PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE & POLAND

AUGUST 25 - SEP 5, 2025

Cost: \$4750/- (includes taxes and tips)

<u>Included in cost:</u> Round trip air fare from Toronto. Superior tourist accommodation. Daily breakfast & dinner. Services of professional English speaking local guides. All entrance fees to places of interest.



Not included in cost: Optional single room supplementary-\$650.00 Optional all-inclusive insurance: cancellation/medical/baggage/flt accident: Ages 0-59 \$450; 60-64 \$525; 65-69 \$650; 70-74 \$730

A deposit of \$500.00 guarantees you a spot!!



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Pilgrimage Itinerary

AUG 25 - Departure Toronto at 22:25 hrs for Sarajevo with a connection in Warsaw.

AUG 26 - AUG 30 - MEDJUGORJE Arrive Sarajevo at 16:25 hrs. Met on arrival and transferred to our pansion/hotel. Dinner and overnight.

In Medjugorje you may follow the group program or elect to be on your own. Each day (in the language of your choice) you will have the opportunity to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist and attend talks about Our Blessed Mother's messages with Priests, Visionaries (with interpreter), nuns or others, whose lives have changed since Our Lady first came to the Hamlet of Bijakovici. Visit Bijakovic to meditate at the Blue Cross. Morning climbs will be scheduled for our group for Mt. Podbrd (Apparition Hill) and Mt..Krizevac (Mountain of the Cross). Dinner/overnight in Medjugorje.

AUG 31 - WARSAW

Transfer to Sarajevo airport for our flight to Warsaw Chopin Airport departing at 1310 hrs Arrive Warsaw at 14:55 hrs. Meet and greet with your tour guide. Short tour of Warsaw's Old Town. Sightseeing tour of Warsaw includes the Castle Square where you can see the first non-ecclesiastic statue in Warsaw - King Sigismund's Column and the originally Gothic Castle dated to the 15th century expanded throughout the centuries; the seat of kings of Poland. Mass at a local church. Check-in at our hotel in Warsaw for dinner and overnight.

SEP 1 - WARSAW - CZESTOCHOWA - KRAKOW

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Czestochowa. Visit to Jasna Gora Monastery. The monastery is one of the most important places of religious worship in the Christian World with tradition of pilgrimages dating back to 1382. There are two versions of the history of the picture from Jasna Gora. The traditional and legendary one says, that Luke the Evangelist painted it on the plank of the table on which the Holy Family prayed and dined. However the art critics say, it was a Byzantine icon dating between 6th and 9th centuries. In 1717 the picture was crowned with papal diadem and started to be called the picture of the "Black Madonna". The interiors of the Basilica are richly decorated with stuccoes, frescos and marble in the Baroque style, as well as priceless votive offerings and valuable gifts from prayers from all over the world. Spend some time at Jasna Gora Monastery. Late afternoon transfer to Krakow for dinner and overnight.

SEP 2 - KRAKOW - LAGIEWNIKI - KRAKOW

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. We do a half day city tour of Krakow's Old Town including entrances to Wawel Royal Cathedral and St. Mary Basilica. Begin the tour of

Krakow with the Wawel Castle - the royal residence and the seat of Polish kings. Right now it is the most popular and the richest museum in Poland having seventy one magnificent rooms, several thousand works of art of greatest value. Continue with the Main Market Square (Rynek Glowny) - one of the largest town squares in the Medieval Europe, surrounded with palaces and old town houses. Today we visit Lagiewniki the Divine Mercy Sanctuary. Group will be welcomed by the Sister of Mercy and will have a talk about Blessed Sister Faustina. Lagiewniki Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy is the most important place for the divine mercy cult. It consists of complex of the beautiful, neo-Gothic, monastic buildings and the modern, Roman Catholic Basilica, canonized by John Paul II in 2002. The cemetery, that lays next to the Basilica, is the place where Faustyna Kowalska was originally buried. Since the remains of Sister Faustyna were moved to the Basilica, it became very famous place around the world. The Sanctuary is certainly one of the most important centers of the development of the Worship of Divine Mercy in Poland. Celebrate Holy Mass at Lagiewniki. Dinner at the local restaurant or at the hotel in Krakow.

SEP 3 - KRAKOW - WADOWICE - AUSCHWITZ - KRAKOW

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Celebrate Holy Mass at the local church in Krakow. Transfer to Wadowice. Short stop in Wadowice. Wadowice is located one hour drive from Krakow. It is a small town where our Pope Karol Wojtyla - John Paul II was born on May 18, 1920.

Visit Auschwitz Museum. The former Nazis concentration camp was established on June 14, 1940 and liberated in January 1945. Today the site is the museum and is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Return to our hotel in Krakow for dinner/overnight.

SEP 4 - KRAKOW - WIELICZKA - WARSAW

After breakfast visit to Wieliczka Salt Mine. Wieliczka is the oldest salt mine in Europe, operated since 13th century - an impressive and unique underground world full of saline lakes, majestic timber constructions, great chambers, galleries and unique Salt Works created by many generations of Polish miners. Wieliczka Salt Mine belongs to the UNESCO Treasures. Transfer to Warsaw. Check-in at the hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant or at the hotel in Warsaw.

SEP 5 - WARSAW - TORONTO

At times due to reasons beyond our control the sequence of the itinerary may be changed