

Medjugorje, Padre Pio and Italy \$ 4875

17 Days Pilgrimage Tour: Medjugorje, Padre Pio, Croatia and Italy

Departures: Thursday 5 April and 6 September 2012

Day 1 Thu 5 Apr + 6 Sep: Australia - Flight to Rome

Day 2 Fri 6 Apr + 7 Sep: Arrive Rome

Transfer to your hotel in Rome. Afternoon free. (D)

Day 3 Sat 7 Apr + 8 Sep: Rome

Morning city sightseeing with local guide that will include St. Peter's Square and Basilica, Sistine Chapel (entrance fees included) and Vatican Museum, Coliseum, Roman Forum, Via Veneto. (B, D)

Day 4 Sun 8 Apr + 9 Sep: Rome

Easter day free in Rome (B, D)

Day 5 Mon 9 Apr + 10 Sep: AM Rome - Florence - PM in Florence

Early departure after breakfast to drive by motorway to Siena for a short visit. Then proceed to Florence for the included visit to the Academia to see the David of Michelangelo. Hotel Europa Signa (B, D)

Day 6 Tue 10 Apr + 11 Sep: AM Florence Venice - PM in Venice

Departure after breakfast to Venice where we will arrive in the late morning. Afternoon included tour with local guide. Hotel Poppi Gambarare/Venice

Day 7 Wed 11 Apr + 12 Sep: Venice - Trieste - Split

We drive across the Veneto plain to arrive in just over 2 hours in Trieste. With a population of 211,184 (2001) it is capital of the autonomous region Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Trieste province. Trieste flourished as part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire during the period 1857 to 1918 when it was Central Europe's prosperous Mediterranean seaport and its capital of literature and music. Today, Trieste is a border town par excellence. The population is an ethnic mix of the neighbouring regions; the dominant local Venetian dialect of Trieste is called Triestino. This dialect and Italian is spoken in the city centre whilst Slovenian is spoken in several of the immediate Suburbs. Italian and the Slovenian languages are considered autochthonous to the area. There are also a fair number of German speakers too. We then cross the border into Croatia and proceed to Rijeka for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 8 Thu 12 Apr + 13 Sep: Split - pilgrimage to Medjugorje - Dubrovnik

Full day to visit the sanctuary of Medjugorje. In the evening we continue to Dubrovnik arriving in time for dinner. (B, D)

Day 9 Fri 13 Apr + 14 Sep: Dubrovnik

Full day at leisure in Dubrovnik (B, D)

Day 10 Sat 14 Apr + 15 Sep: Dubrovnik - Ferry to Bari - San Giovanni Rotondo area

After breakfast, time for a last stroll around Dubrovnik before boarding our ferry departs at 1pm. Optional dinner on board, we arrive at Bari at 8pm and we drive to our overnight hotel near the sites of Padre Pio. On ferry coach seats accommodation. (B)

Day 11 Sun 15 Apr + 16 Sep: Full day at the sites of Padre Pio.

Full day to explore and visit the sites of Padre Pio. (B, D)

Day 12 Mon 16 April + 17 Sep: San Giovanni Rotondo - Paestum

Depart after breakfast to by-pass Potenza and on to Paestum. Hotel San Michele.

Day 13 Tue 17 Apr + 18 Sep : Paestum - Full day excursion

Today we will see Sorrento and the jewels of the Amalfitan Coast including Amalfi, Ravello, Positano.

Day 14 Wed 18 Apr + 19 Sep: Paestum - Excursion to Capri

Full day dedicated for a visit to Capri.

Day 15 Thu 19 Apr + 20 Sep: Paestum - Pompeii - Ostia (Rome)

Depart after breakfast to Pompeii for a visit of this famous site. In the afternoon, we proceed to Ostia (near Fiumicino Airport) for our overnight.

Day 16 Fri 20 Apr + 21 Sep: Ostia - Return flight to Australia

After a late breakfast, a short drive to Rome airport for our flight to Australia

Day 17 Sat 21 Apr + 22 Sep: Arrive Australia

End of Tour



Terms & Conditions

Viatour Travel Pty Ltd (hereinafter called "the Tour Operator") is the organiser of this tour.

Not included in the Tour price: Passport and visa fees, laundry services, phone calls, beverages, meals not indicated in the itinerary, all gratuities of any kind (which are at your discretion), items of personal nature, excess baggage and baggage handling, anything not included in the itinerary.

Baggage: On all motorcoach tours, one normal sized suitcase is allowed.

Health Requirements: Any physical or mental disability requiring special attention or treatment must be noted at the time of the reservation. The Tour Operator and / or its representatives reserve the right to exclude such passengers, unless prior approval for their participation has been obtained from local tour / cruise / land operators.

Travel Insurance: Protect your investment. Insurance to cover cancellation charges, trip interruption etc is highly recommended and is available through the Tour Operator or your professional travel agent.

Deposit / Cancellations / Refunds: A non refundable deposit of \$ 600 per person is required at the time of confirmation of the reservation. All cancellation requests must be in writing and are in effect (24) hours after the date they reach our office. In the event cancellation of a booking is requested less than (60) days prior to arrival, the cancellation fees will be charged according to the following schedule:

60-45 days: \$600 deposit, **44-30 days:** 20% of total price, **29-15 days:** 35% of total price, **14-08 days:** 70% of total price, **7 days or non-shows:** 100% of the total price.

Tours and Sightseeing: By luxurious air-conditioned motorcoaches and guided by professional licensed English-speaking guides. Tours not listed under "included" are optional.

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The price includes:

- Return economy airfare Australia to Rome;
- Accommodation in twin or double room in 3 and 4 star hotels;
- Dinner and breakfast daily except dinner on day 10;
- Excursions and entrance fees as per itinerary;
- Air condition de lux coach
- Ferry Dubrovnik - Bari
- Airport taxes.

Departures:

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The price does not include:

- Drinks and lunches;
- Personal expenditure
- Port taxes in Dubrovnik as unknown to the tour operator (approx € 12)
- Travel Insurance (recommended)
- Anything not included and/or not mentioned in the itinerary

Single room supplement: \$ 675

Airfare supplement for September departure: \$ 350



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