



TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

YOU'RE INVITED

ON A PILGRIMAGE TO

POLAND & LITHUANIA

IN HONOR OF DIVINE MERCY

September 27-October 8, 2020



A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 20 years. Working closely with your priest to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life by taking you to the homeland of numerous Catholic saints. By visiting holy sites and witnessing the grace of Divine Mercy, we hope your faith will be reinvigorated and renewed by this pilgrimage. We visit numerous sites and shrines, taking time for daily Mass and prayerful reflection as the cornerstones of each day's experience.

We use only experienced Catholic or Christian guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35). Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus," your Tekton pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the Scriptures and Church history and tradition. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

• Day 1 - Sunday, September 27 *Depart USA*

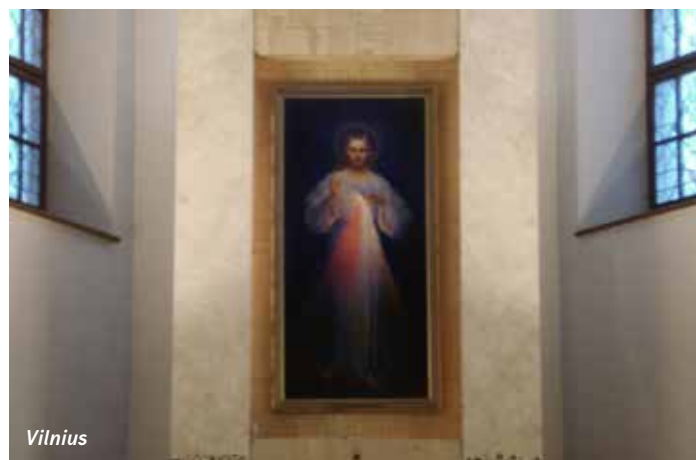
Our pilgrimage begins today as we lift off for Lithuania.

• Day 2 - Monday, September 28 *Arrive Vilnius*

Upon arrival in Vilnius we will be met by our tour manager at the airport and then transfer to our hotel. It was in this city where St. Faustina met Bl. Fr. Michael Sopocko, who would become her Spiritual Director. The first Image of Merciful Jesus was painted from St. Faustina's vision here. This original image has been restored and is now venerated in its own chapel where we will have Mass. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (D, Mass)

• Day 3 - Tuesday, September 29 *Vilnius / Sokolka / Bialystok*

This morning we experience many sites of Vilnius including the Old Town, St. Stanislaus Cathedral, the Chapel with the miraculous Image of the Holy Mother of Mercy, and the Convent of the Sisters of Holy Mother of God's Mercy. It is here, in September 1935, where Jesus dictated to St. Faustina the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This afternoon, after Mass, we cross the border into Poland and visit the small town of Sokolka, where a verified Eucharistic miracle took place in 2008. We proceed to Bialystok where we check into our hotel, our home for the next two nights. (B, D, Mass)



• Day 4 - Wednesday, September 30 *Bialystok*

Bialystok is also known as the City of Mercy because of how closely it is connected with Divine Mercy. Blessed Fr. Michael Sopocko was the spiritual director of St. Faustina and is the one who encouraged her to write her Diary. He lived and worked in Bialystok for almost 30 years and today we follow in his footsteps, visiting St. Faustina's Chapel, the Congregation of Sisters of Merciful Jesus, Father Sopocko's home, and the Arch-Cathedral. We end at the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, where he was beatified in 2008, and pray at his tomb (B, D, Mass)

• Day 5 - Thursday, October 1 *Bialystok / Warsaw*

We travel to Poland's capital Warsaw, today, stopping along the way in Dalekie, Fr. Szydlak's family hometown! After Mass in a local parish, we continue to Warsaw and visit St. Stanislaw Kostka Church, where the martyred Solidarity priest Father Popieluszek worked and is buried. Then we enjoy a tour of the city, including visits to the Cathedral of St. John, the Royal Castle, and the Old Town Square. We follow the Royal Route to Lazienki Park where we will see the Palace on the Water before checking in to our hotel, our home for the next 2 nights (B, D, Mass)

• Day 6 - Friday, October 2 *Niepokalanow / Warsaw*

Today we head out into the country to the remote village of Niepokalanow to the Franciscan Monastery founded by World War II martyr, St. Maximilian Kolbe. We will spend today in a retreat-like setting with a talk, confession, adoration, Mass, and time for personal reflection and wandering the grounds. This evening we return to Warsaw where you'll be free to explore this fascinating city. (B, D, Mass)



• Day 7 - Saturday, October 3 *Warsaw / Czestochowa*

Depart Warsaw this morning and drive to the Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa, the most holy site for the Polish people. The highlight of our visit will be viewing the famous icon of the Black Madonna to which numerous miracles are attributed. The history of this icon is shrouded in mystery, and according to tradition it was painted by St. Luke, brought back to Constantinople from Jerusalem by St. Helena, and eventually arrived at Jasna Gora monastery in 1386. We will see the Treasury, Knight's Hall, Refectory and the Basilica of the Holy Cross and Nativity of the Virgin Mary, with our remaining time here free for you to further explore, spend time in Adoration, go to confession, or simply sit and pray. We overnight tonight in this beautiful city. (B, D)

