



HOLY LAND

—Tours and Travel—

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

A Journey of Faith

SEPTEMBER 8 - SEPTEMBER 15

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - DEPART LOS ANGELES (LAX)

Depart from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) for your overnight flight to Warsaw, Poland. Meals and refreshments will be served on board.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - ARRIVAL IN WARSAW

18:40 Arrival at Warsaw Airport. Meeting with tour leader and transfer to the hotel. Check-in at the hotel.
20:00 Dinner.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - WARSAW - NIEPOKALANOW - LODZ

08:00 Breakfast in the hotel. Check-out.
09:00 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 visit in the Old Market Square, taking in the tastes and shopping of Warsaw.
13:00 Free time in Warsaw.
15:00 Departure for Niepokalanow.
16:30 Visit to the monastery at Niepokalanow, known as the City of the Immaculate Mother of God. Founded by Saint Maximilian Kolbe in the 1920s, 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.
17:00 Holy Mass in Niepokalanow.
18:00 Departure for Lodz.
20:00 Arrival at the hotel.
20:30 Dinner.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - LODZ - SWINICE WARCKIE - GLOGOWIEC - GNIEZNO - POZNAN

06:30 Breakfast in the hotel. Check-out.
07:00 Departure for Swinice Warckie.
08:30 Arrival at Swinice Warckie. Holy Mass.
09:30 Visit the church in which St. Faustina, Apostle of Divine Mercy, was baptized on August 27, 1905. On September 25, 2002, the church became the Shrine of St. Faustina's Birth and Baptism. Here, at the age of nine, she received her First Holy Communion. Departure for Glogowiec.
10:00 Visit Glogowiec and St. Faustina's family home, which today belongs to the parish. The museum contains objects recalling the atmosphere of the time and the life of the Kowalski family.
10:30 Departure for Gniezno.
12:30 Arrival in Gniezno. Time for lunch.
13:30 Visit the Primate's Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Gniezno, a Gothic archcathedral church located on Lech Hill in Gniezno, the first capital of Poland.
14:30 Departure for Poznan.
15:30 Visit Poznan: Old Market Square, the Archcathedral Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul, and the center of the Old Town.
17:30 Free time in Poznan.
18:30 Arrival at the hotel in Poznan.
20:00 Dinner.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND - COMPLETE DAILY PROGRAM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - POZNAN - JAWOR - SWIDNICA - WROCLAW

06:30	Breakfast in the hotel. Check-out.
07:00	Departure from Poznan.
10:00	Visit the Church of Peace in Jawor (Polish: Kosciol Pokoju), a wooden Evangelical Lutheran church of wattle-and-daub construction. Built under the agreements of the Peace of Westphalia concluded in 1648, which ended the Thirty Years' War, the church is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.
11:00	Departure for Swidnica.
12:00	Visit the Holy Trinity Church of Peace in Swidnica, the largest wooden Baroque temple in Europe. Built under the agreements of the Treaty of Westphalia signed in 1648, the church has been on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 2001.
13:00	Time for lunch.
14:00	Departure for Wroclaw.
15:30	Meet the guide at the hotel reception desk and visit Wroclaw: the Old Town with the Main Market Square, Salt Square, Ostrow Tumski - the oldest part of Wroclaw - with its cathedral, and the University of Wroclaw with the Baroque Aula Leopoldina.
17:00	Holy Mass in Wroclaw at Kosciol Uniwersytecki.
18:00	Visit Ostrow Tumski - the oldest part of Wroclaw - with its cathedral.
19:30	Arrival at the hotel in Wroclaw.
20:30	Dinner.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - WROCLAW - CZESTOCHOWA

08:00	Breakfast in the hotel.
09:00	Departure for Czestochowa.
12:30	Arrival in Czestochowa. Free time.
14:30	Visit the Czestochowa Shrine, one of the most important places of Catholic devotion in Poland. At Jasna Gora Monastery, venerate the Black Madonna image, honored by the Polish people with the title Queen of Poland.
16:00	Holy Mass in Czestochowa.
17:00	Arrival at the hotel in Czestochowa.
20:00	Dinner.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - CZESTOCHOWA - AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU - KRAKOW

08:30	Breakfast in the hotel. Check-out.
09:30	Departure toward Oswiecim.
11:30	Holy Mass in the Parish Church of the Immaculate Virgin Mary with the Franciscan Monastery in Harmeze.
12:30	Time for lunch.
14:00	Visit the former Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp complex. Auschwitz was one of three camps forming the complex near Oswiecim; Birkenau was the extermination camp and Monowitz the labor camp. The Auschwitz-Birkenau site has been on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1979.
17:30	Departure for Krakow.
19:00	Arrival at the hotel in Krakow. Check-in.
20:00	Dinner.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - KRAKOW - WARSAW AIRPORT - SARAJEVO - MEDJUGORJE

07:30	Breakfast.
08:40	Departure for Katowice Airport.
12:40	Arrival at Warsaw Airport. Depart for Sarajevo. Upon arrival, continue to Medjugorje to continue our pilgrimage.

HOTELS

Warsaw: Novotel Warszawa Centrum **** | **Lodz:** Novotel Centrum Lodz **** | **Poznan:** Sheraton *****
Wroclaw: Park Plaza **** | **Czestochowa:** Arche **** | **Krakow:** Andels ****

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IMPORTANT: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions, liturgical schedules, or pastoral needs.