

A Spiritual Journey to Poland & the Czech Republic

Warsaw, Czestochowa, Krakow, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Brno, Prague & much more!

11-Days: October 16 to 26, 2017



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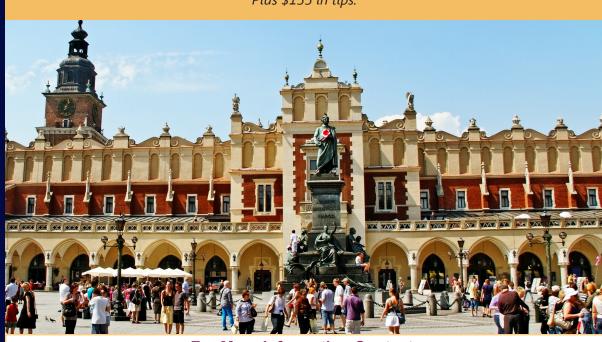
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An Invitation To Join Us

Dear Friends in Christ,

Join me as we journey to Poland & the Czech Republic not only to visit the homeland of Pope Saint John Paul II but to a country that first received Christianity in the tenth century. While there, we will visit the charming capital city of Warsaw, the Black Madonna of Czestochowa and Jasna Gora Monastery, Krakow and Wadowice, the town where Karol Wojtyla was born, baptized and raised, just to name a few of our destinations.

Our pilgrimage will also visit some dark days of history and as we walk as pilgrims, we will hear of this suffering and see places where it took place, but also share in the resurrection of Poland as we celebrate the new springtime of faith and freedom that it now embraces.

Finally, we will travel through parts of the Czech Republic and to the home of the Infant Jesus of Prague, a statue brought there by a Spanish princess that focused the people's faith in times of war and famine and plague. We will learn how their faith brought them closer to God and brought them safely through the evils of their day to a fuller humanity.

This will be more than a trip; it will be a pilgrimage to strengthen the faith of every person who accompanies us. It will be a great opportunity for you to grow in holiness and it is my hope that this pilgrimage will be inspirational, educational and memorable.

In pace Christi,



Rev. R. Troy Gately

Our Daily Itinerary

MON, OCT 16, DAY 1: DEPART THE USA: We depart Houston via Frankfurt, Germany en route to Warsaw with complimentary meals and beverages served on board.

TUE, OCT 17, DAY 2: ARRIVE WARSAW: Upon arrival in Warsaw, we meet our Catholic Travel Centre tour escort who will accompany us till the end of our journey. Our motor coach transfers us to the hotel, where we check in and have dinner. (D)

WED, OCT 18, DAY 3: WARSAW: VISIT OF THE CITY: This morning, after a good night sleep and a leisurely breakfast, we visit the church of St. Stanislaw Kostka, and the tomb of Blessed Father Jerzy Popieluszko. Here we celebrate our opening Mass. Fr. Popieluszko was martyred in October 1984 in retaliation for his stance against oppression.

We continue with a city tour, recalling that most of this city was destroyed in World War II, leaving few of the old historic buildings that one normally would find in a European city.

We see the 15th century Gothic castle that served as the seat of the kings of Poland. It was here that the Third of May Constitution was promulgated in 1791, second only to the United States' Constitution. Next we visit St. John's Cathedral, then walk through the Market Square, where we can have a break on our own for tea or cake at one of the fine restaurants or do some shopping at the gift shops or galleries. After our break, we will pass the late-Gothic structure by John Baptist of Venice — the Barbican.

After some time at leisure for lunch on our own, we see the beautiful Lazienki Park and Palace, former summer residence of the Polish Kings. While in the Park, see the famous Chopin Monument. We enjoy a private concert featuring Chopin's music this evening, prior to our dinner served at a local restaurant. (B, D)

THU, OCT 19, DAY 4: WARSAW / CZESTOCHOWA / KRAKOW:

This morning, after breakfast we travel to Czestochowa, where we visit Jasna Gora Monastery, the most significant place of religious worship in the Polish Catholic world. The site dates from the 14th century. In recent years, nearly five million pilgrims have visited the Monastery to see the miraculous Black Madonna. Its tradition began when Prince Ladislaus II of Opole invited Pauline monks to Poland. He gave them Jasna Gora (Bright Hill) and a small church under the invocation of the Holy Virgin Mary.

The prince presented them with the miraculous picture of Our Lady, which was supposedly painted by Luke the Evangelist on a wooden plank from the table on which the Holy Family dined. However, more recent research proves it was a Byzantine icon from the 6th or 7th century. During the Hussite wars in 1430, the monastery was sacked and robbed and the picture profaned. To this day, one can see the sword-cuts on the cheek of the Madonna. In the mid-17th century, Jasna Gora was the only Polish stronghold the Swedish army could not conquer during the so called Swedish Deluge. In 1717, the picture was crowned with papal diadem and was called the picture of "Black Madonna."

