



Blue Heart Travel Co. - Catholic Tours and Pilgrimages

Things to know before coming to Medjugorje

YOUTH FESTIVAL

During the summer months Medjugorje can be very hot, dry and with very little humidity. The sun is relatively strong so any kind of hat or baseball cap is highly recommended. Since most of our Medjugorje trip will involve walking around, we recommend that you bring along a pair of comfortable walking shoes. For those with sensitive skin we recommend sunblock with a high SPF. While in Medjugorje we advise that you bring along a backpack where you can store a bottle of water and, if you so choose, a small collapsible chair for when it gets crowded. Tap water in Medjugorje is safe to drink although due to the different bio-chemical composition of the water you drink at home you may have an upset stomach – we drink it normally. You will be in Medjugorje with the guide who will be your best source of information for a good and safe stay in Medjugorje. People in Medjugorje are 100% Catholics. Croatians are culturally different Americans, but the pilgrims are treated well and the local people try to be helpful as possible, although please keep in mind that not all of them speak English!

We as a small group will participate in most of the activities during the Youth Festival but we will also enjoy nearby waterfalls, good meals in local restaurants, meeting people from all over the world and learning about a new country, its history and people!

Passports – make 2 copies, leave one at home, and one copy in your suitcase! You don't have to have your passport with you at all times. Do not keep all documents in one place.

Airline tickets – you need to have them on you in order to check in, both the boarding pass and the ticket. KEEP THEM IN A SAFE PLACE...a lost ticket costs money! We will probably issue you e-ticket in which case you need to have confirmation number with you and if you don't have it, if you lost or misplaced it please ask your agent to give it to you before your last day on tour, definitely before you leave for airport. – **if you have e-ticket than your agent can always help you in case you lose e-ticket confirmation number**

Money – US dollars, Euro are ACCEPTED everywhere in Medjugorje, you do not need to exchange them. Make sure you bring smaller bills, 5, 10 and 20 if possible. In Medjugorje one can have a meal already from 7\$ – 10\$ with the drink, there are several fine restaurants with international cuisine in the area around the church, few pizza places, café and pastry shops. There are several supermarkets; some of them are around the church. We recommend that you do not show off expensive jewelry or watches in public places. Credit cards and traveler's cheques are NOT accepted widely; there are a couple of ATM machines around but you can only get local currency not US\$.

Food – In Medjugorje one can have a meal already from 7\$ – 10\$ with the drink, there are several fine restaurants with international cuisine in the area around the church, few pizza places, café and pastry shops. There are several supermarkets; some of them are around the church. While in Medjugorje drink only bottled water, tap water isn't recommended although local people drink tap water regularly.

Medicine – Bring along pain-killers and other medicines that you feel are necessary, especially if you are prone to illnesses caused by climate change or time zones. Also keep in mind that the closest medical

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center to Medjugorje is 20 miles away so drink a lot of liquids and try to refrain from drinking alcohol. This will also help with your jet lag.

Luggage – Travel light, maybe only one suitcase and one small bag, (carry on cabin size bag). Normal daily temperatures are in the mid-nineties, while nighttime temperatures usually circle around 75F. We recommend that you bring t-shirts and other light clothing as well as sunglasses. As we will be going to the swimming pool and the waterfalls for a day or two please bring a along your swim suits.

At the time of your arrival Medjugorje will be full of young people, therefore please try to behave well and in accordance to the “church dress code” when participating in celebration of the Holy Mass or when in the area around the church. – NO BIKINI, SLEEVELESS SHIRTS, SHORT. There may be young people there whose main reason for coming to Medjugorje isn’t prayer and getting closer to God but rather “having a good time” - drinking, sleeping outside and wandering around the village.

THANK YOU FOR RESPECTING MEDJUGORJE AS A PLACE OF PRAYER

