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Join Fr. Krzysztof Piotrowski for a Holy Year Pilgrimage to Poland

July 20-29, 2025 - 10 Days

\$4,899 from Tampa

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Sunday, July 20 - Day 1 - DEPART USA

- Today, we depart our home city to connect with our overnight flight to Warsaw. We enjoy complementary beverages, in-flight movies, dinner, and breakfast while aloft

Monday, July 21 - Day 2 - WARSAW –

We arrive this morning at Okecie International Airport, in Warsaw. Upon arrival, we are greeted by our Unitours Tour Manager and board our motor coach as we begin our orientation tour of this grand Polish city. We celebrate our Mass at St. Jacob's church. This is the place where Faustina prayed on her arrival to Warsaw. We conclude our day with our "welcome" dinner and overnight in Warsaw.

Tuesday, July 22 - Mary Magdalene - Day 3 – WARSAW/NIAPOKALANOW/ WARSAW –

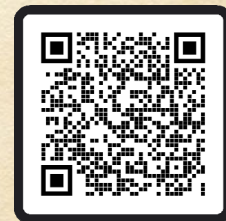
Today, we start with a sightseeing tour of Warsaw, including a drive through the city center, passing the Warsaw Uprising Museum, the former Ghetto area with the Memorial of the Ghetto Heroes, the Memorial of the Warsaw Uprising, the Royal Route, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Following a break for lunch in the city center, we drive to Niapokalanow, home of the monastery built by St. Maximilian Kolbe. While there we also visit the shrine of Our Mary Immaculate, which houses an incredible adoration chapel which claims to be the most viewed perpetual adoration on the internet! Holy Mass to be celebrated in Niepokalanow Church. This evening, we enjoy Chopin piano recital with a glass of sparkling wine served during intermission, at one of the city historic palaces followed by dinner at one of the Old Town area restaurants. We conclude our day with our overnight in Warsaw.

Wednesday, July 23 - Day 4 – WARSAW/GDANSK/MALBORK /GDANSK–

This morning, after Holy Mass celebrated in St John's Cathedral in

Warsaw Old Town we head north to the port city of Gdansk, an area evangelized by St. Adalbert of Prague at the end of the 10th century. En route we stop in Malbork to visit Europe's largest red brick Teutonic Castle, one of the many UNESCO World Heritage sites in Poland. Malbork was once the capital of the Teutonic Order at the beginning of the fourteenth Century. After guided visit we continue to Gdansk, where we enjoy dinner at our hotel and overnight in Gdansk.

**Thursday, July 24 - Day 5 – GDANSK/
SOPOT –** Today, after morning Mass celebrated at Gdansk St Mary's church we start our day in this seaport city, which has exchanged governments throughout, the ages, going from Polish roots to Germany and Prussian until becoming part of Poland once again, following WWII. It was in this city that Germany first invaded Poland, so it would seem appropriate that the Solidarity protest movement would arise from these same people. We visit the beautiful Royal Chapel built by King John III, as well as Highland Gate and Artus Court, now a popular market area. In Gdansk Shipyard we visit European Solidarity Centre presenting history of the Solidarity movement and its leader Mr Lech Walesa in



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the fight with communism in Poland leading to the collapse of USSR in 1991. We continue to Oliwa Cathedral in Gdansk to enjoy short recital of church music performed on historic church organs built in 1758. We then visit nearby Sopot, Poland most famous seaside resort, where we break for lunch with a short walk along wooden sea pier in Sopot. We enjoy dinner at one of Gdansk Old Town restaurants. Overnight in Gdansk.

Friday, July 25 - St. James - Day 6 - TORUN/GLOGOWIEC/SWINICE/LODZ – This morning, we drive to the beautiful Town of Torun, the birthplace of the famous astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus. The Gothic architecture of Torun makes it a UNESCO World Heritage site. After a panoramic drive of Torun and a stop for lunch on our own, we continue for to Glogowiec, the birthplace of St. Faustina, where Jesus appeared to her in 1931 and requested she paint the picture of “His Divine Mercy”. We view the parish church of Faustina in Swinice Warckie where we celebrate the holy Mass and afterwards her family home in Glogowiec. We then continue to the town of Lodz for dinner and overnight.

Saturday, July 26 - Day 7 - LODZ/ CZESTOCHOWA/AUSCHWITZ/ KRAKOW – Today, we board our motor coach for a two-hour ride to Czestochowa, where we make our way to the monastery complex of Jasna Gora to visit this famous Marian Shrine. Jasna Gora consists of a Gothic/Baroque style church, a Baroque monastery and fortress. This is where the miraculous icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, “The Black Madonna,” has been preserved and is often exposed. We tour this shrine and celebrate Mass while there. We break for lunch on our own before continuing with our visit to Auschwitz/Birkenau, site of one of the most infamous death camps, where a million and a half Jews died at the hands of the Nazis during WWII. We stop at the solemn Martyrdom Museum, as well as the cell of St. Maximilian Kolbe, which Pope St. John Paul II visited in June 1979 on his first visit to Poland after being named Pope. We continue to Krakow for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, July 27 - Day 8 - KRAKOW "THE POLISH ROME" – This morning, we visit the Church of St. Florian, where Pope St. John Paul II served as a curate, and where he lived while serving as the University chaplain. (Pending our actual Mass schedule, we celebrate Mass while there if our Mass at the Salt Mines cannot be scheduled). Afterwards, we meet our local 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 also visit Kazimierz, an old Jewish city with medieval roots which has preserved according to the original town plan. We then take a walking tour of the Old Town, visiting some of the treasures of this wonderful old city. We view the Town Hall Tower and the Cloth Hall, located on the same site since the 14th century, the 15th century Collegium Maius in the oldest university area and St. Mary's Church. There, we enjoy the ancient tradition of the "Hejnal" or bugle call from the Tower, which warned residents of the coming of an enemy. This afternoon, following lunch on our own, we ride to Wieliczka, famous for its salt mines, which have been in operation for over seven centuries! We visit the upper levels of the mine, and view chapels with altar pieces and statues all hand carved by devout Polish miners from the same salt. We celebrate Mass while there if possible. We return to Krakow for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Monday, July 28 - Day 9 – KRAKOW/ WADOWICE/KALWARIA/LAGIEWNIKI – Today, we depart Krakow and travel to Wadowice, the birthplace of Pope St. 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 break for lunch on our own and afterwards visit the newly built Basilica of the Divine Mercy, the home of St. Sister Faustina's tomb. We also visit the convent and spend some time with the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy before returning to Krakow for our “farewell” dinner at one of Krakow Old Town restaurants, including a Polish folklore show and overnight at our hotel.

Tuesday, July 29 - St. Martha Day 10 - KRAKOW/USA – This morning, we transfer to the airport as we make our way home with memories for a lifetime.

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

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until March 29, 2026. or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport) _____

My Roommate: _____

Address: _____

_____ Please assign a roommate (if available)

City, State & Zip _____

_____ I prefer a single room - \$557 supplement and limited in number.

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_____ Signature

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect January 9, 2025. 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 30 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 29, 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.

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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 subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$557 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, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$193 plus current fuel surcharges of \$391 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$96 ARE NOT INCLUDED. 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.

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