

**Czestochowa: The Black Virgin Mary of Jasna Gora  
7 days – 5 nights****Warsaw, Czestochowa, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Wadowice, Wieliczka, Krakow  
Faith, Art, History, Culture, Fun****Day 1: USA, Warsaw**

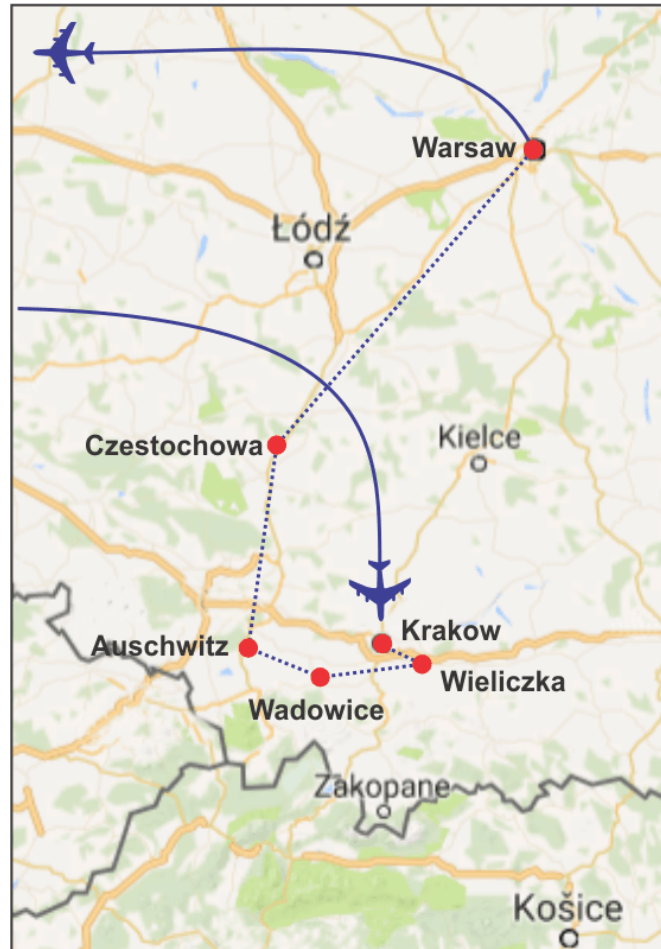
Depart the USA on an overnight flight to Warsaw. Dinner and breakfast served on board.

**Day 2: Warsaw, Czestochowa**

Upon arrival you'll be met and transferred to Czestochowa for check-in at your hotel. The rest of the day is free to rest and relax. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [D]

**Day 3: Czestochowa (Jasna Gora)**

After breakfast at the hotel start today's pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of the Black Virgin Mary of Jasna Gora. Millions of pilgrims from all over the world come to Czestochowa to see it. The city of Czestochowa is an important religious sanctuary connected with the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, better known as the Black Madonna. There have been reports for centuries of miraculous events occurring to those who made a pilgrimage to the unique portrait. While the portrait is what the pilgrims mostly focus on, also the votive offerings collected in the monastery given to the Black Madonna over the centuries are worth seeing. Gifts range from swords and scepters to rosaries made of dried bread in concentration camp. Visit the Sanctuary including the Treasury Museum and the ancient weapons' collection. After dinner participate in the prayer of the "Appeal to the Virgin Mary". Overnight in Czestochowa. [B/D]

**Day 4: Czestochowa (Auschwitz-Birkenau, Wadowice)**

Depart for Krakow, en route stop to Oswiecim (Auschwitz), to visit the former Nazi concentration camp. The Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum – which is listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List – makes an unforgettable impression on every visitor. Every year, millions of visitors walk through the gate with the cynic motto "Arbeit macht frei" (Work will set you free). The tour begins with a 15-minute documentary movie about the history of the camp. Then, the guide will lead you through Konzentrationslager Auschwitz I, showing the surviving prison blocks, the gas chamber and the crematorium. The second part of your visit will cover the Auschwitz II Birkenau camp, where you can ascend the watchtower above the entrance gate to catch a view over the whole area of both concentration camps. After the visit continue to Wadowice, birthplace of Pope Saint John Paul II, one of the most significant persons in the history of the world. This modest city where he spent his childhood is definitely worth seeing, not only for the ones who truly loved the Pope, but also for others who would like to know the biography of Karol Wojtyla. Visit the birthplace of John Paul II and the Basilica of the Virgin Mary with the Sacred Family Chapel where John Paul II was baptized. After the visit return to Czestochowa for dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

