

## Pilgrimage to Poland & Prague with Radio Tele Lafwa Optional Post-Tour to Medjugorje

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## Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round-trip Airfare from New York (JFK)
- Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- 9 Nights Accommodation at Centrally Located First Class Hotels as Follows: (or similar)
  - 2 nights: Jun 04 06: Radisson Blu Centrum or Sheraton, Warsaw
  - 1 night: Jun 06 07: Hotel Arche, Czestochowa
  - 4 nights: Jun 07 11: Radisson Blu, Krakow
  - o 2 nights: Jun 11 13: NH Hotel Prague
- 4 nights Optional Post Tour to Medjugorje:
  - 4 nights: Jun 13 17: Hotel Grace, Medjugorje
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Wine and Mineral Water with Dinners
- Transportation by Air-Conditioned Motor Coach
- Whisper Headsets Where Needed
- Assistance of a Professional Local Catholic Guide(s)
- Sightseeing and Admissions Fees as per Itinerary
- Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities
- Luggage Handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight Bag & Portfolio of All Travel Documents

# Pilgrimage to Poland & Prague Only:

June 03 – 13, 2024 \$4,779 per person from New York (JFK)

All prices based on double occupancy.
Pricing available from any airport.

Optional Post-Tour to Medjugorje: June 13 – 17, 2024 \$986 per person

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## Sample Daily Itinerary

#### Day 1, Mon, Jun 03: Depart for Warsaw

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

#### Day 2, Tue, Jun 04: Arrive in Warsaw

Upon arrival, your tour guide and/or driver will meet you and bring you to your hotel. Your pilgrimage will officially begin with Mass followed by dinner. Explore the city of Warsaw before retiring for a restful overnight.

#### Day 3, Wed, Jun 05: Warsaw

Your day will begin with breakfast, followed by Mass at St. James Church. This church is where Helena Kowalska (St. Faustina) prayed extensively before entering the convent. Following this prayerful morning, explore the Old Town, comprised of beautiful maze-like cobblestone streets and picturesque architecture that are symbols of Poland's rebuild following its destruction during World War II. Visit the Market Square and the Warsaw Ghetto monument commemorating the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943 during World War II. Walkthrough Lazienski park, view the Royal Castle, visit the Stanislaw Kostka Church and view a special exhibit dedicated to Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko who was killed by communists in 1984. Your tour of Warsaw will conclude by returning to the hotel for a delicious meal, followed by an overnight.

## Day 4, Thu, Jun 06: Warsaw - Niepokalanow - Swinice Warckie - Czestochowa

This morning, enjoy breakfast followed by a transfer to Niepokalanow. This Franciscan Monastery was founded by martyr St. Maximilian Kolbe who died in Auschwitz when he gave his life to save another prisoner. Next we will go to the village of Swinice Warckie, to visit the church of St. Casimir. At this parish, St. Faustina was baptized, received her First Confession, and First Holy Communion, and attended Sunday Mass with her family. Afterwards, we will continue to Czestochowa for a magnificent dinner, and a restful overnight.

#### Day 5, Fri, Jun 07: Czestochowa - Wadowice - Krakow

Start your day with breakfast and Mass at Jasna Gora Monastery which is home to the beloved icon of the Black Madonna. Tradition tells us that this icon was painted by Luke the Evangelist, discovered by St. Helen, and later enshrined. Venerate the Holy Icon and many other priceless treasures the monastery contains. Continue to Wadowice, the birthplace of Karol Wojtyla (Saint John Paul II). Visit the church where he was baptized and attended Mass as a child. Continue to Krakow for dinner at a local restaurant before resting for the night.

#### Day 6, Sat, Jun 08: Krakow - Zakopane - Krakow

After breakfast, you will drive through the mountains to the breathtaking yet small village of Zakopane. Take a cable car ride to the nearby mountaintop. 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 often. Continue to the colorful Krupowki Street. Enjoy 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 7, Sun, Jun 09: 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. It contains several buildings that hold Historic value; the Town Hall Tower, the Cloth Hall, and the Burgher's houses. Make your way to Wawel Hill, to visit the beautiful Cathedral and Coronation Chapel. Pray at the tomb of the patron saint of Poland, St. Stanislaus. Next, take a short drive to Auschwitz, notoriously known as a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. View the cell that imprisoned the 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 8, Mon, Jun 10: Krakow - Divine Mercy - Lagiewniki - Wieliczka - Krakow

After breakfast, depart for Lagiewniki where Christ Himself revealed His message of Divine Mercy to Saint Faustina. Have the opportunity to visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy which houses images of the Merciful Jesus, relics of St. Faustina, the Saint's convent Chapel and her tomb. Visit the newly constructed Shrine of Divinity dedicated to Saint John Paul II on his last visit to Poland in 2002. We will celebrate Mass at the Shrine before visiting the New "Have No Fear" Centre where we will pray before a relic of St. John Paul II. After, we depart for Wieliczka to visit Europe's oldest salt mine, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Return to Krakow for your farewell dinner and last overnight.

#### Day 9, Tue, Jun 11: Krakow - Prague

Following breakfast, we will depart for our scenic motor coach ride (or short flight) to the enchanting city of Prague, a city of domed rooftops and soaring steeples. Dinner and an overnight in Prague.

#### Day 10, Wed, Jun 12: Prague

After breakfast, you will begin a tour of beautiful Prague. Celebrate Mass at the Church of Our Lady Victorious and see the renowned statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague. Visit Old Town by way of Golden Lane and then go to the Lesser Town to see the medieval Charles Bridge. You will also see St. Nicholas Church, the Astronomic Clock, and the Prague Castle district where you will tour St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George Basilica, Loreto Church, Strahov Monastery, and Wenceslas Square. Enjoy dinner and your last overnight in Europe.

#### Day 11, Thu, Jun 13: Prague - USA

After breakfast, head to Prague Airport for your return flights home .

#### **OPTIONAL POST-TOUR TO MEDJUGORJE**

#### Day 11, Thu, Jun 13: Prague - Medjugorje

After an early morning flight from Prague to Medjugorje, you will be greeted by a tour guide and/or driver who will then take you on the 2.5 hour drive by private coach to the village of Medjugorje. Once there, you will meet your fellow pilgrims and be introduced to your host family in who's modern and comfortable house you will be staying for the next several nights.

#### Days 12 - 14, Fri - Sun, Jun 14 - 16: Medjugorje

Over the next few days, you will have the opportunity to participate in the many spiritually enriching experiences which Medjugorje has to offer. A local guide will accompany your group throughout your stay in the village. Attend daily Mass at St. James Church, climb Mt. Krizevac, climb Apparition Hill, participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, visit the Community of Cenacolo, meet with the visionaries (pending their availability), pray at the Statue of the Risen Jesus, and more.

#### Day 15, Mon, Jun 17: Medjugorje - USA

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

\*206 Tours Disclaimer: Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits.