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2020

Pilgrimage of Mercy

Join us on a magnificent faith journey from Budapest to Prague passing through Polish heartlands steeped in the graces of our Catholic heritage of past and present.

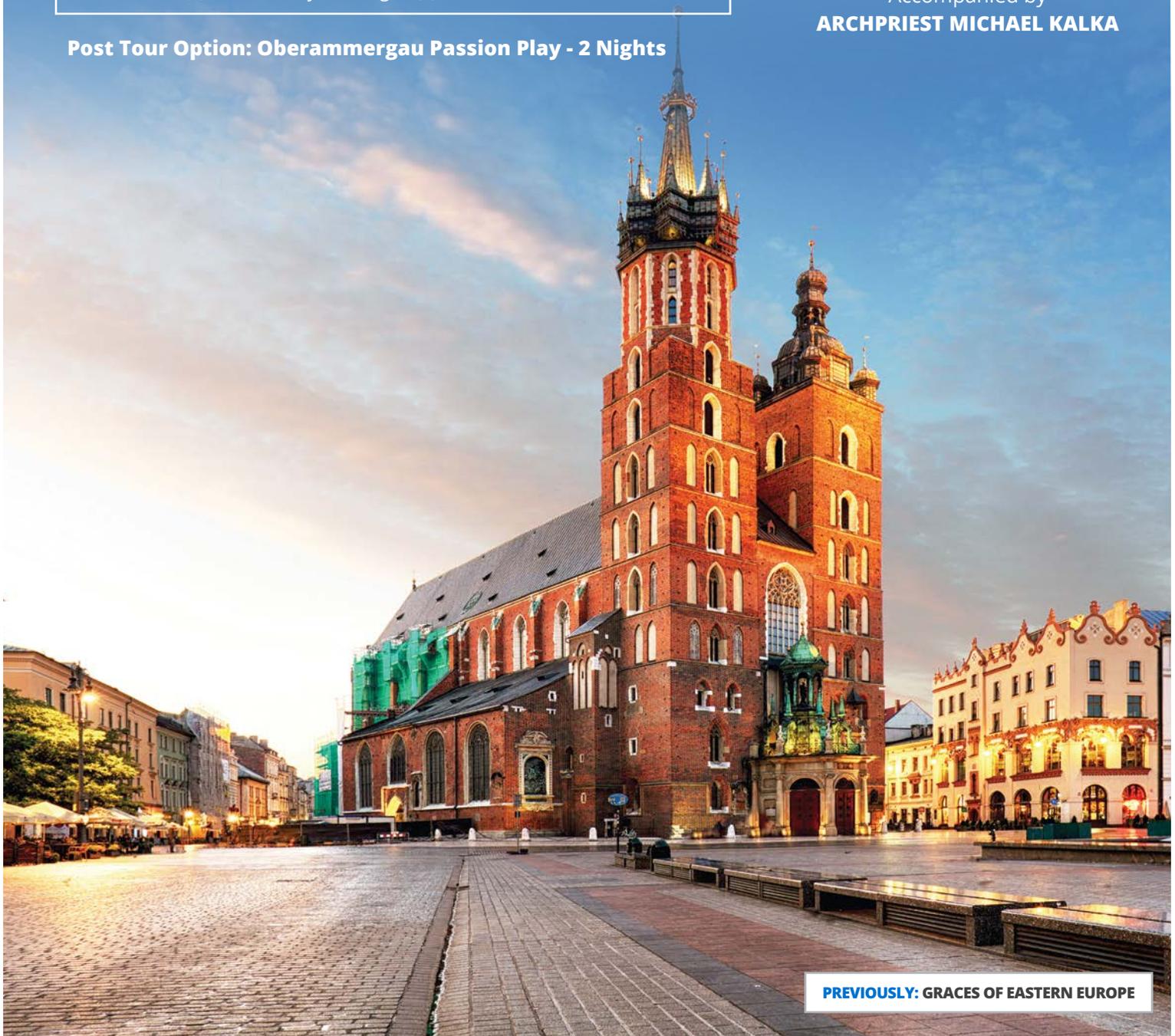
COMMENCES TUE 23RD JUN 2020 • 9 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS

Budapest (2 Nights) • Zakopane (1) • Krakow (3) • Auschwitz • Wadowice • Czestochowa (1) • Wambiercyze • Prague (2)

Post Tour Option: Oberammergau Passion Play - 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
- + A rare combination of Eastern Europe's most intriguing cities of Budapest, Krakow and Prague

SYMBOLS

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

T = Time Out - Planned site for extended opportunity for prayer & reflection

DAY 1: TUE 23 JUN - 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: WED 24 JUN - BUDAPEST

Theme: St Stephen of Hungary

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** **T** 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.

