.
- ✓ See the [Policy Brochure](#) for the full description and eligibility.
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- ✓ Premium per person is subject to change without prior notice
- ✓ People living outside the province of Ontario, must provide proof of insurance from the province of permanent residency.

All participants must hold Trip Cancellation/Interruption + Emergency Medical Insurance to travel with us. Proof of coverage if purchased elsewhere must be provided at the time of booking.

All participants must comply with the travel regulations and guidelines of Public Health and the Ministry of Health of each country we visit. Proof of vaccination and further testing MAY be required at time of travelling.

Please contact us if you live outside the Province of Ontario and for other types of coverage.

FR. XAVIER DE PINTO, MEDJUGORJE+CROATIA+MONTENEGRO+POLAND – SEP. 21 TO OCT. 2, 2024

DEPOSIT REGISTRATION FORM – COPY OF PASSPORT REQUIRED

Name (as per passport): First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address: _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Dietary restrictions: _____ Do you have any Medical problems? _____

Passport #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ ☐ Enclosed is a photocopy of my passport (page showing name and photo)

☐ I am leaving from **TORONTO** ☐ I am leaving from _____ (we will call you directly with the airfare supplement)

☐ I have a roommate ☐ I need a roommate (subj to availability) ☐ I want to travel Single, **pay \$1090 CAD** Supplement

Emergency Contact in Canada #1: Phone _____ Email _____ Relationship _____

Emergency Contact in Canada #2: Phone _____ Email _____ Relationship _____

☐ Enclosed is my **deposit of \$500 CAD** – By eTransfer to accounting@gateways-international.com or by cheque payable to Gateways International, for credit card complete below

☐ I authorize Gateways International to charge the deposit of **\$500 CAD** now and/or balance (plus or minus changes in Airport taxes and supplements if applicable) on my credit card listed below by **June 7, 2024**.

Credit Card Type: VISA ____ MASTERCARD ____ AMERICAN EXPRESS ____ Card Number _____

CVV _____ Exp. Date _____ Name as it appears on credit card _____

Signature _____ Date _____

INSURANCE: Please add the following Travel Insurance to my package (Payment will be collected separately)

☐ All-Inclusive Worldwide Plan ☐ Non-Medical Plan ☐ I decline insurance. Proof of my own Emergency Medical & Cancellation/ Interruption policy attached.

My signature below indicates that I have read and agreed to the Terms and Conditions outlined by Gateways International in this brochure. I also understand that Gateways International strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation and interruption insurance, which is not included in the trip price, and that Gateways International's cancellation policy cannot be waived for any reason. If I do not purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance, I will not hold Gateways International liable in any matter that would have been covered or not by this added insurance.

Signature of Participant: _____ **Date:** _____

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