

# PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

October 4-11 2023



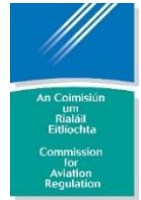
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Ex-Shannon flights with Ryanair direct to Krakow

€ 995 p.p.s. (€ 1050 for late bookings)

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023



*Led by Fr Brendan Quinlivan*

- Staying in the heart of Krakow
- Bed, breakfast and dinner every day
- Visits include:
- Wawel Castle, Old Town, St Mary's Basilica, and more in Krakow city centre
- Shrine of the Madonna at Czestochowa

- Auschwitz Concentration Camp
- St John Paul II birthplace and museum in Wadowice.
- Other sites related to St John Paul II
- St Faustina and the Divine Mercy Shrine

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### HOW TO BOOK:

We can take your booking over the phone by debit card. (€300 non-refundable deposit, plus single room supplement and insurance premium if applicable). Alternatively, you can pay by cheque or direct bank transfer. Please call us or email us for more information.



**PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND****October 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2023****INCLUDED IN THE PRICE of 995 euro p.p. sharing:**

- Ryanair flights direct from Shannon to Krakow return
- Checked-in luggage – 20kg
- 7 nights in a 4 star hotel in Krakow centre
- All breakfasts and dinners
- Coaching for all excursions on the itinerary
- Guided tours of all places visited
- Full time accompaniment
- All entrance fees and taxes

**EXTRAS**

- Single room supplement of 40 euro per night (280 in total)
- Travel Insurance (optional but highly recommended- premium depends on age)
- Lunches

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*The following itinerary is a sample only and may be modified in the best interest of the group*

**Day One, Wednesday****Arrival**

Morning flight to Krakow. Transfer to city centre (half hour drive). Check in at our 4 star hotel in Krakow where we will stay seven nights. Dinner and overnight.

**Day Two, Thursday****TOUR OF THE OLD TOWN OF KRAKOW**

Krakow is one of the oldest and most beautiful cities in central Europe. The old centre of Krakow is on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Our itinerary will take in the Royal Castle on Wawel Hill, the Old Market Square, and St. Mary's Basilica with its unique 15<sup>th</sup> century altar carved in wood. Some free time for lunch during the tour. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day Three, Friday****THE SHRINE OF THE MADONNA AT CZESTOCHOWA**

Day trip to Czestochowa, the spiritual and religious centre of Poland. Five million pilgrims a year visit the shrine. Tour of the 14<sup>th</sup> century Pauline Monastery at Jasna Gora with the famous painting of the Black Madonna, which is associated with the principal events of Polish history and is credited with many miracles. Celebration of Mass. Free time for lunch. Return to Krakow. Dinner and overnight.

**Day Four, Saturday****BIRTHPLACE OF JOHN PAUL II**

After breakfast we will visit Wadowice - the town where St John Paul II was born. We will visit his parish church (celebration of Mass) and see the baptismal font in which he was baptised. A chapel dedicated to the Polish Pontiff contains a vial of his blood. Next door is the family home of John Paul. This has now been transformed into an entertaining museum that tells the entire life story of this great saint. Return to hotel. Free time in the beautiful town of Krakow for shopping and personal sightseeing. Dinner in hotel.

**Day Five, Sunday****AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU CONCENTRATION CAMP AND MEMORIAL MUSEUM**

The Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Museum was established by the Polish Government in 1947 on the site of one of the largest extermination camps for European Jews. In recognition of its historical significance as a memorial to all who suffered there, the Museum was entered on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The tour by excellent local guides will include a visit to the cell where St. Maximilian Kolbe died. Tour, video and cost of obligatory headphones included. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day Six, Monday****THE SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY AND THE ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE**

This morning we will visit the Divine Mercy centre in Lagiewniki and the tomb of the Apostle of Divine Mercy, St Faustina, in the old convent. We will view some of the first depictions of the Divine Mercy image. Mass in the new basilica. Nearby is the beautiful St John Paul II centre with spectacular mosaics by Rupnik on biblical themes. Return to our hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner and overnight.

**Day Seven, Tuesday****MASS, DINNER IN A TRADITIONAL POLISH RESTAURANT**

Sunday Mass will be arranged. Free day afterwards for shopping or personal sightseeing. Options include a shopping centre in Krakow, a visit to the Jewish Quarter, Schindler's Factory, the Old University where Copernicus and St John Paul studied, the Archbishop's Palace where John Paul resided, and other places. Dinner at a traditional Polish restaurant in the centre with live music. Overnight.

**Day Eight, Wednesday****TRANSFER TO KRAKOW AIRPORT AND FLIGHT TO SHANNON**

Morning check-out and transfer to Krakow airport for our 7am flight. Arrival into Shannon at 9.10am.