Mass Setting: *Basilica of St Stephen*
Budapest overnight (BD)

DAY 3: THU 25 JUN - BUDAPEST TO ZAKOPANE

Theme: Our Lady of Fatima

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**.

T We will spend the next few days close to the heart of Pope St John Paul II beginning with Mass and some time for prayer in the **Church of Our Lady of Fatima**, built in thanksgiving of Pope St John Paul II's narrow escape from assassination at St Peter's Square on 13 May, 1981.

Mass Setting: *Church of Our Lady of Fatima*
Zakopane overnight (BD)

DAY 4: FRI 26 JUN - ZAKOPANE TO KRAKOW

Theme: Pope John Paul II

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** **T** 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**.

Mass Setting: *Jaszczorowka Chapel*
Krakow overnight (BD)

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

DAY 5: SAT 27 JUN - KRAKOW

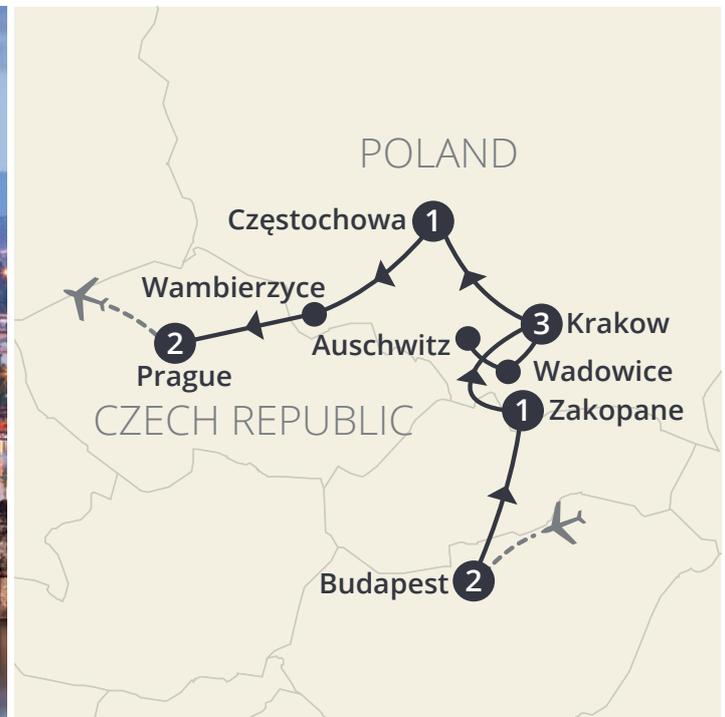
Theme: Sr Faustina and Divine Mercy

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**, **T** 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 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.

Mass Setting: Shrine of Divine Mercy Krakow overnight (BD)

DAY 6: SUN 28 JUN - WADOWICE & AUSCHWITZ

Theme: St Maximilian Kolbe

We travel out of Krakow this morning and journey west to visit the celebrated Marian site of **Kalwaria Zebrzydowska**, 1 which remains the favourite boyhood shrine of Pope St John Paul II.

Continue to **Wadowice**, the birthplace of **Karol Wojtyla** (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 Wojtyla 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.

Mass Setting: Wadowice Church Krakow overnight (BD)

DAY 7: MON 29 JUN - CZESTOCHOWA PILGRIMAGE

Theme: Our Lady of Czestochowa

We farewell Krakow this morning, journeying north by coach to **Czestochowa** where the fortress monastery of the Pauline Monks of

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

Jasna Gora (meaning Bright Hill) is located. 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.*

On arrival we will celebrate our group Mass. We will then tour the **Basilica, Treasury, Museum and Knights Hall**. A highlight will be the opportunity to pray before the image of the **Black Madonna** in the ancient chapel. 1

