



EASTERN EUROPE

13-DAY PILGRIMAGE

& MEDJUGORJE



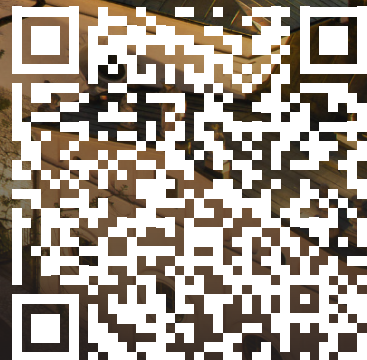
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DAY 1: DEPARTURE USA / WARSAW

Your pilgrimage begins today as you board your flight to Warsaw. Meals and drinks will be served on board. Your spiritual journey awaits in Poland!

DAY 2: ARRIVE IN WARSAW

After arriving in Warsaw, you will meet your tour guide and transfer to your hotel. After settling in, we will visit the Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church, where Fr. Jerzy Popiełuszko is buried. This Polish priest was recognized as a martyr by the Catholic Church and beatified in 2010 by Archbishop Angelo Amato on behalf of Pope Benedict XVI. Next, we will explore the castle and Old Town Market Square. Afterward, we will continue to your hotel to settle in and unpack. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Warsaw.

DAY 3: WARSAW / NIEPOKOLANÓW / CZĘSTOCHOWA / AUSCHWITZ / KRAKÓW

After breakfast, we will begin early by traveling to Niepokolanow, the home of St. Maximilian Kolbe. First, we will visit the church, monastery, and museum before we continue to Częstochowa to see the Black Madonna, a Polish national symbol. Next on our tour is The Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa in the heart of Jansa Gora. Our final stop of the day will be Auschwitz's historical Nazi concentration camp. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Częstochowa.

DAY 4: KRAKÓW / ŁAGIEWNIKI / WIELICZKA / KRAKÓW

After breakfast this morning, we will take a tour of ancient Kraków, the residence of Polish kings for centuries. Next, 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 will 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. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Kraków.

DAY 5: KRAKÓW / WADOWICE / VELEHRAD / PRAGUE

This morning, we will travel to Wadowice, the home of Pope John Paul II, where we will visit the museum and the church he attended as a boy. Next, we'll continue to Prague, the Czech capital. If time permits, we will stop at the Shrine of St. Cyril and Methodius in Velehrad to learn how they brought Christianity to this part of Europe. Once we arrive in Prague, you will understand why this "Golden City" is considered one of Europe's most beautiful capitals. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Prague.

DAY 6: PRAGUE

After breakfast, we will start sightseeing in Prague with a walking tour of the Castle area. We will see St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George Basilica, Loretto Church, Strahov Monastery, and Wenceslaus Square. This afternoon, we will explore Old Town Prague, St. Nicholas Church, and the famous Astronomic Clock. Afterward, we will celebrate Mass at the Church of our Lady of Victory, where you will see the statue of the Infant Jesus in Prague. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Prague.

DAY 7: PRAGUE / VIENNA

This morning, we depart for the majestic old-world city of Vienna, Austria. First, we will stop for Mass at the baroque Melk Abbey, Austria's most beautiful church with its glorious gardens, Emperor's gallery, marble hall, and world-renowned library. Afterward, we will continue to Vienna, where we will visit St. Stephen's Cathedral. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Vienna.

DAY 8: VIENNA / MARIAZELL

After breakfast, we begin with a bus ride (approx. 2 hrs.) to Mariazell, an important Catholic pilgrimage site where the enshrined image of the Virgin Mary has been working miracles since 1157. We will break for lunch before returning to Vienna for the evening. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Vienna.

DAY 9: VIENNA / ZAGREB

After breakfast, enjoy the beautiful scenic drive from Vienna to Zagreb. Once we arrive, we will embark on a city tour that includes Zagreb Cathedral and Dolac, with its incredibly well-known farmer's market. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Zagreb.

DAY 10 ZAGREB / KARLOVAC / PLITVICE LAKES / SPLIT

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

DAY 11 SPLIT / DUBROVNIK / MEDJUGORJE

Early this morning, we will travel to Dubrovnik, Croatia, the Pearl of the Adriatic. Dubrovnik is a popular Mediterranean destination, especially after filming Game of Thrones, and is best known for its distinctive Old Town surrounded by the Walls of Dubrovnik. After arriving, we will take a walking tour of the Old City, beginning at St. Blasius Church, dedicated to the Patron Saint of Dubrovnik. Next, we'll continue to the Gothic and Renaissance-styled Rector's Palace, followed by the iconic Bell Tower Clock and Orlando's Column. Next, to the left of this column, is Sponza Palace, Dubrovnik's most important cultural institution. We will then visit the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, the Dominican Monastery, and the Franciscan Monastery, where you will see one of the oldest pharmacies in Europe, founded in 1317. Afterward, we will continue to Medjugorje for dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

DAY 12 MEDJUGORJE

We begin our day by celebrating Mass and following the path to Apparition Hill, where our Lady first appeared to the visionaries in 1981. We will pray before the cross, which marks the spot. This evening, 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 also have plenty of time to explore on our own. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Medjugorje.

DAY 13 DEPARTURE

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



Warsaw, Poland



Zagreb, Croatia



Plitvice Lakes



Medjugorje

Included

- Round-trip airfare
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels (price based on double occupancy)
- Land transportation (as per itinerary)
- Bus from San Diego to LAX and back
- Three meals per day (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- Tips for the tour manager, guides, and driver
- Sightseeing/admissions fees (as per itinerary)
- Daily Masses
- Professional local guides
- Medical Protection Plan

Not Included

- Trip cancellation insurance (strongly recommended). Nativity Pilgrimage offers a comprehensive policy at an additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs
- Personal items/expenses (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.)
- Meals not specified in the program
- 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 06/10/24 (100 days before your departure)

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Your Package Includes

Air Transportation: Economy class and round-trip fares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Fares, 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 three (3) meals per day: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner.

Tips for your tour guide & driver

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, portage, 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.

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 06/10/24 (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:

<u>Days Prior to Departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
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://nativity.trawickinternational.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.

