



Join Fr. Marek M. Smolka
 In the footsteps of John Paul II
 A Journey to Poland



Warsaw Czestochowa Krakow Wadowice Zakopane

\$3999 pp. double Single supplement \$450

August 24 – September 3, 2019



Dear Friends in Christ,

When I arrived at Holy Name, many of the parishioners asked me if I could take them to my Polish homeland for a pilgrimage, because they heard that Poland is a beautiful country to visit. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the papal election of Pope John Paul II, and so 2018 now becomes a wonderful opportunity to participate in the pilgrimage to his beloved homeland, Poland. I encourage you to join me on this journey where together we will retrace the footsteps of Pope John Paul II.

Many blessings await us as we visit and venerate the brave and well-known saints of Poland, such as St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Sister Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy. We will explore the Polish culture. We will visit many historic and important places in Poland's history, such as the Wieliczka Salt Mine and the famous mountains that Pope John Paul II loved to visit in Zakopane. We will see the Pope's home town, as well as his personal family home, and much more.

Our daily celebration of the Eucharist, devotion of prayer, and visits to the shrines of saints, and martyrs of Poland will renew us, and our faith, and deepen our lives in the Lord Jesus Christ. I look forward to being with you, on this wonderful spiritual pilgrimage. Through the intercession of Saint Pope John Paul II and all the Polish saints, let us now pray for each other, as we prepare for this wonderful, faith experience.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Marek Smolka



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 Viking Travel Service
 630-321-1664 or 800- 233-3963**

**Please book early as seating
 is limited!**

Journey Includes:

- Round trip airfare to/from Chicago
- 9 night escorted tour via deluxe motor coach.
- 8 Daily buffet breakfasts and 8 Dinners, including Welcome Dinner, Polka Party Dinner, and Farewell Dinner.
- Hosted by Fr. Marek Smolka and escorted by Henry Ristic with a minimum of 25 passengers.
- Hotel - Standard Accommodations in: Warsaw, Krakow, Czestochowa and Zakopane
- Sightseeing highlights include:
 - Czestochowa – Shrine and Black Madonna
 - Auschwitz – former concentration camp, Martyrdom Museum and St. Maximilian Kolbe's cell.
 - Krakow – city tour and special folkloric entertainment with dinner.
 - Wadowice – Visit Pope John Paul's birthplace, boyhood home and celebrate mass in the parish church where he was baptized.
 - Wieliczka – Famous salt mine, in operation for over 700 years, with chapels and statues carved by Polish miners.
- Modern Air-Conditioned Motor coach with Free Wi-Fi for all visits and excursions.

Reservation Information

Deposit: \$800.00 per person (check only) along with completed reservation form and non-refundable insurance premium if chosen. (The deposit is non-refundable unless cancellation is covered by insurance).

Final Payment: Due April 1, 2019 (check or credit card) along with copy of passport. For credit card payments, a fee of 3% will be added.

Make all checks payable to: Viking Travel Service

Mail to: Viking Travel Service, 700 Pasquinelli Drive, Suite C, Westmont, IL 60559.

Not Included: Cancellation/Travel insurance, gratuities for Tour Guides and Driver, Hotel personnel, increases in security fees, taxes and fuel surcharges. Items of personal nature, such as laundry service, phone calls, optional excursions, spa services, Seat charges and meals not specified, or anything not specifically indicated as included.

Airfare: Airfare from Chicago is included and is estimated. Price subject to change based on actual airfare once it can be booked. Clients will be advised when air becomes available. Air subject to all airline rules and regulations per carrier.

Hotel Accommodations: Hotels may be subject to change due to availability – similar to Standard Hotels.

Documentation: A valid passport is required. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from return date. Names on reservation for air and tour must match your passport.

Cancellation Policy: If you must cancel, the following per person penalties apply. Without exception, all cancellations must be in writing to Viking Travel Service and are effective the date of receipt. Any unused portions of the tour are non-refundable. Insurance premiums are non-refundable. No shows or no written notice will result in 100% penalty.

Date of deposit to April 1, 2019 = \$800.00 Deposit amount

April 2, 2019 to departure = 100% penalty

Cancellation/Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend travel insurance. The group insurance covers trip cancellation due to a covered medical reason, interruption, accident, baggage and medical evacuation and must be taken out at time of deposit. As with all insurance policies, cost of insurance is non-refundable and subject to change at any time. A minimum of 10 passengers required for group insurance rates.

Travel Guard Protect & Assist Group Insurance Coverage

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Maximum Benefits</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Maximum Benefits</u>
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost	Medical Expenses	\$25,000
Trip Interruption	\$750 or 150% Trip Cost (whichever is greater)	Emergency Medical Transportation	\$250,000
Travel Delay	\$750 (Maximum of \$150 per day)	Baggage Delay	\$250
		Baggage & Personal Effects Loss	\$1,500

Group Insurance Coverage Amount / Rate Person

Per person double occupancy - \$288.00 per person Per person single occupancy - \$321 per person

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Day to Day Itinerary

Day 1 - 24 August (Sat) Depart Chicago for your overnight flight

Day 2 – 25 August (Sun) Arrival in Warsaw, Poland

Upon arrival in Warsaw, meet your Tour Director for a group transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon join your tour director for a walking tour through Old Town followed by a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (Dinner)