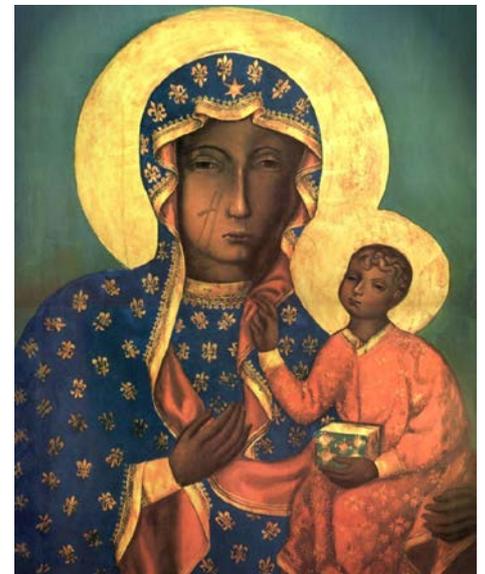
Mass Setting: Czestochowa Shrine Czestochowa overnight (BD)

DAY 8: TUE 30 JUN - CZESTOCHOWA TO PRAGUE

Theme: Our Lady of Wambierzyce

Depart Czestochowa this morning and journey west through lush green countryside. We make a visit to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Wambierzyce** in the foothills of the Table Mountains, where we will celebrate Mass. This is one of the oldest Polish places of Christian pilgrimage featuring a Jerusalem-like setting and home to the miniature **miraculous image of the Virgin Mary**. The Shrine's grounds and surrounding hills are dotted with numerous chapels, grottos and stations depicting important events in the life of Jesus and Mary. While here we visit the **Szopka** with its hundreds of tiny mechanized figures carved from limewood reliving the Gospel stories.

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.



Mass Setting: Our Lady of Wambierzyce Shrine Prague overnight (BD)

DAY 9: WED 01 JUL - PRAGUE

Theme: Little Infant of Prague

We commence our final day of pilgrimage with a walking tour of Prague. Visit **St Vitus Cathedral**, 1 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**.

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

Mass Setting: *Our Lady Victorious Church Prague overnight (BD)*

DAY 10: THU 02 JUL - DEPART PRAGUE

Our pilgrimage ends after breakfast this morning. (B) Or extend on the Oberammergau Passion Play extension.

PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

TOUR CODE	PM1020	
STARTS	Tue 23 Jun 2020	Budapest
FINISHES	Thu 02 Jul 2020	Prague
LAND COST	\$3,990 (twin share) *	
AIR & LAND	from \$6,480	
SINGLE ROOM	\$1,090 Supplement	
PREPAID TIPS	\$14 per person / per day	

* Costs have been based on prices as at April 2019 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, airfare or 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 • 9 Dinners / 9 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.

**POST TOUR OPTION
OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY
2 NIGHTS / 3 DAYS**



DAY 10: THU 02 JUL - FLY TO GERMANY

Today we will be transferred to the airport for our flight connections to Germany. On arrival at **Munich** airport we will be met and transferred to our accommodation.

Munich overnight (BD)

DAY 11: FRI 03 JUL - OBERAMMERGAU – THE PASSION PLAY

Every ten years affords pilgrims the great privilege of witnessing the world-renowned Passion Play of Oberammergau. For **over 300 years** this picturesque village in the Bavarian Alps has re-enacted the **passion of Jesus**, and people of every religious denomination have been drawn to this cherished spectacle.

The history of the Oberammergau Passion Play begins in 1633. During the Thirty Years' War, after much suffering and also many deaths caused by the plague, the surviving population of Oberammergau vowed that they would perform the "play of the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years if they were spared from extinction. At Whitsun in 1634 they kept their promise for the first time. As early as the middle of the 18th Century spectators came to Oberammergau from all parts of Germany, attracted by the great power and mystique of the play. In 2020 the village will perform the play for the 42nd time, maintaining the continuity of this unique world-famous event.

Over 2000 participants bring the story of Jesus of Nazareth to the ears and eyes of the audience in a five-hour presentation on the imposing open-air stage. Almost half of the inhabitants of Oberammergau enact with great devotion the story of Jesus, whose message gives billions of people hope and strength. The play covers the period of Jesus entering Jerusalem and continues up to his death on the Cross and his resurrection.

Today is the highlight of our pilgrimage when we attend the **Passion Play**.

Oberammergau Region overnight (BD)

DAY 12: SAT 04 JUL - DEPART GERMANY

Transfer to Munich for our flight connections.

2020 PRICES

COST ADD-ON † twin share	\$1,790
SINGLE ROOM supplement	\$860
PREPAID TIPPING per person/per day	\$14

† Plus Inter-Europe airfare from Prague to Munich.



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