Pilgrimage to POLAND, PRAGUE, & MEDJUGORJE

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\$4,999 per person from San Francisco (SFO) All prices based on double occupancy. Pricing available from any airport: <u>www.206tours.com/airports</u>

Optional Pre-Tour to Warsaw and Czestochowa: June 30 – July 04, 2025 | \$1,273.00 per person

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Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round trip airfare
- Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- Hotel accommodations: (or similar) in double occupancy
- 4 nights: Jul 4 8: Holiday Inn Krakow City Centre, Krakow, Poland 2 nights: Jul 8 - 10: Hotel Andel, Prague, Czechia
- 4 nights: Jul 10 14: Villa Grace, Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina Optional Pre-Tour hotel accommodations:
- 2 nights: Jul 1 3: Hotel Polonia Palace, Warsaw, Poland
- 1 night: Jul 3 4: Hotel Arche, Czestochowa, Poland

- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Wine and mineral water with dinners
- Transfer by Private Motor coach
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Entrance fees
- Tour Escort throughout
- Whisper headsets
- Luggage Handling (one piece per person)
- Flight bag & PDF confirmation of all travel documents

Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1 | Thursday, July 3: Depart for Krakow

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight(s) to Krakow. Your meals will be served on board.

Day 2 | Friday, July 4: Arrive Krakow Welcome to Poland! Upon arrival at Krakow Airport, you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. After a warm welcome to Poland, you will be escorted to your transportation to your hotel. Enjoy a free afternoon to stroll the quaint streets of Krakow before meeting your group for a welcome dinner and a show at a local restaurant.

Day 3 | Saturday, July 5: Krakow - Zakopane - Krakow After breakfast, you will drive through the mountains to the breathtaking, yet small and remote village of Zakopane. Take a cable car ride to the nearby mountaintop. At the top, you will truly experience God's magnificent Glory when you look out at the magnificant panoramic view. Following the many photos captured atop the mountain, head to the Jaszczorowka Chapel. This Wojtyla (Saint John Paul II). Continue your tour to the colorful, Krupowki Street. Shop at the local bazaar before returning to Krakow. Enjoy a beautiful dinner and an optional stroll through the old city before retiring

Day 4 | Sunday, July 6: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

After breakfast, you will explore Krakow's Market Square as the sound of the silver trumpet from St. Mary's Tower fills the air. The square contains a number of buildings that hold important historic value such as, the Town Hall Tower, the Cloth Hall, and the Burgher's houses. Make your way to Wawel Hill, where you will visit the beautiful Cathedral, and Coronation Chapel. Pray at the tomb of the patron saint of Poland, St. Stanislaus. Next, a short drive to Auschwitz, notoriously known as a Nazi concentration camp during the Second World War. Upon arriving at the former camp, you can feel the darkness and sorrow that overtakes the atmosphere as there were numerous unspeakable atrocities that occurred at this site. View the cell that imprisoned the Christ-like, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and visit the Martyrdom Museum. Return to your hotel in Krakow for dinner and a restful overnight.

Day 5 | Monday, July 7: Krakow - Lagiewniki (Shrine of Divine Mercy) -Wieliczka - Krakow

On your last day of touring Krakow, after breakfast depart for your excursion to Lagiewniki, the capital of the Divine Mercy. Through the mediation of St. Faustina, Christ passed on the message of Divine Mercy at Lagiewniki. While here, you will have the opportunity to visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy that contains images of the Merciful Jesus, relics of St. Faustina, as well as, the Saint's convent chapel and her Tomb. Visit and celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Divine Mercy that here the Devite the Devite Wass of the Mercy of Divinity, which was visited by Saint John Paul II in 2002. Following Mass, have the opportunity to pray by a relic of Saint John Paul II. Continue to Wieliczka and visit Europe's oldest salt mine, which has been listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Return to Krakow for your farewell dinner and last overnight in Poland.

Day 6 | Tuesday, July 8: Krakow - Prague After breakfast, depart for your scenic motor coach ride (or short flight) to the enchanting city of Prague, a city of domed rooftops, soaring steeples, and countless spires. Enjoy the lovely city at your leisure before enjoying dinner and retiring for a restful overnight.

Day 7 | Wednesday, July 9: Prague

After breakfast, make your way to the Church of Our Lady Victorious, home of the famous Child Jesus statue called the Infant Jesus of Prague. The statue, a 16th-century depiction of infant Jesus holding a globus cruciger, (an orb and cross), was donated to the Carmelite friars in 1628. Following Mass, enjoy a walking tour of Old Town Prague. Walk along the Royal Route to the Old Town Square. In beautiful Prague's Castle district, visit St. Nicholas Church, St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George Basilica, Loreto Church and Strahov Monastery Continue along Karlova Street to Charles Bridge crossing the Vltava River adorned with many baroque statues. Enjoy breathtaking view of the magical Prague Castle. View the Astronomical Clock of Prague and walk on Wenceslas Square, one of the main city squares. The square is named after Saint Wenceslas, the patron saint of Bohemia. It is part of the historic center of Prague, a World Heritage Site. Return to the hotel for dinner and a restful overnight.

