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## **FOLLOWING ROYAL CITIES OF EUROPE**

### **pilgrimage 13 days**

### **Led by Fr. Foltyn**



**Warsaw – Krakow – Wadowice – Auschwitz – Wieliczka  
– Lagiewniki – Czestochowa – Olomouc – Prague – Vienna**

**DATE: 09.18 – 09.30.2019**

#### **Day 1: Departure from Miami – 09.18.2019**

Flight to Warsaw. LO 030 MIA WAW 20.05 – 12.15+1.

#### **Day 2: Arrival to Warsaw – 09.19.2019**

Arrival to Warsaw at 12.15. Our Polish tour leader will meet you at the Warsaw airport. Transfer to the hotel, check-in. Time to explore the city on your own. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight stay in Warsaw.

#### **Day 3: Warsaw – 09.20.2019**

After breakfast we explore **Warsaw**: the Royal Castle, the Sigismund Column, the Old Town Square, the narrowest house, defensive walls, the Grand Theatre, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Transfer to Krakow. Check into a hotel in Krakow, dinner and overnight stay.

#### **Day 4: Krakow – 09.21.2019**

After breakfast we explore **Krakow**, the former royal capital, which fully deserves its position on the first UNESCO World Heritage List ever published. We take a sightseeing tour of the **Old Town** including the Royal Way with all of its monuments before visiting **St. Mary's church** with the majestic wooden altar carved by Veit Stoss, and the medieval Cloth Hall in the heart of the main square. The tour ends on **Wawel Hill** as we take a guided visit to the **Royal Cathedral** and a walk around the outside of the **Royal Castle**. We then visit the **Jewish quarter of Kazimierz** which leads to the entrance of the Synagogue Remuh and its small historic graveyard. Return to the hotel where we have dinner and stay overnight.



### **Day 5: Wadowice – Auschwitz – Krakow – 09.22.2019**

After breakfast we visit **Wadowice**, the birthplace of St. Pope John Paul II to see the parish church and the house where he was born. Nowadays the house functions as a modern Papal Museum, mainly showcasing various moments from the saint's life. We continue to Oswiecim where we visit the former concentration camp **Auschwitz-Birkenau**. It is now a museum. It is a unique UNESCO site, as it is the largest extermination camp in the world and a world symbol of terror, genocide, and the Holocaust. It was established by the Nazi's in 1940 on the outskirts of the industrial town of Oswiecim and, during Hitler's occupation of the area, it was home to one of the largest mass killings of people, predominantly of Jewish origin. Among other things, the Auschwitz-Birkenau tour contains visiting **Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe's cell**, a Franciscan priest who volunteered to take the place of a prisoner selected for death. Return to the hotel in Krakow, dinner and overnight stay.

### **Day 6: Wieliczka – Krakow – Lagiewniki - 09.23.2019**

After breakfast we take an excursion to the nearby world-famous **Wieliczka**, which is home to a unique salt mine over 300 m deep. We will explore its magnificent underground chapels, lakes, and chambers carved from salt. Wieliczka is the oldest salt mine in the world still in operation. We return to Krakow where we then visit **Lagiewniki** and the **Sanctuary of Divine Mercy**. The church became a destination for pilgrimages after it was visited and consecrated by Pope John Paul II. Next we will visit the **Center of John Paul II** in Krakow. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

### **Day 7: Czestochwa – Krakow – 09.24.2019**

After breakfast we depart for **Czestochowa**. We will visit the **Jasna Gora Monastery** which is famous for the paintings of the Black Madonna and has been attracting pilgrims from around the world since the fourteenth century. The Virgin Mary was proclaimed the Queen of Poland by King Jan Kazimierz. We visit the Basilica, the Chapel of Our Lady with the revered Black Madonna, the Treasury, and the Armoury. Return to the hotel in Krakow, dinner and overnight stay.

### **Day 8: Olomouc – Prague – 09.25.2019**

After breakfast we depart for **Prague**. En route we will visit **Olomouc**, city in Moravia. With a local guide we will see St. Wenceslas' Cathedral and the Archbishop's Palace, followed by a short walk through the Olomouc Square, where we will see the Town Hall with the Prague astronomical clock, as well as the Holy Trinity Column, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After sightseeing we will continue to Prague. Check into a hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

### **Day 9: Prague – 09.26.2019**

After breakfast we will explore the capital of Czech Republic. Our tour will start at Wenceslas Square. We will stroll through the Royal Way to **Old Town Square** with gothic and baroque architectural styles. We will see The Astronomical Clock (Orloj) on Old Town City Hall, and Charles University founded in 1348 (the oldest university in Central Europe). We will stroll across the **Charles Bridge to Malá Strana** a district of the city, and one of its most historic regions with marvelous baroque architecture. We will visit there the Wallenstein Palace, St. Nicholas Church and the the famous statue of the Holy Infant **Jesus of Prague in the Church of Our Lady Victorious**. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

### **Day 10: Prague – 09.27.2019**

After breakfast we will continue to enjoy the sights of Prague. We will explore **Hradcany** – Prague Castle area. See: **Prague Castle with St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George's Basilica** (the oldest oldest surviving church



building within Prague Castle), **Loreta** (pilgrimage destination in Hradcany), and famous Golden Lane. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

#### **Day 11: Vienna – 09.28.2019**

After breakfast we will travel to Vienna. En route we will stop in **Klosterneuburg Monastery**, one of the most important sacred and cultural centers of Austria, founded in twelfth-century. Next we will travel to **Kahlenberg Hill**, where we can see the beautiful panorama of Austria's capital. We will visit a local small church with memorabilia of King John III Sobieski. Check into a hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

#### **Day 12: Vienna – 09.29.2019**

After breakfast we will have a guided sightseeing tour of **Vienna**- we will see **Vienna's Ringu buildings** (outside), as well as the sights of **Vienna's Old Town** - among others, the **winter residence of the Habsburgs**, and the location of the **Opera and St. Stephen's Cathedral**. We will see other popular sights like **Belveder Palace** and **Austrian Parliament Building**. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

#### **Day 13: Vienna, Miami - 09.30.2019**

Lunch box instead breakfast. Transfer to the airport. End of services.

LO 224 30 SEP VIE WAW 09.25 – 10.40

LO 029 30 SEP WAW MIA 12.05 – 17.30

**Price: 3190 USD/person (*applies to a group of minimum 40 full-paid persons*)**

#### **Price includes:**

- Airline tickets;
- Bus rides throughout the pilgrimage;
- 11 nights in hotel 4\* (1 in Warsaw, 5 in Krakow, 3 in Prague, 2 in Vienna);
- Meals 2 times a day: 11 breakfasts, 11 dinners;
- Travel Insurance;
- Tour Leader and Tour Guide services;
- Itinerary during the pilgrimage;
- Tax Vat.

#### **Price does not include:**

- Entrance fees to sites visited, local guides, costs related to the implementation of the program, climatic tax, Tourist Guarantee Fund (approx. **300 USD/person** - applies to a group of minimum 40 full-paid persons)- to be paid to the tour operator;
- single room supplement (on request);
- personal expenditures;
- beverages during dinners and services not specified in the offer.

#### **REMARKS:**

- Organizer is not responsible for any changes made by the airline.
- If the hours of flights are changed, the organizer reserves the right to make changes in the program.
- The price offer was prepared based on the hotels availability on day 03.01.2019. No reservations have been made yet. All services will be reserved and confirmed upon payment of an advance by the group and then the final price of the package is confirmed.