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# *Pilgrimage to* POLAND

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JUNE 21 – 30, 2021



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## Itinerary

### DAY 1: WEDNESDAY JUNE 21 • DEPART USA

Depart on overnight flights to Warsaw

### DAY 2: THURSDAY JUNE 22 • ARRIVE IN WARSAW | CITY TOUR

Upon arrival in Warsaw, meet your tour manager, transfer to the hotel and check-in. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town and the ambience of the Market Square with its scenic narrow and winding streets. Begin at the 14th century Cathedral of St. John where Servant of God Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski is buried. Pass the Royal Castle, a magnificent example of Baroque architecture. This walking tour will be dependent on the flight arrival time. Celebratory welcome dinner and overnight in Warsaw.

### DAY 3: FRIDAY JUNE 23 • FR. JERZY POPIELUSZKO | NIEPOKOLANOW

This morning, visit the Church of St. Stanislaw Kostka, and the tomb of Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, chaplain and martyr of the Solidarity Movement. Celebrate Mass at the shrine (pending confirmation) followed by time to visit Fr. Jerzy Museum and plenty of time for prayer and reflection. In the afternoon, transfer to Niepokolanow – the Immaculata city built by Fr. Maximilian Kolbe. Enjoy lunch on your own at the shrine followed by a talk highlighting the life of St. Maximilian. Return to Warsaw for dinner on your own and overnight.

### DAY 4: SATURDAY JUNE 24 • CZESTOCHOWA | ZAKOPANE

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and depart for Czestochowa, the center of Poland's religious life and home of the famous icon of the Black Madonna, which is venerated as the "Queen of Poland" and has become the country's national symbol. Celebrate Mass at the Icon of the Black Madonna, followed by a guided tour of the shrine by one of the Pauline monks. After lunch on your own, continue to Zakopane, Poland's winter capital nestled in the Tatra mountains and a place close to the heart of St. John Paul II. As a child he hiked and skied along the mountain's trails, and as a priest and bishop he led youth excursions along the same trails. Check into your hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure. Dinner on your own and overnight in Zakopane.

### DAY 5: SUNDAY JUNE 25 • ZAKOPANE |

Start the day by celebrating Mass at the Fatima Church, built by the mountaineers in gratitude for the Blessed Mother saving the life of St. John Paul II from the assassination attempt. Experience a funicular ride to the heights of Mt. Gubalowka for a stunning view of the Tatra Mountains and the town of Zakopane. Next, take an enchanting ride on the horse carriages through the forest ending at a wooden hut with "bigos" (national Polish dish) and sausages on bonfire. Enjoy free time for lunch and shopping at Krupowki Street in the local bazaar. Enjoy dinner at a typical Mountaineers restaurant with traditional music. Overnight in Zakopane.

### DAY 6: MONDAY JUNE 26 • SALT MINES | TYNIEC ABBEY

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to the Church of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Zakopane (often called the "old church") to celebrate Mass. Built in 1847, it is the oldest wooden religious building in Zakopane. Depart for Krakow. Upon arrival, visit one of its most unique attractions, the Wieliczka Salt Mine, which operated as one of the oldest salt mines in the world, producing salt continuously from the 13th century up until 2007. The salt mine features a statue of St. John Paul II carved from a large block of salt. Afterwards, enjoy a tasting of Benedictine specialties and liquors at Tyniec Abbey. Dinner on your own and overnight in Krakow.

### DAY 7: TUESDAY JUNE 27 • AUSCHWITZ |

After breakfast, transfer to Oswiecim to visit Auschwitz Concentration Camp where St. Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein) faced martyrdom and St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteered his life for that of a fellow prisoner. Tour through the campus and celebrate Mass at the St. Maximilian Kolbe Shrine. Lunch on your own at the shrine followed by a talk highlighting Divine Mercy in facing the reality of Auschwitz. Take time at leisure for prayer. Return to Krakow for dinner as a group at a local restaurant with a traditional folklore show. Overnight in Krakow.

### DAY 8: WEDNESDAY JUNE 28 • DIVINE MERCY CENTER | ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

This morning, transfer to the Divine Mercy Center in Lagiewniki to celebrate Mass and pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. See the Basilica of the Divine Mercy, which was consecrated by St. John Paul II during his last trip to Poland. Visit the convent and Chapel of the Apparitions and see the tomb of St. Faustina Kowalska with ample time for prayer and veneration. Then, transfer nearby to the "Have No Fear" John Paul II Center to pray in the Sanctuary of St. John Paul II, a chapel with relics of the former pope, including a vial of his blood. Return to Krakow for dinner on your own and overnight.

### DAY 9: THURSDAY JUNE 29 • WAWEL ROYAL CASTLE & CATHEDRAL |

Following breakfast, proceed to Wawel Hill to see Wawel Royal Castle, one of the most beautiful Renaissance residences in central Europe. Celebrate Mass at Wawel Cathedral, where St. John Paul II was ordained a priest and celebrated his first Mass. Tour the cathedral to see the tombs of St. Stanislaw, St. Hedwig, and the final resting place of Polish kings, poets and national heroes. Stop at the Deanery building where St. John Paul II resided while living in Krakow, and visit the courtyards of Collegium Maius University, where Copernicus and St. John Paul II once walked as students. The rest of the afternoon will be at leisure before a festive farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

### DAY 10: FRIDAY JUNE 30 • RETURN TO USA

Following a spiritually moving journey to the homeland of St. John Paul II, transfer to the airport in Krakow for return flights to the USA.



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## TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Eight (8) nights' accommodations at 4-star hotels: 2 nights in Warsaw, 2 nights in Zakopane, and 4 nights in Krakow
- Continental breakfast daily
- Five (5) dinners, including a Welcome and Farewell Dinner
- Luxury motor coach for airport transfers in Poland and specified sightseeing
- Local, Catholic tour manager while in Poland
- Local guides according to the itinerary
- Sightseeing and entrance fees according to the itinerary
- Arrangements of daily Mass and donations in unique and historical churches (all locations are tentative and subject to confirmation)
- Hotel & city taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage
- Whisper sets

## YOUR TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Airfare (Group Air to be offered in September 2020)
- Airport transfers for travelers not on the group airfare
- Meals not specifically identified
- Beverages with meals unless specified
- Gratuities payable to tour director, guides and drivers\*
- Other personal expenses • Items not specifically mentioned above.

#### EXCITING DETAILS TO COME!

- "Tour is confirmed" e-mail - sent upon minimum number of travelers met and no later than 90 days prior to departure
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- Hotel information e-mail - Sent approximately 45 days prior to departure
- Final Travel Document Mailing - Sent approximately 10 days prior to departure

**NOTE:** It is customary to tip the tour director 4 euros and the driver 3 euros per person, per day. The tip for the local guides is typically 1 euro for half-day tours and 2 euros for full-day tours.

#### PAYMENT & CANCELLATION TERMS

**Deposit: \$350** per person due upon registration (+ travel protection, if selected)

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