• Day 8 - Sunday, October 4 *Czestochowa / Auschwitz-Birkenau / Krakow*

In the morning we will journey to Auschwitz-Birkenau to pay respects at the remains of this Nazi concentration camp where over a million

people were killed during World War II. Both St. Edith Stein and St. Maximilian Kolbe were sent here, along with millions of other innocent Jews, Christians, and Poles. St. Maximilian was starved and then faced lethal injection after he volunteered his life for that of a fellow prisoner. Visit his cell and the Martyrdom museum. Afterwards, we travel to Krakow, our home for the next four nights. The remainder of the day will be free to acquaint ourselves with this second-largest city in Poland. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 9 - Monday, October 5**
Krakow

Krakow was thankfully largely untouched by World War II and is an important focal point of Polish Catholicism. We begin today with a visit to the seminary and Bishop's Palace where St. John Paul II studied for the priesthood in secret during World War II, and where he would later teach. We will visit Wawel Palace and the neighboring Wawel Cathedral, where the newly-ordained Fr. Wotjyla celebrated his first Mass and where we will have Mass today. Continue to Krakow's Old Town to see the main Market Square, City Hall Tower, Kanonicza Street where Pope John Paul II resided while living in Krakow and the courtyard of the Collegium Maius where he was a student. We end our day in prayer at two ancient churches that were unscathed by World War II – the Basilicas of St. Florian and St. Mary. (B, D, Mass)



● **Day 10 - Tuesday, October 6**
Wadowice / Kalwaria Zebrzydowska / Krakow

Today we walk in St. John Paul II's footsteps as we retrace much of his early life, beginning with Wadowice where we will have Mass at the Gothic Basilica of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary, where he received baptism, first communion, and confirmation. See the Baroque nave and the miraculous picture of Our Lady of Perpetual help, in front of which the future saint prayed daily. Get to know the former Karol Wojtyla in a new way as we explore his hometown and the museum located in his family home, containing relics of his youth and personal belongings from when he was a local priest. Our next stop is a place that was one of John Paul's favorite pilgrimage sites from his youth and young adult years – Kalawaria Zebrzydowska. This unique location began in the 17th century, when the Palatine of Krakow founded a Bernardine Monastery and built a replica of the Chapel of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. The complex grew over the years to encompass replicas of the Tomb of Christ, The Mount of Olives, the Home of Caiaphas, and other sites in the Holy Land, to provide a place of more local pilgrimage for those who could not journey to Jerusalem. Today on the slopes of the hills and in the

valley are 43 chapels and shrines scattered on only 4km distance honoring the Way of the Cross, the Mysteries of the Rosary, and 7 Sorrows of Mary. (B, D)

● **Day 11 - Wednesday, October 7**
Wieliczka / Lagiewniki / Krakow

We begin today with a drive to Wieliczka to visit one of the oldest salt mines in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a unique place where many generations of Polish miners have created a world of underground caverns including a rich interior of decorated chapels, some dating to the 17th century. This afternoon we will experience the highlight of our Divine Mercy pilgrimage when we travel to Lagiewniki, where Saint Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, lived and died. Enjoy a guided tour of the shrine and venerate the image of Divine Mercy and St. Faustina's tomb. We will have some time for personal prayer and exploring the grounds, then have our closing Mass and pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy together. Afterwards, we have to opportunity to pray by a relic of St. John Paul II in the new center "Have no Fear" and reflect upon the graces of this pilgrimage and especially the Divine Mercy our Lord offers each one of us. The remainder of the day will be free before enjoying our farewell dinner together tonight. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 12 - Thursday, October 8**
Krakow / USA

Today after breakfast we board our flight back to the U.S, taking with us the memories and graces from this blessed pilgrimage. (B)

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



POLAND PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare **\$3,195.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (applied to final invoice)

• **Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges** **\$498.52**
(subject to change until final ticketing)

• **Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff** **\$155.00**

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$3,848.52**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$573
- Land-only option: \$2,777 (no flights included)

Final Payment Due

June 2020

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Chicago O'Hare Lufthansa
- 10 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Knowledgeable, friendly, Catholic/Christian guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner (excluding drinks)
- Farewell dinner on day 11

Rates do not include: lunches, drinks with meals

Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 75 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 74 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 21 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$75.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$175.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 14 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Poland and Lithuania. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on Lufthansa. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes made within 90 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included in base price: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$498.52 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records estab-

lishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

Trust Account Disclosure: California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"): George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if George's International Tours was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which George's International Tours failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount, which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to George's International Tours, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

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