

Day 1: Depart for Krakow

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight(s) to Krakow. Your meals will be served on board.

Day 2: Arrive Krakow

Welcome to Poland! Upon arrival at Krakow Airport, make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the Arrival Hall, where you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. After a warm welcome to Poland, you will be escorted to your transportation to your hotel. Enjoy a free afternoon to stroll the quaint streets of Krakow before meeting your group for a welcome dinner and a show at a local restaurant.

Day 3: Krakow - Zakopane - Krakow

After breakfast, you will drive through the mountains to the breathtaking yet small and remote village of Zakopane. Take a cable car ride to the nearby mountaintop. At the top, you will truly experience God's magnificent Glory when you look out at the magnificent panoramic view. Following the many photos captured atop the mountain, head to the Jaszczorowka Chapel. The young Karol Wojtyla (Saint John Paul II) visited this architecturally distinct chapel many times. Karol Wojtyla often used the walking paths surrounding the Jaszczorowka Chapel for prayer and reflection as a young boy. After you experience this beautiful site that assisted in Saint John Paul II's Holy journey, you will continue your tour to the colorful Krupowki Street. While on this street, you will have the opportunity to do some shopping at the local bazaar before returning to Krakow. Enjoy a beautiful dinner and an optional stroll through the old city before retiring for the evening.

Day 4: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

After breakfast, you will explore Krakow's Market Square as the sound of the silver trumpet from St. Mary's Tower fills the air. The captivating beauty of this square is largely because it has remained unchanged for almost 700 years. It contains several buildings that hold important historic value, such as the Town Hall Tower, the Cloth Hall, and the Burgher's houses. Following your time in this longstanding square, you will make your way to Wawel Hill, where you will visit the beautiful Cathedral and Coronation Chapel. These are among the most important sites in Poland, as the Cathedral was the coronation site of the Polish monarchs and held numerous pieces of Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Classicist, and Modern art. At this site, you will have the opportunity to pray at the tomb of the patron saint of Poland, St. Stanislaus. Next, a short drive to Auschwitz, notoriously known as a Nazi concentration camp during the Second World War. Upon arriving at the former camp, you can feel the darkness and sorrow that overtake the atmosphere as numerous unspeakable atrocities occurred at this site. Additionally, while on this visit, you will have the opportunity to view the cell that imprisoned the Christ-like St. Maximilian Kolbe and visit the Martyrdom Museum. After this reflective day, return to your hotel in Krakow for dinner and a restful overnight.

Day 5: Krakow - Lagiewniki (Shrine of Divine Mercy) - Wieliczka - Krakow

On your last day of touring Krakow, after breakfast, depart for your excursion to Lagiewniki, the capital of the Divine Mercy. Through the mediation of St. Faustina, Christ passed on the message of Divine Mercy at Lagiewniki. While here, you will have the opportunity to visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, which contains images of the Merciful Jesus, relics of St. Faustina, and the Saint's convent chapel and her Tomb. Visit and celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Divinity, which was visited by Saint John Paul II in 2002. Following Mass,

have the opportunity to pray by a relic of Saint John Paul II. Continue to Wieliczka and visit Europe's oldest salt mine, which UNESCO has listed as a World Heritage Site. Return to Krakow for your farewell dinner and overnight stay in Poland.

Day 6: Krakow - Prague

After breakfast, depart for your scenic motor coach ride (or short flight) to the enchanting city of Prague, a city of domed rooftops, soaring steeples, and countless spires. Enjoy the lovely city at your leisure before enjoying dinner and retiring for a restful overnight.

Day 7: Prague

After breakfast, make your way to the Church of Our Lady Victorious, home of the famous Child Jesus statue called the Infant Jesus of Prague. The statue, a 16th-century depiction of infant Jesus holding a globus cruciger (an orb and cross), was donated to the Carmelite friars in 1628. Following Mass, enjoy a walking tour of Old Town Prague. Walk along the Royal Route to the Old Town Square. Visit St. Nicholas Church, St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George Basilica, Loreto Church, and Strahov Monastery in the beautiful Prague's Castle district. Continue along Karlova Street to Charles Bridge, crossing the Vltava River adorned with many baroque statues. Enjoy the breathtaking view of the magical Prague Castle. View the Astronomical Clock of Prague and walk on Wenceslas Square, one of the main city squares. The square is named after Saint Wenceslas, the patron saint of Bohemia. It is part of the historic center of Prague, a World Heritage Site. Return to the hotel for dinner and a restful overnight.

Day 8: Prague - Altotting - Salzburg

Following breakfast, we will depart Prague for Altotting, one of Germany's most celebrated shrines and a city whose purpose is pilgrimage. Upon arrival, celebrate Mass at the center of the pilgrimage complex, the Chapel of Mercy. The chapel houses a 13th-century statue of the Blessed Virgin, to which numerous miraculous cures are credited. At the Shrines, you will have the opportunity to visit the Basilica, the Panorama of the Crucifixion, and St. Konrad's Monastery. We will continue to Salzburg, the lovely birthplace of the famed composer Mozart. Salzburg, also known as "Alt Stadt," is known for its beautiful baroque architecture and incredible views of the Eastern Alps. The day will end with free time before dinner and an overnight in Salzburg.

Day 9: Salzburg

After breakfast, your full-day tour begins with Mass at St. Peter's Abbey. Following Mass, explore the historic center of Salzburg on foot. Its narrow streets and secluded passageways are evidence of its medieval roots. The heritage of the Catholic Church is evident in the Archbishop's Residence at Domplatz. Visit Mirabell Palace with its beautiful gardens. Mirabell Palace is one of the most important shooting locations from the famous Hollywood musical "The Sound of Music" – Maria and the children dance around the Pegasus Fountain in front of the palace, singing "Do Re Mi." Experience the unique views across Mirabell Gardens towards the Hohen Salzburg Castle. You will have a chance to visit the mighty Romanesque Cathedral and the Nonnberg Convent of Benedictine nuns. In the Getreidegasse, view Mozart's birthplace, now one of the most visited museums in Austria. Stop at Hellbrunn Palace to enjoy its gardens and hidden trick fountains. Enjoy a delicious dinner before retiring for the evening.

Day 10: Salzburg - Medjugorje

In the early morning, transfer to Salzburg Airport for your flights to Medjugorje. Arrive at your European connecting airport, where you will board your flight(s) to Dubrovnik, Split, or Sarajevo. Upon arrival, you will find your luggage and exit the baggage claim into the Arrivals Hall, where you will be greeted by a tour guide and/or driver. You will be escorted to the vehicle, which will then take you on the 2.5 hour drive to the village of Medjugorje. You will be introduced to your host family in whose comfortable yet modest inn you will stay for the next several nights. Enjoy a delicious dinner before retiring for the evening.

Days 11 - 13: Medjugorje

The most beautiful features of Medjugorje are its simplicity and peace. While in Medjugorje, you may experience your faith grow and share in the faith journey of pilgrims from all over the world. A local guide will accompany your group throughout your stay in the village.

Some activities that will accompany you in your spiritual journey:

Attend Daily Mass: Each morning at 10:00 AM, your group will assemble at St. James Church for Mass (English-speaking). At the end of each Mass, regardless of language, there is a blessing of the religious articles that you have with you.

On Feast Days and Sundays: English Mass is at 12 PM.

Climb Apparition Hill: This mountainous hill is where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady. At the base of this hill is a Blue Cross, where it is said Our Lady appeared to the children while they hid from the communist police in the early days of the alleged apparitions. While climbing, your group is invited to recite the Rosary, pausing five times for each decade of the Rosary. At the top of the hill, you will witness the exact location of the first alleged apparition of Our Lady to the visionaries and enjoy private time for prayer.

Climb Mt. Krizevac (Cross Mountain): In 1933, the villagers built a 30' high cross atop a mountain to commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Your group will have the opportunity to climb this mountain and venerate that very cross. While climbing, your group is invited to pray the Stations of the Cross (to meditate on Jesus' suffering Road to Calvary), pausing fifteen times for each Station.

Apparitions: Each evening at 5 PM or 6 PM (depending on daylight savings time), your group will join the villagers and fellow pilgrims of Medjugorje in saying the Rosary as all anxiously await the alleged arrival of Our Lady to the visionaries. Following the apparition at 5:40 PM (6:40 PM during Daylight Savings Time), feel free to stay at St. James Church and attend the Croatian Mass. Following the Croatian Mass, there is a Blessing of the Sick.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Our Lady has always called us to be close to her Son. For this, you will be able to adore the Blessed Sacrament at the altar outside of St. James Church. Adoration is held on Tuesdays and Saturdays; Veneration of the Cross is held on Fridays inside the church. Additionally, there is an Adoration Chapel on the grounds of St. James Church, where Adoration is held in the afternoon hours.

Visit the Community of Cenacolo:

Pilgrims will have the opportunity to visit the Community of Cenacolo, founded by Sr. Elvira Petrozzi, for young men and women who have taken the wrong path and are on the road to recovery. You will be able to listen to their inspirational testimonies about their journeys back to Jesus Christ.

Prayer at the Statue of the Risen Christ: The bronze statue of the Risen Christ is located on the grounds of St. James Church. Many pilgrims sit and pray on the benches surrounding this peaceful statue. This statue miraculously seeps droplets of water out of Christ's right knee at all times of the day.

* Please be advised that you will not have a spiritual director throughout your stay in Medjugorje. Daily Mass in English and English confessions are available at St. James Church in Medjugorje.

If you prefer our traditional pilgrimage/tour of Medjugorje, consider our Tour #1 (www.206tours.com/tour1) that provides a tour escort and spiritual leader throughout your stay.

Day 14: Medjugorje - Home

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, you will leave by motor coach for Dubrovnik Airport (Split or Sarajevo) for your return flights home.

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Occasionally local religious and national holidays, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of events or the missing of certain events/places. Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication, rather than a contract of events and places to be visited.