



# PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

AUG 30 - SEPT 10 2026

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CANONS REGULAR OF ST. JOHN CANTIUS

Join us for a prayerful pilgrimage to Poland as we visit the revered Marian shrine in Częstochowa, and historic Kraków, celebrating Holy Mass at sacred sites and praying at the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy. We will walk the streets of St. John Paul II's hometown, journey to Zakopane in the Tatra Mountains, and much more, so don't miss this unforgettable opportunity to deepen your faith and experience the rich spiritual heritage of Poland in the company of fellow believers.

- \$4,200 per person (Chicago O'Hare International Airport Departure)
- \$3200 Land only price
- \$160 Optional Trip - Sunday, Sept. 6
- \$500 deposit deadline: **May 30, 2026**
- Final payment: **June 30, 2026**

Itinerary subject to confirmation. (Price is based on a minimum of 20 paying participants and subject to airline price confirmation). Please read the terms and conditions inside and return the form with deposit to:

**Ave Maria Pilgrimage Tours, Inc.**

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# ITINERARY

## AUGUST 30, SUNDAY

Evening departure from Chicago O'Hare Airport

## AUGUST 31, MONDAY

We begin our pilgrimage in Częstochowa, the spiritual heart of Poland and the third largest Marian shrine in Europe. We will have Holy Mass of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Częstochowa, believed to be painted by St. Luke the Evangelist, on a portion of the Holy Family's table from Nazareth. (D) Welcome dinner and overnight at Dom Pielgrzymia in Częstochowa.

## SEPTEMBER 1, TUESDAY

We travel to the village of Św. Anna for Holy Mass at a unique Dominican church followed by a visit to the Marian shrine in Gidle. (B & L) Dinner on your own; overnight in Dom Pielgrzymia.

## SEPTEMBER 2, WEDNESDAY

Today, we travel to Zakopane, a picturesque city nestled in the Tatra Mountains known for its unique regional culture and wooden architecture. You can spend the day enjoying the beautiful mountain landscapes or shopping in the large open-air market. (B & L) Dinner on your own; overnight at the Hotel Sabała in Zakopane.

## SEPTEMBER 3, THURSDAY

After Mass in the historic "Old Church" we will travel to the Dunajec River for a raft ride through the canyon of the Pieniny Mountains. Returning to Zakopane there should still be free time for more shopping. (B & L) Dinner on your own; overnight at the Hotel Sabała in Zakopane.

## SEPTEMBER 4, FRIDAY

Today, we will travel to the Royal City of Kraków, once known as the "Rome of the North," because of its proliferation of churches, monasteries, tombs of saints and miraculous images. Our first stop will be the Divine Mercy Shrine & the John Paul II Center. (B & L)

Dinner on your own; overnight at the Best Western Kraków Old Town.

## SEPTEMBER 5, SATURDAY

Today, we will tour of Kraków's Old City with Mass at the Tomb of St. John Cantius in the beautiful Church of St. Anne. (B & L) Dinner on your own; overnight at the Best Western Kraków Old Town.

## SEPTEMBER 6, SUNDAY

This will be a free day. Pilgrims can either take an optional trip to the Salt Mine in Wieliczka and the Auschwitz Nazi Concentration Camp, site of the martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross or just spend the day sightseeing and shopping. (B & L) Mass and dinner are on your own; overnight at the Best Western Kraków Old Town.

## SEPTEMBER 7, MONDAY

After Holy Mass at Cistercian Monastery Church in Jędrzejów north of Kraków, we will travel to the unique "Painted Village" of Zalipie. Upon returning to Kraków, there will still be more time for shopping. (B & L) Dinner on your own; overnight at the Best Western Kraków Old Town.

## SEPTEMBER 8, TUESDAY

We begin this day with Holy Mass at Benedictine Monastery Church in Staniątki and then the Nowy Wiśnicz Castle. (B & L) Dinner on your own; overnight at the Best Western Kraków Old Town.

## SEPTEMBER 9, WEDNESDAY

After morning Holy Mass, pilgrims will have the rest of the day free for more sightseeing or just spending time in a charming cafe, as native Krakovians do, observing the largest city squares in Europe. We will have a group farewell lunch at the Morskie Oko Restaurant in Kraków and dinner is on your own; overnight at the Best Western Kraków Old Town. (B & L)

## SEPTEMBER 10, THURSDAY

Morning departure from Krakow airport for Chicago via Warsaw. (B)

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Itinerary is subject to change.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Round trip economy class jet service provided, based on advance purchase fare, subject to participation of one person on the entire flight itinerary. Air fares subject to government approval/change without notice. Airline taxes and fees quoted are subject to change until the time of ticketing. Ave Maria Pilgrimage Tours, Inc., (referred to in this document as AMPT) is not responsible for any inconvenience, including refusal of boarding caused by tickets and travel documents not matching. Passenger must confirm that the name on the ticket matches exactly the name as shown on the passport. We ask that a copy of the passport information page be sent to us with your documents. Group ticketing does not always allow us to select seating. If a passenger has a medical need which requires specific seating it is recommended that a doctor's letter be presented. We will make an effort to accommodate your need, but cannot guarantee airline cooperation.

