

# PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE, PADRE PIO AND ROME

## CELEBRATING THE HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

WITH THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF **FATHER XAVIER DE PINTO, PASTOR OF STS. MARTHA AND MARY PARISH, MISSISSAUGA.....JULY 7 TO 18, 2025**

### ITINERARY

**DAY 1, MONDAY-JULY 7** **FLIGHT TO DUBROVNIK**  
We fly to Dubrovnik via Vienna. Relax and enjoy your flights. Complimentary meals and in-flight movies on transatlantic flight only. Group seating for our flight will be pre-assigned by the airline.

**DAY 2, TUESDAY-JULY 8** **MEDJUGORJE**  
After landing in Dubrovnik airport and collecting our luggage, we meet our guide and depart for Medjugorje. We will arrive at our hotel and get some rest after the long journey. Each evening, we will attend the parish evening programme which begins with the Rosary followed by Holy Mass and depending on the day, we finish with adoration.  
**Overnight: Medjugorje** **Dinner**

*Since 1981, in this small village of Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been appearing and giving messages to the world. These years that She is spending with us are a time of special Grace granted by God. In Her own words 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".*

**DAYS 3 TO 5, WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY-JULY 9 TO 11** **MEDJUGORJE**  
During our stay, you will experience the beauty and peace of this simple village and have the opportunity to share your faith with pilgrims from all over the world. Here are some of the activities planned for our visit:  
Daily Mass: Each morning at St. James Church for Mass.  
Climb Apparition Hill: Recite the Rosary while climbing the hill to the place where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady.



Climb Cross Mountain: In 1933, the villagers built a 30' high cross atop a mountain to commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Climb to the top, stopping 14 times along the way to rest and Pray the Stations of the Cross.

Apparitions: Join the villagers and fellow pilgrims in praying the Rosary in St. James Church and stay for the apparition of Our Lady to the visionaries and Blessing of the Sick immediately following.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Our Lady has always called us to be close to Her Son. Join fellow pilgrims for Adoration every afternoon at St. James Church.

Meetings with the Visionaries: Pending their availability, the guide will arrange meetings with the Visionaries.

Visit to the Community of Cenacolo: Founded by the Sisters of Charity, Cenacolo is a community for young men and women who have lost their way in life and are on the road to recovery. We will hear their inspirational words about their journeys back to Jesus Christ.

Prayer at the Statue of the Risen Christ: Pray at the bronze statue located on the grounds of St. James Church and witness the droplets of water that miraculously seep out of Christ's right knee.

**Overnight: Medjugorje** **Breakfast, Dinner**

**DAY 6, SATURDAY-JULY 12** **MEDJUGORJE-DUBROVNIK**  
We travel to Croatia and arrive in Dubrovnik. Enjoy a walking tour of the old city, under UNESCO protection, for more than 30 years. During our visit we will see Stradun, dive into the history of Rector's Palace, St. Francis Church, explore Sponza Palace, Orlando's Column, the first pharmacy in Europe inside the Franciscan Monastery, as well as interesting churches and city streets. Enjoy some free time to stroll on your own and dinner at our hotel.  
**Overnight: Dubrovnik** **Breakfast, Dinner**

**DAY 7, SUNDAY-JULY 13** **DUBROVNIK-SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO**  
Today we travel by ferry across the Adriatic Sea towards the city of Bari in Italy. We disembark and head towards **San Giovanni Rotondo**, home to our beloved **St. Padre Pio**, where he spent a lifetime of prayer, penance and self-denial through intense pain. We get settled in our hotel, enjoy dinner and retire for the evening.  
**Overnight: San Giovanni Rotondo** **Breakfast, Dinner**

**DAY 8, MONDAY-JULY 14** **SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO: ST. PADRE PIO**  
This Morning we pray at the Old Church, tour the sanctuary and view the crucifix, in front of which St. Padre Pio received the stigmata. We also see the humble saint's confessional from where St. Padre Pio spent an innumerable number of hours listening to the faithful's confession. Later visit to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel in Cagnano Varano.  
**Overnight: San Giovanni Rotondo** **Breakfast, Dinner**

