

Optional Extensions

Malta 3 NIGHTS



DAY 1 ARRIVE MALTA: Upon arrival we will meet our guide to visit **St John's Co-Cathedral, St Anthony's Church, Fortification and Auberges** built by the Knights of St John. Visit the impressive miraculous **Crucifix at Ta'Giezu Church** – the head is reputed to have been made by Angels. Continue to the ancient **Icon of Our lady of Damascus** and then to the **St Paul Shipwreck Church** (view two relics of St Paul).

Malta overnight (BD)

DAY 2 GOZO DAY: This morning we meet our guide for a full day sightseeing to **St. Paul's Bay** (where Paul first landed) and venture across to **St Paul's Bonfire Church** on the outer island where he came aground. We continue to **Gozo** visiting: **Church of St. John** (in Xewkija village), **Gozo Cathedral and Museum** (entrance to the **Rotondo**), **St. George's Basilica, Ggantija Temples** (the Giant's Tower is one of the most important archaeological sites in Malta), **Ta' Pinu Shrine and Calypso's Cave**.

Malta overnight (BD)

DAY 3 HAGAR QIM AND MEDINA: Today we have another full day sightseeing visiting: **Blue grotto, Hagar Qim Temples, Mnajdra Temple, Bastions of Medina, Chapel of St Agatha and St Paul's Cathedral**, where St Paul converted Malta to Christianity, **St Paul's Grotto and St Paul's Catacombs**.

Malta overnight (BD)

DAY 4 DEPART MALTA

Depart Malta on your return or ongoing flight connections.

Medjugorje 5 NIGHTS



DAY 1 TRAVEL TO MEDJUGORJE

Fly into Split or Sarajevo before being transferred by coach to the village of Medjugorje where we prepare for a most extraordinary encounter of grace and peace for the next five days.

Here we will be welcomed by our local guide and stay in close proximity to the Church of St. James in a quality family operated guesthouse.

DAY 2 - 5 MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

(5 nights / 6 day programme - B/D daily)

- Meet the Visionaries
- Ascend the Hill of Apparitions
- Way of the Cross to Mt Krizevac
- Oasis of Peace Centre
- Cenacolo Drug Rehabilitation Community
- Special events & talks
- Daily English Mass and nightly Croatian service and Rosary.

EVENING CHURCH PROGRAMME (DAILY)

6.00pm The Rosary (Joyful and Sorrowful Mysteries)

6.40pm Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00pm The local Croatian Mass followed by Benediction, blessing of objects and prayers for healing.

8.00pm The Rosary (Glorious Mysteries)

Above times are one hour earlier between mid September and mid April

DAY 6 DEPART MEDJUGORJE

Rome 3 NIGHTS



DAY 1 ARRIVE ROME

Coach transfer on arrival to our place of accommodation. Remainder of the day is at leisure.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 2 ROME

This morning we set off for the famous Vatican Museums and wander through the spectacular chambers leading to the **Sistine Chapel** to view Michelangelo's masterpieces, including the magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment. We continue through to the awe inspiring **St. Peter's Basilica**, the largest church in the world, for an informative exploration. Continue by coach this afternoon to the impressive **St. Mary Major Basilica**. Onwards to the **Basilica of St. John in Lateran** (first Papal residence) and the adjacent **Holy Stairs** brought from Jerusalem to Rome in 326AD by St Helena. Visit the **Basilica of Santa Croce in Jerusalem** with its extraordinary

collection of relics from the Holy Land including a full size replica of the Shroud of Turin. Our day will end with a special Mass here before viewing the **Colosseum, Circus Maximus**, and the **Roman Forum** en route back to our hotel.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 3 ROME

After a private Mass at St. Peter's Basilica this morning we continue our Christian Rome pilgrimage featuring the **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls** as a special tribute to the Church's greatest evangelist. Journey on to the **ancient Catacombs** for a memorable guided tour. Marvel at these underground burial tunnels for Christians and Hebrews.

This afternoon we plan to take a wonderful opportunity to visit the **"Scavi" excavations**; the archeological digs of early Christian tombs and the original St. Peter's Basilica

constructed in A.D. 324, underneath the current basilica.

Remainder of the afternoon will be enjoyed at leisure. Discover the sights of Rome. Strolling through the streets is like walking through the pages of a history book. Marvel at the Pantheon or visit the Church of St Ignatius with its amazing ceiling painted to look like a dome.

Set out after dinner to view **Rome by night** as we discover the city's renowned monuments from inside our comfortable coach. See the **Colosseum** alight, the **Victor Emmanuel Monument**, the **Piazza Della Republica**, **St Peter's Basilica** and **Capitol Hill**.

Later disembark to see the **Trevi Fountain** before strolling to the **Piazza Navona** to indulge in a gelati or enjoy a coffee while soaking up the vibrant atmosphere.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 4 DEPART ROME

Enjoy some time at leisure before our onward flight or pilgrimage connections.