Dear Pilgrims,

Great News! I am excited to offer a new 12 Day Poland and 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play Pilgrimage! As you know, this is a once-in-a decade awe inspiring performance! Please review the exciting itinerary and enroll today with your deposit to reserve your Passion Play ticket. Space is limited.

Don't miss out on this unforgettable! Your next chance to enjoy this wonderful experience will be 2030!

Fraternally,



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Your Pilgrimage Features

- + Roundtrip air transportation to Warsaw and Munich
- + Four Star Hotels
- + Land transportation via deluxe private motor coach
- + Taxes, Fuel Surcharges
- + Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- + Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary
- + Daily Masses
- + Professional English-speaking guide
- + The Itinerary is subject to change including the hotels.
- + Passion play tickets are included.

Please Read This Important Information

Deposit - \$700 (Payable None refundable on booking) 50% due - March 31, 2021 Final Balance Payment due - August 31, 2021

Each tour member must hold a U.S. passport that valid up to 6 months after the scheduled return. The passport must be valid until Jan. 1, 2023. Application forms are available at your local passport Office or U.S. Postal Service. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.

Rates based on Double-occupancy, the airline tax and fuel surcharge and currency exchange rate(s) at the date of quotation to your host. Subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure.

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12 Day Oberammergau & Poland Warsaw - Niepokalanow - Swinice Warckie - Czestochowa - Wadowice Kra-kow - Zakopane - Auschwitz - Lagiewniki (Divine Mercy) Wieliczka Oberammergau - Munich.



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12 Day Poland and Oberammergau

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY JUNE 29 - DEPART TO WARSAW

Depart for Warsaw with complimentary meals and beverages served onboard your international flight.

DAY 2: THURSDAY JUNE 30 - ARRIVE WARSAW

Welcome to Warsaw, Poland! Upon arrival, make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the arrival's hall, where you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Transfer to your hotel. Following check-in at your hotel, your pilgrimage will officially begin with Mass. Following Mass, enjoy a delicious dinner and have the opportunity to explore the city of Warsaw before retiring for a restful overnight.

DAY 3 FRIDAY JULY 1 - WARSAW

Your day will begin with breakfast followed by Mass at St. James Church, iconic for its tower and square base. This church is where Helena Kowalska prayed extensively upon entering Warsaw. Also, it is where she confessed all that burdened her soul, and asked for the advice of Rev. James Dabrowski which eventually resulted in the Saint entering the convent. Following this prayerful morning, your day of sightseeing begins. Your group will explore the Old Town, comprised of beautiful maze-like cobblestone streets and picturesque architecture that are symbols of Poland's successful rebuild following its destruction during World War II. Some of the sites will include the Market Square (the center of the city filled



with restaurants, cafes and shops), the Barbican, defense-like structures that have been rebuilt following World War II, and the Warsaw Ghetto monument that commemorates the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943 during World War II. You will also take in the Lazienski Park, a beautifully landscaped park, the Chopin Statue (a large bronze statue of musician, Frederic Chopin), and the Royal Castle (the official residence of the Polish monarchs). In the afternoon, visit the Stanislaw Kostka Church and view a special exhibit dedicated to Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko. This priest was a great personality of the Catholic Church, and killed by communists in 1984. In 1987, Saint John Paul II visited here to pray in front of Fr. Popieluzko's tomb. Your tour of Warsaw will conclude by returning to the hotel for a delicious meal, followed by an overnight at your hotel.

DAY 4: SATURDAY JULY 2 - WARSAW - NIEPOKALANOW - SWINICE WARCKIE - CZESTO-**CHOWA**

This morning, you will enjoy breakfast followed a by a transfer to Niepokalanow. This Franciscan Monastery is in the community of Teresin, and was founded by martyr, St. Maximilian Kolbe. This remarkable saint was arrested by the Nazis and died in Auschwitz, giving his life for the life of another prisoner. Following your visit to this Holy Monastery, transfer to the village of Swinice Warckie. In Swinice

Warckie, visit the church of St. Casimir. This historically rich parish is the site of baptism for St. Faustina (formally known as, Helena Kowalska). Little Helena received her first confession, and First Holy Communion, at this parish. Additionally, she and her family attended Sunday Mass and other services at this church. After visiting this simple, yet elegant church, we will continue to Czestochowa. Upon arrival in Czestochowa, you will check-in to your hotel, enjoy a magnificent dinner, and a restful overnight.

DAY 5: SUNDAY JULY 3 - CZESTOCHOWA - WADOWICE - KRAKOW

Today, you will awake in the home of the grandest pilgrimage shrine of Poland since the 14th century! You will begin your day with

breakfast and Mass at Jasna Gora Monastery. This hill-top monastery is home to the beloved icon of the Black Madonna. Additionally, Saint John Paul II is said to have made frequent visits to this monastery throughout his life. Tradition tells us that this icon was painted by Luke the Evangelist, discovered by St. Helen, and later enshrined. While here, you will have the opportunity to venerate not only the Holy Icon, but also many other priceless treasures that are contained within. Following your prayerful visit to the Chapel of the Black Madonna, you will continue on to Wadowice, the birthplace of Karol Woityla (Saint John Paul II). While in the small city of Wadowice, you will have the opportunity to visit



the church of where this beloved Saint was baptized, and attended Mass as a child. Following this historically captivating experience, continue onto Krakow. Enjoy dinner at the local restaurant before resting up for the next day of activities.