### Day 5: Czestochowa, Wieliczka, Krakow

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before a 2-hour drive to Krakow for a pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy, where the body of St. Faustina Kowalska is venerated. Visit the historical capital of Poland: St. Mary's Basilica, the Barbican, the Wawel Royal Castle and the Wawel Cathedral. In the afternoon drive to Wieliczka for an excursion to the salt mines; its underground itinerary tunnels are 2.2 miles long. Visit the Chapel of St. Kinga located 330 ft. below ground with crystal salt chandeliers and grey salt sculptures. The miraculous image of Merciful Jesus painted by Adolf Hyła is placed above the side altar on the left side of the chapel. The altar was blessed by Father Józef Andrasz, SJ (Sister Faustina's spiritual director) on 16 April 1944, on the first Sunday after Easter. Copies and reproductions of the image have spread throughout the world, thereby fulfilling the words of Jesus spoken to Sister Faustina at the first of His revelations: "I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world" (Diary 47). Check-in at the hotel in Krakow, dinner and overnight. [B/D]

### Day 6: Krakow, Warsaw

Drive to Niepokalanow, founded by St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, a martyr of charity from the concentration camp in Auschwitz. Tour of the Franciscan Fathers' Monastery and the Museum of St. Maximilian Kolbe and continue to Warsaw to visit: the Cathedral of St. John, the Church of the Holy Cross, the Old City and the Market Square. After check-in at the hotel rest a few minutes and prepare for today's farewell dinner at a typical restaurant. Return to the hotel for overnight. [B/D]

### Day 7: Warsaw, USA

After breakfast at your hotel, get ready to be picked-up for your transfer to Warsaw Airport to board your flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/D] Breakfast and Dinner

### Your Tour includes:

- Airfare USA, Poland
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Accommodation for 5 nights:
  - Czestochowa – 3 nights
  - Krakow – 1 night
  - Warsaw – 1 night
- Meals
  - Breakfast daily
  - Dinner daily
  - Farewell dinner in Warsaw
- Visits to:
  - Black Virgin Mary Sanctuary in Jasna Gora
  - Auschwitz Camp
  - Wadowice, birthplace of St. John Paul II, and the Basilica
  - Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy
  - Wawel Royal Castle and Cathedral
  - Wieliczka salt mines
  - Wieliczka underground Chapel of St. Kinga
- Entrance fees to sites visited
- Technical and religious assistance
- English speaking guides
- Transportation on A/C vehicles
- All hotel taxes

### Tour does not include

- Airport fees and taxes
- Expenses of personal nature
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips to guides or drivers



**Hotels in your Tour:**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
<b>Tourist Class</b>		
Czestochowa	Brewery Czenstochovia Hotel & Spa	4
Krakow	Bracka 6	5
Warsaw	Polonia Palace Hotel	4.5
<b>First Class</b>		
Czestochowa	Brewery Czenstochovia Hotel & Spa	4
Krakow	Grand Ascot Hotel	5
Warsaw	Autor Rooms	5
<b>Deluxe</b>		
Czestochowa	Brewery Czenstochovia Hotel & Spa	4
Krakow	Kanonicza 22	4.5
Warsaw	Raffles Europejski	5

**LOCATION:** The location may be in the center of Rome or near the Vatican

**MEAL PLAN:** Normally we include daily breakfast and dinner for all groups. However, the meal plan may vary depending on the organizer's request

- All hotels will be requested after discussion with the group Organizer

**Group Prices:**

The price for the group will be quoted based on the number of passengers, season, hotel type and meal plan.

*Group organizers always travel for free if the group has 15 or more paying passengers.*

*Inclusion of tour conductors maybe considered at time of request.*

- If you wish to use this program for your group please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with you to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our special Leisure Fares, buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.

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**Options**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.