



# Holy Land Tours and Travel

## PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY AND POLAND

- 20.09 fri** **Arrival to Rome**  
*afternoon* Arrival to the airport. Meeting with tour leader and transfer to the hotel.  
Check-in the hotel.  
*20.00* Dinner.
- 21.09 sat** **Rome**  
*8.00* Breakfast in the hotel.  
*9.00* Meeting with the guide and visit of Vatican: Museums, the Sistine Chapel, Saint Peter's Basilica and Square.  
*13.00* Private mass.  
*14.00* Free time.  
*20.00* Dinner.
- 22.09 sun** **Rome**  
*8.00* Breakfast in the hotel.  
*9.00* Meeting with the guide: Basilica of St. John in Lateran, the Mother Church of Rome. the Circus Maximus, Palatine and Capitoline Hills, the Roman Forum (visit from the outside), and the Colosseum (visit from the outside).  
*13.00* Free time.
- 23.09 mon** **Rome – Assisi – Florence**  
*7.00* Breakfast in the hotel. Check – out.  
*8.00* Departure towards Assisi.  
*11.00* Guided visit of Assisi: this hilltop, walled town, which is a monument to the all-embracing spirituality inspired by St. Francis. We will tour the Basilica of St. Clare, the Piazza del Commune, and the Basilica of St. Francis (where Mass will be requested at the tomb of St. Francis),  
*14.00* Free time.  
*15.00* Departure from Assisi in the afternoon to pause in the valley below the town and visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli with its Porziuncola - the chapel given by the Benedictines to St. Francis and his followers, which became the cradle of the Franciscan Order.  
*16.30* Departure to Florence.  
*19.30* Arrival to the hotel in Florence.  
*20.30* Dinner in the restaurant.

- 24.09 tue**      **Florence – Bologna**  
*8.00*            Breakfast in the hotel.  
*9.00*            Guided visit of Florence: the Accademia, where we will see Michelangelo's famous David; the Duomo and Giotto's Tower; the Baptistry's Gates of Paradise; the open-air gallery of Signoria Square; and Santa Croce Church where Michelangelo is buried. The remainder of the day is ours to relax, or better yet - to become better acquainted with this lively city where the artistic heritage of the Renaissance is part of everyday life.  
*17.00*           Free time.  
*18.00*           Departure for Bologna.  
*20.00*           Arrival to the hotel in Bologna.  
*20.30*           Dinner.
- 25.09 wed**      **Bologna – Venice**  
*8.00*            Breakfast in the hotel. Check – out.  
*9.00*            Departure for Venice.  
*11.30*           Check – in the hotel and meeting with the guide. Guided visit of Venice: travel through the canals to the islands of Venice. Walking tour will include a visit to one of the glass factories for which the city is so famous, St. Mark's Basilica and Square, and views of the Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and Rialto Bridge. This afternoon is free to enjoy people-watching from a cafe in St. Mark's Square or to shop along the narrow streets and canals filled with bustling activity. In the late afternoon, we can enjoy an optional gondola ride arranged by our guide.  
*19.00*           Dinner in the restaurant. Return by private boat to the mainland for an overnight stay in Mestre.
- 26.09 thu**      **Venice – Warsaw**  
*morning*        Breakfast in the hotel. Check – out. Transfer to the airport.  
                     Departure for Warsaw.  
*afternoon*      Arrival to Warsaw's airport. Meeting with tour leader and transfer to the hotel.  
                     Check – in the hotel.  
*20.00*           Dinner.
- 27.09 fri**      **Warsaw – Niepokalanow – Czestochowa**  
*8.00*            Breakfast in the hotel.  
*9.00*            Meeting with the guide and visit of Warsaw: walk a portion of the rebuilt fortifications of the Barbican. This semicircular military post once protected the Polish Kings. Continue to St. John's Cathedral, which served as a coronation and burial site for the Dukes of Masovia. Stop at the Royal Palace, once the residence of the Polish kings. Pray in the Church of the Visitation of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, one of the oldest surviving churches in Poland. The cornerstone was laid in 1410. Finish the day in the Old Market Square, taking in the tastes and shopping of Warsaw.  
*13.00*           Free time.  
*14.00*           Departure do Niepokalanow.  
*15.30*           Visit to the monastery at Niepokalanow, known as the city of the Immaculate Mother of God. Founded by Saint Maximilian Kolbe in the 1920's, he and other priests were arrested here for their efforts to shelter Polish soldiers and refugees from the Nazis. Saint Kolbe would die in 1941 in place of another man selected by the Nazis to die.