Our visit today includes 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 a viewing of the famous icon of the Black Madonna to which miraculous powers are attributed. Mass will be celebrated at one of the chapels. After Mass, we continue on to our hotel in Krakow for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

FRI, OCT 20, DAY 5: KRAKOW: VISIT OF THE CITY: Today, we visit Krakow – one of the great cities of Europe, rich in culture and history, where Pope Saint John Paul II had served as bishop for twenty years, before his election to the papacy.

Krakow, the ancient capital of Poland, has been settled since the Stone Age. In 1038, the city became the capital, and Polish monarchs took up their residence in its Wawel Royal Castle which we view from outside. We celebrate Mass at St. Stanislaw on the Rock Church.

After Mass, we continue to Krakow's Old Town where we see the main Market Square, the Church of St. Mary, Cloth Hall, the City Hall Tower and Kanonicza Street, where Pope Saint John Paul II resided while living in Krakow and the Collegium Maius where he was a student. The balance of the day is at leisure to explore on our own. Tonight we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant with a folklore show. (B, D)

SAT, OCT 21, DAY 6: KRAKOW: EXCURSION TO AUSCHWITZ & WADOWICE: Today, after breakfast, we make our way to Oswiecim to the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Considered one of the largest and most heinous camps, this was the site where approximately 1.5 million people lost their lives, among them mostly Jews.

When the camp was liberated in 1945, fleeing German troops attempted to destroy it, but they were unsuccessful. Allied troops discovered about 7,000 remaining prisoners, all in desolate condition. Auschwitz-Birkenau remains an example of the destruction of World War II. Today the site serves as a museum and is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Our visit includes the cell of Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, who gave his life in substitution for a prisoner who was to be executed.

After some time for lunch on our own, we continue on to Wadowice, the birthplace of Pope Saint John Paul II. The childhood home of the Wojtyla family is now a museum, displaying many interesting curios from the Pope's life. A visit here provides an entertaining, anecdotal panorama of the humble life of one of the greatest figures of the 20th century. Nearby is the parish church, which the young Wojtyla attended. Here we celebrate Mass. We return to our hotel in Krakow for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

SUN, OCT 22, DAY 7: KRAKOW: EXCURSION TO WIELICZKA & LAGIEWNIKI: This morning, we enjoy visit of Wieliczka Salt Mine, 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.

We take some time for lunch on our own before we visit the Divine Mercy Shrine in Lagiewniki, where Saint Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, lived and died. Here we enjoy a guided tour of the shrine. We celebrate Mass at one of the Chapels and have time for personal meditation and prayer. Next we visit to the "Have No Fear" Center of John Paul II, where we pray for the intercession of Pope Saint John Paul II. We return to our hotel for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

MON, OCT 23, DAY 8: KRAKOW / BRNO / PRAGUE: After breakfast, we depart Krakow en route to Prague. We stop in Brno, the second largest city in the Czech Republic. After a brief city tour, we visit the Capuchin Church of St. Peter and Paul, where we celebrate Mass.

We have some time for lunch on our own. Back on our motor coach, we make our way to Prague, one of the most beautifully preserved cities in Europe. We check-in to our hotel for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

TUE, OCT 24, DAY 9: PRAGUE: VISIT OF THE CITY & BEER TASTING: Today we enjoy our guided tour of Prague, including a visit of the Royal Castle and St. George's Basilica, the oldest surviving church structure within the Castle. Here we celebrate Mass. We also visit the Golden Lane; it is an ancient street of 11 historic houses within the Prague Castle complex. The balance of the day is at leisure to explore this historic city on our own. This evening we enjoy dinner with a delicious Beer Tasting at Strahov Monastic Brewery. (B, D)

WED, OCT 25, DAY 10: PRAGUE: HISTORIC CITY TOUR & RIVER CRUISE: Today, after breakfast, we celebrate Mass at the Church of Our Lady Victorious, where we see the famous statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague.

After Mass, we will cross the Charles Bridge to visit the Old Town, which is considered to be one of the best preserved historical city 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 Jewish Quarter, including the Old Synagogue, cemetery, and ghetto.

We have some time at leisure perhaps for some last minute shopping. Later this afternoon we enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Vltava River. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant. (B, D)

THU, OCT 26, DAY 11: RETURN TO THE USA: Very early this morning we transfer to the Prague airport for our return flight to the USA.

Note: While no changes are anticipated, there might be occasions when certain alterations become necessary to the itinerary, due to changes in airline schedules or for any other reason.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

HOW TO REGISTER

To make your reservation, complete the enclosed registration form and submit with \$400 payment (mailed to the address shown on the bottom of the registration form). You will receive General Information (including How to Obtain a Passport), an invoice, and further information from Catholic Travel Centre via mail, usually within two weeks of our receipt of your deposit. Please submit your registration form early, as all space is available on a first-come basis only. Registrations are processed in the order they are received by Catholic Travel Centre.

