



Tekton Ministries

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

Pilgrimage to

POLAND

for **World Youth Day 2016**



July 18 - August 1st, 2016

Diocese of Rapid City, South Dakota

Katowice

Kraków

✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧



✧ **Day 1 – Monday, July 18: Depart U.S.A.**
Depart the United States on your overnight flight to Poland.

✧ **Day 2 – Tuesday, July 19: Krakow / Izdebnik**
Upon arrival in Krakow you will be met at the airport by your local tour manager. Board your coach and transfer to your hostel in Izdebnik which is located a short distance from Krakow.

✧ **Day 3 – Wednesday, July 20: Czestochowa / Auschwitz**
After breakfast, travel to the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz where millions were killed during World War II including St. Maximillian Kolbe who starved after volunteering his life for that of a fellow prisoner. Then proceed to Czestochowa which is the most popular pilgrimage site in Poland. Here you will visit the Jasna Gora Monastery and see 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 your visit will be a viewing of the famous icon



of the Black Madonna to which miraculous powers are attributed. Return to your hostel in Izdebnik for overnight.

✧ **Day 4 – Thursday, July 21: Wadowice**
After breakfast, drive to Wadowice to visit the birthplace of Pope John Paul II. Here you will visit his childhood home which is now a museum and the Church of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary where he was baptized. After Mass in Wadowice, proceed to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, the "Polish Jerusalem," which was a popular pilgrimage place for Pope John Paul II when he was a young man and where in the 17th century the Palatine of Krakow founded a 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. Return to your hostel in Izdebnik for overnight.



✧ **Day 5 - Friday, July 22: Zakopane / Nowy Targ / Izdebnik**

- Today we will enjoy an excursion to Zakopane, Poland's winter capital in the Tatras. Celebrate Mass at Fatima Church, which was built by the mountaineers in gratitude for the Blessed Mother saving the life of Pope John Paul II from the assassination attempt. Then take the funicular to Mt. Kasprowy for a bird's eye view over the city and hillsides of Zakopane. Then return to Zakopane and enjoy some free time to wander the town and shop on Krupowki Street. Then depart Zakopane and drive to Nowy Targ to visit the home parish of Fr. Marcin Garbacz before returning to your hostel Izdebnik for overnight.

✧ **Day 6 - Saturday, July 23: Debno / Dunajec River**

- After breakfast drive to celebrate Mass at Archangel Michael's Church in Debno, which was built with larchwood and joined by notching and reinforced with spiles, but with no nails. After Mass, continue to the start point for your rafting journey along the Dunajec River, enjoying the



• panorama of the Czorsztynski Reservoir, Niedzica Castle and the Tatras along the way. Your raft trip down the Dunajec River will take you through the Pieniny Gorge and along the Polish-Slovak border, which is one of the greatest tourist attractions in Poland. The towering cliffs and the limestone rock formations of the gorge, plus the picturesque mountain scenery, the surrounding national forest, and the colorful river guides make for a wonderful day in a pristine and wild environment. While cruising down the river, enjoy excellent views of the high summits while you relax in the shadow of Poland's majestic mountains. At the conclusion of your rafting trip you will return to your hostel in Izdebnik for overnight.

✧ **Day 7 - Sunday, July 24: Wieliczka**

- After breakfast, drive to 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. Return to Izdebnik to visit the home parish of Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek. Overnight at your hostel in Izdebnik.

Day 8 - Monday, July 25: Izdebnik / Krakow

Following breakfast, drive to Krakow and proceed to Wawel Hill and visit the Cathedral of St. Stanislaw, Poland's second most important pilgrimage shrine, and the 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, Cloth Hall, City Hall Tower, Kanonicza Street where Pope John Paul II resided while living in Krakow and the courtyard of the



Collegium Maius where he was a student. Then proceed to 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 Blessed John Paul II Chapel. Afterwards visit the Blessed John Paul II Center, where the Blessed John Paul II's relics may be venerated. Proceed to register for WYD and then transfer to your simple accommodations in Krakow.

Day 9 - Tuesday, July 26: Krakow

This morning is free. In the afternoon you will participate in the WYD welcome ceremonies which include the opening Mass which is celebrated by the local ordinary of the host diocese. This evening there will be shows, music, prayer and reconciliation opportunities.

Day 10 - Wednesday, July 27: Krakow

This morning you will participate in the WYD catechetical sessions scheduled for the day. This afternoon and evening there will be shows, music, prayer and reconciliation opportunities.

Day 11 - Thursday, July 28: Krakow

This morning you will participate in the WYD catechetical sessions scheduled for the day. In the afternoon Pope Francis will deliver his welcome address at a prayer service. This evening there will be shows, music, prayer and reconciliation opportunities.

Day 12 - Friday, July 29: Krakow

This morning you will participate in the WYD catechetical sessions scheduled for the day. This afternoon there will be shows, music, prayer and reconciliation opportunities. In the evening we will participate in the Stations of the Cross.

Day 13 - Saturday, July 30: Krakow

This morning will be free. In the afternoon there will be

shows, music, prayer and reconciliation opportunities at the vigil site. This evening we will attend the Vigil Mass with Pope Francis.

Day 14 - Sunday, July 31: Krakow

This morning you will participate in the WYD closing ceremonies with include prayers led by the participating Bishops and Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. The remainder of the afternoon will be free. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 15 - Monday, August 1: Krakow / U.S.A.

This morning you will transfer to the airport in Krakow to catch your return flight home.

Pilgrimage Price

\$3,855.00

For a land-only pilgrimage deduct \$1790.00

These rates include:

- * Arrangements for daily Mass from July 20-25
- * Roundtrip economy class airfare on Lufthansa from Denver to Krakow and from Vienna to Denver
- * Airline taxes and fuel surcharges up to \$713.65, subject to change AT the time of ticketing.
- * Accommodation for 6 nights from July 19-25
- * Breakfast and dinner daily from July 19-25
- * World Youth Day registration fee (including meal package and WYD Accommodations)
- * Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Krakow
- * Comprehensive sightseeing with professional guides
- * Land transportation by private deluxe motorcoach
- * Roundtrip bus transfers from Rapid City to Denver for group flights only
- * Departure transfer from Vienna Airport by private deluxe motorcoach
- * Gratuities to local guides, drivers, restaurant staff

These rates do not include:

- * Lunches from July 19-25
- * Motorcoach services in Krakow from July 26-31
- * Travel insurance (*optional*). Tekton Ministries has a relationship with CSA Travel Protection. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/ZGS4Y2>

Departures from other airports available upon request.



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Reservations and Payment: For this pilgrimage, Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking, an additional deposit of \$1000 by June 1st, 2015, and a further deposit of \$1000 by December 31, 2015. These deposits form a part of your final payment, the balance of which is due by April 1, 2016. Reservations made within 90 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee of 4%. 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 43 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 and World Youth Day Authorities: If canceled 210 - 120 days prior to departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 119 - 90 days prior to departure, \$750.00 will be charged. If canceled 89 - 35 days prior to departure \$1500.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 34 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. 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.

Accommodations: We will be staying at a hostel in Izdebnik from July 19th - 25th. During World Youth Day we will be using the more simple group accommodations assigned to us.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on Lufthansa. 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, 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.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and

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