

11
DAYS

EASTERN EUROPE

Pilgrimage of Mercy

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COMMENCES TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2023 • 10 NIGHTS / 11 DAYS

Budapest (2 nights) • Zakopane (1 night) • Krakow (3 nights) • Auschwitz • Wadowice • Czestochowa (2 nights) • Bagno • Prague (2 nights)



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pilgrim highlights

- + Discover Hungary's magical twin-city capital Budapest, stunningly linked by a series of bridges over the beautiful Danube
- + Ascend to the mountainous chapel at Zakopane and experience the landscape that so inspired Karol Wojtyla.
- + Relish a 3-night stay in spectacular Krakow as we retrace the places and graces of Pope St John Paul II
- + Pray in the martyrdom bunker of St Maximilian Kolbe at Auschwitz Concentration Camp
- + Be blessed by the powerful graces of the great Shrines of Divine Mercy and the Black Madonna of Czestochowa
- + Pray before the Miraculous Little Infant of Prague statue at the Church of Our Lady Victorious for extended reflection
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SYMBOLS

(B) = Breakfast (L) = Lunch (D) = Dinner

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DAY 1: ARRIVE BUDAPEST

Be immediately awestruck by the beauty of Hungary's capital **Budapest** as we commence our pilgrimage journey here in the city known as the 'Paris of the East'. Join with fellow pilgrims this evening for a Welcome Dinner.

Situated on the opposite banks of the Danube, the former twin cities of Buda and Pest are linked by a series of graceful bridges.

Budapest overnight (D)

DAY 2: BUDAPEST

Our pilgrimage day begins with a visit and Mass at the stunning **Basilica of St Stephen** which holds the **mummified hand of St Stephen**, the first King of Hungary. Continue on to view the decorative **Parliament building**, **Heroes Square**, the 118 foot high **Corinthian column** dedicated to the Roman Catholic Church, the 13th century **Church of St Matthias** and the **Fisherman's Bastion**. Finish our tour with a panoramic view of the city from **Gellert Hill**.

Enjoy some free time this afternoon before embarking on an enchanting **Dinner Cruise** on the **River Danube** to see the city's architecture gloriously illuminated.

Budapest overnight (BD)

DAY 3: BUDAPEST TO ZAKOPANE

Departing Budapest this morning, we journey north crossing into the Slovak Republic and then Poland, passing magnificent alpine landscape to the resort village of **Zakopane**. On arrival we will

celebrate Mass and take time for prayer in the church of our Lady Queen of the World (Salvatorians).

Zakopane overnight (BD)

DAY 4: ZAKOPANE TO KRAKOW

Today we embark on a cable car ride into the **Tatras Mountains** with its many walking trails once frequented by Fr Karol (Pope St John Paul II) and his companions. Also here atop Mt Kasprowy we enter the charming wooden **Jaszczorowka Chapel** so loved by Pope St John Paul II and where we will celebrate our spectacular Mass.

In the late afternoon we journey north to **Krakow**.

Krakow overnight (BD)

"This pilgrimage has strengthened my faith and desire to do more to serve others"
— June

DAY 5: KRAKOW

Today we commence our walking tour at the **Wawel Cathedral** where in the crypt below Fr Karol was ordained in 1946 and celebrated his first Mass.

Continue on to **St Mary's Church, University** and **Market Square** to experience one of the most beautiful medieval city centres in Europe. Enter **St. Florians Church**, where the young Karol developed a flourishing underground youth ministry at great risk.

Our afternoon draws us to the inspired **Shrine of Divine Mercy** where, between



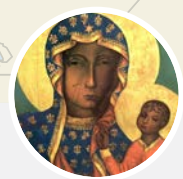
Saint John Paul II
Karol Józef Wojtyła



St Maximilian Kolbe
Franciszek Gajowniczek



Saint Faustyna Kowalska
of the Blessed Sacrament



Black Madonna
of Częstochowa



Infant Jesus of Prague
Prague, Czech Republic



1931 – 1938 Our Lord appeared to **Sr Faustina Kowalska** (a Polish Sister of Mercy) entrusting with her the mission of spreading His message of merciful love for humanity. We will celebrate Mass at the shrine, and witness the **miraculous image of the Merciful Jesus** before venerating the **tomb of St Faustina**.

