

"MARANATHA-CONVERSION" PILGRIMAGE

“YOUTH FESTIVAL”



From Saturday, August 2
to Saturday, August 9, 2025
Medjugorje, Bosnia & Herzegovina

WHO IS IT FOR ?

For all, like all “Maranatha-Conversion” meetings, but perhaps especially, for those who :

- Feel « young » regardless of their birth dates...
- Want to deepen their faith life by experiencing an extremely dynamic week of teachings, prayers, songs, fasts... in the Medjugorje Shrine and by participating in these mini-WYDs that have taken place every year since 1989.
- Seek to enter the mystery of the Invisible, to have an encounter with the Love of God.
- Do not hesitate to pray novenas, to make pilgrimages.
- Are not ashamed to have a childlike faith....

SPEAKERS :

On May 12, 2019 the Vatican authorized official pilgrimages to the parish of Medjugorje. For the first time at the 2019 Youth Festival many bishops and even cardinals were able to officially come and participate and teach at the festival. The many speakers at this festival are always exciting but by choice of the festival organizers they are only revealed as the festival progresses. These priests, bishops, archbishops, cardinals or simple laymen will make us enter into the beauty of the true and right devotion to the Virgin Mary and also understand the importance of the synergy between « intelligence of faith » and « expression of faith ».

Contemporary witnesses will share with us what they are living today and will tell us about the trials they have had to undergo in the past and how the Lord, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, has helped them to overcome all difficulties.

" The Holy Council commits at the same time all the sons of the Church to make a great deal of the practices and exercises of piety towards her, which the Magisterium has recommended over the centuries [...]. May the faithful remember that a true devotion does not consist in a sterile and ephemeral movement of sensibility, any more than in vain credulity, true devotion proceeds from the true faith, which leads us to recognize the eminent dignity of the Mother of God, and impels us to love this Mother with a filial love, and to pursue the imitation of Her virtues ".

(Vatican II, Lumen Gentium § 67)

*Lord, give me the intelligence to love,
and love to understand !*

Whoever you are, if the theme “Prayer for the healing of humanity, prayer for the healing of the human heart” entices you, come join us !

Join us for deep prayer and fasting for the healing of humanity and of the human heart.

There will be time for sharing with men and women committed to peace and the concrete search for solutions to the world’s challenges.

Discover the spiritual places of Bosnia and Herzegovina : Medjugorje, Sarajevo, Mostar...

If all together we start,
if we refuse to confess defeated in advance,
if we decide that from now on
we will become partners of Heaven for a better world,
everything will be possible.

Nothing is impossible to God and God hears our prayers.
If we are many, if our hearts are united in the same process of prayer and fasting
with the intentions of peace, the healing of humanity and the heart of man,
if we humbly put our lives in the hands of the Lord,
we can be sure that God will hear us,
that God will answer us...

In Pontmain, France, in 1871, Our Lady said :

**“Oh ! Do pray, my children. God will answer you very soon.
My Son lets His Heart be touched !”**

The Medjugorje Youth Festival program is organized by the parish and the Franciscan friars.
Youth Festival itself will take place from August 01 to August 06, 2025.

However, we at “Maranatha-Conversion” offer pilgrims to join us for a whole week,
from Thursday, July 31 to Thursday, August 07, 2025.

We only have about 10 beds, so we will have a small group, accommodation in our “Mission House”
and a family, community time.

Day 1 : Saturday, August 2, 2025

Arrival of the pilgrims Maranatha

Installation in the Maranatha-Conversion “Mission House”

Evening : Prayer of the Rosary and confessions – Mass and prayer
for healing

Dinner and overnight stay at the house

Day 2 to 7

Medjugorje

The program for each day will be proposed as the pilgrimage progresses

Hill of apparitions, Podbrdo

Way of the Cross on Krizevac

Daily Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Prayer of healing and blessing of objects

Teaching on the messages of Medjugorje

Dinner and overnight stay at the house

Day 8 : Saturday, August 9, 2025

Departure of the Maranatha pilgrims

If possible, Mass for all Maranatha pilgrims

Departure of the groups according to their transportation
(bus, plane, etc.)

PILGRIMAGE ORGANIZATION

In order to facilitate the organization “Maranatha-Conversion” pilgrimages/conferences, “Maranatha-Medjugorje” works with partners in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Only those who have registered for this pilgrimage with the “Maranatha-Medjugorje” association or with the associations, movements or agencies that are partners of “Maranatha-Medjugorje” will receive a badge to be able to participate in the meetings.