**DAY 9, TUESDAY-JULY 15** **SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO-LANCIANO-ROME**  
We say goodbye to Padre Pio and depart towards Lanciano, where we see the greatest Eucharistic Miracle- a consecrated Host that turned into human flesh and has remained so for centuries. Carol Wojtyla, then Cardinal of Krakow, visited the SS. Relics of the Eucharistic Miracle on November 3, 1974. On the guestbook the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II expressed his devotion so: "Let us always believe more in you, have hope in you, love you." Continue our journey to Rome and check-in at our hotel for the last 3 nights of our pilgrimage.  
**Overnight: Rome** **Breakfast, Dinner**

**DAY 10, WEDNESDAY-JULY 16** **ROME: VATICAN CITY**  
This morning we arrive at St. Peter's Square where we are blessed by the Holy Father (providing His Holiness is in residence). Following the Papal Audience, we have free time to eat lunch and shop for religious souvenirs before embarking on a visit to the incomparable Sistine Chapel. We end the day at St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter was martyred, and we join pilgrims from all over the world in celebration of Mass.  
**Overnight: Rome** **Breakfast, Dinner**

**DAY 11, THURSDAY-JULY 17** **ROME**  
Our last day of Pilgrimage. Enjoy a guided tour of Rome visiting the major Basilicas: St. John the Lateran, (the oldest Basilica in Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Pope) and across from it, the Holy Stairs (regarded as the stairs climbed by Jesus on his way to face Pontius Pilate). Next, St. Paul Outside the Walls, the Trevi Fountain where we throw 3 coins to ensure our return to the Eternal City and stop by the Colosseum - for a memorable picture. We end the day at the St. Mary Major, one of the oldest shrines dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, which contains a relic from the manger of the infant Jesus.  
**Overnight: Rome** **Breakfast, Dinner**

**DAY 12, FRIDAY-JULY 18** **FLIGHT TO TORONTO**  
Sadly, our pilgrimage has come to an end. We depart for the airport for our return flight to Toronto. Arrival at Pearson Terminal 1.  
**END OF OUR PILGRIMAGE.** **Breakfast**

### PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM

## \$ 5,990.00 CAD

Price includes Fuel Surcharge & Airport Taxes \$ 917.17 CAD - Taxes are subject to change without notice until time of ticketing. Staying in individual room Pay \$ 1140 CAD supplement. See next page for complete list of inclusions.



*Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage (Psalm 84)*

To register and for more information please contact:



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**THE TOUR INCLUDES:**

- ✓ Round-trip economy airfare from Toronto.
- ✓ 10 nights accommodation at First Class hotels (Tourist Class in Rome), std room
- ✓ Daily Buffet Breakfasts and Dinners with set menus
- ✓ Private coach transportation throughout
- ✓ One Way ferry ticket Dubrovnik-Bari, Tourist class
- ✓ Entrance fees, tours as per the itinerary with bilingual English-speaking guide
- ✓ Hotel taxes and service charges
- ✓ Fuel surcharge & Airport taxes (currently at \$917.17 CAD and may change at any time without notice until the time of ticketing)

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:**

- ✓ Meals & Drinks not mentioned above
- ✓ Passports: Canadian citizens require a valid passport for more than 6 months after the return date
- ✓ Gratuities to guides and drivers and other local staff: **Eur 150.00** per participant collected in cash ahead for your convenience
- ✓ Costs of personal nature, optional excursions, excess baggage charges
- ✓ Insurance for medical, Cancellation and Interruption, baggage

**BOOKING:**

A \$ 500 non-refundable deposit is required at time of booking. If you opt to purchase Non-Medical or All-Inclusive insurance, it must be purchased at the time of first deposit. Bookings after **March 24, 2025** are subject to availability and full payment is due at time of booking.

**PLEASE NOTE ALL PAYMENTS ARE 100% NON- REFUNDABLE.**

**CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGES:**

If you must cancel, Gateways International must be informed in writing immediately. A \$75 CAD fee will be applied for any changes you wish to make to the group's itinerary. Changes after full payment is received will be treated as cancellations.