Time permitting we will visit the nearby **'Have No Fear' John Paul II Shrine** where we can encounter 'the person of John Paul II, his thoughts, his spirit and his sanctity' (Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz).

Travel out then for an enthralling tour of the famous **Wieliczka Salt Mines**, the oldest operational mines in Europe and dating back to the 13th century.

Krakow overnight (BD)

DAY 6: WADOWICE & AUSCHWITZ

We travel out of Krakow this morning and journey west to visit the celebrated Marian site of **Kalwaria Zebrzydowska**, which remains the favourite boyhood shrine of Pope St John Paul II.

Continue to **Wadowice**, the birthplace of **Karol Wojtyła** (the now canonised Pope St John Paul II) where we enter his family house and even the grounds where he used to play Football! The central point of the town is the market square with its **Parish Church**, and the famous **Baptismal basin** where Karol was baptized. Next to the church, we find the

saint's birthplace and the nearby **Museum** encompassing the former home of the Wojtyła family.

In the afternoon we journey north and enter on a deeply moving encounter of **Auschwitz** where we mourn the millions of people who were put to death in this, the biggest concentration camp of Hitler's Nazism. Pope St John Paul II has termed this place the Golgotha of the modern world. We pray in the martyrdom bunker of **St Maximilian Kolbe** and view his cell while reflecting upon his selfless courage. After the tour of Auschwitz, we will have Mass in one of the beautiful town Churches.

Return to Krakow in time for dinner.

Krakow overnight (BD)

DAY 7: KRAKOW TO CZESTOCHOWA

We farewell Krakow this morning, journeying north by coach to **Czestochowa** where the fortress monastery of the Pauline Monks of Jasna Gora (meaning Bright Hill) is located.

En route we visit the **basilica of Our Lady of Fatima, Trzebinia**.

Czestochowa overnight (BD)

DAY 8: CZESTOCHOWA PILGRIMAGE

Czestochowa is home to the cherished miraculous icon of **Our Lady with the Child Jesus**, an object of veneration for centuries (also known as the **Black**

Madonna). Attracting more than five million pilgrims every year, Our Lady of Czestochowa is recognized as one of the most visited places of Christian pilgrimage in the world. This morning we will celebrate a private Mass before the image here in the ancient chapel. Later we will tour the **Basilica, Treasury, Museum and Knights Hall**.

A little free time this afternoon. An optional later visit to **Jura Krakowsko**, part of the Polish Jurassic Rock Upland will be enjoyed as the fit and able take a walk up the hill to the ruins of the **Gothic Castle of Olszyn**.

Czestochowa overnight (BD)

