



The Fatima Center

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And Catholic Heritage Tours Poland & Prague October 10-22, 2019

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PILGRIMAGE

- Scheduled transatlantic flights New York (JFK)-Warsaw, Prague-New York (JFK) including estimated air taxes & surcharges
- Accommodations in first-class hotels
- Daily Holy Mass celebrated in the Traditional Latin Rite
- Deluxe motor-coach for scheduled transfers and sightseeing
- All breakfasts and 7 dinners
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour escort
- Admission fees for all included sightseeing
- Portage for one suitcase per person at the hotels
- Service charges, government taxes and fees

ADDITIONAL COSTS:

- Travel insurance
- Gratuities to tour escort, local guides, driver, and church stipends

(Also see "Not Included" section under Terms & Conditions.)

HOTELS

These are the first-class hotels currently reserved:

- **Warsaw:** Novotel Centrum 4-star. www.novotel.com/en/hotel-3383-novotel-warszawa-centrum/index.shtml
- **Czestochowa:** Hotel Arche 4-star. www.hotelczestochowa.com
- **Krakow:** Q Hotel Plus 4-star. www.qhotels.pl/en/krakow-plus
- **Prague:** Occidental Five Hotel 4-star. www.barcelo.com/en-us/occidental-hotels/hotels/czech-republic/prague/occidental-praha-five

Hotels will be confirmed approximately one month before travel dates.

GROUP AIR RESERVATION

Current group flights with Swiss Air (LX) and Austrian Airlines (OS):

10OCT Thursday (LX 15) JFK to Zurich, departing at 9:00PM, arriving at 10:50AM the following day

11OCT Friday (LX 1348) Zurich to Warsaw, departing at 12:05PM, arriving at 1:55PM

22OCT Tuesday (OS 704) Prague to Vienna, departing at 8:15AM, arriving at 9:15AM

22OCT Tuesday (OS 87) Vienna to JFK, departing at 10:45AM, arriving at 2:15PM

Space is limited. 40 seats are reserved for the group air reservation above. Please note that this flight schedule is subject to change by the airlines.

PRACTICAL NOTES

Plane tickets

If you purchased the air-inclusive trip, enclosed in your box of travel documents, you will find a sheet with your flight itinerary including your confirmation number. There are no paper tickets; you have an electronic ticket. When you arrive at the airport, proceed to the Swiss Air ticket counter to request your boarding pass. Simply present your passport and indicate your final destination. Make sure your luggage is checked all the way to Warsaw.

Airport check-in

It is important that you arrive at the appropriate airline ticket counter at JFK airport at least three hours before departure time for your international flight.

Weather

Expect high temperatures to be in the mid 50s and lower temperatures should be in the high 30s. These are average temperatures for this time of year. For temperature changes, do not forget to bring a jacket or coat.

Hotel Amenities

Irons. Hotels do not offer an iron in the room. Some hotels may have them available if you request them. We recommend that you take your own travel-size iron, or bring a “wrinkle-remover” spray, or pack wrinkle-resistant clothes.
Important: Make sure you pack an adaptor.

Laundry. Some of the hotels will have laundry service available. However, to request this service, you must be spending at least two nights at that hotel. Make sure you know and agree to the fees.

Hair dryers. All hotels on this trip offer hair dryers in the guest rooms.

Wi-Fi. All hotels on this trip offer free Wi-Fi. To access it, you may need to ask for the username and password at the reception desk.

Punctuality

Please keep in mind that you are part of a group and that the group is on a strict time schedule in order to cover all the sites on the itinerary. This is why it is most important to be punctual at all times. This shows consideration towards the tour escort, priests, representatives and the other group members.

Walking/Assistance

Please keep in mind that since this is a pilgrimage, there will be quite a bit of walking, including climbing stairs. If you need assistance in walking or climbing, please have your travel companion assist you, since there will be no paid help available. You may want to consider bringing a light, folding stool.

Tour escort and local guides

Benefit from the services of the professional tour escort and the local guides. Besides giving you the insight of the visited places, they can help you to find a good restaurant, shopping stores and give you other tips.

Currency

The currency used in Poland is the Polish Zloty. At the time of printing, 1 Zloty is US \$.25 cents. In Prague, the currency used is the Czech Koruna. At the time of printing, 1 Koruna is US \$0.04.

Exchanging money and making purchases

You may exchange money at the airport. Money can be exchanged at ATM machines or currency exchange businesses. (Banks in Europe do not usually exchange dollars for the local currency. Some hotels will exchange dollars for you; however, their rates may be unfavorable.) For better exchange rates, we recommend that you use ATM machines to withdraw money in the local currency. ATMs are quite common and there will be opportunities throughout the trip to exchange your money should you need to. Our advice is to make your purchases with a credit or debit card wherever possible so that you do not carry too much cash with you.

If you would like to obtain Zloty and Korunas before traveling, please contact your bank and ask how you can obtain them. Also, at the airport before departing for your international flight, you may find a currency exchange business where you can exchange dollars for euros.

Make sure that you contact your credit card supplier before you leave to let them know you will be making transactions from another country. Ask them about additional charges on foreign purchases and cash from ATM machines. You will be surprised to know that each credit card company charges different fees.

It is important that prior to your trip, your credit card supplier provides you with a PIN number to withdraw money from the ATM machines. *Without the PIN number you will not be able to take money out of ATM machines.*

IMPORTANT: When making a purchase at an establishment, it is best to request that the charge be made in the local currency. Otherwise, if the establishment charges you in US dollars, they may use a higher exchange rate that will be to your disadvantage.

Please know that some establishments may only accept cash for small purchases; and, although it is rare, some smaller establishments may only accept cash.

Gratuities

Gratuities to the tour escort, local guides, driver, and Mass stipends to the Churches are not included in the pilgrimage price. We suggest tipping the tour escort and driver individually the last day of travel. Tipping is at your discretion and according to the quality of the services rendered. Courtesy envelopes to use for tipping have been included in your box of final travel documents.

We also advise you to give the pilgrimage chaplain a stipend in thanksgiving for the Masses he celebrated during the pilgrimage. A courtesy envelope to use for a Mass stipend has been included in your box of final travel documents.

Calling home

Having a cell phone with you during your trip can be useful for you to contact or be contacted. If you would like to take a cell phone, we recommend that you:

- Contact your cell phone service provider and ask how you can use your phone in Italy and what their rates are.
- Or purchase an unlocked cell phone and a SIM card for Europe. There are several suppliers, but we recommend www.telestial.com. Be sure the cell phone you buy is unlocked and that you will be able to communicate from Europe. You may also rent a cell phone from this site.

If you would rather not take a cell phone, we recommend that you purchase a calling card here in North America, call home from the hotel, and ask your family to call you back at the hotel.

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