**LAND ONLY PACKAGES:** Any client who arranges their own air transportation takes sole responsibility for meeting the group at the time of our arrival. AMPT cannot be responsible for any misconnections. Client assumes full responsibility for catching up with the group and agrees to wait if the group is delayed for any reason. Client also agrees to assume the additional cost of transfers which do not coincide with the time and location of the group's schedule.

**BAGGAGE:** One piece of checked baggage and one carry on bag are allowed. Although the airlines may allow more than one piece of checked luggage, we must still restrict each passenger to one piece due to cargo hold size restrictions on buses. The maximum sizes and weights of these pieces are listed on the particular airline websites. It is recommended that you check these regulations prior to departure, please reference [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov). Any fees for baggage are the responsibility of the traveler. Passenger is responsible for his/her own baggage and travel insurance is recommended.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Lodging is based on twin occupancy. For single accommodations (if available), a single room supplement will be quoted and may be charged. We reserve the right to substitute hotels as required. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Extra charges for additional beverages.

**LAND ARRANGEMENTS:** As outlined in the itinerary; however, we reserve the right to modify or adjust the itinerary.

**SIGHTSEEING:** By deluxe motor coach, where applicable, including services of English speaking guides. Most pilgrimages require a substantial amount of walking.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included, as are all governmental and local taxes on hotels, meals. Tips for drivers, guides etc. are additional. Tipping suggestions will be provided.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airport taxes; passport and visa fees; laundry; room service; additional sightseeing not listed in itinerary; event

tickets, personal items; excess baggage and airport service charges.

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** We reserve the right to cancel or modify the itinerary if the total number of participants falls short of the number required to meet our contract with our ground operators and airlines. If we cancel a tour due to insufficient numbers, you will receive a full refund.

**DEPOSIT AND FULL PAYMENT:** A deposit of \$500 per person to secure reservation will be applied to the price of the tour. Final payment must be received from 65 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 90 days of departure are subject to a \$100 late reservation charge.

**CANCELLATION FEES:** Participants are strongly recommended to take trip cancellation insurance. Cancellation fees are as follows: more than 150 days prior to departure a \$300 administration fee and any airline, ground operator, or event deposits withheld may apply; 45 days – 30% of the tour cost plus the administration fee and any airline, ground operator, or event deposits as stated above; 31 days 75% of the total cost plus any airline, ground operator, or event deposits as stated above; 7 days 80% of the total cost plus any airline, ground operator, or event deposits as stated above; 7 days departure 100% of the total cost. All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Ave Maria Pilgrimage Tours, Inc.

**AIRLINE TAX:** Airline taxes and surcharges are included in the price. We reserve the right to pass on any increases in these fees.

**INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend that you purchase the insurance offered. The insurance company is in no way affiliated with AMPT.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:** AMPT operates the tours offered under this program only as an agent of the airlines, railroads, car rental contracts, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contracts and others which provide the actual arrangements, and is not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or non performance

occurring in connection with these land arrangements. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of the tour. AMPT or any organization contracting with us shall not be held liable for any injuries, damages or losses caused to any participant due to social unrest, labor action, mechanical failure or any action taken by other parties. AMPT and any organization contracting with us shall not be held responsible for any disruption caused by an act of nature, or as a result of civil or labor unrest, strike, disease, local laws or ordinances, weather conditions, acts of war or terrorism, or any actions or omissions or conditions beyond the company's control. Participation by individuals mentioned in the flier is based on availability at the time of this printing. We reserve the right to substitute chaplains and tour leaders if necessary.

**TRAVELERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:** Passengers with special needs and any dietary restrictions must advise us in writing of this at the time of application. We will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. If assistance is required, it is the sole responsibility of the traveler to secure such assistance. AMPT shall not be responsible for denials of entry or services based on these needs.

All participants are required to comply with all health department, airline and foreign government requirements regarding entry and departure from countries visited. AMPT is not responsible for denials of entry into or exit from countries visited on the pilgrimage. Any required testing for Covid or other diseases is the responsibility of the traveler.

**TOUR PRICE:** The tour price is based on tariffs and rates in effect at the time of execution. AMPT reserves the right to pass on increases imposed by airlines (taxes/fees/fuel surcharges), government agencies, cities, hotels and other suppliers, as well as additional costs caused by fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** Participants understand that photographs and video taken during the pilgrimage may be used for advertising and/or archival purposes and grant permission for their image to be used thus.



**Enclosed is my deposit (\$500 per person) for the 2026 Poland Pilgrimage**

You can make a deposit payment using a personal check, money order, or credit card.

A 3% fee applies automatically to credit card payments, which are accepted for deposits only, with a maximum of \$500 per person.

Enclosed is my check / money order.  Please email me information to pay by credit card.  I will be paying the "land only" price of \$3200.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT)

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport# \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_  Please find me a roommate.  I will be rooming alone (\$390.00 single supp).

Emergency Contact (name/address/phone): \_\_\_\_\_

I will be taking the optional trip on Sunday, September 6th to the Wieliczka Salt Mine and Auschwitz Nazi Concentration Camp for \$160.

I have read and I understand the Terms and Conditions. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_