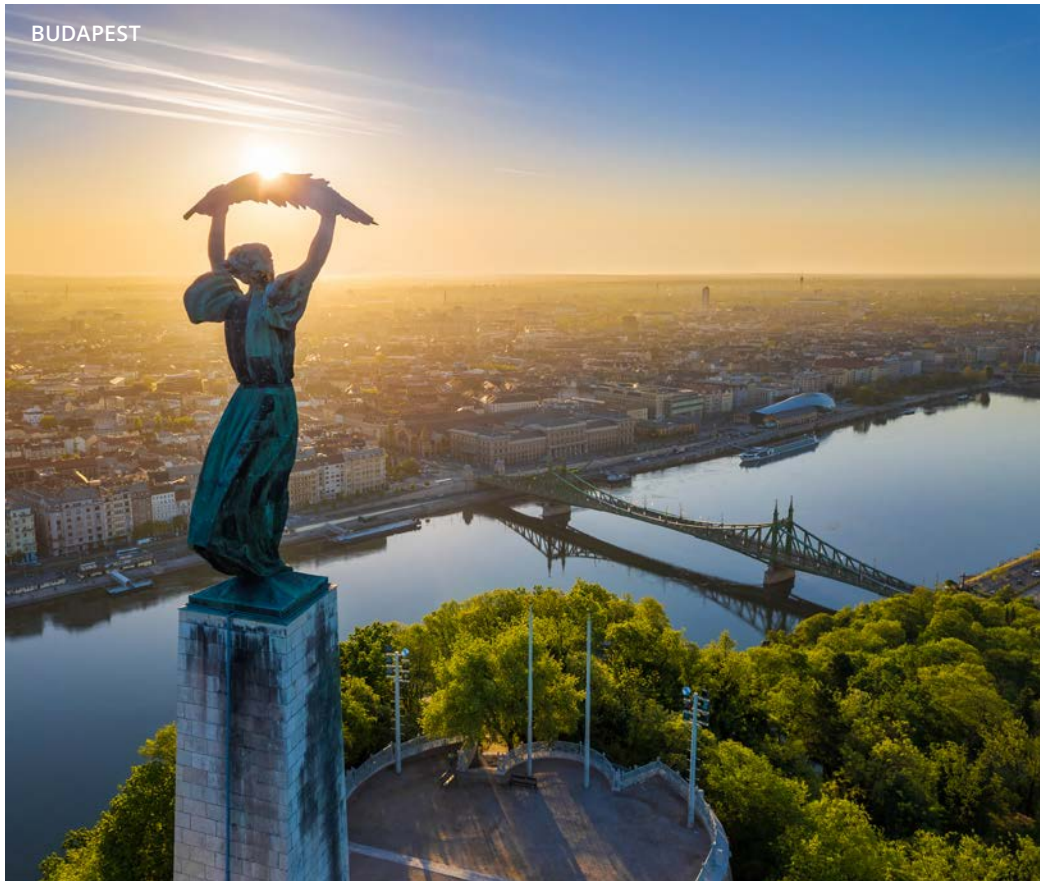
DAY 9: CZESTOCHOWA TO PRAGUE

Depart Czestochowa this morning and journey west through lush green countryside. We make a visit to the **Shrine of St Hedwig in Trzebnica**, where we will celebrate Mass and we then we will visit **Salvatorian Seminary in Bagnó**.

We reboard our coach and continue west, crossing the border in to the **Czech Republic**. Finally arrive into the golden city of **Prague** famous for its Gothic and Baroque architecture and ranked as one of the most beautifully preserved cities in Europe.

Prague overnight (BD)

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DAY 10: PRAGUE

We commence our final day of pilgrimage with a walking tour of Prague. Visit **St Vitus Cathedral**, the city's most distinctive landmark which houses the crown jewels and the tomb of 'Good King' Wenceslas. Continue on to the **Hradcany area** and the **Prague Castle**.

We celebrate Mass today at the **Church of Our Lady Victorious** where we come face to face with the **Holy Infant of Prague**. This wax figure has an impressive record of miracle cures and is one of the most revered images in the Catholic world.

Cross the historical **Charles Bridge** built in 1400 and continue on to the **Old Town** area including **Wenceslas Square**, **Celetna Lane**, **Old Town Square** (with its random network of streets dating back to the 13th century), the Town Hall with the astronomical clock and **Tyn Cathedral**.

We enjoy a special dinner this evening as a fitting final celebration of our pilgrimage together.

Prague overnight (BD)

DAY 11: DEPART PRAGUE

Our pilgrimage ends after breakfast this morning. (B)



*"My pilgrimage lifted me out of a spiritual slump. I now have so much more to do with life."
— Mayre Casey*

PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

TOUR CODE	PM2302	
STARTS	Tue 13 June 2023	Budapest
FINISHES	Fri 23 June 2023	Prague
LAND COST	AUD \$5590 (twin share) *	
SINGLE ROOM	AUD \$1990 Supplement	
PREPAID TIPS	AUD \$14 Per Person Per Day	

* Costs have been based on prices as at December 2022 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, tax increases or minimum group size factors beyond Harvest's control. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.

INCLUSIONS

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS: Based on Superior Standard / 4-Star accommodation • 10 Dinners / 10 Full Breakfasts.

TOURING & TRANSPORTATION: Deluxe Air Conditioned Coach touring • Professional Local Guides • Sightseeing and Entrance Fees.

OTHER: Fully Escorted by Priest Chaplain • Porterage at hotels • Harvest Backpack, Pilgrim Journal and Tour Wallet.



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