For logistical reasons, it will not be possible to join the group without registering with “Maranatha-Medjugorje” before the beginning of the pilgrimage.

THIS PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP !

We are looking for volunteers to make this unique pilgrimage known and, why not, to gather pilgrims in order to constitute a group that will leave from France, Canada, Belgium or other countries.

*MARANATHA-MEDJUGORJE
YOUTH FESTIVAL*

From Saturday, August 2 to Saturday, August 9, 2025

Package price of 550 €* per person

8 days, 7 nights

**airfare not included*

THIS PRICE INCLUDES :

- Accommodation in Medjugorje, in a standard 3-star guesthouse, in a double room (if you do not designate your roommate, one will be assigned to you automatically).
- **Half board** i.e. continental breakfast and one meal, including Wednesday and Friday as a simple “fasting” meal.

The “**Maranatha-Medjugorje**” pilgrimage is a time of fasting and prayer. People who register agree to respect this aspect and to understand that the organizer will not provide different meals. On the other days regular meals are served according to the program.

The specificity of the evening prayer program is that it ends late every evening.

- The presence of an accompanying team that will be with the group throughout the pilgrimage.
- The program of your trip with registration form.
- Badge and pilgrim’s pouch.
- The preparation of the trip in connection with the group leaders and in connection with the people on site in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The arrival in Medjugorje will be by your own means, either by road, plane or bus.

On the first day of the pilgrimage, buses will be waiting for pilgrims at the airports of Split, Dubrovnik, Sarajevo or Mostar. As soon as the buses are full, they will leave the airport for Medjugorje.

On the day of departure, buses will collect all registered pilgrims and take them to the airports of Split, Dubrovnik, Sarajevo or Mostar.

In order to benefit from this transportation, you must register at least three weeks before your arrival, sending us your arrival and departure airports, your flight numbers and your schedule.

If you do not wish to wait at the airports, you can take a cab, but this option is not free. It takes 2 hours from Split and 3 hours from Sarajevo or Dubrovnik. It costs 150 € per trip if the vehicle picks you up from Medjugorje and about double that if you take it directly from the airport.

THIS PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE :

- Air or road transportation to Medjugorje, except for the transfers offered from and to the airports under the conditions proposed above.
- Options: single rooms : **+154 €/per person** (limited number) for the duration of the stay.
- Traveler's insurance.
- Tips to guides and drivers (according to local regulations): **2 €/per day/per person** for the guide and **1,5 €/per day/per person for the driver**.
- Donations and offerings for meetings and celebrations at your discretion.
- Drinks, extras and generally speaking all personal expenses.
- Anything not indicated in “This price includes”.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES :

- * Up to 60 days before departure : **150 €/per person**.
- * From 59 to 30 days of departure : **300 €/per person**.
- * From 29 days to the beginning of the pilgrimage : **full price (no refund)**.
- * In case of no-show : **full price (no refund)**.

No cancellation fee will be charged for substitutes.

GENERAL CONDITIONS :

Your registration is not confirmed until you have received a confirmation email from us, along with an invoice, after you have paid your pilgrimage in full.

Please make sure that you are covered by travel insurance. We recommend that you carefully study the insurance contract you have taken out and take into account the conditions of specific exclusions for medical expenses abroad and for assistance and repatriation that are generally valid for all insurance policies. “Maranatha-Medjugorje” cannot be responsible for the consequences of not respecting these guarantees.

Make sure that you have your travel documents in order to go to Bosnia-Herzegovina :

- A **valid** identity card is sufficient for citizens of the European Union.
- For other countries, check if you need a visa in addition to your valid passport...

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SALE :

For political, military, sanitary, climatic, mechanical or economic reasons, in the interest and/or for the safety of the travelers, the association, “Maranatha-Medjugorje” reserves the right at any time to cancel the pilgrimage, to change the itinerary, to interrupt the course or to modify the prices.

It cannot be held responsible for these changes.

In case of cancellation or interruption, participants will be reimbursed:

- **Before departure** : of the amounts paid, excluding any damages;
- **During the trip** : in proportion to the number of days of travel, excluding all damages and interest;
- **In case of force majeure, external to the organizing structure** : an amount of 80€ will be retained, as compensation for part of the organization costs.

REGISTRATION FOR PILGRIMAGE

The registration will be validated only after the full payment of the pilgrimage

**The price of the pilgrimage for one person : 550 €*
In national currency = 1073 Marks convertible or BAM**

*The "Maranatha-Medjugorje" association
proposes payment by bank transfer*

*The price does not include air transportation

