TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

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INVITES YOU ON A PILGRIMAGE TO

POLAND & PRAGUE

September 14 - 24, 2020

A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries *has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 20 years. Working closely with your priest to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life by taking you to the homeland of numerous Catholic saints. By visiting holy sites and witnessing the grace of Divine Mercy, we hope your faith will be reinvigorated and renewed by this pilgrimage. We visit numerous sites and shrines, taking time for daily Mass and prayerful reflection as the cornerstones of each day's experience.*

We use only experienced Catholic or Christian guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35). Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus," your Tekton pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the Scriptures and Church history and tradition. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

- **Day 1 - Monday, September 14**
  Depart USA
  Our pilgrimage begins today as we lift off for Poland.

- **Day 2 - Tuesday, September 15**
  Arrive Warsaw
  Upon arrival in Warsaw we will be met by our tour manager, who will remain with us for the duration of our pilgrimage. Time permitting, we will visit St. Stanislaw Kostka Church, where the martyred Solidarity priest Father Jerzy Popieluszko worked and is buried. Then we enjoy a panoramic overview tour of the city on the way to check-in at our local hotel. *(D, Mass)*

- **Day 3 - Wednesday, September 16**
  Warsaw / Niepoklanow
  This morning we enjoy a full day tour of Warsaw including visits to the Cathedral of St. John, the Royal Castle, the Old Town Square, the Barbican and City Walls, and Zygmunt's Column. Follow the Royal Route to Lazienki Park where we will see the Palace on the Water (outside visit). See St. James Church, where the young Helena Kowalska (future St. Faustina) prayed for vocational discernment and visit the motherhouse of Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy on Zytnia Street. This afternoon, we drive out into the countryside to the Franciscan Monastery at Niepokalanow, founded by St. Maximillian Kolbe. Pray in the little chapel here where he and the other friars would gather for Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours and reflect upon the mission of the Militia Immaculata and the role of the Blessed Mother in our lives. *(B, D, Mass)*

Jasna Gora

- **Day 4 - Thursday, September 17**
  Warsaw / Czestochowa / Krakow
  Depart Warsaw this morning and drive to the Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa, the most holy site for the Polish people. The highlight of our visit will be viewing the famous icon of the Black Madonna to which numerous miracles are attributed. The history of this icon is shrouded in mystery, and according to tradition it was painted by St. Luke, brought back to Constantinople from Jerusalem by St. Helena, and eventually arrived at Jasna Gora monastery in 1386.We will see the Treasury, Knight's Hall, Refectory and the Basilica of the Holy Cross and Nativity of the Virgin Mary, with our remaining time here free for you to further explore, spend time in Adoration, go to confession, or simply sit and pray. After Mass proceed to Krakow, our home for the next four nights. *(B, D, Mass)*

- **Day 5 - Friday, September 18**
  Krakow / Aushwitz-Birkenau
  Following breakfast, proceed to the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, also known as the Skalka Sanctuary, where St. Stanislaus was martyred in 1079. Continue to Wawel Hill and celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. Stanislaw, then head to Krakow's Old Town to see the main Market Square, the Church of St. Mary, City Hall Tower, Kanonicza Street where Pope John Paul II resided while living in Krakow and the courtyard of the Collegium Maius where he was a student. Afterwards, we will travel to Auschwitz-Birkenau to pay respects at the remains of this Nazi concentration camp where over a million people were killed during World War II. Both St. Edith Stein and St. Maximilian Kolbe were sent here, along with millions of other innocent Jews, Christians, and Poles. St. Maximilian was starved and then faced lethal injection after he volunteered his life for that of a fellow prisoner. Visit his cell and the Martyrdom museum before returning to Krakow. *(B, D, Mass)*

Old Town

- **Day 6 - Saturday, September 19**
  Wieliczka / Lagiewniki / Krakow
  This morning, we will travel to Wieliczka to visit one of Europe's oldest salt mines, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. These mines are a unique place where many generations of Polish miners have created a world of underground chambers and decorated chapels carved out of salt including the famous Chapel of St. Kinga. After lunch, we will experience the highlight of our pilgrimage - visiting the Divine Mercy Shrine in Lagiewniki, where Saint Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, lived and died. Enjoy a guided tour of the shrine, which includes the convent chapel and St. Faustina's tomb, and venerate the image of Divine Mercy and the relics of St. Faustina. Listen to a talk from one of the sisters of her Order. Afterwards, we have to opportunity to pray by a relic of St.

