



## Sample Itinerary

**Day 1 FLY**

**Day 2 ROME** Inn Euro Transfer to hotel. Check in. Short tour of Rome

**Day 3 MEDJUGORJE** Transfer from the airport to hotel.

**Day 4 MEDJUGORJE** Fly Split, bus M'drje. Question time with Visionaries

**Day 5 MEDJUGORJE** Holy Mass. Climb Apparition Hill

**Day 6 MEDJUGORJE** Holy Mass. Climb Krizevac (Cross Mountain)

**Day 7 MEDJUGORJE** Holy Mass. Attend lecture / talk at St. James' Church

**Day 8 MEDJUGORJE** Holy Mass. 1/2 day - Siroki Brieg monastery excursion

**Day 9 MEDJUGORJE** Holy Mass. Public Apparition at Podbrdo

**Day 10 MEDJUGORJE** Holy Mass. Private Apparition in choir loft

**Day 11 ROME** Plaza Bus to Split, fly Rome. Tour St. Peters & Sistine Chapel

**Day 12 ROME** Holy Mass at Vatican. Full day tour of Imperial Rome

**Day 13 ROME** Papal Audience. Full day tour of Christian Rome

**Day 14 FLY #** Transfer to airport to catch international flight

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION (Italy)

### SEASONAL CLIMATE

*In Rome the climate is temperate, uniformly hot in the summer. To the south the summers are extremely hot and dry, and in the northern mountains cooler. Winter in the north, northern coastal region, and the Po valley, can be severe, with considerable snow in the mountains. The best time to visit Italy is in the off season, April to June and September to October, when the weather is good, prices are lower, and you have avoid the European tourist season.*

### VISA REQUIREMENTS

*Entry visas for Italy are not required for US, CAN, AUS, & NZ citizens. On arrival these nationalities will automatically have their passports stamped with a three month stay tourist visa. It is impossible to extend this visa in Italy, and if staying longer, you must leave Italy then return, even if this means crossing a border for a single day, then returning. (Other nationalities should consult the relevant consulate or travel agent).*

**VACCINATIONS & PROTECTION** *Nothing compulsory. We recommend you consult a doctor prior to departure.*

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed before departure.

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## HEALTH

EEC Nationalities receive free medical care in Italy if a E111 form is obtained prior to trip departure.

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## LUGGAGE / BAGGAGE

You are expected to carry your own luggage on the tour so don't overload. One suitcase and one day bag are advised. European flights are governed by the normal international luggage weight limit of 44lb /20kg per person. (US regulations are unique in that they allow travelers a much large allowance -one wonders why!!). Please be aware of this when packing if you intend to travel in Europe or further after the tour. (Please consult the Travel By Design office).

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## PERSONAL EXPENSES

You'll need some extra money to cover meals not included in the tour price, optional tours, other sightseeing, airport taxes, souvenirs etc., and items of personal nature (laundry etc.).

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## TIPPING

In Italy tipping in restaurants is not expected, but most locals leave a small amount as a gesture of appreciation. If there is no included service charge on the bill, a 10% tip is acceptable, but by no means obligatory. In bars etc., small change is the norm. All tour guides expect to be tipped. To avoid embarrassment or misunderstanding, consult your tour manager.

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## INCLUDED MEAL PLAN

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The Croatian climate is Mediterranean on the Adriatic coast, and continental inland. High coastal mountains shield the coast from the northerly winds. Coastal regions experience hot sunny summers, and mild rainy winters. In the early spring and during the autumn the weather cools a little, and although camping becomes less an option inland, on the coast the weather remains warm, and the temperatures do not fall dramatically.

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**Local food and drink;** Meals other than those included in the itinerary are paid for separately by the traveler. You should calculate for buying 4 evening meals and 4 lunches. Some examples of approximate comparative costs are given below.

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Tea	\$0.50	\$0.25
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Beer	3.00	2.00
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## PACKING FOR YOUR TRIP

### Clothing.

**Pack for temperate to warm conditions.**

Modest shorts, short sleeve T shirts, cotton shirts and slacks etc. The evenings can be cool, so a light jacket and / or sweat shirt is appropriate in late summer and spring. You should also bring a set of bathers for swimming.

**Footwear** Sandals and comfortable walking shoes are advised.

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## OTHER USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING WITH YOU

- \* Medical Kit
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**WARNING** Due to the present war in Croatia and surrounding regions, both US and UK governments have issued statements which strongly advise against traveling to Croatia. Travel By Design advises all potential participants on this itinerary to consider this carefully before embarking on this journey. Travel By Design cannot, and will not be held responsible for any injuries, misfortune, travel delay, etc., that may result from the present situation.

**TIPPING**

In Croatia if you have been served well at a restaurant, round up the bill. Do not leave money on the table. Tipping taxi drivers and bar waiters should be approached in the same manner. Tipping is by no means obligatory. All tour guides will expect to receive a tip. To avoid any embarrassment or misunderstanding, consult your tour manager.

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ITEM                      USA                      ITALY

**Included in Italy;**

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**Included in Medjugorje;**

All accommodation on room, breakfast and evening meal basis; all ground transportation in luxury motor coach; all pilgrimage visits, lectures by Friars, and sightseeing including all entrance fees, as per quoted itinerary. The services of English speaking escort / guide throughout the tour.