



Tekton Ministries

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



Pilgrimage to

PRAGUE and POLAND



For the Year of Mercy

August 28th - September 9th, 2016

✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧



Prague



Krakow

✧ Day 1 - Aug. 28: Depart U.S.A.

Our spiritual pilgrimage begins today as we board our transatlantic flight to Prague. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

✧ Day 2 - Aug. 29: Arrive Prague

Upon arrival in Prague we will be met by at the airport by our local tour manager and then transfer to our hotel. After Mass, the remainder of the evening is free. (D)

✧ Day 3 - Aug. 30: Prague

Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Prague, starting with a visit to Loreto Shrine, one of the most important pilgrimage shrines in the Czech Republic. Then visit Prague Castle where we will visit St. Vitus Cathedral where we will celebrate Mass, St. George's Basilica, the picturesque Golden Lane, the Royal Palace and St. George's Convent. The remainder of the afternoon is free. (B/D)



Prague

✧ Day 4 - Aug. 31: Prague

This morning we will visit the Church of Our Lady Victorious where we will see the famous statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague and celebrate Mass. We will cross the Charles Bridge to visit the Old Town, which is considered to be one of the best historical city centers in Europe. Visit the Old Town Square, the Town Hall with its famous Astronomical Clock which comes alive when the hour strikes and the twelve disciples appear to bless the crowd, the Church of Our Lady before Tyn, and the Church of St. Nicholas. Then proceed to Mala Strana, "the Little Quarter", with its beautiful architectural buildings. Here we will visit another Church of St. Nicholas (B)

Day 5 - Sep. 1: Prague / Brno / Velehrad

This morning we will depart Prague and drive to the

- Brno, the capital of the province of Moravia. Upon arrival we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city including visits to the Cathedral of Saint Peter and Saint Paul where we will celebrate Mass, Spilberk Castle, the Capuchin Tombs, the Old Town Hall and the Motherhouse of the Mercy Sisters of St. Francis. We will then proceed to Velehrad for overnight. (B/D)

✧ Day 6 - Sep. 2: Velehrad / Krakow

- This morning we will visit and celebrate Mass at the Velehrad Monastery, and in particular its basilica, which is the spiritual heart of the Czech Republic. It was here that a millennium of Christian history began in this part of Europe. The shrine was built in memory of the two missionaries from Byzantium, "Cyril and Methodius", who brought Christianity to the Czech lands. Then depart Velehrad and cross the border into Poland. Once in Poland we will proceed to Wadowice to visit the birthplace of St. John Paul II, his childhood home which is now a museum and the Church of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary where



Krakow - Old Town Market

- he was baptized. You may taste the Kremowki pastry, enjoyed by St. John Paul II, at any nearby bakery. We will then continue on to Krakow for overnight. (B/D)

✧ Day 7 - Sep. 3: Krakow

- Following breakfast, proceed to Wawel Hill and celebrate Mass at the Royal Archcathedral Basilica of Saints Stanislaus and Wenceslaus, Poland's second most important pilgrimage shrine. Then tour the Wawel Royal Castle which is one of the most beautiful renaissance residences in central Europe. Continue to Krakow's Old Town to see the main Market Square, the Church of St. Mary, the Church of St. Anne, Cloth Hall, City Hall Tower, Kanonicza Street where St. John Paul II resided while living in Krakow and the courtyard of the Collegium Maius where he was a student. (B/D)

☞ Day 8 - Sep. 4: Krakow

This morning we will drive to the Wieliczka to visit Europe's oldest salt mine which has been listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. The mines are a unique place where many generations of Polish miners have created a world of underground chambers and decorated chapels carved out of salt including the famous Chapel of St. Kinga. After Mass in the mines we will proceed to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Lagiewniki, where Saint Faustina received visions of Jesus as the Divine Mercy. Enjoy a guided tour of the shrine where we will spend the remainder of the day. We will then return to our hotel in Krakow for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

☞ Day 9 - Sep. 5: Krakow

This morning we will drive to Czestochowa which is the most popular pilgrimage site in Poland. Here



we will visit the Jasna Gora Monastery where we will tour the Treasury, the Knight's Hall, the Refectory and the Basilica of the Holy Cross and the Nativity of the Virgin Mary. The highlight of our visit will be praying in front of the famous icon of the Black Madonna. After Mass we will return to Krakow for overnight. (B/D)

☞ Day 10 - Sep. 6: Krakow

This morning we will celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Mary located on the Market Square, and then we will visit the Rynek Underground Museum which is located under Krakow's main Market Square. After visiting the museum, we will return to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Lagiewniki for a second visit to the relics of St. Faustina and have a Holy Hour. (B/D)

☞ Day 11 - Sep. 7: Krakow

This morning we will visit the Nazi concentration camps of Auschwitz I & II where millions were killed during World War II including St. Maximilian Kolbe who was starved after volunteering his life for that of a fellow prisoner, and Edith Stein (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross) who was dragged from a cattle train and murdered along with her sister immediately upon arrival at Auschwitz. We will then visit Kalwaria Zebrzydowska which was a popular pilgrimage place for St. Pope John Paul II when he was a young man and where in the 17th century the Palatine of Krakow founded a Franciscan Monastery. On the slope of the hill and the valley is an architectural 'Way of the Cross' made up of 40 chapels set on the surrounding hills. After Mass at Kalwaria Zebrzydowska we will return to Krakow. (B/D)

☞ Day 12 - Sep. 8: Krakow

Today we will begin our day with a visit to St. Florian's Church, the young St. John Paul II's second assignment which contains the relics of St. Florian, the patron saint of Poland. Then proceed to Rakowicki

- Cemetery to pray at the graves of the parents of St. John Paul II. We will then make stops at the Solvay chemical factory and the stone quarry in Zakrzówek where St. John Paul II worked during the Nazi occupation to avoid being transported to Germany. Continue on to the Ark of the Lord Church in Nowa Huta which was consecrated by St. John Paul II in 1977. We will conclude the day with a final visit to the Divine Mercy shrine where we will celebrate Mass and have time for prayer. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B/D)

☞ Day 13 - Sep. 9: Krakow / U.S.A.

- Following breakfast we will transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home. (B)

Pilgrimage Price:

\$4,175.00

per person/double occupancy

For a single occupancy please add \$526.00

For land only, please subtract: \$836.00

These rates include:

- * Arrangements for daily Mass
- * Roundtrip economy class airfare from Omaha
- * 11 nights accommodation
- * All hotel taxes, parking fees, road tolls and other taxes as currently levied
- * Breakfast and dinner daily (except dinner on day 4 in Prague which is not included as per itinerary)
- * Farewell dinner at a local restaurant on day 12
- * Professional tour manager from arrival until departure
- * Comprehensive sightseeing with professional local guides
- * All entrance fees as per itinerary
- * Land transportation by private deluxe motorcoach
- * Arrival and departure transfers for group flights only
- * Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$459.11 per person but are subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- * Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels

These rates do not include:

- * Gratuities to tour manager, local guides, drivers, and hotel/restaurant staff
- * Dinner in Prague on day 4
- * 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. Reservations made within 74 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 23 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 Italy. 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/LOT Polish Airlines. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes made within 90 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

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. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included: Passport/visa fees, gratuities to tour manager, local guides, drivers, and hotel/restaurant staff, 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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