



12 Day Pilgrimage POLAND

2024

May 7 : Overnight Flight

We are on our way to Poland, a land of rich culture, astounding history, delicious cuisine, and enduring faith.

May 8 : Warsaw

Witamy to Warsaw! We will check into our hotel before celebrating Holy Mass and having an orientation tour of Warsaw's Old Town and Market Square. We will end the evening with an exquisite welcome dinner at one of Warsaw's locally known restaurants.

May 9 : Warsaw

We will take you on a half day city tour of Warsaw exploring a special exhibit to Father Jerzy Popieluszko at Saint Stanislaw Kostka Church and the Royal Castle. As we feast at lunch, you will be able to experience a hands-on pierogi making demonstration. Your afternoon is at leisure to explore the alleyways, enjoy a quaint cafe in Warsaw's Old Town, tour a museum, or simply relax.

May 10 : Niepokolanow/Lowicz/Czestochowa

We will depart Warsaw and stop to celebrate Holy Mass at Niepokalanow Sanctuary; where Saint Maximilian Maria Raymond Kolbe began his ministry and founded the monthly periodical *Rycerz Niepokalanej (Knight of the Immaculata)*. Following our tour, we will travel to a delightful little town of Lowicz, where Kasia and Wojtek have prepared a meal fit for a king in their elegant castle home. This evening we will transfer to the Hill of Light, Jasna Gora, to say goodnight to Our Lady of Czestochowa and retire at the Arch in Czestochowa.

May 11 : Czestochowa/Oswiecim

It is said that Czestochowa is where Poland's heart beats, as the miraculous image of the Black Madonna appears. We will greet our Blessed Mother early this morning with sounds of trumpets, song and prayer, tour the shrine grounds together, and celebrate Holy Mass in this holy monastery where more than 5 million pilgrims journey each year to pay honor to Our Lady of Czestochowa. Following, we will enjoy our afternoon lunch overlooking the Olsztyn castle ruins.

May 12 : Oswiecim/Wadowice/Zakopane

Today, we will pilgrimage together through a sad time of history, where a local guide will take us into the former Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. In the afternoon, we will transfer to Wadowice, where we will enjoy a prepared lunch before touring the birth home of Saint John Paul II. We will celebrate Holy Mass in the parish that SJPII grew up in and received most all of his sacraments. We will continue onward to retire at Radisson Blu Hotel in the lustrous mountains of Zakopane.

May 13 : Zakopane

The mountainous region of Poland, Zakopane is home to the highlanders, known for their wooden craftsmanship, artistic window painting, and heavy wool attire. Jaszczurowka Chapel and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima at Krzeptowki are two of the most must-see attractions, as the handmade beauty surrounds these churches. After visiting these sites, we will walk through the main street of Zakopane to take the funicular to Gubalowka Mountain and enjoy an afternoon at leisure for exploring the city and shopping. In the evening, an exciting, fun-filled dinner awaits us before our overnight at Radisson Blu Hotel, Zakopane.

May 14 : Ludzmierz/Zakopane

Today we travel to the iconic Sanctuary of Our Lady of Ludzmierz, where it is revered by the Podhale and Goral people who live in the surrounding Tatra Mountains. Adventure awaits us, as next, we take a river raft ride down the Dunajec River through the Pieniny Gorge, with amazing landscapes and gorgeous views, including the famous Trzy Korony summit range (Three Crowns). The rafts are rowed the old fashioned way, none other than by two Gorale. In the evening, we will return for our overnight at Radisson Blu Hotel, Zakopane.

May 15 : Wieliczka/Krakow

Our day will start with a morning transfer to the Salt Mines of Wieliczka. The history of Wieliczka dates back to the Middle Ages. It has been known as the largest source of salt in Poland since the 13th century. We will explore and admire the salt landscapes, salt rocks, lakes, works of art, and celebrate Holy Mass in St. Kinga's Chapel down in the mine. After our time underground, we will have lunch at a local restaurant with evening at leisure. Our overnight accommodations will be at the Holiday Inn, Krakow.

