

Old town square in Warsaw

Tour Code: SJP21



St. James Coffee House Pilgrimage to:

Poland

Homeland of Pope John Paul II

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE
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Mountain valley in Western Tatra

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Jasna Gora monastery in Czestochowa



Day 1: Sunday, August 22, 2021 • Depart USA
We board our flight to Warsaw Poland!

Day 2: Monday, August 23, 2021 • Warsaw

Upon arrival in Warsaw, we meet our guide and motor coach and transfer to our hotel. We have a welcome dinner at our hotel tonight. **D**

Day 3: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 • Warsaw

Our exploration of Warsaw begins at the church of St. Stanislaw Kostka where Blessed Father Jerzy Popieluszko, leader in solidarity worked and is buried. He was martyred in October 1984 in retaliation for his stance against oppression. We learn about the life and times of Karol Wojtyla who would become His Holiness John Paul II. After celebrating Mass, we continue to get acquainted with the city. We see the 15th century Gothic castle that served as the seat of the kings of Poland. Next, we visit St. John's Cathedral, then walk through the Market Square have time for tea or cake or to explore shops and galleries. Next, we pass the late-Gothic structure by John Baptist of Venice — the Barbican. In the new market, we see where Marie Sklodowska-Curie was born (Madame Curie). We see the Monument of Warsaw's Uprising and drive to see the Ghetto Memorial and view the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Warsaw's Grand Opera and National Theatre House erected by Antonio Corazzi. We learn about Poland's prize composer, Frederic Chopin, as we pass the Baroque church housing his ashes and stop at the Royal Lazienki Park to see the Monument of Frederick Chopin. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant. We return to our hotel for the evening. **B, D**

Day 4: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 • Częstochowa

After breakfast, we drive to the village of Niepokalanow, home to the Basilica of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Conventual Franciscan Friary founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe, O.F.M. Conv. After viewing a short history of Christianity in Poland we celebrate Mass. We continue to Częstochowa where we visit Jasna Góra Monastery which dates back to the 14th century. We see the miraculous Black Madonna. Its tradition began when Prince Ladislaus II of Opole invited Pauline monks to Poland. He gave them Jasna Góra hill and a small church under the invocation of Holy Virgin Mary. The prince presented them with the miraculous picture of Our Lady. During the Hussite wars in 1430, the monastery was sacked and robbed and the picture profaned. To this day, one can see the sword-cuts on the cheek of the Madonna. In the year 1717, the picture was crowned with papal diadem and was called the picture of "Black

Wieliczka Salt Mine



Madonna." The local monks welcome us for a private tour of the monastery and the treasury. **B, D**

Day 5: Thursday, August 26, 2021 • Zakopane

This morning we celebrate Mass at the Chapel of the Black Madonna. Then we travel to Wadowice, the birthplace of Pope John Paul II. The family home of the young Karol Wojtyla (now a museum) and learn from the Pope's life. A visit here provides an anecdotal panorama of the humble life of one of the influential figures of the 20th century. Nearby is the parish church which Wojtyla attended in his youth. In the afternoon, we continue to Zakopane, nestled high up in Tatra mountains. We continue to our hotel where we enjoy dinner and an evening together. **B, D**

Day 6: Friday, August 27, 2021 • Zakopane

Today, we make our way to the Sanctuary of the Holy Virgin of Fatima, a chapel constructed in 1999 in gratitude for Pope John Paul II's survival of an assassination attempt. We celebrate Mass then continue our tour as we take a funicular ride to the heights of Mt. Gubalowka for a stunning view of the Tatra Mountains and the town of Zakopane. We also drive by Villa Atma, once the home of the famous Polish composer Karol Szymanowski. We stop at the Wladyslaw Hasior Art Gallery. At the end of our tour, we come to Krupówki, the central mall lined with restaurants, cafes, boutiques, and souvenir shops. This evening, dinner will be served at a local restaurant in Zakopane. **B, D**

Day 7: Saturday, August 28, 2021 • Kraków

Today we depart for Kraków, where then Karol Wojtyla served as Archbishop prior to being elected Pope. Along the way, we stop in Wieliczka to visit the oldest salt mine in Europe. This UNESCO sight now serves as a museum and contains an impressive display of chambers, galleries, and unique salt works. We descend 54 floors below the surface to view the labyrinthine mines and the Church of St. Kinga, entirely carved from salt! We celebrate Mass at the end of our visit to the salt mine. From Wieliczka, we continue to a place where a young man, Wojtyla came to pray and reflect upon his life and service to God. In the lush, green hills of Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, we find the famous Calvary paths, an intertwining mesh of churches, chapels and wayside shrines originally built to replicate the city of Jerusalem. These structures are the only examples (except of Gdansk) of Dutch Renaissance architecture in Poland. Dinner awaits us at our hotel in Kraków. **B, D**

Garden in Wawel Castle



Day 8: Sunday, August 29, 2021 • Kraków

Today a local guide joins us for a tour of Kraków, the ancient capital of Poland, which has been settled since the Stone Age. In 1038, the city became the capital, and the Polish Monarchs took up their residence in its Wawel Royal Castle which we visit. The Old Town historical district in Kraków's heart is actually the medieval city established in 1257, by Prince Boleslav V, the ruler of Poland at the time. Kraków has preserved its original grid of streets arranged around the huge central Grand Square, with the Cathedral Church of St. Wacław and Bishop Stanislaus. In the middle of the square is the Cloth Hall, built before 1349, and altered in the 16th century. Inside are many shopping stalls, which we will be sure to visit. At the Kraków University, we see the first map of the world depicting North America as a continent. We pass by the shoe factory where young Karol Wojtyła worked during the Nazi occupation of Poland. We walk down Kanonicza Street, passing by some of Kraków's historical buildings. We pause at building 21, "Deanery" where Pope John Paul II resided while in Kraków. Then we proceed to Market Square where we see the Mariacki Church. The rest of the afternoon and evening is free to explore. **B**

Day 9: Monday, August 30, 2021 • Kraków

This morning we attend an English-speaking Mass at the foot of the Wawel Castle. After Mass we are reminded of a period in history never to be forgotten as we step back into one of the darker moments in the 20th century. We make our way to Oswiecim to the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau. It was here approximately 1.5 million people lost their lives, among them mostly Jews. Today the site serves as a museum and is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Our visit includes the cell of St. Maximilian Kolbe, O.F.M. Conv., who gave his life in substitution for a prisoner who was to be executed. We celebrate Mass this afternoon in a nearby church named for this saint. Upon our arrival back to Kraków we learn more about the inspiring story of the industrialist who saved more than 1,000 people with a visit to Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory, which is now a museum. Tonight, we have a farewell dinner. **B, D**

Day 10: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 • Return to U.S.

This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight home. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast **L**=Lunch **D**=Dinner

Tour code: SJP21

Tour Price: \$4,789

Prices are *per person, double occupancy*
Land and estimated air
with a minimum of 20 participants

Single supplement: \$450

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip transportation from Rochester to MSP airport
- Estimated airfare (\$1,300) from Minneapolis to Warsaw and return from Kraków including taxes and fuel surcharges.
- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior tourist & moderate first class hotels
- Services of a **multi-lingual guide** throughout the tour
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- All **taxes and tips** including coach driver, tour leader and hotel and restaurant staff
- **Travel insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages, *except for* juice, tea, coffee and water with breakfast
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees
(*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.*)

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Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

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Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ **OR Single supplement:** _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

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