



# EASTERN EUROPE

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# Daily Itinerary



## DAY 1 DEPARTURE USA / WARSAW

Your pilgrimage begins today when you board your flight to Warsaw. Meals and drinks will be served on board.

## DAY 2 ARRIVE IN WARSAW

After arriving in Warsaw, you will meet your tour guide and driver, who will shuttle you to your hotel. After settling in, we will visit the church Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church, where Fr. Jerzy Popiełuszko is buried. This Polish priest, murdered in 1984, was recognized as a martyr by the Catholic Church and beatified on June 6, 2010. Afterward, we will explore the castle and Old Town Market Square before returning to our hotel for the evening. Dinner and overnight will be at your hotel in Warsaw.

## DAY 3 WARSAW / NIEPOKOLANÓW / CZ STOCHOWA / AUSCHWITZ

After breakfast, we start early by traveling to Niepokalanów, the home of St. Maximilian Kolbe. First, we will visit the church, monastery, and museum before we continue to Czestochowa to see the Black Madonna, also known as the "Queen of Poland." Next on our tour is The Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa in the heart of Jasna Góra. Our last stop today will be Auschwitz, the historical Nazi concentration camp. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Czestochowa.

## DAY 4 KRAKÓW / ŁAGIEWNIKI / WIELICZKA

We will begin this morning with a tour of ancient Kraków, the residence of Polish kings for centuries. We will visit Market Square, the 14th Century University, Wawel Royal Castle, St. Mary's Church, and the Shrine of Sr. Faustina. Later this afternoon, we'll visit the Divine Mercy Shrine in Łagiewniki, where Saint Faustina lived. Afterward, we will go to the Wieliczka Salt Mine to explore the Blessed Kings and St. Anthony of the Holy Cross chambers and the spectacular cathedral where everything is carved from salt, including the gigantic chandeliers. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Kraków.

## DAY 5 KRAKÓW / WADOWICE / BUDAPEST

We begin our day in the town of Wadowice, the home of Pope John Paul II. First, we will visit the museum next to the church he attended as a boy. We'll then travel south and cross the border to Budapest, Hungary. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Budapest.

## DAY 6 BUDAPEST

Today's sightseeing tour of Budapest is filled with historical sites. We will visit the 13th-century Matthias Coronation Church, the Citadel on Mount Gellert, The Neo-Gothic Parliament, Heroes Square, St. Stephen Church, and the Castle Hill area. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Budapest.

## DAY 7 BUDAPEST / ZAGREB

After breakfast, enjoy the beautiful scenic drive to Zagreb. Once we arrive, we will embark on a city tour that includes the Cathedral of Zagreb, Dolac, and its incredibly well-known farmer's market, located only a few dozen meters from

the main city square. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Zagreb.

## DAY 8 ZAGREB / KARLOVAC / PLITVICE LAKES / SPLIT

After breakfast, we will depart for Split, Croatia. Our first stop will be Karlovac, where we will visit the early Baroque church of the Holy Trinity and its Franciscan monastery. Next, we will experience one of nature's most beautiful masterpieces, the Plitvice Lakes, where we will have lunch before continuing to our hotel in Split for the evening. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Split.

## DAY 9 SPLIT / DUBROVNIK

Enjoy a city tour of Split, Croatia's second-largest city. The historic inner city of Split was built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. While exploring, you will have the opportunity to see remnants of Split's Roman heritage, such as Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle of Diocletian's Palace, and the Cathedral of St. Dominus. The Temple of Jupiter was built around the third century and is dedicated to the god of the sky and the god of thunder. Lastly, you will visit the Cathedral of St. Dominus, which is encircled by twenty-four columns. The oldest monuments in this Holy place are those depicting the life of Christ, which can be found on the entrance doors of the Church. We will celebrate Mass at a local Church before continuing to Dubrovnik for dinner and overnight accommodations.

