



**TEKTON MINISTRIES**  
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

*YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO*  
**POLAND & THE  
CZECH REPUBLIC**

**September 8-17, 2027**



# A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

**Tekton Ministries** has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 30 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 - Wednesday, September 8 *Arrive in Warsaw*

Our pilgrimage begins today as we gather for the first time at our hotel in Warsaw (the address will be provided prior to departure); you may check in any time after 3:00 p.m. This evening, join your fellow pilgrims and your Pilgrimage Manager for a welcome dinner in the hotel dining room — the first gathering of our community as we set our hearts on the journey ahead.

## ● Day 2 - Thursday, September 9 *Warsaw & Niepokalanow*

We begin our day with Mass at St. Stanisław Kostka Church, where the martyred Solidarity priest Father Jerzy Popiełuszko worked and is buried. Father Popiełuszko's courage in speaking truth to communist power — and his murder by the secret police in 1984 — made him one of the most powerful symbols of faith, freedom, and the power of the Gospel in modern Poland.

Enjoy a guided tour of Warsaw including visits to the Cathedral of St. John, the Royal Castle, the Old Town Square, the Barbican and City Walls, and Zygmunt's Column. Follow the Royal Route to Łazienki Park where we will see the Palace on the Water.



We end our day with a visit to Niepokalanow — the "City of the Immaculate" founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe as a center of Marian devotion and the apostolate of print media. Here we visit the Shrine of Our Lady Immaculate and St. Maximilian Kolbe, offering our prayers in the place where he built his great work of faith before his arrest and deportation to Auschwitz.



## ● Day 3 - Friday, September 10 *Częstochowa & the Black Madonna*

We depart Warsaw this morning and drive to Częstochowa, the most visited pilgrimage site in Poland, where Our Lady has been called the "Queen of Poland" for centuries. Here we visit the Jasna Góra Monastery — a spiritual fortress that has stood as the heart of Polish Catholic identity through invasions, partitions, and communist oppression. We visit the Treasury, Knight's Hall, Refectory, and the Basilica of the Holy Cross and Nativity of the Virgin Mary.

The highlight of our visit is viewing the miraculous icon of Our Lady of Częstochowa — the Black Madonna — to which countless miracles have been attributed over seven centuries. We celebrate Mass before this beloved image. After Mass we proceed south to Kraków, our home base for the next four nights.

## ● Day 4 - Saturday, September 11 *Auschwitz-Birkenau*

Following breakfast, we travel to Auschwitz-Birkenau to pay our respects at the remains of this Nazi concentration camp, where over a million people were killed during the Second World War. Both St. Edith Stein and St. Maximilian Kolbe were sent here, along with millions of innocent Jews, Christians, and Poles. St. Maximilian was condemned to death by starvation after he stepped forward to take the place of a fellow prisoner — an act of self-giving love that shines through the darkness of this place.

Our time here is not a museum tour but an act of witness and prayer. We return to Kraków in the late afternoon for dinner and a quiet evening of reflection, carrying in our hearts all whom we have remembered today.

## ● Day 5 - Sunday, September 12 *Wieliczka & Divine Mercy Shrine*

This morning we travel to Wieliczka to visit one of the oldest working salt mines in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Descend 135 meters underground into a breathtaking world of chambers, corridors, and chapels carved over centuries by Polish miners. The crown jewel is the magnificent Chapel of St. Kinga — a full

cathedral carved entirely from rock salt, complete with chandeliers, elaborate bas-reliefs depicting scenes from the New Testament, and altarpieces fashioned from the same salt.

In the afternoon we journey to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Łagiewniki, where Saint Faustina Kowalska — Apostle of Divine Mercy — lived and died. Enjoy a guided tour of the shrine including the convent chapel and St. Faustina's tomb. Venerate the original image of Divine Mercy and the relics of St. Faustina. Listen to a talk from one of the sisters of her Order. Pray before a relic of St. John Paul II in the center "Have No Fear," named for his words at the beginning of his pontificate.

- **Day 6 - Monday, September 13**  
*In the 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 Karol Wojtyła was born in 1920. We celebrate Mass at the Gothic Basilica of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary, the very church where the future pope was baptized, received his first Holy Communion, and was confirmed. Admire the Baroque nave and pray before the miraculous picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, before which the young Karol prayed every day. Explore the Wojtyła family home museum, with personal relics and belongings from his youth.

