



PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC

September 16-26, 2025

Escorted by

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ITINERARY

Day 1 - Sep. 16: Depart USA

Our spiritual pilgrimage begins today as we board our transatlantic flight to Warsaw. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

Day 2 - Sep. 17: Arrive Warsaw

Upon arrival in Warsaw, we will be met at the airport and then transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the day is free.



Day 3 - Sep. 18: Warsaw

This morning, we will begin our day with Mass at St. Stanislaw Kostka Church, where the martyred Solidarity priest Father Popieluszko worked and is buried. Then, enjoy a full-day 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. Then, follow the Royal Route to Lazienki Park, where we will see the Palace on the Water.



Day 4 - Sep. 19: Warsaw / Krakow

Depart Warsaw this morning and drive to Czestochowa, which is the most popular pilgrimage site in Poland. Here we will visit the Jasna Gora Monastery where we will visit the Treasury, the Knight's Hall, the Refectory

and the Basilica of the Holy Cross and the Nativity of the Virgin Mary. The highlight of our visit will be viewing the famous icon of the Black Madonna to which miraculous powers are attributed. After Mass, proceed to Krakow, our home for the next four nights.



Day 5 - Sep. 20: Krakow

Following breakfast, proceed to Wawel Hill and celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. Stanislaw, Poland's second most important pilgrimage shrine. Then visit the Wawel Royal Castle which is one of the most beautiful renaissance residences in central Europe. Continue to Krakow's Old Town to see the main Market Square, the Church of St. Mary, Cloth Hall, City Hall Tower, Kanonicza Street where Pope John Paul II resided while living in Krakow and the Collegium Maius where he was a student.

Day 6 - Sep. 21: Krakow

This morning, we will visit the Divine Mercy Shrine in Lagiewniki, where Saint Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, lived and died. Enjoy a guided tour of the shrine and celebrate Mass at the Chapel of Relics. Then drive to the Wieliczka to visit Europe's oldest salt mine which has been listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. The 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. Return to Krakow with the remainder of the day free.

Day 7 - Sep. 22: Krakow

This morning, we will visit Kalwaria Zebrzydowska which was a popular pilgrimage place for Pope John Paul II

when he was a young man and where in the 17th century the Palatine of Krakow founded a Franciscan Monastery. On the slope of the hill and the valley is an architectural 'Way of the Cross' made up of 40 chapels set on the surrounding hills. After Mass we will drive to Wadowice to visit the birthplace of Pope John Paul II and his childhood home which is now a museum and the Church of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary where he was baptized. Next, we will visit the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz where millions were killed during World War II including St. Maximilian Kolbe who starved after volunteering his life for that of a fellow prisoner. Return to Krakow.

Day 8 - Sep. 23: Krakow / Prague

Depart this morning for the Czech capital of Prague, one of Europe's most attractive capitals. En route, make a brief stop in Brno to visit the Old Town and the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul. Then continue on to Kutna Hora to see the Sedlec Ossuary, popularly referred to as the "Bone Church" which contains the exhumed remains of up to 40,000 people. Proceed on to Prague for check in at our local hotel.



Day 9 - Sep. 24: Prague

Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Prague, starting with a visit to Loreto Shrine, one of the most important pilgrimage shrines in the Czech Republic. Then visit Prague Castle where we will visit St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George's Basilica, the picturesque Golden Lane, the Royal Palace and St. George's Convent. Then proceed to Mala Strana, "the Little Quarter", with its beautiful architectural buildings. Here we will visit the Church of St. Nicholas and then the Church of Our Lady Victorious where we will see the famous statue of the Infant Jesus

of Prague and celebrate Mass. The remainder of the day is free.

Day 10 - Sep. 25: Prague

This morning, we will cross the Charles Bridge to visit the Old Town, which is considered to be one of the best historical city centers in Europe. Visit the Old Town Square, the Town Hall with its famous Astronomical Clock, which comes alive when the hour strikes and the twelve disciples appear to bless the crowd, the Church of Our Lady before Tyn, and the Church of St. Nicholas. The remainder of the day is free. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 11 - Sep. 26: Prague / USA

Following breakfast transfer to the airport for our flight back home

TOUR COST

\$4,689.00

per person based upon double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$872.00.

This price includes:

- ✕ Roundtrip motorcoach from Mechanicsburg to Washington Dulles Airport
- ✕ Roundtrip airfare from Washington Dulles Airport
- ✕ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✕ Accommodation in First Class/4 star hotels
- ✕ All hotel taxes and service charges
- ✕ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✕ Arrival and departure transfers
- ✕ Baggage handling at hotels
- ✕ Land travel by deluxe motorcoach
- ✕ Comprehensive sightseeing with professional local guides
- ✕ Professional tour manager
- ✕ All entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✕ Daily Mass

Gratuities to the local guide, driver and hotel/restaurant staff are an additional \$200.00 per person.

Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellations received after 5PM Pacific Time or on weekends/holidays will be processed the next business day. The following per person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 7 days prior to departure \$1,000.00 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. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

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Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for a minimum of 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U.S. citizens. Visas are not required for U.S. citizens. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to determine your visa requirement status. George's International Tours is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

Tour Cost: All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

Tour Documents and Tickets: Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying to the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). George's International Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Air Transportation: Airfare is in economy class on Lufthansa/Austrian Airlines (or any other IATA carrier). Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares/flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

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

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you have comprehensive travel insurance. Insurance may be purchased directly through George's International Tours and registration forms will be provided upon receipt of your deposit or you may purchase online at www.georgesintl.com. George's International Tours acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider and in no event shall George's International Tours be liable to any person or entity whatsoever for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages related to insurance coverage purchased.

Not Included: Gratuities (\$200.00 per person will be included on your invoice), passport and/or individual visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

Responsibility Clause: The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. George's International Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

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Please refer to www.georgesintl.com for further disclosures concerning travel risks, travels with special needs or disabilities, and arbitration.

Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

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RESERVATION APPLICATION

Pilgrimage to Poland and the Czech Republic (September 16-26, 2025)

Group Reference Number: 250916A

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Name (as printed on your passport):		
First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____		
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):		
Passport number:	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Passport date of issue:	Passport date of expiration:	
Country of citizenship:	Date of birth:	
Street address:		
City:	State:	Zipcode:
Home phone:	Work phone:	
Mobile phone:	Email address:	

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one:	Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/>	Single occupancy (\$872.00 additional) <input type="checkbox"/>
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate:		

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:

Please enclose a deposit of **\$300.00 per person** made payable to **George's International Tours** and mail to:

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