DAY 6 MONDAY JULY 4 - KRAKOW - ZAKOPANE - KRAKOW

After breakfast, we will drive through the mountains to breathtaking, yet small and remote village of Zakopane. Take a cable car ride to the nearby mountaintop. At the top, you will truly experience God's magnificent Glory when you look out at the magnificent panoramic view. Following the many photos captured atop the mountain, we will head to the Jaszczorowka Chapel. This architecturally distinct chapel was visited many times by the young, Karol Wojtyla (Saint John Paul II). As a young boy, Karol Wojtyla often used the walking paths surrounding the Jaszczorowka Chapel for much prayer and reflection. After you experience this beautiful site that assisted in Saint John Paul II's Holy journey, you will continue your tour to the colorful, Krupowki Street. While on this street, you will have the opportunity to do some shopping at the local bazaar



before returning to Krakow. Enjoy a beautiful dinner and an optional stroll through the old city before retiring for the evening.

DAY 7: TUESDAY JULY 5 - KRAKOW - AUSCHWITZ - KRAKOW

After breakfast, you will explore Krakow's Market Square as the sound of the silver trumpet from St. Mary's Tower fills the air. The captivating beauty of this square is largely due to the fact that it has remained unchanged for almost 700 years. It contains a number of buildings that hold important historic value such as, the Town Hall Tower, the Cloth Hall, and the Burgher's houses. Following your time in this longstanding square, you will make your way to Wawel Hill, where you will visit the beautiful Cathedral, and Coronation

Chapel. These are among the most important sites in Poland as the Cathedral has been the coronation site of the Polish monarchs and has held numerous pieces of Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Classicist and Modern art. Also at this site, you will have the opportunity to pray at the tomb of the patron saint of Poland, St. Stanislaus. Short drive to Auschwitz, notoriously known as a Nazi concentration camp during the Second World War. Upon arriving at the former camp, you can feel the darkness and sorrow that overtakes the atmosphere as there were numerous unspeakable atrocities that occurred at this

site. Additionally, while on this visit, you will have the opportunity to view the cell that imprisoned the Christ-like, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and visit the Martyrdom Museum. After this reflective day, return to your hotel in Krakow for dinner

and a restful overnight.

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY JULY 6 - KRAKOW - DIVINE MERCY - LAGIEWNIKI - WIELICZKA - KRAKOW

On your last day of touring, after breakfast depart for your excursion to Lagiewniki, the capital of the Divine Mercy. Through the mediation of St. Faustina, Christ passed on the message of Divine Mercy at Lagiewniki. While here, you will have the opportunity to visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy that contains images of the Merciful Jesus, relics of St. Faustina, as well as, the Saint's convent chapel

and her Tomb. Visit and celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Divinity, which was visited by Saint John Paul II in 2002. Following Mass, have to opportunity to pray by a relic of Saint John Paul II. Continue to Wieliczka to visit Europe's oldest salt mine which has been listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site Return to Krakow for your farewell dinner and last overnight

DAY 9: THURSDAY JULY 7 - KRAKOW - OBERAMMERGAU

After breakfast depart to the airport for your flight to Munich. Upon arrival at Munich Airport, make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the arrival's hall, where you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Enjoy a picturesque ride through Bavaria arriving at your hotel in Oberammergau (or nearby). Time permitting walk the quaint streets of Oberammergau. The incredible 2,000 Oberammergau citizens are the actual actors, singers, instrumentalists and stage technicians. They are ordinary citizens who lead an everyday life. Later in the afternoon we will celebrate Mass followed by a welcome dinner and overnight.

DAY 10: FRIDAY JULY 8 - OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY: PERFORMANCE DAY

We will start our day by celebrating Mass. Then there will be some free time to relax and spend at your own leisure, before meeting to enjoy lunch together. After which we will make our way to the world famous Passion Play Theatre, to attend what will be a performance of a lifetime - the 42nd Oberammergau Passion Play. The Play runs for approximately five and a half hours, and is performed in two (2)

Act I will begin at 2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

(Intermission: From 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., you will have dinner at a restaurant that is walking distance from the theatre) Act II will begin at 8:00 P.M., and conclude at 10:30 P.M.

What makes this performance so extraordinary is how the Stage truly comes alive! Not only in the decoration of the Set and the performance of the Actors, but with real animals and birds playing under the open sky. There are thirty-six (36) main actors who are dressed in white costumes, with their supporting cast dressed in greyish blue. The actors do not wear makeup, as that is their natural hair. Every scene is real, and live, so for example: the actor who is tied to the cross has to stay in that position for more than one (1) hour in between each scene, there are "Living actors perform intricate sets of the Old Testament. You can never describe the feeling you get, as you see these stories being performed right in front of you.

DAY 11: SATURDAY JULY 9 - OBERAMMERGAU - MUNICH

After breakfast, we will depart the Oberammergau area to Munich. Munich is the capital of Bavaria, one of Germany's popular destinations. Upon arrival enjoy visiting many of Munich's top sites; Marienplatz with its world famous "Glockenspiel"; the twin-towered Frauenkirche (the Church of Our Lady), which serves as the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Munich. The Cathedral is widely considered a symbol of Munich. Celebrate Mass followed by free time for lunch and/or shopping. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 12: SUNDAY JULY 10 - RETURN FROM MUNICH TO YOUR HOMETOWN

Today we fondly say "auf wiedersehen" to Germany, we say farewell to our fellow pilgrims and new friends! Although it's an end of this journey, graces and blessings from our pilgrimage will last a lifetime.