Our next stop is Kalwaria Zebrzydowska — a place JP II called one of his great loves from youth. This UNESCO World Heritage site began in the 17th century when a Polish nobleman built a replica of the Chapel of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. Over the centuries it grew to encompass replicas of the Tomb of Christ, the Mount of Olives, the Home of Caiaphas, and other Holy Land sites. Today 43 chapels and shrines are scattered across four kilometers of hills, honoring the Way of the Cross, the Mysteries of the Rosary, and the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

- **Day 7 - Tuesday, September 14**  
*Journey to Prague*

We depart this morning for the Czech capital of Prague, one of Europe's most stunningly beautiful and well-preserved cities. En route, we stop in Brno to visit the Old Town and celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul — a national cultural monument and a masterpiece of South Moravian Gothic architecture. A curiosity: the cathedral bells ring the noon hour one hour early, to commemorate a historic victory over Swedish forces during the Thirty Years' War. Upon arrival in Prague, we check in at our hotel.

- **Day 8 - Wednesday, September 15:**  
*Prague — Loreto, Prague Castle & the Infant Jesus*

We begin with a visit to the Loreto Shrine, one of the most important pilgrimage sites in the Czech Republic, housing a faithful replica of the Holy House of the Virgin Mary from Nazareth. Then we proceed to Prague Castle to visit the magnificent St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George's Basilica, the picturesque Golden Lane, the Royal Palace, and St. George's Convent.

We continue to Malá Strana — "The Little Quarter" — with its wealth of Baroque architecture. Here we visit the Church of St. Nicholas and the Church of Our Lady Victorious, where we venerate the famous Infant Jesus of Prague — the miraculous wax statue venerated by the faithful for over four centuries — and celebrate Mass.

- **Day 9 - Thursday, September 16**  
*Stará Boleslav & Prague Old Town*

This morning we make an excursion to Stará Boleslav, where we celebrate Mass and visit the Basilica of St. Wenceslas — the site of the martyrdom of Bohemia's patron saint — and venerate the Palladium of Bohemia, a sacred medieval relief of the Madonna and

Child kept in the Basilica of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

In the afternoon we return to Prague and cross the Charles Bridge, lined with thirty magnificent Baroque statues of saints, to visit the Old Town — considered one of the finest historical city centers in Europe. We explore the Old Town Square, the Town Hall with its famous Astronomical Clock (which comes alive each hour as the twelve Apostles appear to bless the crowd), the Church of Our Lady before Týn, and the Church of St. Nicholas.

This evening we gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant, celebrating the many graces of this pilgrimage together.



- **Day 10 - Friday, September 17**  
*Prague / USA*

Following breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our return journey home (independently arranged), carrying with us all the blessings and graces of this pilgrimage through the land of saints. Like the Magi who "returned to their country by a different way," we go home transformed — not merely as tourists with photographs, but as pilgrims carrying seeds of grace that will continue to bear fruit in our lives, our families, and our communities for years to come. Jesus, I trust in You.

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



# LAND-ONLY POLAND PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

Please note all the pricing below is currently estimated

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[TektonMinistries.org](https://www.TektonMinistries.org)

## LAND-ONLY PRICE PER PERSON

# \$3,900.00

**Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff**      **\$180.00**  
*(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)*

Final pricing and pilgrimage details are expected to be available fall 2026

### OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add TBD

**Final Payment Due**

**June 2027**

### BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- 9 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- 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 10

*Base rate does not include: Lunches, drinks with meals, gratuities*

**Reservations and Payment:** Tekton Ministries requires a non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due 90 days prior to departure - after receiving the final invoice. All pilgrimage registrations must be made online through our website. Reservations made within 89 days of departure (or after the final invoices are sent) must be accompanied by payment in full. Any credit card payments other than the deposit will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. Late payments may be subject to a late fee and/or possible removal from the pilgrimage. Pilgrimage prices are based upon a minimum number of 21 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for smaller group sizes.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be received in writing (email or letter). 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, \$300 will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$2000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 30 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. U.S. citizens may also be required to apply for ETIAS (start date TBD) to enter Europe. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Poland or the Czech Republic. 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:** Group air travel is not provided. However, Tekton Ministries will assist in booking your published airfares.

**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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