

**On the Tracks of Polish Saints
John Paul II and Faustyna Kowalska
9 days – 8 nights**

**Warsaw, Niepokalanow, Plock, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Niegowic, Kalwaria Zbryzdowska,
Wadowice, Krakow
Religion, Discovery, Culture, History**

Day 1 - Monday: Warsaw

After your arrival at Chopin international Airport in Warsaw, you will be met by our representative and escorted to your hotel. Rest of the day is free to rest and relax. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [D]

Day 2 - Tue: Warsaw

Visit to the convent of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Żytnia Street. After Holy Mass enjoy a walking tour in the Old City of Poland's capital and see the Royal Castle, Market Square, Krakowskie Przedmieście Street, the Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary and of St. Joseph, the Church of the Holy Cross, the Presidential Palace (outside only), the Saxon Garden and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. After dinner in a restaurant in the Old City return to your hotel for overnight. [B/D]

Day 3 - Wed: Warsaw (Niepokalanow)

In the morning visit to Niepokalanow, the shrine founded and supervised by Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe, who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the German death camp of Auschwitz, located in German-occupied Poland during World War II. He was active in promoting the veneration of the Immaculate Virgin Mary. After the visit, attend a Holy Mass celebration. Then, visit St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Żoliborz, the tomb of Blessed Jerzy Popiełuszko. In the afternoon enjoy some free time in the center of Warsaw. Later you'll be driven to your hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

Day 4 - Thu: Warsaw, Plock, Czestochowa

After breakfast a drive to Płock for a walking tour around the town: See the Cathedral, the Castle of the Masovian Dukes, the convent in Stara Biała. Then, continue to Głogowiec to visit St. Faustina's family house. After the visit continue your drive to Częstochowa for dinner and accommodation at the hotel. [B/D]

Day 5 - Fri: Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Krakow

This morning will be dedicated visit to the Sanctuary of the Black Virgin Mary of Jasna Góra. Millions of pilgrims from all over the world come to Częstochowa 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 camps. Visit the Sanctuary including the Treasury Museum and the ancient weapons' collection and, in Jasna Góra Monastery, the Chapel of the Miraculous Painting of Our Lady, the Basilica, The Knight's Hall, the 600th Year Anniversary of Jasna Góra Museum, the St. Roch Bastion and the Treasury. Then, continue to Oświęcim for a visit to the former German Nazi concentration camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau. The Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum – which is included 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 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 drive to Krakow for dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

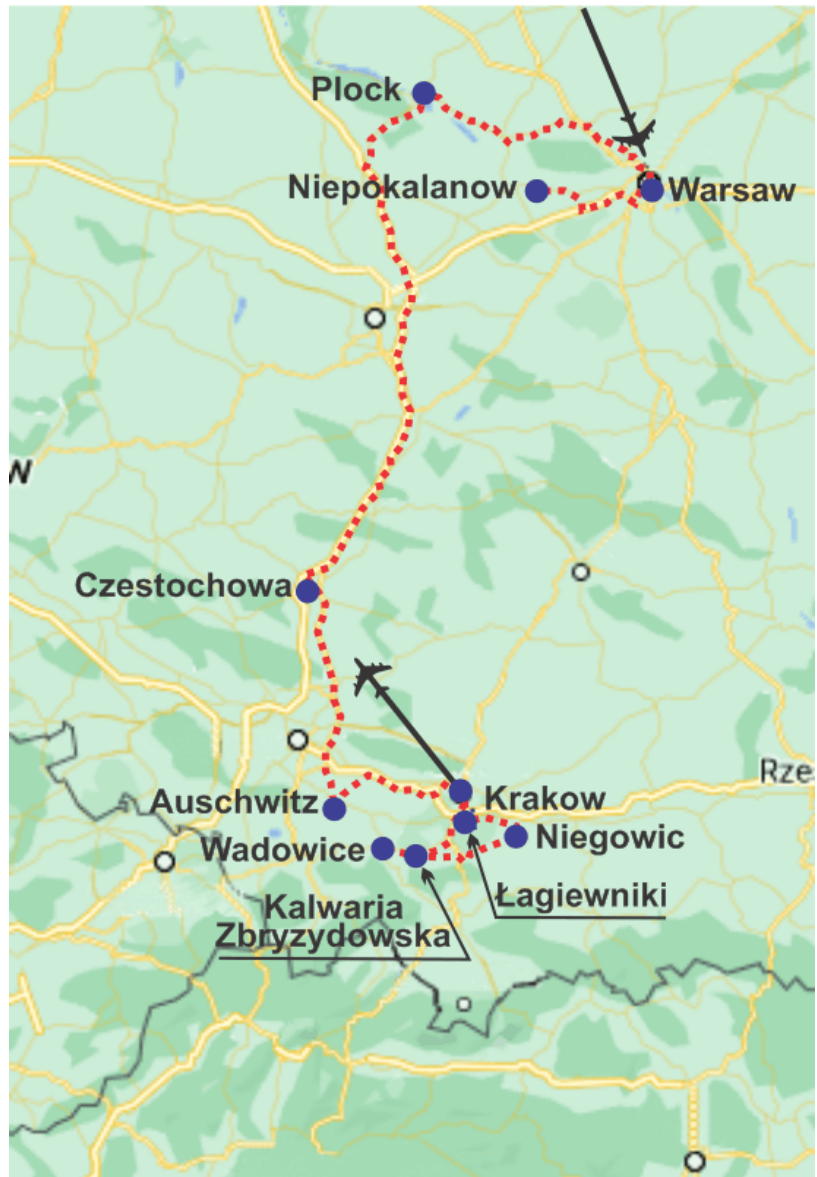
Day 6 - Sat: Krakow (Niegowic, Kalwaria Zbryzdowska, Wadowice)