Day 3 – 26 August (Mon) Warsaw

Your Local Guide will tell you about the tormented, often tragic history of this important gateway city between East and West. See the medieval Stare Miasto (Old Quarter) with its market square and 14th-century CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN, the “wedding cake” Palace of Culture and Science, neoclassical Lazienki Palace, and the remnants of the Jewish ghetto. Join your local guide this afternoon and explore the WILANOW PALACE referred to as the “Polish Versailles” Also visit the palace's two-level GARDEN featuring ornate pathways, fountains, and sculptures. East of the garden in the park you'll find a lake complete with cascades. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4 – 27 August (Tue) Warsaw. Excursion to Niepokalanow

Enjoy an excursion to historic Niepokalanow (City of the Immaculata), and visit the FRANCISCAN FRIARY, founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe who was canonized a saint by Pope John Paul II. Return to Warsaw for a visit to the beautiful ROYAL CASTLE. The history of the palace goes back to the 14th century when the Great Tower was erected. Later enjoy a delicious dinner with Polish specialties accompanied by traditional music of a folklore band. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5 – 28 August (Wed) Warsaw – Czestochowa

Journey to Czestochowa, one of the world's most famous Marian shrines. We will stop in Gologowiec to visit the birthplace of St Faustina. Afternoon at leisure to explore the SHRINE and see the famous BLACK MADONNA, an image and devotion Pope John Paul II held very close to his heart throughout his life. Dinner is included tonight. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 6 – 29 August (Thu) Czestochowa – Jasna Gora— Wadowice – Zakopane

This morning visit the monastery complex of JASNA GORA which consists of a Gothic Baroque Church, a monastery and fortress. This is where the picture of Our Lady of Czestochowa (Black Madonna) has been preserved. Continue to the Pope's hometown of Wadowice and visit his BIRTHPLACE and BOYHOOD HOME. Here we will celebrate MASS in the parish church where the Holy Father was baptized. Next to KALWARIA ZEBRZYDOWSKA, one of Poland's most famous shrines, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and which played a pivotal role in the Pope's spiritual life. The Calvary Sanctuary was established in the 1600s for pilgrims as a substitute Jerusalem. It has grown to be the biggest shrine grounds of its type in Europe with 42 churches and chapels of all shapes and sizes scattered on the slopes of the Zar Mountain. The central basilica and Franciscan monastery still welcome pilgrims from all over the world today. There will also be time to visit Nowa Huta to visit one of the churches. Continue to Zakopane for an overnight stay and dinner. This area of Poland is said to be the most beautiful in the land. (Breakfast, Dinner)



Day 7 – 30 August (Fri) Zakopane

Celebrate an independently arranged Mass at a local church this morning. Dinner is included at the hotel tonight. Enjoy the remainder of your day at Leisure. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Note – Fr. Marek will arrange a Mass today in Zakapone. Our Motor coach will be available for 5 – 6 hours to visit places of interest as selected by Fr. Marek.



Day 8 - 31 August (Sat) Zakapone – Wieliczka - Krakow

Today we will take the CABLE CAR to Mt Kasprowy, the highest point in the Tatras Mountains. Then enjoy a panoramic tour of the city plus some free time for lunch and shopping along Krupowki Street. In the afternoon depart for WIELICZKA, famous for its salt mine which has been in operations for over 700 years. We will visit the upper level of the mine where we will view chapels with alter pieces and statues, all hand carved by devout Polish miners. We will celebrate MASS here before continuing to Krakow for your overnight stay. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9 – 01 September (Sun) – Kraków

This morning, enjoy guided sightseeing of the city where Pope John Paul II served as archbishop, including WAWEL ROYAL CASTLE and ST. MARY'S CHURCH. Walk through KAZMIERZ QUARTER and visit the DOMINICAN CHURCH. See the Jewish quarter and STANISLAW NA SKAICE, Poland's second most important pilgrimage place and visit



the world-famous SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY, home to the revelations by St. Faustina (Helen Kowalski), a Sister of Mercy nun who Jesus appeared to in 1931. Pope John Paul II both canonized St. Faustina and instituted the Feast Day of Divine Mercy (the Pope passed away the day before Divine Mercy Sunday). Dinner is at leisure. Mass will be requested at Divine Mercy today. (Breakfast, Dinner)



Day 10 – 02 September (Mon) - Krakow. Excursion to Auschwitz

Depart today for Auschwitz and visit the remains of the former CONCENTRATION CAMP as well as the MARTYRDOM MUSEUM and ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE'S CELL. Return to Krakow and enjoy some free time this afternoon. Celebrate your final evening in Poland with a farewell dinner and POLKA PARTY where original home-style entertainment has been organized whilst dining. At the end of the show you will have the chance to join in the fun! (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 11 – 03 September (Tue) Departure from Krakow

A group transfers is provided to the airport for your home bound flight. (Breakfast)



RESERVATION FORM – In the Footsteps of Pope John Paul II August 24 – September 3, 2019

Cost (please indicate) _____ \$3999 (pp. double) _____ \$4449 (pp. single)

Deposit due \$800.00 per person X _____ passengers plus insurance premium if chosen \$ _____

Insurance _____ \$288.00 (pp. double) X _____ passengers or _____ \$321.00 (pp. single) + \$ _____

Total Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Insurance Opt Out: _____ I (we) are aware of the cancellation penalties but choose not to purchase the offered cancellation/travel insurance.

Please charge my credit card: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ AMEX _____ Discover

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Please fill out separate reservation form if not traveling with a spouse.

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