Day 8 | Thursday, July 10: Prague - Medjugorje An early morning departure from Prague for your flights to Medjugorje. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by a tour guide and/or driver who will then take you on the 2.5 hour drive by private coach to the village of Medjugorje. Once there, you'll meet your fellow pilgrims and be introduced to your host family in who's modern and comfortable house you will be staying for the next several nights.

Days 9 - 11 | Friday - Sunday, July 11 - 13: Medjugorje The most beautiful features of Medjugorje are its simplicity and peace. While in Medjugorje, you may experience your faith grow, and share in the faith journey of pilgrims from all over the world. A local guide will accompany your group throughout your stay in the village. Some activities that will accompany you in your spiritual journey:

- Attend Daily Mass
- Climb Apparition Hill Climb Mt. Krizevac (Cross Mountain)
- Apparitions
- Visit the Community of Cenacolo Prayer at the Statue of the Risen Christ

Day 12 | Monday, July 14: Medjugorje - USA After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, you will leave by motor coach for Dubrovnik Airport (Split or Sarajevo) for your return flights home.

OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR TO WARSAW & CZESTOCHOWA

Day 1 | Monday, June 30: Depart for Warsaw Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight(s) to Warsaw. Your meals will be served on board.

Day 2 | Tuesday, July 1: Arrive Warsaw Welcome to Warsaw, Poland! Upon arrival, you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Transfer to your hotel. Your pilgrimage will officially begin with Mass. Following Mass, enjoy a delicious dinner and have the opportunity to explore the city of Warsaw before retiring for a restful overnight.

Day 3 | Wednesday, July 2: Warsaw

Your day will begin with breakfast followed by Mass at St. James Church, iconic for its tower and square base. This church is where Helena Kowalska prayed extensively upon entering Warsaw. Also, it is where she confessed all that burdened her soul, and asked for the advice of Rev. James Dabrowski, which eventually resulted in the Saint entering the convent. Following this prayerful morning, your day of sightseeing begins. Your group will explore the Old Town and see sites including the Market Square, the Barbican, defense-like structures that have been rebuilt following World War II, and the Warsaw Ghetto monument that commemorates the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943. You will also take in the Lazienski Park, the Chopin Statue (a large bronze statue of musician, Frederic Chopin), and the Royal Castle (the official residence of the Polish monarchs). Visit the Stanislaw Kostka Church and view a special exhibit dedicated to Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 4 | Thursday, July 3: Warsaw - Niepokalanow - Swinice Warckie -Czestochowa

Enjoy breakfast followed by a transfer to Niepokalanow. This Franciscan Enjoy breakfast followed by a transfer to Niepokalanow. Inis Franciscan Monastery is in the community of Teresin, and was founded by martyr, St. Maximilian Kolbe. This remarkable saint was arrested by the Nazis and died in Auschwitz, giving his life for the life of another prisoner. Following your visit to this Holy Monastery, transfer to the village of Swinice Warckie. In Swinice Warckie, visit the church of St. Casimir. This historically rich parish is the site of baptism for St. Faustina (formally known as, Helena Kowalska). Little Helena received her first confersion and First Holy Communion at this parish. Additionally, she and her confession, and First Holy Communion, at this parish. Additionally, she and her family attended Sunday Mass and other services at this church. After visiting this simple, yet elegant church, we will continue to Czestochowa. Upon arrival in Czestochowa, you will check-in to your hotel, enjoy a magnificent dinner, and a restful overnight.

Day 5 | Friday, July 4: Czestochowa - Wadowice - Krakow Today, you will awake in the home of the grandest pilgrimage shrine of Poland since the 14th century! You will begin your day with breakfast and Mass at Jasna Gora Monastery. This hill-top monastery is home to the beloved icon of the Black Madonna. Additionally, Saint John Paul II is said to have made frequent visits to this monastery throughout his life. Tradition tells us that this icon was painted by Luke the Evangelist, discovered by St. Helen, and later enshrined. While here, you will have the opportunity to venerate not only the Holy Icon, but also many other priceless treasures that are contained within. Continue on to Wadowice, the birthplace of Karol Wojtyla (Saint John Paul II). While in the small city of Wadowice, you will have the opportunity to visit the church where this beloved Saint was baptized, and attended Mass as a child. Continue on to Krakow. Enjoy dinner at the local restaurant before resting up for the next day of activities.

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