

The Route of John Paul II

Perfect itinerary for those who are interested in religious and spiritual tour. Not everyone knows Poland is a perfect destination for pilgrimages: it is the motherland of Pope John Paul II, there are places related to famous saints as well as important and beautiful sanctuaries to visit. During this trip you will get to know the interesting capital of Poland – Warsaw and beautiful Cracow.

Duration: 6 days

Availability: every Friday

Departures from: Warsaw

PRICING

Tour Date	Double occupancy	Single occupancy
every Friday Midrange	803 EUR / per person	954 EUR / per person
every Friday Upscale	896 EUR / per person	1047 EUR / per person
every Friday Midrange 1 room only	803 EUR / per person	1407 EUR / per person
every Friday Upscale 1 room only	896 EUR / per person	1500 EUR / per person

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- Accommodation with breakfast included: 2 nights in Warsaw, 3 nights in Cracow
- All transfers to/from the airport/train station
- Private guided tour of Warsaw (including transfers)
- Private guided tour of Cracow
- Private guided tour to Częstochowa (including transfers and the entrance to the Sanctuary)
- Private guided excursion to Wadowice, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska and Łagiewniki (including transfers, entrances and an English speaking guide in JP II museum in Wadowice)
- Railway tickets from Warsaw to Cracow
- All taxes

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival to Warsaw

Welcome meeting at the airport or the train station with our driver who will take you to the selected centrally located hotel in Warsaw. Rest of the day free for leisure. *Recommended activities:* viewing terrace on the 31st Floor of the Palace of Culture and Science, museums: Warsaw Uprising, Fryderyk Chopin or the Museum of the History of Polish Jews

Day 2: Warsaw

Enjoy 6-hour introductory Warsaw tour. All of the transfers are included in the price. *Morning:* you will see **the highlights of the city**, starting from the Old Town, carefully rebuilt after the II World War, with its market square, St. John's Cathedral and the Royal Castle. Then we you will see the Lazienki Royal Park with the Palace on the Water. *Afternoon:* you will go to **the church of St. Stanislaus Kostka** - where the tomb of the beatified Jerzy Popieluszko is located, later on, a visit to a museum dedicated to Jerzy Popieluszko, a Polish Catholic priest, associated with the Solidarność movement. Popiełuszko was declared beatified on June 6 in 2010 during a ceremony held on Pilsudski Square in Warsaw. Thanks to the visit to the museum you will know the history of Popiełuszko's life. *Evening:* free time.

Day 3: Warsaw - Krakow

Morning: We'll arrange a transfer to the railway station, where you will board the express train to Cracow. The journey shouldn't take more than 3 hours. In Cracow our local driver will welcome you at the arrival platform and transfer you to the hotel. *Afternoon:* Our local driver will pick you up from the station and take you to the hotel. Later on, you will meet our local Cracow guide at the lobby of the hotel. You will have a **4-hour guided tour** to explore intriguing and magical Old Town of Cracow. You will see, among others, **the biggest medieval square in Europe** and the gothic altar in the splendid St. Mary's Basilica. You will take some time to walk the cobbled streets of the Old Town along the ceremonial route to the **Wawel Hill** and the castle of the Polish monarchs. at the end of the tour, a visit to the Archdiocesan Museum. The Archdiocesan Museum displays a collection of sacral works of art, often withdrawn from worship, from the 14th to the 18th century. The museum's objective is to hold on permanent display and make visitors familiar with the artistic legacy of the Cracow bishopric. *Evening:* Free time

Day 4: Krakow - Czestochowa - Krakow

Morning: A transfer of the participants to **Częstochowa** to visit the **Jasna Gora Monastery** - one of the most important pilgrimage centre in Europe. The objective will be to get familiar with its history, its treasures and the history of the miraculous image of the Black Virgin. In 1930 Karol Wojtyła (later Pope John Paul II) came with his father to Czestochowa for the first time and prayed to the Black Virgin. As Pope he has visited Jasna Gora seven times. *Afternoon:* Return to Krakow. *Evening:* Free time

Day 5: Krakow - Wadowice - Kalwaria Zebrzydowska - Lagiewniki - Krakow

Morning: you will travel to **Wadowice**, the hometown of John Paul II where we will see the Basilica of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by the visit in the house, where Karol Wojtyła was born, now converted into his museum. *Afternoon:* we will go to **Kalwaria Zebrzydowska**. The Sanctuary of the Passion and of the Madonna of Kalwaria Zebrzydowska was inserted by the UNESCO in its World Heritage List, with the following motivation: 'Kalwaria Zebrzydowska is a cultural site of great beauty and of spiritual importance. Its natural setting, which contains some symbolic places of worship related to the Passion of Jesus Christ and the life of the Virgin Mary, has remained almost unchanged since the 17th century'. Later on, we will visit the district of **Łagiewniki** (in Cracow) with the spectacular Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy. The place is modern, built after the beatification of St. Faustina, connected to the

Convent where the Saint Faustina spent the last years of her life and where she died on October 5, 1938. The church, where the most famous image of Faustina, painted by Adolph Hyla, is located, is also the resting place of her relics. In Łagiewniki we will also see the Divine Mercy Sanctuary, opened and blessed by John Paul II. Return to the hotel. *Evening*: free time

Day 6: The end of the tour or the continuation

Depending on the time of your flight/train, our driver will take you to the Cracow airport or to the train station. If you wish to continue your trip to Warsaw or other Polish or European destinations, we will be more than glad to help you with the services.

