



BOSNIA-ERZEGOVINA
MEDJUGORJE

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MEDJUGORJE, VIONICA, A WOMAN AT THE COMUNITÀ DELLA FAMIGLIA FERITA IS NOT FEELING WELL DURING THE SPEECH OF THE VISIONARY VICKA IVANKOVIC

IN 1981 MEDJUGORJE WAS A POOR VILLAGE OF THE SOCIALIST YUGOSLAVIA SURROUNDED BY LOW STONY HILLS. IT WAS ON ONE OF THESE HILLS, THE PODBRDO, THAT ON THE 24TH OF JUNE SIX MINORS STARTED TO CLAIM THAT THEY HAD SEEN "A FEMALE FIGURE WITH AN OVAL FACE, BLACK HAIR AND BLUE EYES": IT WAS THE GOSPA, THE VIRGIN MARY. SHE INVITED THEM TO CONVERT, SHOWED THEM HOW TO FIND PEACE AND COMMUNICATED TEN SECRETS TO BE REVEALED TO THE WORLD IN DUE TIME. IS ALL OF THIS FALSE, AS SOME PEOPLE CLAIM? THE CHURCH HAS HAD A CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE SO FAR AND THOSE VISIONARIES, WHO HAVE NOW BECOME ADULTS, CONTINUE TO SEE THE VIRGIN MARY. IN THE MEANTIME MEDJUGORJE HAS BECOME ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP DESTINATIONS OF RELIGIOUS TOURISM WITH MORE THAN A MILLION PILGRIMS VISITING THE VILLAGE EVERY YEAR AND A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS OF SOUVENIR SHOPS, BOOKS AND TOUR PACKAGES.



MEDJUGORJE, RELIGIOUS SOUVENIRS
SOLD IN THE LOCAL SHOPS



MEDJUGORJE, THE VILLAGE-CASTLE THAT HOSTS PRIESTS BUILT BY PATRICK LATTA,
A RICH CANADIAN WHO HAS LEFT HIS COUNTRY TO COME AND LIVE HERE.



MEDJUGORJE, VIONICA, BUS OF PILGRIMS OUTSIDE
THE COMUNITÀ DELLA FAMIGLIA FERITA DURING THE
SPEECH OF THE VISIONARY VICKA IVANKOVIC





MEDJUGORJE, VIONICA, PILGRIMS BUYING RELIGIOUS
SOUVENIRS OUTSIDE THE COMUNITÀ DELLA FAMIGLIA FERITA
AFTER THE SPEECH OF THE VISIONARY VICKA IVANKOVIC



Santa Madre Si Dio

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MEDJUGORJE, FORMER DRUG ADDICTS OF THE
COMUNITÀ CENACOLO TELL THE HISTORY OF THE
COMMUNITY FOUNDED BY SISTER ELVIRA PETROZZI



MEDJUGORJE, TWO PILGRIMS RECITE THE
ROSARY ON THE COACH FROM MEDJUGORJE TO MILAN

MEDJUGORJE, PILGRIMS COLLECTING WATER DROPS
FROM THE STATUE OF THE RISEN CHRIST BY
THE SLOVENIAN SCULPTOR ANDREJ AJDIC



MEDJUGORJE, PILGRIMS LIGHTING A CANDLE
NEXT TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES





MEDJUGORJE, PILGRIMS GOING UP THE PODBRDO HILL, THE PLACE OF THE FIRST APPARITION OF THE VIRGIN MARY IN 1981

MEDJUGORJE, PILGRIMS ATTEND MASS
OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES





MEDJUGORJE, SHEEP IN THE
STREET IN THE VILLAGE SUBURBS

MEDJUGORJE, A PRIEST ENTERING
THE CONFESSIONAL BEHIND THE
CHURCH OF ST. JAMES



MEDJUGORJE, STREET VENDORS IN THE
COUNTRYSIDE NEAR THE VILLAGE





MEDJUGORJE, VIONICA, PILGRIMS AT THE
COMUNITÀ DELLA FAMIGLIA FERITA DURING THE
SPEECH OF THE VISIONARY VICKA IVANKOVIC

MEDJUGORJE, RELIGIOUS SOUVENIRS SOLD OUTSIDE
THE COMUNITÀ CENACOLO, FOUNDED BY SISTER
ELVIRA PETROZZI TO HELP FORMER DRUG ADDICTS





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