



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO

POLAND

September 13 - 23, 2021



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 - Monday, September 13t *Depart USA*

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart on our overnight flight to Poland. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

● Day 2 - Tuesday, September 14 *Arrive Warsaw*

Upon arrival in Warsaw we will be met by our tour manager, who will remain with us for the duration of our pilgrimage. Time permitting, we will visit St. Stanislaw Kostka Church, where the martyred Solidarity priest Father Jerzy Popieluszko worked and is buried. Then we enjoy a panoramic overview tour of the city on the way to check-in at our local hotel, our home for the next two nights. (D)

● Day 3 - Wednesday, September 15 *Warsaw*

This morning we enjoy a tour of Warsaw including visits to the Cathedral of St. John, the Royal Castle (outside visit), the Old Town Square, the Barbican and City Walls, and Zygmunt's Column. Follow the Royal Route to Lazienki Park where we will see the Palace on the Water (outside visit). See St. James Church, where the young Helena Kowalska (future St. Faustina) prayed for vocational discernment and visit the motherhouse of Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy on Zytnia Street. This afternoon, we drive out into the countryside to the Franciscan Monastery at Niepokalanow, founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe. Pray in the little chapel here where he and the other friars would gather for Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours and reflect upon the mission of the Militia Immaculata and the role of the Blessed Mother in our lives. Return to Warsaw this evening, for the last of our two nights in this capital city (B, D, Mass)

● Day 4 - Thursday, September 16 *Warsaw / Czestochowa / Krakow*

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. After Mass proceed to Krakow, our home for the next seven nights. (B, D, Mass)



● Day 5 - Friday, September 17 *Krakow - Kazimierz, Auschwitz*

After breakfast this morning, we journey to the Kazimierz district. Prior to World War II, this neighborhood had been the center of Jewish life in Krakow for over 500 years. After being systematically destroyed by the Nazis, it is undergoing a resurgence amongst contemporary Cracovians and features two of the city's most important synagogues. Tour Oskar Schindler's factory, made famous in the movie Schindler's List, and learn about the bravery of this one man who helped save hundreds of Jews from being put to death. This afternoon, 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 before returning to Krakow. (B, D, Mass)



● Day 6 - Saturday, September 18 *Krakow - city tour*

Krakow was thankfully largely untouched by World War II and is an important focal point of Polish Catholicism. Following breakfast, proceed to Wawel Hill and visit the Cathedral of St. Stanislaw, Poland's second most important pilgrimage shrine. Proceed to the Basilica of the Holy Trinity, the Gothic Dominican church originally built in the 13th century, and the adjoining monastery of the Black

Friars. Continue through Krakow's Old Town to the main Market Square, the Church of St. Mary, 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 7 - Sunday, September 19**

Krakow – Wieliczka Salt Mine, Shrine of Divine Mercy

This morning, we will travel to Wieliczka to visit one of Europe's oldest salt mines, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. These mines are a unique place where many generations of Polish miners have created a world of underground chambers and decorated chapels carved out of salt including the famous Chapel of St. Kinga. After lunch, we journey to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Lagiewniki, a suburb of Krakow, where Saint Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, lived and died. Enjoy a guided tour of the shrine, which includes the convent chapel and St. Faustina's tomb, and venerate the image of Divine Mercy and the relics of St. Faustina. Listen to a talk from one of the sisters of her Order. Afterwards, we have the opportunity to pray by a relic of St. John Paul II in the new center "Have no Fear." Return to Krakow with the remainder of the day free. (B, D, Mass)



● **Day 8 - Monday, September 20**

Krakow – footsteps of St. John Paul II

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 other stop today 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. Now, 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. Explore this peaceful sanctuary before returning to Krakow. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 9 - Tuesday, September 21**

Krakow – Zakokpane

Continue in the footsteps of St. John Paul II as we take a day trip from Krakow to Zakopane in the Tatra Mountains. As a parish priest and

bishop of Krakow, John Paul would often journey to this picturesque area for hiking, swimming, canoeing, and camping. He visited also as Pope, consecrating the church at the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, built by the local people in gratitude for his survival after an assassination attempt, which he attributed to Our Lady. Visit this shrine as well as the rest of the local village. Travel by funicular to the top of Mt. Gubalowka and stand in awe at the panoramic views of the "Polish Alps." After some free time in nature, return to Krakow later this evening. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 10 - Wednesday, September 22**

Krakow – Nowa Huta, free time

This morning, proceed to Nowa Huta (New Ironworks) – the city built to be a monument to and point of pride for a socialist society. Learn about the post-war era of Krakow and the underground resistance to communism. See the Ark of the Lord Church – the first Catholic church built in the city in part after the perseverance of a local parish priest, Karol Wojtyla, the future St. Pope John Paul II. In a city designed and built to be an atheist stronghold, discover how the Lord was faithful in his promise that "the gates of hell shall not prevail" against His Church on earth. The rest of the day will be free to return to a favorite spot in the city, pray in one of the numerous churches, shop one last time for souvenirs, or explore somewhere new on our own. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 11 - Thursday, September 23**

Krakow / USA

Following breakfast transfer to the airport for our flight home, taking with us all the wonderful memories and graces of this pilgrimage. (B)

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

These rates are based upon an assumption that the situation in the countries being visited will be free of the government-imposed social distancing restrictions which are currently in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We cannot be held responsible for any increase in these quoted rates in the event that government regulations are not relaxed or further restrictions are put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic that may result in increased operational costs.



POLAND PILGRIMAGE DETAILS (LAND-ONLY)

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy **\$3,195.00**

• **Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff** **\$140.00**

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$3,335.00**

(*international airfare is not included in this pricing)

OPTIONS:

• For a single room: add \$652

Final Payment Due

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BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- 9 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Porterage 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)

Rates do not include: lunches, drinks with meals, international airfare

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 15 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 \$150.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 14 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. 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: Airfare is not included for this pilgrimage at this time.

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: International airfare, 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 establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

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