



Tekton Ministries

"Serving God's people on their journey of faith"

Pilgrimage to **POLAND** *and the* **CZECH REPUBLIC**



September 14th - 24th, 2015

✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧

Krakow Market Square



✧ Day 1 - Sep. 14: Depart U.S.A.

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our flight to Krakow, Poland.

✧ Day 2 - Sep. 15: Arrive Krakow

Upon arrival in Krakow we will be met at the airport by our local tour manager and then transfer to our hotel.

✧ Day 3 - Sep. 16: Krakow

Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Krakow including visits to the Wawel Cathedral and Castle, Archbishop's Palace, St. Mary's Church,

Church of St. Joseph, Krakow, Poland



- visited by St. John Paul II during his apostolic travels to Poland. After visiting the site and having Mass at the Chapel of the Black Madonna, we will drive to the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz for a brief visit remembering St. Maximilian Kolbe before returning to Krakow.

✧ Day 5 - Sep. 18: Krakow

- This morning we will visit the Divine Mercy Shrine in Lagiewniki, where Saint Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, lived and died. Enjoy a guided tour of the shrine and celebrate Mass at the Chapel of Relics with time to pray the Chaplet and personal reflection. In the afternoon we will

Jasna Gora, Czestokova, Poland



Collegium Maius and the Old Town Market Square. It is here that Karol Wojtyla came as a young man to study and spent his life as a priest, bishop and Archbishop of Krakow before he was called onto Peter's throne in the Vatican.

✧ Day 4 - Sep. 17: Krakow / Czestochowa

Today we will take an excursion outside of Krakow to Czestochowa, a city which has been the principal center of the Catholic religion in Poland for the last 600 years. Here we will enjoy a tour of the Black Madonna Shrine – the holiest pilgrimage site in Poland, which was frequently

Krakow, Poland



- drive to the Wieliczka Salt Mines – Europe's oldest and longest. Your journey will take you 54 floors underground to see marvelous chapels and chambers cut out of salt including the stunning Chapel of St. Kinga.

✧ Day 6 - Sep. 19: Wadowice / Velehrad / Brno

- This morning we depart for the Czech Republic, stopping en route at Wadowice, birthplace of St. John Paul II. Visit his family house which is now a museum and the church where Karol Wojtyla was baptized and attended Masses as a child and later as a teenager. Continue on to Velehrad to

visit the shrine in memory of the two missionaries from Byzantium, Sts. Cyril and Methodius, who brought Christianity to Czechs and other Slavic peoples. In 1985, His Holiness Pope John Paul II conferred the Golden Rose on Velehrad, a papal distinction conveyed to only three other venerable places of pilgrimage. Proceed to Brno and check into our hotel.

☞ Day 7 - Sep. 20: Brno / Prague

This morning we will enjoy a guided tour of Brno including visits to the Town hall, Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, and ending with a visit



to the Mercy Sisters of St. Francis Motherhouse. After Mass we will depart for Prague and check-in at our local hotel. The afternoon will be free for personal activities or you may wish to join Fr. Pat for a Walking Prayer Outing.

☞ Day 8 - Sep. 21: Prague

Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Prague, starting with a visit to the Shrine of Loreto, one of the most important pilgrimage shrines in the Czech Republic. Then visit St. Vitus Cathedral, Prague Castle, and Mala Strana with its beautiful architectural buildings. Continue to the Church of St. Nicholas and then the Church of Our Lady of Victory where we will see the famous statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague. After Mass, we will continue across the Charles Bridge to visit the Old Town, considered one of the best preserved Old Town in Europe with over 1,000 years of history. Visit the Old Town Square with its famous astronomical clock, which comes alive when the hour strikes and the twelve disciples appear to bless the crowd, and the Tyn Church.

☞ Day 9 - Sep. 22: Prague / Svata Hora / Prague

This morning we will drive to Svata Hora which is the oldest and most important Marian place of pilgrimage in the Czech Republic. The great significance of Svata Hora was strengthened by the designation of the papal title "basilica

minor." After a visit and Mass at the shrine, we will return to Prague with the remainder of the afternoon free.

☞ Day 10 - Sep. 23: Prague

Today is free for personal activities or take an excursion on your own.

☞ Day 11 - Sep. 24: Prague / U.S.A.

Transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

Pilgrimage Price

\$2,870.00

per person/double occupancy

For single occupancy rooms please add \$477.00

For a land-only pilgrimage deduct \$595.00

These rates include:

- * Arrangements for daily Mass
- * Roundtrip economy class airfare from Cincinnati on United Airlines/Lufthansa (see schedule below)
- * 9 nights accommodation
- * All hotel taxes, parking fees, road tolls and other taxes as currently levied
- * Breakfast and dinner daily
- * Professional tour manager
- * Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- * All entrance fees as per itinerary
- * Land transportation by private motorcoach
- * Arrival and departure transfers
- * Porterage of one piece of luggage
- * Gratuities to tour manager, local guides, drivers, and hotel/restaurant staff

These rates do not include:

- * Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$692.00 per person but are subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- * Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

Departures from other airports available upon request.



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Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 75 days prior to departure. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. Reservations made within 74 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 21 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$150.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 14 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Poland or the Czech Republic. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on United Airlines and Lufthansa. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. More information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges of \$692.00 per person, subject to change until the time of ticketing, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

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