

COLLEGE PILGRIMAGE 2019

FAQ'S

- What are the dates of the Pilgrimage?
 - Depart Sunday, June 23rd, 2019 from Seattle International Airport and returns from Split, Croatia on Sunday, July 7th, 2019.
- What cities will we be visiting?
 - The cities visited on the Pilgrimage are as follows: Rome-Assisi-Loreto-Medjugorje-Split.
- What is the projected cost of the trip and what does the cost include?
 - Projected land cost is approximately \$1500.00
 - Projected air cost is \$1469.20
 - Aer Lingus is the air carrier
 - Departure: Seattle to Dublin, Dublin to Rome
 - Return: Split to Dublin, Dublin to Seattle
 - The Pilgrimage includes air travel, accommodations, breakfast, dinner, private bus transportation to and from airports and cities while in Europe, and overnight ferry transportation from Italy to Split.
- What isn't covered?
 - Lunch, beverages, and snacks will be "on your own".
 - Tips and anything extra in general is not included.
- Are there any additional costs anticipated above and beyond what is outlined above?
 - In order to secure the best possible airfare and the best travel schedule, the group will be flying out of Seattle International airport. We are looking at the opportunity to offer bus transportation to Seattle out of Portland as an option. We will present the per person cost for bus transportation for those pilgrims who are interested once the information is confirmed.
 - We will also provide travelers with contacts for travel insurance. You may want to contact your own insurance companies to see if they also offer travel insurance.

While most travel companies highly recommend that travelers purchase travel insurance when traveling abroad, this will be at the travelers discretion.

- When are deposits due for the Pilgrimage?
 - The airline deposit of \$100.00 is due by Monday, December 10th.
 - We are awaiting confirmation as to the deposit due date for the land portion of the trip.
 - An email will be sent out to all those who have signed up that will give details on how to remit the deposit.
- Can I pay by credit card?
 - In order to secure the best airfare, the airline company will not accept credit cards.
- What if I make the deposit, but then due to unforeseen circumstances, I need to cancel going on the Pilgrimage?
 - Regarding the airfare portion of the trip, there will be a grace period until March 1st, 2019 for cancelation and the \$100.00 deposit fee will be returned. After March 1st, anyone who cancels will forfeit the \$100.00 deposit. (While there is a grace period for the deposit refund, we would request that you please advise as soon as possible if you must cancel. We would want to allow any potential wait listed people to sign up for the pilgrimage)
 - We are awaiting information on deposits and cancelation penalties related to the land portion of the trip.
- Can I make my own airline reservations rather than travel with the group?
 - There has been extensive work done to negotiate the best possible air travel using an OSU approved travel agent. Traveling as a group insures that everyone arrives into Rome at the same time and will be transported to the hotel by private bus. If for some reason you would prefer to make your own air reservations and travel independent from the larger group, please discuss with Father Maximo.
- Can I join the group later in the pilgrimage and/or leave earlier due to other commitments?
 - The pilgrimage itinerary has been developed in such a way that each day builds upon the next spiritually. Unfortunately the dates can not be modified.

Additional Information

- Everyone will need a valid passport for travel abroad. Please make sure that your passport is current and not less than 6 months till expiration after the final day of travel. If you currently do not have a passport, you are advised to apply now.
- We will check with the land tour group on how best to meet any dietary needs.