## DAY 10 DUBROVNIK / MEDJUGORJE

Dubrovnik is known as the Pearl of the Adriatic and is a popular destination on the Mediterranean Sea, especially after filming Game of Thrones. It is best known for its distinctive Old Town surrounded by the Walls of Dubrovnik. After arriving, we will enjoy a walking tour of the Old City beginning at St. Blasius Church, which is dedicated to the Patron Saint of Dubrovnik. Next, we continue to the Gothic and Renaissance-styled Rector's Palace, where the Museum of Dubrovnik's history department is located. Next, we will take a stroll past the iconic Bell Tower Clock and Orlando's Column. To the left of this column, you will see Sponza Palace, Dubrovnik's most important cultural institution. Next, we will visit the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, followed by the Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries. While at the Franciscan Monastery, you will have the opportunity to visit the Old Pharmacy, one of the oldest pharmacies in Europe, founded in 1317. This evening, we will travel to Medjugorje for dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

## DAY 11 MEDJUGORJE

We begin today by celebrating Mass and following the path up to Apparition Hill, where Our Lady first appeared to the visionaries in 1981. This evening in Medjugorje, the villagers and pilgrims come together to pray the rosary. Each Mass includes the Blessing of the Sick and personal items. So much of our time in Medjugorje is set aside for private devotion. We will have plenty of time to explore on our own. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Medjugorje.

## DAY 12 MEDJUGORJE / USA

We will transfer to the airport this morning to catch our return flight home.



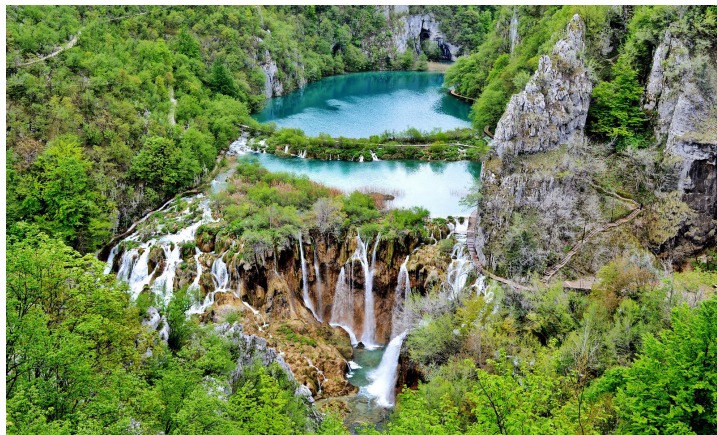
St. Mary's, Krakow, Poland



Warsaw, Poland



Medjugorje



Plitvice Lakes

## Included

- Round-trip airfare
- First-class hotels (prices based on double occupancy)
- Land transportation/transfers as per itinerary
- Bus to/from Austin airport
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Daily Masses
- Professional local guides
- A medical protection plan

## Not Included

- Trip cancellation insurance is not included but is strongly recommended. Nativity Pilgrimage partners with Trawick International Insurance to offer a comprehensive policy at an additional cost. This policy is through Trawick and will be handled through Trawick.
- Passport & visa costs
- Tips for tour guides & drivers
- Items of a personal nature, such as hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.
- Lunch or any meals not specified in your itinerary
- Items not specifically mentioned above

## Registration

- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$300.00 is due at registration, along with your registration form and copy of your passport.
- Names on the registration form and passport MUST match exactly.
- U.S. Passports must be valid for at least six months after your return date.
- We are not responsible for visa procurement.
- Full payment is due 05/17/24 (100 days before your departure)



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## Your Package Includes

**Air Transportation:** Economy class and round-trip airfares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used towards future travel.

**Land Transportation:** All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

**Hotels:** Your hotels will be first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.

**Single Room:** There is an additional cost per person as specified on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Meal Plan:** The meal plan offers two (2) meals per day: Breakfast & Dinner.

**Baggage:** Nativity Pilgrimage limits all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for up to date baggage weight and dimensions.

**Airport Fees:** Airport Taxes, portorage, fuel surcharges and security fees. **Medical Protection Plan** is provided during the trip.

## Your Package Does Not Include

**Cancellation Protection Plan:** We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

**Passport Expenses:** Passports or any additional documents that may be required. Passports must be valid 6 months after your return date.