Wieliczka Salt Mine

John Paul II in the new center "Have no Fear." Return to Krakow with the remainder of the day free. *(B, D, Mass)*

- **Day 7 - Sunday, September 20**
  Wadowice / Kalwaria Zebrzydowska / Krakow
  Today we walk in St. John Paul II's footsteps as we retrace much of his early life, beginning with Wadowice where we will have Mass at the Gothic Basilica of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary, where he received baptism, first communion, and confirmation. See the Baroque nave and the miraculous picture of Our Lady of Perpetual help, in front of which the future saint prayed daily. Get to know the former Karol Wojtyla in a new way as we explore his hometown and the museum located in his family home, containing relics of his youth and personal belongings from when he was a local priest. Our next stop is a place that was one of John Paul's favorite pilgrimage sites from his youth and young adult years – Kalawaria Zebrzydowska. This unique location began in the 17th century, when the Palatine of Krakow founded a Bernardine Monastery and built a replica of the Chapel of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. The complex grew over the years to encompass replicas of the Tomb of Christ, The Mount of Olives, the Home of Caiaphas, and other sites in the Holy Land, to provide a place of more local pilgrimage for those who could not journey to Jerusalem. Now, on the slopes of the hills and in the valley are 43 chapels and shrines scattered on only 4km distance honoring the Way of the Cross, the Mysteries of the Rosary, and 7 Sorrows of Mary. *(B, D, Mass)*

- **Day 8 - Monday, September 21**
  Krakow / Brno / Prague
  Depart this morning for the Czech capital of Prague, one of Europe's most attractive capitals. En route, stop in Brno to visit the Old Town and the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, where we will celebrate Mass. Upon arrival in Prague we will check-in at our local hotel.. *(B, D, Mass)*

- **Day 9 - Tuesday, September 22**
  Prague: Loreto Shrine / Infant Jesus of Prague
  Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Prague, starting with a visit to Loreto Shrine, one of the most important pilgrimage shrines in the Czech Republic. Then visit Prague Castle where we will visit St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George's Basilica, the picturesque Golden Lane, the Royal Palace and St. George's Convent. Then proceed to Mala Strana, "the Little Quarter", with its beautiful architectural buildings. Here we will visit the Church of St. Nicholas and then the Church of Our Lady Victorious where we will see the famous statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague and celebrate Mass. *(B, D, Mass)*

Loreto

- **Day 10 - Wednesday, September 23**
  Prague: Charles Bridge / Old Town / Kunta Hora
  This morning we will cross the Charles Bridge to visit the Old Town, which is considered to be one of the best historical city centers in Europe. Visit the Old Town Square, the Town Hall with its famous Astronomical Clock which comes alive when the hour strikes and the twelve disciples appear to bless the crowd, the Church of Our Lady before Tyn, and the Church of St. Nicholas. The remainder of the day is free to explore the Old Town on your own. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *(B, D, Mass)*

- **Day 11 - Thursday, September 24**
  Prague / USA
  Following breakfast transfer to the airport for our flight home, taking with us all the wonderful memories and graces of this pilgrimage. *(B)*

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

Our Lady before Tyn

POLAND PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare **$3,245.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES *(applied to final invoice)*

- **Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges** **$577.53**
  (subject to change until final ticketing)
- **Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff** **$140.00**

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **$3,962.53**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add $553
- Land-only option: $2,644 *(no flights included)*

Final Payment Due **June 2020**

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Orlando on Lufthansa
- 9 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Knowledgeable, friendly, Catholic/Christian guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner (excluding drinks)
- Farewell dinner on day 10

Rates do not include: *lunches, drinks with meals*

Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of $300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 75 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 74 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of $100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 33 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a $75.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, $175.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, $450.00 will be charged. If canceled 14 - 7 days prior to departure $700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Poland and the Czech Republic. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on Lufthansa. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes made within 90 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included in base price: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently $577.53 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

Trust Account Disclosure: California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"): George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if George's International Tours was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than $50 for transportation or travel services which George's International Tours failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount, which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to George's International Tours, not to exceed $15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a $35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

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