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

Price includes airfare based on non-refundable, economy class group fares on regularly scheduled IATA carrier from Houston (IAH); accommodations in First Class Hotels, or best available (all with private facilities); sightseeing, and meals per itinerary (B, L, D); and is based on a minimum of 35 fully paying passengers. Airport taxes & security fees, tips, and optional travel protection plan will be shown separately on your invoice. No visa required for USA citizens - only a valid passport. Please see 'Registration Form' and 'Terms & Conditions' for more details.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. This payment should be sent directly to Catholic Travel Centre. Instructions will appear on your invoice.

OPTIONAL PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM

Optional Passenger Travel Protection Program (PTPP) is available. Your invoice will show the Program fee. You may choose to accept or decline coverage. Coverage begins only upon receipt of your Program fee. We must receive your insurance premium payment within 14 days of your invoice date in order for the exclusion of pre-existing conditions to be waived, provided you are medically able to travel at the time you pay your insurance premium. See 'PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM' under 'Terms & Conditions' on reverse side for full details. For a copy of the PTPP enrollment form visit: www.GoCatholicTravel.com/InsuranceEnrollment. For a copy of Insurance Certificate visit: www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Insurance.

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REGISTRATION FORM ~ CATHOLIC TRAVEL CENTRE

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Please complete one registration form per person (couples, submit two separate forms).

Enclosed please find my \$400 per person deposit for the above referenced trip. By submitting this payment, I acknowledge that I have read.

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DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies. Passports must be valid for six months beyond the tour's return date.

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REGISTRATION AND DEPOSITS: A deposit of \$400 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form. Registrations cannot be taken by telephone. Registrations are processed in the order received by CTC. Balance of payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Late payment is subject to a non-refundable \$150 late fee. Late registrations (fewer than 90 days) must be accompanied by full payment by cashiers check only (including the optional passenger travel protection program payment, if applicable), plus a non-refundable \$150 late fee and are subject to availability. CTC reserves the right to cancel reservations that are not paid in full 75 days prior to departure and to charge cancellation fees/penalties indicated below. A non-refundable \$25 fee will be charged on all checks and online payments returned by our bank.

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CHANGES IN PACKAGE: After initial invoicing, any change in package from air inclusive to "land only" or vice versa is subject to a non-refundable \$50 per person per change processing fee. Such changes must be finalized by the passenger in writing to CTC at least 100 days prior to departure.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: All cancellations must be received by CTC in writing via certified mail, facsimile or e-mail. CTC will process your refund, minus a cancellation fee according to the following schedule:

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1) \$150 if cancelled at any time up to 150 days prior to the tour's departure date; 2) \$300 if cancelled 149 to 90 days prior to the tour's departure date; 3) \$400 plus any non-refundable amounts paid to and/or penalties assessed by airlines, hotels, or other suppliers of travel services (up to the total cost of the tour) if cancelled 89 to 8 days prior to the tour's departure date; 4) No refunds for cancellations received within 7 days of departure date. The above cancellation fees and/or penalties will also apply if you register for an optional extension or airline routing, and you decide to cancel or change any of these. CTC strongly recommends the Passenger Travel Protection Program (see 'PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM' below.) TOUR OPERATION & CANCELLATION: While no changes are anticipated, CTC expressly reserves the right to cancel all or any part of the tour or to make any changes to the itinerary, for any reason or whenever it deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants. In the event of any alteration to the itinerary, every effort will be made to substitute the altered activity with a comparable replacement. If a tour is cancelled in its entirety by CTC. full refunds shall be issued within three weeks of such cancellation. This will constitute, in full, CTC's obligation to you and CTC bears no further responsibility beyond the full refund. CTC shall not be held liable and hereby expressly disclaims liability for any loss, expense, damage or inconvenience caused as a result of any tour cancellation or changes made to the itinerary. Furthermore, CTC is not responsible for any additional costs or fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements not made through CTC.

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AIR TRANSPORTATION: All airline tickets are round-trip economy class and are non-refundable unless specifically stated otherwise. Any cancellation, itinerary changes, or failure to use confirmed space would be subject to penalties and/or fees levied by the airline at the time of ticketing, Airfare, airline carrier, and airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Passengers arranging their own flights are responsible for meeting the group at the first hotel of the group's itinerary. CTC is not responsible for itinerary changes necessitated by changes in the airline's schedule. Airline and cruise fuel surcharges and security fee surcharges (if any) that occur after the date of printing of the brochure are the responsibility of the passenger.

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AIRLINE SEATING, FREQUENT FLYER & MEAL REQUESTS: Seating is

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