**PHYSICAL HEALTH**

Participants on this tour take full responsibility for being fully able to participate in the daily scheduled activities of the group, noting that tours organized by Gateways International require physical fitness. There is daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, and at times sidewalks and uneven terrain. One may choose not to participate in parts of the sightseeing; however, there is no refund for missed sightseeing.

**OPTIONAL TRAVEL HEALTH & CANCELLATION INSURANCE**

CAD \$Premium per person	All-Inclusive	Non-Medical	Staying in single room add
<b>up to 59 years</b>	348.00	308.00	49.00
<b>60-64 years</b>	421.00	350.00	58.00
<b>65-69 years</b>	508.00	389.00	66.00
<b>70-74 years</b>	668.00	444.00	76.00
<b>75-79 years</b>	1,010.00	629.00	118.00

- ✓ **All-Inclusive Worldwide Plan** provides coverage for *cancellation and interruption* up to sum insured, trip delay, \$ 10 million emergency medical, baggage & personal effects, baggage delay, personal money loss, passport loss, airlift accident and travel accident.
- ✓ **Non-Medical Plan** provides coverage for *cancellation and interruption* up to sum insured, trip delay, baggage & personal effects, baggage delay, personal money loss, passport loss, airlift accident and travel accident. There is no coverage for Emergency Medical.
- ✓ See the [Policy Brochure](#) for the full description and eligibility.
- ✓ Premium per person is subject to change without prior notice
- ✓ People living outside the province of Ontario, must provide proof of insurance from the province of permanent residency.

Travel insurance is designed to cover losses arising from sudden and unforeseeable circumstances. Please contact us to get a copy of the policy. It is important that you read and understand the policy before you purchase as the coverage is subject to certain limitations, conditions or exclusions.

Pre-existing condition exclusions may apply to medical conditions and/or symptoms that existed prior to a covered trip. Check to see how these apply to your trip and how they relate to your departure date, date of purchase or effective date.

**\*\*All participants must hold Trip Cancellation/Interruption + Emergency Medical Insurance to travel with us. Proof of coverage if purchased elsewhere must be provided at the time of booking.**

**Please contact us if you live outside the Province of Ontario and for other types of coverage.**

## FR. XAVIER DE PINTO, PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE, DUBROVNIK, PADRE PIO & ROME – JULY 7 TO 18, 2025

### DEPOSIT REGISTRATION FORM – COPY OF PASSPORT REQUIRED

Name (as per passport): First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have any Medical problems? \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  Enclosed is a photocopy of my passport (page showing name and photo)

I am leaving from *TORONTO*     I am leaving from \_\_\_\_\_ (we will call you directly with the airfare supplement)

I have a roommate     I need a roommate (subj to availability)     I want to travel Single, **pay \$1140 CAD** Supplement

**Emergency Contact in Canada #1: Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact in Canada #2: Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my **deposit of \$500 CAD** – By eTransfer to [accounting@gateways-international.com](mailto:accounting@gateways-international.com) (*Password: pilgrimage*) or by cheque payable to Gateways International, for credit card complete below

I authorize Gateways International to charge the deposit of **\$500 CAD** now and/or balance (plus or minus changes in Airport taxes and supplements if applicable) on my credit card listed below by **March 24, 2025**.

**Credit Card Type:** VISA \_\_\_ MASTERCARD \_\_\_ AMERICAN EXPRESS \_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

CVV \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name as it appears on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**INSURANCE:** Please add the following Travel Insurance to my package (*Payment will be collected separately*)

All-Inclusive Worldwide Plan     Non-Medical Plan     I decline insurance. Proof of my own Emergency Medical & Cancellation/ Interruption policy attached.

My signature below indicates that I have read and agreed to the Terms and Conditions outlined by Gateways International in this brochure. I also understand that Gateways International strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation and interruption insurance, which is not included in the trip price, and that Gateways International's cancellation policy cannot be waived for any reason. If I do not purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance, I will not hold Gateways International liable in any matter that would have been covered or not by this added insurance.

**Signature of Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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