May 16: Krakow

Today we will have the chance to do a half day city tour of Krakow, including stops at the Wawel Cathedral and Old Town. Krakow is known for its well-preserved medieval core and grand historic architecture. You will also have the chance to visit and experience the famous Cloth Hall, which is still used as a center of commerce. If you are looking for souvenirs to bring back, this is a great place to shop! Overnight accommodations will be at the Holiday Inn, Krakow.

May 17: Lagiewniki/Krakow

Today we will visit the original Shrine of Divine Mercy, where Jesus appeared to Sister Maria Faustyna Kowalska and gave her His divine messages of His mercy for the world to know. In the later afternoon, you may enjoy your time at leisure, prior to our farewell dinner together at Miod & Wino Restaurant.

May 18: Chicago

We will enjoy a full morning breakfast to prepare us for our journey back home. We will then be transported to the Balice - Saint John Paul II Airport with flight back to Chicago.

Total Cost: \$3,995

All Inclusive based on double occupancy
add'l \$750 for Single Occupancy

What is Included in the Cost:

- International Round Trip Airfare
- Deluxe Bus for Ground Transportation
- Four to Five Star Hotel Accommodations
- 2 Full Meals Daily
- Holy Mass Everyday
- All Tips, Taxes, & Gratuities
- All Entrance Fees to Sites
- Expert Guided Tours
- Folklore Shows
- Unforgettable Holy Experience
- Portage Service

What is Not Included in the Cost:

- Travel Insurance
- Extra Spending on Souvenirs/snacks
- Any Mass Intention Requests



Your Tour Escorts:

Simply Polish or the Piotrowski family is dedicated in keeping the Polish culture alive. They are excited to take you on a journey to relive the historic and beautiful traditions of the Polish lifestyle. Erika and her family are committed in taking the best care of you as you dive into the beautiful country of Poland. We are privileged to have Father Tyler Bischoff from All Saints Catholic church, Alpena, MI, as our spiritual guide. We hope we have the pleasure of travelling with you!

First Class Lodging Includes:

- Novotel Hotel, Warsaw 5* (2 nights)
- Arche Hotel, Czestochowa 4* (1 night)
- Hampton by Hilton Hotel, Oswiecim 4* (1 night)
- Radisson Blu Hotel, Zakopane 4* (3 nights)
- Holiday Inn Hotel, Krakow 5* (3 nights)

Tour Pacing:

- This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven walking ground and cobblestone streets.

Document Requirements:

- Valid Passport is Required. No Visas are required on this tour for holders of U.S. or Canadian Passports. Other Nationalities Please Enquire.
- Emergency Hospital/Medical Insurance for out of country is strongly recommended.

Trip Insurance:

Strongly Recommended but Optional.

- Travel Insurance for Medical or Health Reasons
- Most Insurance carriers such as Blue Cross, Blue Shield, etc. should cover medical expenses overseas, but check with your current carrier to be sure.

Travel Insurance for Trip Cancellation/Interruption:

- Coverage for the following reasons such as emergency evacuation, cancellation on trip, baggage delay, etc. can be found at the following websites or by calling:
 - Travel Guard www.travelguard.com 1-800-826-5248
 - Travelex www.travelexinsurance.com 1-800-228-9792
- The travel agent we are working with is located out of country and is not licensed to sell trip insurance to U.S. citizens.



Registration

Please complete this form and send along with a \$500/person deposit to reserve your pilgrimage tour today! Checks to be made out to Erika Piotrowski. Balance to be paid on or before December 31, 2023.

Individual #1:

Name as per passport: _____
Citizenship: _____ Email: _____
Passport No. & Expiration Date: _____
Birthdate: _____ If Married; date of Anniversary: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____ Emergency Contact: _____

Individual #2:

Name as per passport: _____
Citizenship: _____ Email: _____
Passport No. & Expiration Date: _____
Birthdate: _____ If Married; date of Anniversary: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____ Emergency Contact: _____

Cancellations are subject to the following fees:

If cancellation is received before December 31, 2023: Full Refund
If cancellation is received on or before March 7, 2024: 50% non refundable
If cancellation is received after March 7, 2024: 100% non refundable

*The tour operator reserves the right to make any changes that may be required throughout the tour due to, but not limited to, changes in local events & schedules, traffic conditions, weather conditions, changes required for the safety, well being or comfort of passengers, etc.

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