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## PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

**FRIDAY, JULY 31 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026**

**\$5,200**

per person in a shared room if paid in two installments by check or cash.

**\$4,950**

per person in a shared room if paid in full upon registering by check or cash

*Round trip airfare from Chicago*

**Solo traveler supplement: \$700 for single room**

**\$1,000 deposit required for those not paying in full upon registration**

**Additional fee for credit card payments: \$150**

**See Q & A form for exactly what's included**

Send checks to Peregrino, PO Box 212, 25 Tesler Rd. Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Do not send checks via Certified Mail. First Class is sufficient.

Single rooms are not guaranteed and should be requested as soon as possible.

**Final payment due date: May 30, 2026**

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## **POLAND PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY**

*If a scheduled visit or activity is not available due to weather, traffic, unforeseen circumstances, etc..., it will be replaced by an equivalent visit or activity*

### **Day 1:**

Depart Chicago O'Hare Airport on direct flight to Warsaw, Poland, in the afternoon or evening.

### **Day 2:**

Flight arrives in Warsaw in the morning hours. After going through customs and immigration, a professional guide and a comfortable coach bus will meet the group and your tour of beautiful Warsaw will begin with a Mass and a visit to the tomb of the martyr Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko. Fr. Jerzy was a parish priest who has been beatified by the Church. He was cruelly murdered by communist thugs in 1984, his body dumped in a reservoir. A group lunch will follow at a swanky food court. Then it's on to the Museum of the Warsaw Uprising, which chronicles Warsaw's resistance to two powers, both the Nazis and the Russians, during World War II. In the late afternoon we'll head to the hotel in central Warsaw for a much-deserved restful evening.

### **Day 3:**

Breakfast at the hotel. You'll start the day by touring the totally reconstructed Castle and extensive Old Town of Warsaw. It was obliterated at the end of World War II but has been impeccably reconstructed. After touring these sites with a local guide, the group will enjoy a group lunch before, in the afternoon, touring Warsaw's Jewish museum, the Polin. It is one of the greatest museum of Jewish history in the world and was opened only ten or so years ago. The evening will be free for wandering and exploring Warsaw's dinner options on your own.

### **Day 4:**

Breakfast at the hotel. After some free time in the morning for shopping, we'll depart Warsaw by bus in the late morning for the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Black Madonna, Queen of Poland. It's about two and a half hours from Warsaw. The group will have Mass and take a tour of this impressive, enormous, fortress-like sanctuary to Mary. In the evening there will be free time for silence and prayer at the shrine. Group dinner and overnight in Czestochowa.

### **Day 5:**

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll continue about two hours to the south and have a guided tour of the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz. Auschwitz is an indoor and outdoor museum to many things - hate, martyrdom, and the worst aspects of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. After a guided tour of the extensive camp, the group will have a group lunch and then head to its hotel in central Krakow. The evening will be free to explore the shops and restaurants of the charming old town of one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Dinner on your own.

### **Day 6:**

Breakfast at the hotel. A guide will lead the group on a tour of various sites in Krakow, which was never bombarded or destroyed during World War II. Krakow is a large, intact, outdoor,

museum of beautiful squares, parks, and interesting buildings. Its cityscape has few rivals in the world for sheer elegance and beauty. The group will tour historic Wawel Cathedral and the Royal Castle, housing the tombs of Polish Kings and Saints, St. Mary's Basilica on the Market Square, and other well-known sites in the city center. Group lunch and group dinner in central Krakow in the evening.

**Day 7:**

Breakfast at the hotel. Bus transport to the small town of Wadowice, the hometown of Pope St. John Paul II, to visit the Basilica where he was baptized and the home where he grew up, which is now a museum. Then visit the impressive monastery shrine of Kalwaria Zdubrodozka, a vast forested park with huge stations of the cross surrounding a beautiful Church. In the late afternoon head back towards Krakow and visit the Shrine of the Divine Mercy. This shrine is the world-famous convent where Jesus appeared to St. Faustina to give her his message of God's mercy for all mankind. It is a very popular pilgrimage site. The group will then visit the nearby Pope St. John Paul II Center, an impressive church on a beautiful campus. Dinner on your own after returning to Krakow.

**Day 8:**

Breakfast at the hotel. Travel by private coach to the salt mines at Wieliczka, an 800 year-old underground cavern with salt sculptures, saints' statues, and subterranean salt lakes. Group lunch. In the afternoon return to Krakow for some free time and shopping before a farewell group dinner in a local restaurant.

**Day 9:**

Departure from the hotel early to make check-in on a flight to Chicago either direct or through Warsaw. Arrive at O'Hare in the afternoon.

**Questions and Answers**

*It is assumed that every traveler on this tour is familiar with the policies and deadlines in this document.*

**What does the cost include?** Round trip direct flights Chicago – Warsaw/Krakow, all airline taxes and fuel surcharges, bus transfer to and from airport to hotel, coach bus per itinerary in Poland, clean, private bath, 4 star hotel room; all museum entrance fees; audio headsets; all guides; tips; all breakfasts; 5 lunches; and 4 dinners.

**What does the cost not include?** Any incidental hotel costs such as mini bar, room service, or laundry. Also not covered: meals not specified in the itinerary, taxi fares, items of a personal nature, personal gratuities for your guides, and the carrying of luggage from the airport baggage claim area to the bus, and to and from the bus to the hotel. Although most transport on the pilgrimage will be by coach bus, we recommend budgeting about \$50 for taxis or ubers.

