

Fr Scott Huggins & Fun Deacon Gerard Erickson Central Europe Pilgrimage

August 25-September 2, 2025 - 9 Days \$5,799 from Chicago

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Monday, August 25 - Day 1 - DEPART US – Today, we depart our home cities to connect with our overnight flight bound for Vienna. We will enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Tuesday, August 26 - Day 2 - VIENNA – This morning, we arrive in Vienna where we will be met and board our motorcoach. Depending on arrival time we enjoy an orientation tour of Vienna's Ringstrasse we'll pass by City Hall, the Burg Theater, Houses of Parliament, two State Museums, the Opera, after visiting the Gothic St. Stephen's Cathedral. We proceed to our hotel for a group dinner and overnight.

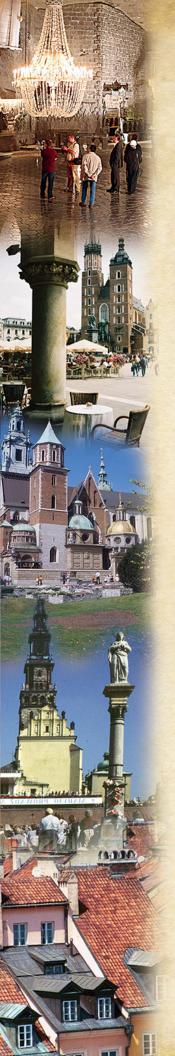
Wednesday, August 27 - Day 3 -VIENNA-BUDAPEST – Leaving the city and foothills of the Alps, travel through the Burgenland onto the sweeping Hungarian plain. A stop will be made at Györ, where the Irish Madonna attracts many Pilgrims. We will celebrate Mass here. We travel to the famous Danube Bend for a short time of shopping and exploration of the village of Szentendre along the Danube Valley, well known for its artists and artisans. This evening, we enjoy a boat ride on the Danube. The commentary will include the history of the city's most important buildings situated along the river. We enjoy a group dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Thursday, August 28 - Augustine -Day 4 - BUDAPEST - This morning we drive to the Royal castle in Buda, where we will visit Fishermen's Bastion and the beautiful Gothic St. Matthias Church. Afterwards, we continue to the Citadel, where we enjoy the best view over the Danube and the lower city of Pest. Later, we cross the Elizabeth Bridge to the Market Hall and the pedestrian center, where we will have free time for lunch on our own. In the afternoon, drive through the City Park to Hero's Square, then past the Opera and Parliament. We conclude our day with a visit and Mass at St. Stephen's Basilica. This evening, we will enjoy a special dinner at the Gypsy Tavern with folkloric entertainment. Overnight at our hotel

Friday, August 29 - Beheading of John - Day 5 - BUDAPEST/KRAKOW - Today, following Mass near our hotel we head north out of Budapest and soon cross the border into Slovakia. By way of Banska Bystrica and crossing the Lower Tatra Mountains, we'll reach the border and enter the industrious southern region of Poland to arrive at Krakow for a group dinner and overnight.

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Saturday, August 30 - Day 6 -**KRAKOW - "THE POLISH** ROME" - This morning we will celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Florian, where Saint John Paul II served as a curate, and where he lived while university chaplain. Afterwards, we meet our guide and begin our sightseeing tour. Our first stop is the courtyard of 16th century Royal Castle, and Wawel Cathedral, where generations of Polish Kings are buried. We then take a walking tour of Old Town, visiting some of the treasures of this wonderful old city. We will view the Town Hall Tower and the Cloth Hall, located on the same site since the 15th century Collegium Maius in the oldest university area and St. Mary's Church. Here we enjoy the ancient tradition of the "Hejnal" or bugle call from the Tower, which warned residents of the coming of an enemy. After some free time for lunch, we depart Krakow and travel to the infamous Auschwitz Concentration Camp with its Martyrdom Museum. Saint John Paul II visited the cell of St. Maximillian Kolbe at Auschwitz in June 1979 on his first visit to Poland after becoming Pope. Finally, on return, we visit the newly built Basilica of the Divine Mercy, the home of St. Sister Faustina. We will see the convent and visit with the Sisters there. This evening we'll have a group dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Sunday, August 31 - Day 7 - KRAKOW/WADOWICE/PRAGUE -

After breakfast we depart Krakow and check out of our hotel we travel to Wadowice, the birthplace of Saint John Paul II. En route we pass by the Kalwaria Zebrzydowska Benedictine Monastery where the Holy Father often prayed and walked the Stations of the Cross. In Wadowice, we celebrate Mass in the parish church where the Holy Father was baptized and afterwards, we visit the museum in his small family home. We continue to Prague and our hotel for a group dinner and overnight.

Monday, September 1 - Labor Day Day 8 - PRAGUE - After breakfast, we
begin our tour of Prague at Castle Hill and
visit St. Vitus Cathedral, Wladislav Hall
and Golden Lane. We will visit the famous
Infant Jesus of Prague at the Church of Our
Lady of Victory, where we will celebrate
Mass. Our afternoon tour of Prague will
include the Old Town with Astronomical
clock, Jewish Quarter and Charles Bridge.
Return to our hotel for a group dinner and
overnight.

Tuesday, September 2 - Day 9 - RETURN TO US - This morning we transfer to the airport in Prague to board our flight to the USA arriving later today with memories of a lifetime.

\$50 Early Booking Discount if Reserved by November 10, 2024

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Please reserve ____ seats on this Central Europe Pilgrimage - August 25-September 2, 2025

Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

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TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect September 20, 2024. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 35 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas. Passport MUST be valid until March 04, 2026, or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International flight reservations are being held on Austria and Lufthansa Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE. Any requests to change a ticket once issued will incur a reissue fee of \$200 plus any fare differential will apply. Cancellation of air seat within 90 days of departure will incur a \$200 penalty.

DOMESTIC AIRFARE: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always <u>subject to change</u>.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$636 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

MEALS: Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

TIPS AND TAXES: Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, porterage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$169 plus current fuel surcharges of \$331 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$88 ARE NOT INCLUDED. CHECK ONLINE WEBSITE FOR SPECIFICS. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

NOT INCLUDED: Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS: A deposit of \$500 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure

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