

Southern Cross Pilgrimage

MEDJUGORJE • ROME ASSISI • LORETO • SPLIT



9 - 18 May 2022

Led by Archbishop Stephen Brislin

Pray in **Medjugorje** and visit **Rome**, with papal audience, **Assisi**, the town of St Francis, **Loreto** with Mary's House. Plus a tour of historic **Split** in Croatia.

THREE COUNTRIES IN ONE TOUR!



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St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican



Pope Francis at a General Audience



The Colosseum



Porziuncola in the St Mary of the Angels basilica



Basilica of St Francis in Assisi

Monday, May 9, 2022

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

Tuesday, May 10

We arrive in **Rome**, and 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. We then explore the **Rome of the Renaissance**, including the **Spanish Steps**, **Trevi Fountain**, **Navona Square** as well as the **Pantheon**. During our time in Rome, the bishops of South Africa will be there, too. We hope to join them at Mass today or tomorrow. Overnight: Rome

Wednesday, May 11

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) — *and at Fowler Tours, we know exactly where to be for the best view!* After lunch we visit **St Peter's Basilica**, which was built on the site where St Peter was martyred. 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. **St John Lateran Basilica** is the official cathedral of Rome and of the pope. It includes many great artworks as well as a remnant said to be of the table of the Last Supper. We also have opportunity to see the **Colosseum** and the **Roman Forum**. Overnight: Rome

Thursday, May 12

After breakfast, Archbishop Brislin will join us and we leave Rome and go to **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. We then visit the **Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli** (St Mary of the Angels), just outside Assisi. This is the place where St Francis' great mission really began and where he died. Inside the grand Baroque basilica is the **Porziuncola**, the tiny church in the meadows which St Francis was called to renovate Overnight: Assisi

Friday, May 13

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. 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 14

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.

After our tour, we proceed 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-Monday, May 15-16

Sunday and Monday 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

Tuesday, May 17

After breakfast, we drive to **Dubrovnik**, on Croatia's Adriatic coast. Subject to our flight schedule, we will have time at leisure in the city of history and beauty before we begin our journey home.

Wednesday, May 18

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



The Sanctuary of the Holy House of Loreto



Split in Croatia



St James church in Medjugorje



Stations of the Cross in Medjugorje



Cross on Mount Krisevac

ABOUT MEDJUGORJE

Since 1981, in the small village of Medjugorje, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been appearing and giving messages to the world. 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."

On 24 June 1981, on the Podbrdo hill, six children saw a beautiful young woman carrying a little child in her arms. They were frightened at what they saw and did not come closer, even though the woman beckoned them. They knew that this woman was Our Lady.

The following day, the children returned to the same place in hope of seeing her again. With the flash of a light, the six children looked up and saw Our Lady, this time without the child. When they reached Her, they fell to their knees and began to pray with Our Lady. Before Our Lady left the children, she said: "God be with you my angels!"

There have been only five days where no apparitions were recorded. Medjugorje has been a place of peace, hope and inspiration for many. The Word of God is alive in Medjugorje, which is known to also be a place of conversion. This is why Pope Francis has authorised official pilgrimages to the sanctuary

There is always much going on in this very prayerful, peaceful place. The Virgin appears daily during the 18:40 rosary, and the visionaries transmit her message to the rest of the world.



Statue of Our Lady on Apparition Hill in Medjugorje



Statue of Jesus coming off his cross in Medjugorje

How to book on this beautiful pilgrimage

Est. Price: R 34,900 (sharing, ex-Jhb; subject to currency, airport tax fluctuations, calculated on 25 passengers; R16,77 to the Euro)

Includes: All flights ex-Johannesburg (incl. airport taxes), accommodation in 3 and 4-star hotels (sharing) with breakfast and dinner (in Italy; Medjugorje breakfast only), ferry from Ancona to Split (accommodation in cabin), travel insurance (up to age 69), transfers, travelling on air-conditioned luxury buses, English-speaking guides and tour escort, entrance fees as per itinerary.

Excludes: Visa (Schengen for Italy, applies to all three countries), tips & hotel taxes (mandatory), lunches, dinners in Medjugorje, 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 — and your place will be secured!

Name of Account: Fowler Tours
Bank: Standard Bank
Acc no: 07 307 535 3 (current account)
Branch code: 026509
Beneficiary Reference: Medjugorje 2020 plus your name

No cash deposits

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RESERVATION FORM

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

Enclosed is my deposit of 4,800 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: Southern Cross Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Rome, Assisi & Loreto
Duration: 6 - 18 May 2022
Cost: Estimated: R34,900 (subject to fluctuations, calculated on 25 passengers)

How did you hear about this pilgrimage? Fowler Tours SA Southern Cross Internet Friend Other

1.) RESERVATION FORM

Title: ____ Name (as it appears on your Passport)_____

Address: _____

_____ Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ ID Number: _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Email: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Medical Conditions: _____

Preferred first and surname for Name Badge: _____

Sharing With: _____

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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 60-90 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.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Johannesburg return; final amount subject to change
- Airport & border taxes
- Ferry from Ancona to Split (accommodation in cabin/sharing)
- Full accommodation as stated in the itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner (in Italy; breakfast only in Medjugorje)
- Travel insurance (surcharge applies for travelers aged 69+)
- Roundtrip airport transfers in destinations and luxury coach for all touring
- Guided by certified local tour guides/director
- Services of local tour operator
- Private 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 60-90 days before departure; payment of which is due within FIVE DAYS.

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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.**

VISAS: While Fowler Tours will advise you on visa requirements, obtaining visas is the sole responsibility of the traveller (unless specifically offered otherwise by Fowler Tours). **Fowler Tours is not liable for visa applications that are rejected or otherwise not obtained before departure, and in such cases cannot offer refunds.**

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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.

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