*16.30* Saint Mass in Niepolalanow.

*17.30* Departure for Czestochowa.

*20.00* Arrival to the hotel in Czestochowa.

*20.30* Dinner.

**28.09 sat Czestochowa – Wadowice – Kalwaria Zebrzydowska – Cracow**

*8.00* Breakfast in the hotel. Check-out.

*9.00* Visit of Czestochowa shrine, one of the most important places of Catholic cult in Poland. Each year over four millions of pilgrims are visiting this place. In Jasna Gora monastery (lat. Mons Clara, eng. Luminous Mount) we can find the Black Madonna image which was so precious for Poles as they gave her the title of Queen of Poland.

*10.30* Saint Mass in Czestochowa Shrine.

*11.30* Departure for Wadowice.

*14.00* Free time in Wadowice.

*15.00* Visit of Wadowice: Museum of John Paul the II and his parish.

*17.00* Departure for Kalwaria Zebrzydowska.

*18.00* The famous UNESCO-listed sanctuary is a place where pilgrims worship the Passion of Christ as well as pray to his mother. Mary. In the baroque basilica of Saint Mary of Angels, administered by the Bernardines living in the nearby monastery, one can see the miraculous image of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Kalwaria. Kalwaria was established in 1600 after the example of the Way of the Cross in Jerusalem. The painting of the Madonna was donated to the sanctuary in 1641. Around that time, a great number of Calvarian chapels were spread around the picturesque landscape of the Beskids.

*19.00* Departure for Cracow.

*20.00* Arrival to the hotel.

*20.30* Dinner.

**29.09 sun Cracow (Old Town and Divine Mercy Shrine)**

*8.00* Breakfast in the hotel.

*9.00* Meeting with the guide and visit of Cracow: the Royal Castle Wawel (the visit of the cathedral and courtyard), the Market Place, the Clothmarket, the Saint Mary's

church, the Jagiellonian University, the Florian's Gate and Barbican.

*13.00* Free time.

*14.30* Departure for Divine Mercy Shrine.

*15.00* Visit of Lagiewniki: The Sanctuary is situated in buildings of the monastery of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, which was founded in 1891 by Polish noble A. Lubomirski for girls and women in need of moral renewal. In the interwar period in the Monastery lived and died Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), a nun and mystic through whom the Lord Jesus Christ gave the message of the Divine Mercy to the Church and to the whole world. It sheds light on the mystery of the Divine Mercy calls to put trust in God and have merciful attitude towards people. In 1943 Father J. Andrasz SJ, the confessor of Faustina, blessed the first Divine Mercy Image painted by A. Hyla. It was an ex-voto, offered by the painter in thanksgiving to God for saving his family during the war. The image quickly became well-known for many graces, the number of pilgrims has grown each year, considering also the pilgrims visiting the Sister Faustina's tomb.

Very dynamic expansion of the cult of the Divine Mercy was launched not only by the beatification of Sister's Faustina (18th of April 1993) and later, her canonisation (30th of April 2000), but also by the pilgrimages of John Paul II to Lagiewniki (in

1997 and 2002). It all caused the extension of the Sanctuary i.a. building a new church - basilica, that was consecrated by Pope John Paul II on 17 August 2002. In this place Pope solemnly entrusted the world to the Divine Mercy.

*16.00* Visit of John Paul's II Shrine in Łagiewniki.

*17.00* Saint Mass

*17.30* Departure for the hotel.

*18.00* Free time.

*20.00* Dinner.

**30.09 mon Cracow – Auschwitz-Birkenau – Warsaw**

*7.00* Breakfast. Check-out.

*8.00* Departure for Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum.

*9.45* Visit of former concentration camp Auschiwitz – Birkeanu. The Auschwitz concentration camp was one of tree camps which was part of whole complex based near Auschwitz (in Polish Oswiecim). The second part of complex was extermination camp based in Birkenau (in Polish Brzeiznka). The third part of the camp was the labor camp Monowitz (in Polish Monowice). From year 1979 whole camp is on the UNESCO list of World Hertige Sites.

*13.30* Time for lunch in Oswiecim.

*14.30* Departure for Warsaw.

*19.00* Arrival to the hotel. Check-in.

*20.00* Dinner.

**1.10 tue Departure from Warsaw**

*5.45* Collection of breakfast boxes. Check-out. Transfer to the airport.

*6.05* Transfer to the airport.