

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II



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COPENHAGEN LAYOVER - WARSAW - NIEPOKALANÓW - ŚWINICE WARCKIE - WROCLAW - CZĘSTOCHOWA - KRAKÓW - WADOWICE - AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU - WIELICZKA - ZAKOPANE

The price includes:

- Accommodation in a high-standard tourist's hotel in double rooms
- Single Room extra charge - €500 EURO
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Tour Guide - Professional Catholic English-Speaking Guides
- Personal sound system/ headphones for each participant in the required locations.
- Medical group insurance.
- Round-trip airfare
- 1 Checked Bag with the Airlines
- All airport taxes & fuel surcharges

PILGRIMAGE DATES
JULY 13-24, 2026

Breakfast and Dinner daily
Spiritual guidance of Fr. Marek Smolka
-Group size pilgrimage is 30 people.

Not Included

Lunch, Tips to your guide & driver.



For more information:

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Pilgrimage Itinerary



Day 1 - July 13 - Depart for Poland

Gathering at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. Departure flight at 7:15 PM from Chicago to Copenhagen.

Day 2 - July 14 - Copenhagen Layover / Arrival in Warsaw

Arrival in Copenhagen. During the approximately 7-hour layover, enjoy a panoramic city tour of Copenhagen, discovering the highlights of the charming Danish capital. After the tour, continue your flight to Poland. Evening arrival in Warsaw. Dinner and overnight at the Mercure Warszawa hotel.

Spiritual & Cultural Highlights: Introduction to Europe and the Scandinavian capital.

Day 3 - July 15 - Warsaw

After breakfast, enjoy a full-day sightseeing tour of Warsaw, the capital of Poland. Discover the beautifully reconstructed Old Town, the Royal Route, and the most important historical landmarks of the city. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Warsaw.

Highlights of the Day: Warsaw Old Town, Royal Route, Polish history and culture.

Day 4 - July 16 - Niepokalanów – Świnice Warckie – Wrocław

After breakfast, depart for Niepokalanów, the monastery founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe, one of the most important Marian pilgrimage sites in Poland. Continue to Świnice Warckie, the birthplace of St. Faustina Kowalska, the Apostle of Divine Mercy. Later transfer to Wrocław. Dinner and overnight at the HP Park Plaza 4* or Mercure Centrum 4* hotel.

Spiritual Highlights: The life and mission of St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Faustina.

Day 5 - July 17 - Wrocław

Breakfast at the hotel followed by a full-day tour of Wrocław, one of the most picturesque cities in Poland. Explore the historic Market Square, the cathedral area on Cathedral Island, and the charming streets of the Old Town. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Wrocław.

Highlights of the Day: Gothic architecture, historic squares, and the Oder River cityscape.

Day 6 - July 18 - Częstochowa

After breakfast, depart for Jasna Góra Monastery in Częstochowa, home to the miraculous icon of the Black Madonna of Częstochowa, the most important Marian shrine in Poland and one of the most significant pilgrimage destinations in Europe. Dinner and overnight at the Arche Hotel Czestochowa.

Spiritual Highlights: Veneration of the Black Madonna and Marian devotion.

Day 7 - July 19 - Kraków

After breakfast, travel to Kraków, the former royal capital of Poland. Enjoy a guided tour of the historic Old Town, including the Market Square and the most famous landmarks of this beautiful medieval city. Dinner and overnight at the hotel Golden Tulip Krakow Kazimierz 4* or Q Plus Hotel 4* in Kraków.

Highlights of the Day: Medieval Kraków, Market Square, and royal heritage.

Day 8 - July 20 - Wadowice – Auschwitz-Birkenau

Today visit Wadowice, the birthplace of Pope St. John Paul II. Continue to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum, the former Nazi concentration and extermination camp. Return to Kraków. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Spiritual Reflection: Remembering the victims of World War II and reflecting on the message of peace.

Day 9 - July 21 - Divine Mercy Sanctuary – St. John Paul II Sanctuary – Wieliczka

In the morning, visit the Divine Mercy Sanctuary in Łagiewniki and the St. John Paul II Center.

In the afternoon, explore the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its underground chapels and sculptures carved in salt. Dinner at a traditional Polish restaurant. Overnight in Kraków.

Spiritual Highlights: The message of Divine Mercy and the legacy of St. John Paul II.

Day 10 - July 22 - Zakopane

After breakfast, depart for a full-day excursion to Zakopane, a picturesque mountain resort at the foot of the Tatra Mountains, famous for its highland traditions and breathtaking alpine scenery. Return to Kraków for dinner and overnight.

Highlights of the Day: Tatra Mountain scenery and Polish highlander culture.

Day 11 - July 23 - Kraków – Kazimierz

In the morning, continue sightseeing in Kraków with a visit to Kazimierz, the historic Jewish Quarter.

The afternoon will be free for souvenir shopping or a visit to a shopping center. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kraków.

Highlights of the Day: Jewish heritage and free time in Kraków.

Day 12 - July 24 - Return Home - End of the pilgrimage.

Early packed breakfast and transfer to John Paul II International Airport Kraków–Balice. Departure flight from Kraków to Copenhagen at 10:05 AM. After a layover in Copenhagen, continue the flight to Chicago, arriving at 4:10 PM.

*The program is a framework. The order of activities may change.
Daily Mass will be held (if possible, at selected shrines and other churches).*



Registration for the Pilgrimage

Passport Information - passport valid for 6 months before travel

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Sex: Female Male

USA Passport: YES NO Other: _____

Date of birth: _____

Passport Number: _____

Passport Expiration Date: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Emergency phone number: _____

Name and phone number

Address: _____

Please send a copy of your passport to via email msmolka@borgiachicago.org, OR
St. Francis Borgia
Att. Fr. Marek Smolka
8033 W. Addison Street
Chicago, IL 60634

The passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of departure.

Payment:

Only completed by the office:

Deposit due upon registration – \$1000/person: _____

Second Payment: _____

Final Payment: _____

Final balance due 120 days prior to departure

Additional Payment: _____

Cancellations are possible at any time, but refunds are subject to cancellation fees at the rates listed here.

- Within 2 weeks of deposit: Free Cancellation*
- 91 days or more from departure: Deposit is retained
- 90-61 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost is non-refundable
- 60-31 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost is non-refundable
- 30 days or less prior to departure: 100% of trip cost is non-refundable

Room:

I want to be in the room with:

If it is not possible to find a roommate, there will be a single room charge of 500 Euro.

