### **CATHOLIC BALKAN TOUR**

#### **1ST DAY: ARRIVAL TO ZAGREB**

Arrival to Zagreb airport and meeting with LDC coach. Accomodation in uhotel in Zagreb and overnight.

#### 2ND DAY: ZAGREB - MARIJA BISTRICA - ZAGREB

In the morning, start of guided Zagreb city tour. Zagreb is the capital city of the Republic of Croatia and it is a business centre, university centre, city of culture, art and entertainment. Springing up from two medieval settlements - Kaptol and Gradec, which form the core of the old Upper Town, it is a true Central European city.

After sightseeing, continue to Marija Bistrica. It is a largest Marian sanctuary in Croatia, located on the slopes of Medvednica mountain. This shrine was visited by Pope John Paul II in 1998, to beatify Croatian Archbishop Stepinac. Enjoy in this scenic village and see the parish church which has a 16th-century wooden statue of the Madonna called "Our Lady of Bistrica".







In the afternoon, transfer back to Zagreb for overnight.

# 3RD DAY: ZAGREB - TRSAT - BIHAĆ

Check out in the morning. Departure from Zagreb to Trsat.

Arrival to the hill of Trsat – part of the city of Rijeka on Kvarner Bay – and start of walking tour of the oldest part of Rijeka. Trsat is a historichal place where the ancient castle of Gradina is situated, and where the most significant sanctuary in Kvarner is located. *Our Lady of Trsat* is the oldest Croatian sanctuary of the Virgin Mary. In 2003, it was visited by the Pope John Paul II. In his honour, the monument of The Holy Father –The Pilgrim of Trsat was built in the shrine.







In the afternoon, transfer to Bihać for overnight.

#### 4TH DAY: BIHAĆ - PLITVICE - MEĐUGORJE

Check out in the morning and drive to Plitvice.

Visit to National Park Plitvice. NP Plitvice lakes is the largest national park in Croatia that was put on the list of UNESCO's list of World Natural Heritage. The national park is world-famous for its lakes arranged in cascades. Take a walking tour, which is consisted of walking through the park of 16 bigger and smaller lakes connected with 92 cascades and waterfalls.







In the afternoon, transfer to Međugorje, BiH. Overnight in hotel in Međugorje.

# **5<sup>TH</sup> DAY: MEĐUGORJE**

Međugorje, a town located in the Herzegovina region of Bosnia and Herzegovina, is one of the most-visited pilgrimage centers in all of Europe. Be sure to visit the most compelling site here - the Mount of Appearance where Virgin Mary is reported to have appeared to children in 1981 for the first time. Experience peace and compassion of this place which became such a world-wide destination for pilgrims.







Overnight in Međugorje.

#### 6TH DAY: MEĐUGORJE - DUBROVNIK

Check out in the morning an transfer to Dubrovnik. Arrival to Dubrovnik and start of guided city tour.

Dubrovnik is a stunningly intact walled city on the Adriatic Sea coast of the extreme south of Croatia. It is a true Mediterranean town, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the Old town, walk through city's marble streets or along the ancient city walls. See the Church of St. Blaise or visit the historichal monasteries in Dubrovnik – Franciscian and Dominican.







Overnight in hotel in Dubrovnik.

## 7TH DAY: DUBROVNIK - DEPARTURE

Check out in the morning and transfer to Dubrovnik airport. Departure by flight.

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