

The Church of the Resurrection Bryanston presents  
**Our Lady Pilgrimage 2020**

# **MEDJUGORJE LOURDES ROME**

**ASSISI • LORETO • CROATIA**

**20 May to 4 June 2020**

**Led by Fr Keith Gordon-Davis**

**Fowler  
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## Thursday, May 20

We depart from OR Tambo International in Johannesburg to catch our flight and begin our pilgrimage to Lourdes, Rome, Assisi, Loreto, Split and Medjugorje.

## Thursday, May 21

On arrival in Toulouse we transfer by bus to Lourdes. On arrival in **Lourdes** we check into our hotel, which is very near the sanctuary, and then have Mass. We have time at leisure to explore the town of Lourdes. After dinner in our hotel, we have an opportunity to take part in the nightly torchlight procession through the sanctuary. Overnight: Lourdes

## Friday, May 22

After breakfast we have Mass and then enjoy a guided tour of the sites connected to St Bernadette, such as **Boly Mill** (where she was born), the **Cachot** (the converted jail where her family lived) and so on. We then have time at leisure to go to the famous **Baths** (mind the opening times), venerate at the **Massabielle Grotto** of the apparition, explore the tiered **Basilicas of Our Lady of The Immaculate Conception and the Rosary**,

We see the underground **Basilica of St Pius X**, meditate at the **Gave de Pau** river, visit the nearby **Church of St Bernadette**, which is on the spot where St Bernadette stood during the final apparition. and so on. Overnight: Lourdes

## Saturday, May 23

One of these two days we dedicate to following the **Stations of the Cross**. We have plenty of time to see the sites mentioned above to make the most of our time in Lourdes. Overnight: Lourdes

## Sunday, May 24

After breakfast at the hotel we transfer to Toulouse airport to catch your flight to Rome. In **Rome** we are met by our tour director who will accompany us throughout our time in Italy. We check into our hotel and have the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight: Rome

## Monday, May 25

Today we see **St John Lateran Basilica**, which is the official cathedral of Rome and of the pope. We visit the **Holy Stairs**, which are said to be the steps on which Jesus walked to his trial before Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem. At **St Mary Major Basilica** Pope Francis has a special devotion to the statue of Mary Salus Populi Romani in the basilica which he visits before every foreign trip. We then explore the **Rome of the Renaissance**, including the **Spanish Steps**, **Trevi Fountain**, **Navona Square** as well as the **Pantheon**. We also have opportunity to see the **Colosseum** and the **Roman Forum**. Overnight: Rome

## Tuesday, May 26

After breakfast, we go to the Vatican where we enjoy an expertly-guided tour of **St Peter's Basilica**. After some time at leisure, we follow the **Appian Way** to visit one of the **Catacombs** there. We then visit the **Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls** with the authenticated tomb of St Paul the Apostle, and the images of every pope in history, from St Peter to Pope Francis, represented in medallion mosaics. Overnight: Rome



Rosary Basilica in Lourdes



Massabielle Grotto of the apparition in Lourdes



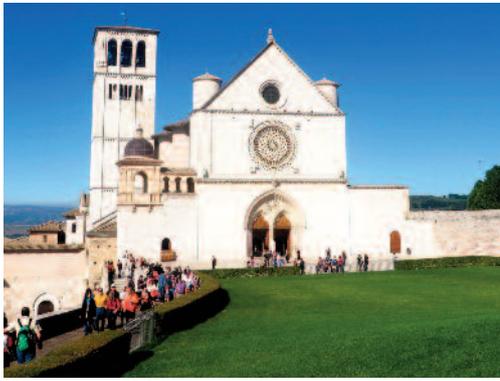
St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican



Pope Francis at a General Audience



Chapel of Salus Populi Romani in Maria Maggiore



Basilica of St Francis in Assisi



Porziuncola in the St Mary of the Angels Basilica



The Sanctuary of the Holy House of Loreto



Split in Croatia



Cross on Mount Krisevac

### Wednesday, May 27

Today we see the pope at the **general audience** in **St Peter's Square**. It is an unforgettable experience to see Pope Francis close-up (subject to the pope being in Rome at the time). After lunch we depart for Assisi. Overnight: Assisi

### Thursday, May 28

Today we meet our guide to explore **Assisi**, the town of St Francis and his companion St Clare. The 13th-century **Basilica of St Francis** contains the sacred tomb of Francis and Giotto's beautiful frescoes of his life. **St Clare Basilica**, also from the 13th century, houses the relics of St Clare, original robes that belonged to her, as well as the miraculous crucifix that spoke to Francis.