**What is the cancellation policy?** All cancellations must be made in writing by the same person(s) who registered for the trip. The following penalties are applicable if you cancel:

From date of reservation until May 30, \$500 is non-refundable, but transferable to a person replacing the person cancelling, for the same tour and dates.

As of May 31, 100% of the tour price is non-refundable and generally non-transferable, although a transfer to another person *may* be possible at a certain cost.

**Is there a registration form?** Registration is done completely online. If you don't use, or have, a computer please call us to register.

**Do I need a passport?** Yes, you will need a passport to travel to Poland. Passports are required for everyone, even children and infants. The expiration date of the passport must be beyond six months after the date of re-entry into the U.S. A copy of the ID page of that passport must be received by Peregrino Tours via the U.S. mail or via email. prior to the final registration and payment deadline. The copy of the passport and its information will be shared with no one. All documentary or digital traces of the copy of the passport will be destroyed at the conclusion of the tour. Please consult the official website of the U.S. State Department for further information.

**Do I need to obtain a visa?** U.S. citizens do not need a visa to enter Poland for fewer than 90 days. Non U.S. citizens must verify with a Polish consulate if they need a visa to enter Poland, and with the U.S. State Department regarding their ability to re-enter the U.S.

**Is there any chance the trip would be cancelled?** In the remote possibility that the trip is cancelled due to a lack of sufficient numbers, the entire cost of the trip will be reimbursed. An extraordinary event such as an airline strike, weather event, act of God (e.g. an earthquake) or international incident will not necessarily cause the trip to be cancelled. Trip insurance would provide total protection against such unlikely eventualities.

**I'd like to go, but I don't have a roommate to share the cost. What can I do?** You can either pay the single occupancy supplement or be willing to be assigned a roommate if one is available. That will depend, of course, on the number of solo travelers of the same sex, but Peregrino will keep track of who needs roommates and coordinate as needed. If a roommate is available but is refused, the traveler will be required to pay the single supplement. And if there is an odd number of pilgrims and no roommate can be found for a single traveler, the single supplement must be paid, with the latest registrant being obligated to purchase a single room. If non spouses or non family members would like to share a room with another pilgrim they must each communicate said intent to Peregrino in an e-mail.

**Can I reserve a place even though I have not paid in full?** You can reserve your place on the trip by making a deposit of \$1,000, or by paying the full amount, upon initial registration.

**What about travel insurance?** Peregrino Tours does not offer travel insurance. But for the protection of our pilgrims we recommend they purchase travel insurance. Links are available on our website. These recommendations are not an endorsement of any company but only the result of prior travelers' experiences. Every pilgrim must either provide Peregrino proof of the purchase of insurance or digitally accept the general waiver on the Peregrino website.

**Why would I want travel insurance?** Insurance is a good idea for those who have an unpredictable medical condition and for those who have a family member whose ill health, or

even death, may preclude going on the pilgrimage. Travel insurance must normally be purchased shortly after registering for the trip. It normally cannot be purchased close to the date of departure, or it may be priced exorbitantly.

**Can I use airline miles or points?** Peregrino prefers that all pilgrims fly together both to and from their destination and arrive at, and leave from, their hotel together. Our experience is that solo travelers require special transport and communication needs, miss meals and tours, and otherwise compromise the quality of the trip for themselves and others. Nonetheless, Peregrino will allow experienced travelers to purchase their own airline tickets, or to use airline miles or points, only after registration has been opened. To find out the ground only cost, and when that cost will be available, contact Peregrino. Solo pilgrims will be responsible for arriving at the Warsaw hotel on their own, and must initiate contact with the group leaders at the hotel.

**Can I upgrade my plane seating or otherwise arrange to sit with family and friends?**

Peregrino organizes its tour pricing based on coach seating. Any desire for business or first-class seats, aisle seats, or other upgrades will be handled on an individual basis. Please contact Peregrino. Any and all costs related to upgrades or special seating must be paid by the individual traveler before the upgrade is finalized. Peregrino tries to accommodate friends and family who request to sit together on flights. But plane seating is ultimately a decision for each airline and airlines are not always transparent about how seating is apportioned.

**Where can I exchange U.S. dollars for Polish currency?** Talk to your local bank to see if they offer that service. Otherwise you can change money at O'Hare airport or in Poland. ATM machines in Poland also accept Visa and Mastercard credit cards and dispense Polish Zloty. To use a credit card at an ATM in Poland will require a PIN. Almost all American banks charge a fixed fee for foreign ATM withdrawals and/or a percentage of the amount withdrawn. ATM's in Poland will normally not accept debit cards from regional banks.

**How many people can go on this trip?** The limit is 50 people.

**What about travelers with special needs?** Any pilgrim with special needs or dietary restrictions must inform Peregrino at the time of registration. There will be considerable walking on the tour so being physically able to stand for long periods and to walk long distances is presumed upon registering. A physically capable companion must accompany travelers who need assistance. Coach buses are not equipped with ramps, so all travelers must be able to mount steps into a bus. European buildings are also less handicap accessible than American buildings.

**Can anyone go on the trip?** Although this will be a Catholic focused pilgrimage, non Catholics are welcome to come. Minors are welcome provided they travel with family. In order to ensure a rewarding, positive, and faith filled experience for all pilgrims, Peregrino reserves the right to reject any guest, either before or during the trip, whose comportment contradicts or is otherwise harmful to the interests of the group.

**What if I have more questions?** Most questions about this pilgrimage can be answered through this sheet, by contacting Peregrino Tour at [travel@myperegrinotour.com](mailto:travel@myperegrinotour.com) or by calling 847-713-1723.