

SPIRITUS MINISTRIES

# EXPERIENCE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

# Pilgrimage to MEDJUGORJE In Support of Radio Maria

## May 5-15, 2025

with Fr. Dan Reehil and guide, Ann Vucic

### A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

**Tekton Ministries** has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 25 years. 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.

A portion of the proceeds of this pilgrimage will go toward the support of Radio Maria. Each pilgrim will receive a tax deduction letter from Radio Maria in acknowledgement of this support.

On June 24, 1981, six young people from the quaint Croatian farming village of Medjugorje, in modern-day Bosnia-Herzegovina, claimed the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to them, bringing a message of peace and conversion for all people. She continues to appear daily to the present day, and her messages urge people to turn to God and place Him first in their lives and families.

Pilgrims on this journey will enjoy the guidance and leadership of Ann Vucic, one of the earliest witnesses to the Medjugorje events. Ann grew up in Chicago, but her family roots are in a village just two miles from Medjugorje. Providentially, her family was visiting their homeland when the apparitions began. After encountering God through Medjugorje in 1981, Ann's life forever changed, and she is now dedicated to sharing the story of Medjugorje and encouraging others to grow in love for Our Lord, Our Lady and the Church.

Our pilgrims will have the incredible blessing of being guided spiritually on this journey by Fr. Dan Reehil, renowned exorcist priest from the diocese of Nashville. Before he was a priest, Fr. Dan lived an indulgent, self-centered life, filled with wealth and luxury, surrounded by influential power players in the world of global finance and the entertainment industry. After a friend invited him to visit Medjugorje, he experienced a profound conversion. This conversion brought about radical changes in his life, which ultimately led him to the priesthood.

Fr. Dan and Ann have been bringing groups to Medjugorje together for over 10 years, along with the professionalism and expertise of Tekton Ministries, who work so hard behind the scenes. They, along with their entire team on the ground in Medjugorje, will ensure that your pilgrimage experience is smooth, powerful, and memorable.

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 it is the closest to heaven on earth they have experienced.

Pilgrims will spend one day in the picturesque coastal town of Makarska, exploring the beauty of the Adriatic Coast. Next, you will spend seven 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.





#### Day 1 - Monday, May 5 Depart Chicago

Depart from Chicago on our overnight flights to Europe. Meals served on flight.

#### • Day 2 - Tuesday, May 6 Arrive Split / Makarska Riviera

Upon arrival in Split, we will travel to the seaside town of Makarska, located in the stunning and dramatic Makarska Riviera part of the Adriatic Coast. Dinner will be served upon arrival at our hotel. (D)

#### • Day 3 - Wednesday, May 7 Makarska Riviera / Medjugorje

Today we enjoy some time on the Dalmatian coast of the Adriatic Sea. Wander the streets of Makarska, visit the beach, or relax and recuperate from the long flight this morning. In the afternoon, we travel a short distance to the outdoor Shrine of Vepric, devoted to Our Lady of Lourdes, for Mass and time for prayer. Then continue to Medjugorje where we will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (*B*/*D*)





#### • Day 4-10 (Thursday-Wednesday, May 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 a given a brief tour of the area, so that you are familiar with everything.
- We will have two meals each day at our hotel (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.
- 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 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 11 - Thursday, May 15 Sarajevo / Chicago

Depart Medjugorje early in the morning after a wonderful pilgrimage with Our Lady! Transfer to the airport in Sarajevo for our return flights home.

B=Breakfast D=Dinner





### MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

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| Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff       \$135.00         (estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)       \$135.00         OPTIONS:       • For a single room: add \$415 (limited single rooms available) | <ul> <li>Pilgrimage Director (Ann Vucic) from arrival to departure</li> <li>Local guide in Medjugorje; deluxe motor coach transportation<br/>to and from Medjugorje and holy sites</li> <li>Breakfast and dinner per itinerary</li> </ul> |
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| For a single room: add \$415 (timited single rooms available)     Land-only option: \$2,532 (no flights or gratuities included)     Final Payment Due     February 2025   | Rates do not include: lunches, drinks with meals  |
| (estimated/pre-collected with final invoice) OPTIONS:   | to and from Medjugorje and holy sites   |
| <b>ESTIMATED COST</b> \$3,607.00<br>Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff \$135.00  | Pilgrimage Director (Ann Vucic) from arrival to departure   |
| Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges       \$667.00         (subject to change until final ticketing)       \$3,607.00   | from Sarajevo to Chicago O'Hare on Austrian Airlines  |
| PRICE PER PERSONDouble occupancy with base airfare\$2,940.00  | BASE RATE INCLUDES:<br>• Daily Mass at holy sites   |

**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 90 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 89 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 21 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 - 46 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 45 - 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 Lufthansa/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 \$667.00 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.

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