Today's trip will take us around Krakow starting at the village of Niegowic - the first parish in which

Rev. Karol Wojtyła started his pastoral service. After Holy Mass continue to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska to visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady. Kalwaria Zebrzydowska is the second largest Marian shrine in Poland lying 25 miles west of Krakow. Its founder, Mikołaj Zebrzydowski, Governor of Krakow, associated the ground with the city structure of Jerusalem. Between 1600-1620 he built eighteen chapels according to the design of the Way of the Cross, which are magnificent buildings in the original Rococo style. The work was continued by his grandson, Mikołaj Zebrzydowski. At the end of the 17th century, more than 50 chapels were built, forming one single pilgrim way. Twenty-eight of these stations were dedicated to the life of Jesus, the remaining 24 are called Rosaries of the Paths of Virgin Mary. The first services in this region date back to 1608. Since that time, a tradition of worship has been maintained and it is one of the typical elements of religious life in Poland. The complex is on the list of World Heritage of UNESCO since 1999. In the afternoon continue to the Pope's home town of Wadowice to visit the house he was born and the Blessed Virgin Mary Basilica where he was baptized. Return to Krakow for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

Day 7 - Sun: Krakow (Łagiewniki)

Sister Faustina's journey to Krakow begins at the convent of the Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy in Łagiewniki, where she lived for more than five years and where her shrine rests. Today this place, increased by new sacred buildings, which form the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, is a very dynamic center of worship, where pilgrims from all over the world arrive. Blessed John Paul II came here twice (in 1997 and 2002), the Holy Father Benedict XVI once, in 2006. The Sanctuary of Łagiewniki, is at the forefront of the world's sanctuaries in terms of the number of nationalities represented by the pilgrims. Even though any time and the whole world may be considered God's "temple," there are times and places that God chooses, so that in them Man may experience his presence and grace in a special way. And people, driven by the feeling of faith come to these places, some to find themselves before God whose presence they feel in them. "It is in this same spirit of faith that I came to Łagiewniki, to dedicate this new temple, convinced that it is a particular place chosen by God to pour out the grace of his mercy" (John Paul II, August 17, 2002). Visit the Divine Mercy Sanctuary and John Paul II Center, attend Holy Mass and take a walking tour in Krakow to see the Main Square, the Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Church, historic churches around the Old City, the Jagiellonian University, Collegium Maius, the Royal Castle, the Wawel Cathedral, the Sigismund's Chapel and St. Leonard's Crypt. Return to the hotel in Krakow for dinner and overnight. [B/D]



Day 8 - Mon: Krakow (Jewish Quarter)

This morning visit to the Rynek Underground Museum and attend Holy Mass. Some free time for shopping and lunch on your own. In the afternoon, there will be a walking tour of the Jewish district, Kazimierz. In its early days, Kazimierz was a separate town, founded in the 14th century by King Casimir the Great. A huge Jewish community lived here until the Second World War, cultivating its religion and culture. Today, the magic and exoticism of this district is comparable only with the nostalgic charm of Josefov - the Jewish quarter of Prague. During the visit, we want to show you some aspects of the culture, customs and history of Kazimierz's Jews. We will visit some of the seven synagogues preserved here and the oldest Jewish cemetery in Poland (one of the oldest in Europe!) called Remuh Cemetery. You will feel the unique atmosphere of Szeroka Street. During the extended visit you can visit an exhibition in the Old Synagogue (now a department of the Krakow Historical Museum) presenting objects related to Jewish tradition and Judaism. We will also visit the monuments of the Christian heritage of Kazimierz - huge medieval churches: St. Catherine and Corpus Christi. Finally, we will go through charming narrow streets and beautiful squares of Kazimierz to the Church and the monastery Pauline (called 'Church on the rock') located near the Vistula. The entire district is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List and has the status of a historical monument. Kazimierz is also one of the hippest places in Krakow, full of art galleries and climatic pubs, restaurants and cafes. This evening enjoy farewell dinner in an authentic Polish restaurant. After dinner return to the hotel for overnight. [B/D]

Day 9 - Tue: Krakow, USA

Following breakfast, you may have some free time depending on your flight schedule. At the appointed time you'll be picked-up and transferred to the airport to board your flight back home. [B]

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

Your Tour Includes:

- Airfare USA-Warsaw//Krakow-USA
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 8 nights accommodation:
 - Warsaw - 3 nights
 - Czestochowa - 1 night
 - Krakow – 5 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 8 dinners
- English speaking driver/assistant throughout the tour
- English speaking local guides
- Entrance fees in
 - Warsaw
 - Niepokalanow
 - Czestochowa
 - Auschwitz
 - Wadowice
 - Krakow
- Hotel taxes

Your Tour does not include:

- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Travel insurance
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class		
Warsaw	Mercure City Center	4
Czestochowa	Arche	4.5
Krakow	Mercure Old Town	5
Deluxe		
Warsaw	Intercontinental	4.5
Czestochowa	Arche	4,5
Krakow	Holiday Inn	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

From: \$1,929 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

This program can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

• **Airfare**

We also be glad to adjust the airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

• **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

• **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

• **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

Tour Code: PL02WAW21PI

Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and 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.
- Private arrival and/or departure transfer

Group Quotations:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and 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.
- Private arrival and/or departure transfer
- The options suggested in the itinerary will be quoted at time of booking
- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with 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 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.