



POLAND

In the footsteps of Sr Faustina and Pope John Paul II

8-day itinerary



ITINERARY

DAY 1 USA - WARSAW Our Pilgrimage begins as we depart on our transatlantic flight(s) to Warsaw, Poland.

DAY 2 WARSAW Arrive Warsaw early afternoon. Transfer to your hotel. Enjoy an orientation walk through the Old Town with a visit to the Basilica of the Metropolitan Cathedral of St John the Baptist (Warsaw's oldest church). Walk along the Market Square and New Town. Holy Mass at one of the churches in the Old Town. Welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Warsaw.

DAY 3 WARSAW After breakfast, we will visit St Stanislaw Kostka Church. We will visit the special exhibition devoted to Fr Jerzy Popieluszko, one of the greatest church personalities in Poland murdered by the communists. In the year 2010, the beatification of Fr Popieluszko took place in Warsaw. Holy Mass at St Kostka Church. Drive through the Royal Route with many historical monuments, aristocratic residences, and churches, including a stop by the Holy Cross Church where Frederic Chopin's heart is placed. Stop at the Pilsudski Square, where you can see a specially designed cross that stands in the place where Pope John Paul II celebrated Holy Mass in 1979, during his first pilgrimage to Poland as a Pope. Drive to the Convent of the Divine Mercy at Zytnia Street, which Faustina joined in 1924. Afterwards, drive to Walendow and Derdy to visit the Convent of the Sisters of the Divine Mercy where Faustina stayed in 1936. Return to Warsaw for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 WARSAW - PLOCK - GLOGOWIEC - CZESTOCHOWA Morning drive to Plock to visit the convent that Faustina joined in 1930. It is here where on February 22nd, 1931 Jesus appeared to her bringing the wonderful message of Mercy for all of mankind. Asked to do so by The Lord, Faustina painted the picture of His Divine Mercy with the inscription "Jesus, I trust in You" Afterwards, drive to Glogowiec where she was born and to the Church of Swinice Warckie, where she was baptized. Holy Mass at the Church in Swinice Warckie. Continue to Czestochowa. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Czestochowa.

DAY 5 CZESTOCHOWA - OSWIECIM - KRAKOW Morning visit to Jasna Gora Monastery. See the Black Madonna Shrine and the Treasury Room where we will see an impressive collection of many precious gifts received by the monastery throughout the ages. Walk along the fortification walls of the Pauline Monastery and the Way of the Cross. Holy Mass at one of the chapels on Jasna Gora Monastery. After Jasna Gora, we'll depart for Krakow. We will stop in Oswiecim to visit the former Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, a silent witness of human tragedy. After arrival in Krakow, walk through the Old Town area with its beautiful Market Square and St Mary's Church (famous for the wooden, glorious altar by Wit Stwosz). Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Krakow.

DAY 6 KRAKOW - KALWARIA ZEBRZYDOWSKA - WADOWICE - KRAKOW Drive to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, located among the colorful hills of the Wadowice Upland. From far away, you may see the monastery complex of the Bernardine Father with the early baroque church of the Angelic Mother of God. South of the monastery, there is a famous imitation of the Calvary path with chapels and shrines that resembles the topography of Jerusalem. It covers the area of 300 hectares and attracts 1 million pilgrims annually. Holy Mass at Kalwaria Zebrzydowska Sanctuary. Afterwards, drive to Wadowice. Lunch at a local restaurant and visit the house (now a museum) where Pope John Paul II was born in 1920. See the Wadowice Church of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary, where he was baptized. Back to Krakow for a late afternoon tour "in the footsteps of John Paul II" including a visit to the Franciscan Church to see the most interesting Art-Nouveau stained-glass windows and famous "Pope's Window" on Franciszkanska Street. Overnight in Krakow.

DAY 7 KRAKOW - LAGIEWNIKI - KRAKOW Morning drive to Lagiewniki to visit the Blessed Sister Faustina Convent. Holy Mass at Sister Faustina's Convent. Drive to Krakow to visit the Archdiocesan Museum that presents collections of sacred art borrowed from the treasuries of various churches in Krakow and the region. But the most interesting are the exhibitions in the rooms where Karol Wojtyla lived in 1951-1958. complete with furniture, private belongings and precious gifts received by John Paul II. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Krakow.

DAY 8 KRAKOW - USA Morning transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.