**Personal Items:** Laundry, other beverages (wines, liquors, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.) and food that are not on the menus of your included meal package, and any additional luggage.

**Non-itinerary fees:** Any sightseeing fees, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in your itinerary.

**Lunch:** You are responsible for lunch or any other meals not specified in your itinerary.

**Tips for your tour guide & driver:** The recommended amounts of tips per person are \$7.00 – \$9.00 per day for guides, \$5.00 – \$7.00 per day for drivers, \$1.00 – \$2.00 per day for hotels, and \$1.00 – \$2.00 per day for restaurants.

## General Travel Information

**Group Air:** Group air differs from individually purchased airline tickets in that it is subject to the terms and conditions of the airlines. For this reason, we need to receive your registration and full payment by the payment deadline. After that date, registrations may be subject to a different rate, ticketing method, or airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

**Departure Cities:** If your departure city is not listed on the brochure, indicate which airport you would like to depart from on the registration form. We will provide you with the best possible price and flight schedule in order to connect with the group. Additional fees and charges may apply.

**Land-Only Option:** If you would like to book your own air travel, indicate on your registration form that you want the “Land Only” option. By booking your own air, you may select your seat, airline, and travel schedule, use airline miles/points, provide airline reward program information, and make any special requests directly with the airline. No changes can be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the hotels unless you are able to meet the group at the airport. Land-only travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers.

**Important Nativity Pilgrimage Policies**

The airline selects seat assignments for group air. We do not. Seat upgrades are available for registered travelers, by request. Quoted rates for an upgrade are subject to change until payment is received. Some upgrades are not available until the group tickets are issued.

**Seat Upgrades:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives an upgrade request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee the acceptance of this request, as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

**Seat Location Requests:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a seat location request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request, as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

**Other Special Requests:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a special request, such as a wheelchair, food, etc., we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

## Booking Conditions

**Deposit:** A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. No reservation will be processed without a deposit.

**Payment Deadline:** Full payment is due 05/17/24 (100 days before departure). Registrations received after the deadline require an additional \$100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 50 days prior to departure, your payments are non-refundable.

You may use any major credit card to pay your deposit online. There is an additional 3% fee for each credit card transaction. We also accept checks, money orders, Zelle payments, and ACH transactions.

## Late Payment Policy

Customers will receive late fees if they are not paid in full:

**100 days - 61 days** prior to departure.....\$150

**60 days - 30 days** prior to departure.....\$300

**30 days - day before departure**.....Subject to cancellation

Customers are also responsible for any difference in fare due to late payment (subject to availability). Refusal to pay will be considered a cancellation.

## Cancellation/Refund Policy

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage with Nativity Pilgrimage. However, should you need to cancel your trip, your cancellation must be in writing via email or letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. The following cancellation fees will apply:

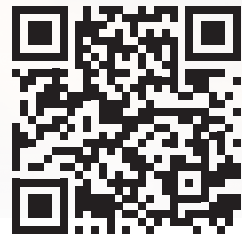
Days Prior to Departure	Charge
100 + Days	Lose Deposit
99-50 Days	50% of trip cost
49 Days	100% of trip cost

Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

## Protect Your Trip



Follow the link or scan the QR code to view our Travel Protection Plan details.  
<https://nativitytrawickinternational.com>



## Responsibility

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and their agents assume no liability or responsibility in regards to travel in any form for any injuries or loss of property, accidents, delays, changes in schedule or itinerary, incidental damages or any irregular circumstances. This would include, but not be limited to, default or omission by any third party providing services or facilities related to and/or included in the tour or any part thereof.

The IATA carriers, steamship firms, and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours, are not to be held responsible or accountable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies, the purchaser of these tours and/or passengers, and Nativity Pilgrimage Inc. does not assume any liability or responsibility in connection therewith. They are not responsible for any losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, guarantees, or other causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality to those specified in the itinerary. Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund details vary upon each trip. No refund will be made for any used portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure from the United States. Prices and itineraries are subject to change without notice if booking conditions are not complied with.