In the afternoon, we visit the **Eremo delle Carceri** in the caves on the slope of Mount Subasio just outside the walls of Assisi. St Francis and his followers established their first home at the Carceri Hermitage. He often returned here during his life to pray. At **San Damiano Convent** St Francis first received his miraculous calling in 1205 and St Clare died there in 1253, it is an important stop on the pilgrimage to the Franciscan holy city. Overnight: Assisi

### Friday, May 29

After breakfast, we leave Assisi and drive across Italy to the town of **Loreto** where we see the **Holy House of Nazareth** and the beautiful **Madonna of Loreto** which more than 50 popes have visited. According to legend, angels miraculously carried Our Lady's house from the Holy Land to Loreto. Historians have a simpler view: a family named d'Angelis transported Mary's house from Nazareth to Europe after the Crusader kingdom in the Holy Land fell to the Saracens. We are blessed to visit Loreto during the **Jubilee Year for Air Travellers** and for all Pilgrims to the Shrine of the Holy House from every part of the world, declared by Pope Francis. We then proceed to Ancona where we take the overnight ferry across the Adriatic to Split, Croatia. Overnight: Cabin on the ferry

### Saturday, May 30

We arrive in **Split** where we enjoy a guided tour of this historic and picturesque coastal city in Croatia region of Dalmatia. We see sights such as **Diocletian's Palace**, built in AD 305. The ancient **St Duje Cathedral** is the mausoleum of Diocletian, the persecutor of Christians, turned into a church. **Peristil Square** is an original Roman court.

Our bus then takes us to **Medjugorje** in Bosnia-Herzegovina. In the evening we participate in the Joyful and Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, Holy Mass, Blessings of Objects, Prayer for health of soul and body, and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Overnight: Medjugorje

### Sunday, May 31

The next three days are devoted entirely to Our Lady and her Son, Jesus. We have a guided tour of Medjugorje and there will be opportunity for **encounters with visionaries** of Medjugorje. Three of the visionaries still see the Blessed Virgin every evening during the recitation of the Rosary at 18:40. There will be time for prayer, silent adoration and, if requested, confession.

We climb the **Hill of the Apparitions** where bronze plaques depicting the Mysteries of the Rosary help us meditate on the life of Our Lord. On top is the site of the first apparitions of the Virgin, a place

of contemplation. We also follow the **Way of the Cross** on Mount Krisevac. The massive cross on the peak was erected long before the apparitions, in 1934 to mark the 1,900th anniversary of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Overnight: Medjugorje

### **Monday, June 1**

Today we continue our pilgrimage in Medjugorje. Overnight: Medjugorje

### **Tuesday, June 2**

Today we continue our time of prayer and reflection in Medjugorje, and join in the celebration of the shrine's feast.

### **Wednesday, June 3**

Today we leave Medjugorje and return to **Dubrovnik** to take our flight home, departing at 21:05. Depending on our arrival there, we may have some hours at leisure in this beautiful city, which is a **UNESCO World Heritage site** with its medieval fortresses.

### **Thursday, June 4**

We arrive in Johannesburg in the morning, physically tired but spiritually raised by our holy journey which brought us in contact with Our Lord, Our Lady and many great saints.



Statue of Our Lady on Apparition Hill in Medjugorje



St James church in Medjugorje

## How to book on this beautiful pilgrimage

**Est. Price:** R 44,980 (sharing, ex-Jhb; subject to currency, airport tax fluctuations, calculated on 35 passengers; R16,28 to the Euro)

Includes: All flights ex-Johannesburg (incl. airport taxes), accommodation in 3 and 4-star hotels (sharing) with breakfast and dinner, lunch (on eight days), ferry from Bari to Dubrovnik (accommodation in cabin, with dinner and breakfast), travel insurance (up to age 75), transfers, travelling on air-conditioned luxury buses, English-speaking guides and tour escort, entrance fees as per itinerary.

Excludes: Visas (Schengen only), tips & hotel taxes (mandatory, estimated at €10 p/d), personal expenses, travel to and from O.R. Tambo Airport/Jhb.

