

# *Warsaw to Krakow: A Pilgrimage of Faith and Social Transformation*

## **An 11-Day Pilgrimage to Poland**

Suggested Pilgrimage #1 (9 nights/11 days)

**Day 1** **Departure from the USA**  
Depart on an overnight flight to Warsaw, Poland

**Day 2** **Arrive Warsaw (D)**  
Arrive in Warsaw and meet our Faith Journeys Tour Manager and transfer to the hotel  
Panoramic driving tour of Warsaw  
Celebrate Mass  
Check-in to the hotel for dinner and overnight

**Day 3** **Warsaw City Tour (B,D)**  
Breakfast at the hotel  
Half-day city tour of Warsaw including the church of St. Stanislaw Kostka. Also see the Royal Castle, visit St. John's Cathedral, and Old Town Market Place  
Celebrate Mass  
Lunch, on own  
Continue with the New Town Market, Barbican, and Krasinski Square  
Drive out to the Ghetto Memorial with views of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Warsaw's Grand Opera and National Theatre House  
Also visit the Church of the Holy Cross and Royal Lazienki Park  
Dinner at a local restaurant  
Return to the hotel for overnight

**Day 4** **Warsaw, Niepokalanow, Czestochowa (B,D)**  
Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out  
Visit one of the most important places of pilgrimage in Poland, the village of Niepokalanow, home to the Basilica of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Conventual Franciscan Friary founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe  
Celebrate Mass  
Lunch, on own  
Continue to Czestochowa, and visit the famous Pauline monastery of Jazna Góra and Poland's holiest relic, the Black Madonna painting  
Check-in to the hotel for dinner and overnight

**Day 5** **Czestochowa, Wadowice, Zakopane (B,D)**  
Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out  
Celebrate Mass  
Depart for Wadowice, the birthplace of St. John Paul II  
Explore the museum in the family home of St. John Paul II, including a collection of objects that belonged to Karol Wojtyła and his family  
Also see Virgin Mary's Offertory, the parish church of the Karol Wojtyła family  
Afternoon continue to Zakopane, "the winter capital of Poland."  
Check-in to the hotel for dinner and overnight



**Day 6** **Zakopane** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel  
Celebrate Mass  
Visit the Sanctuary of the Holy Virgin of Fatima  
Take a funicular up the Gubałówka mountain for a view of Zakopane and the Tatras  
Continue to Villa Atma and Wladyslaw Hasjor Art Gallery  
Dinner at a local restaurant  
Return to the hotel in Zakopane for overnight



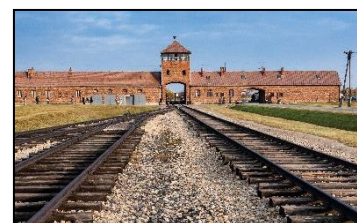
**Day 7** **Zakopane, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, Wieliczka, Krakow** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out  
Visit the city of Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, where young Wojtyła would come to pray and reflect upon his life and service to God. Find the famous Calvary paths, and intertwining mesh churches, chapels and wayside shrines originally built to replicate the city of Jerusalem  
Celebrate Mass  
Continue to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, one of the world's oldest operating salt mines. At the end of the underground tour there is a large cathedral (the Church of St. Kinga)  
Continue to Krakow to check-in to the hotel for dinner and overnight



**Day 8** **Krakow** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel  
A morning tour of Krakow includes a visit to Kazimeirz, the Dominican Church, and Wawel Royal Castle, including Katedra Wawelska, the cathedral of Karol Wojtyła until he became Pope.  
Lunch, on own  
Continue with Krakow's Old Town, including the Main Market Square, Town Hall Tower, the Sukiennice, the Gothic Church of St. Stanislaw  
Celebrate Mass  
Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight



**Day 9** **Krakow, Auschwitz** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel  
Morning excursion to Auschwitz to visit the museum at the site of the concentration camps Auschwitz I and II. More than 1.1 million people (90% of them Jews) died here during the German occupation of Poland during World War II. The tour will include seeing the cell of St. Maximilian Kolbe, O.F.M. Conv., who gave his life in substitution for a prisoner who was to be executed  
Celebrate Mass  
Lunch, on own  
Return to Krakow for an afternoon of leisure for self-arranged visits or time for reflection  
Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight



**Day 10** **Krakow** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel  
Morning visit to the Convent of Sister of Mercy in nearby Lagiewniki, where Saint Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, lived and died  
Celebrate Mass  
Visit the nearby John Paul II Center to venerate a relic (a small vial of blood) of St. John Paul II  
Return to Krakow



Enjoy a memorable farewell dinner at a local restaurant to contemplate and share all that we have felt on our pilgrimage of faith  
Return to the hotel for overnight

**Day 11**

**Depart for Home**

**(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out  
Transfer to the Krakow airport for the return flight back home

***This is a very flexible itinerary.** Except for confirmed appointments, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable*

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