A deposit of R4,800 secures your place on this unforgettable pilgrimage. Send proof of payment, completed booking form and a clear copy of your passport to [info@fowlertours.co.za](mailto:info@fowlertours.co.za) or fax 086 672-9225

Name of Account: Fowler Tours  
Bank: Standard Bank  
Acc no: 07 307 535 3 (current account)  
Branch code: 026509  
Beneficiary Reference: Bryanston plus your name

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(one form per person, photocopies of form are permitted):

Enclosed is my deposit of R4,800 per person to secure my booking on the pilgrimage specified below.  
Payment is to be made to:

**Account Name:** Fowler Tours  
**Bank:** Standard Bank  
**Account no:** 07 307 5353  
**Branch code:** 026509  
**Name of trip:** Our Lady Pilgrimage  
**Duration:** 20 May to 4 June 2020  
**Cost:** Estimated: R 44,980 (subject to fluctuations, calculated on 35 passengers)

How did you hear about this pilgrimage?  Parish  Fowler Tours SA  Advertisement  Friend  Other

## 1.) RESERVATION FORM

Title: \_\_\_ Name (as it appears on your Passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions/Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred first and surname for Name Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing With (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Person**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

2.) **PASSPORT** (required to travel)

- Photocopy of passport inside page showing name and photo is enclosed / clear scan attached
- I am applying for a passport and understand that I must supply a copy to Fowler Tours at least three months before the departure date..

**N.B.: Passports must be valid SIX months following the return date of the trip.**3.) **PAYMENT TERMS & SCHEDULE:**

Deposit R4,800 to book. A final invoice, reflecting the final price, will be issued approximately 90 days prior to departure. Final Payment must be made within five days of invoicing. **BANK DETAILS AS ABOVE. N.B.: Bank charges for cash deposits will be charged to you.**

4.) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

I have received, read and agree to the TERMS & CONDITIONS and the Liability clause below, pricing terms, and payment terms outlined on this side of the form. I understand that the cancellation terms and penalties cannot be waived for any reason. If I decline to purchase travel insurance, I understand that there is no monetary recourse for any flight cancellations or delays by the airlines and I agree to the cancellation terms and penalties.

Signature (required to confirm reservation): \_\_\_\_\_

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# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## **THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip airfare from Johannesburg
- Airport & border taxes
- Overnight ferry with cabin accommodation (sharing)
- Full accommodation as stated in the itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner in hotels as per bookings
- Lunch on eight days
- Roundtrip airport transfers in destinations and luxury coach for all touring
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Travel insurance (up to age 75)
- Services of local tour operator
- Masses in holy sites
- All entrance fees as per itinerary

## **THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE EXCLUDES:**

Mandatory tips, portorage, private expenses excluded

**PRICING TERMS:** As per booking form

**PAYMENT TERMS:** In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, Fowler Tours charges a non-refundable deposit. Full invoice is issued approx. 90 days before departure; payment of which is due within FIVE DAYS.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All cancellations must be received in writing. No refunds of deposits, except at the discretion of Fowler Tours.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Fowler Tours offers to arrange travel insurance at the surcharge as per insurer rates..

**PASSPORT:** A valid passport is required of all passengers. Please apply for your passport immediately as passports are taking a long time to process. **Make sure to have it in your possession at all times while on tour. It must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding may be denied or entry into the destination may be forbidden. Please provide Fowler Tours with a copy or clear scan of the inside page of your passport (showing your name and photo) at the time of reservation. Fax copies not acceptable.**

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**DOMESTIC TRAVEL TO JOHANNESBURG:** You are responsible for your own arrangements to and from Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport.

**ITINERARY:** The Itinerary is tentative and represents what we are planning for you, however it is subject to confirmations from many organisations. Because of changes in local schedules, we may need to alter specified events, dates and/or venues to better fit the overall plan.

**TIPS:** Gratuities for your guides, driver and hotel staff, and hotel taxes (if applicable) are excluded. These are mandatory. You will be advised of the total cost of these before departure, and all monies will be collected by the tour leader who will then distribute them to the various recipients.

**ROOMS:** Tour prices are per person sharing. Single rooms at an extra rate are limited and are available first come-first served until the supply is exhausted.

**LUGGAGE:** Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

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