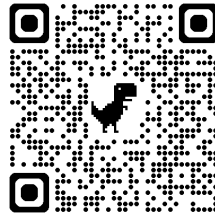


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Day 1 & 2 Monday/Tuesday, May 11 & 12 - Depart for Kraków - Overnight flight to Kraków with dinner and breakfast served on board. Upon arrival, we will be greeted by our tour escort. Transfer to our hotel for check in. It's a short walk to Kraków Town Square for lunch before we visit St. Mary's Basilica and its extraordinary medieval artifact, Europe's largest wooden altar. After we celebrate Holy Mass the rest of the afternoon is free before our Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (L|D)

Day 3 Wednesday, May 13 – Kraków/Wadowice/Kalwaria Zebrzydowska - After breakfast at the hotel, we travel to Wadowice where St John Paul II was born and raised. We will visit the oldest church in Wadowice, the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, where young Karol Józef Wojtyła developed a profound and personal devotion to Our Lady. We will see the baptistery where the future pope was baptized. After Mass at the Shrine, we visit the Wojtyła family house, which is now a museum. After lunch at a local restaurant, we drive to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, known as the "Polish Jerusalem." The shrine is dedicated to the Passion of Christ and also to the miraculous Icon of the Virgin Mary. We then return to Kraków with the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. (B|L)

Day 4 Thursday, May 14 - Wawel Hill/Divine Mercy Sanctuary/Sanctuary of St John Paul II - Today we celebrate Holy Mass at the altar of St Stanislaus at the 900-year-old Wawel Cathedral. We will then enjoy a guided tour of Kraków including Wawel Hill, the former seat of power of medieval Polish monarchs and home to the beautiful Wawel Cathedral and Coronation Chapel. After lunch on our own, we visit the Divine Mercy Sanctuary and pray for the same joy and reverence St Faustina felt when Jesus appeared to her in 1931. We will enjoy a talk with one of the local sisters telling us the story of Divine Mercy. We then carry on to the nearby Sanctuary of St John Paul II hosting his relics. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 5 Friday, May 15 – Auschwitz - This morning we depart for Oświęcim and the notorious World War II Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz, the site of St. Maximilian Kolbe's martyrdom. Auschwitz was the largest of the extermination centers where the "Endlösung der Judenfrage" (the final solution to the Jewish question) was carried out. We return to Kraków with the rest of the afternoon and evening on our own. (B|L)

Day 6 Saturday, May 16 - Ľutina/Vrbov - After an early breakfast, we depart Kraków and continue our journey to Slovakia. We will visit Ľutina, the largest pilgrimage site of the Greek Catholic Church in Slovakia. On the morning of August 19, 1851, at the feast of the Lord's Transfiguration, Zuzana Fekete and her three children went to the woods called Havranka. Upon returning home, she saw a great glow and a solemnly dressed bishop who resembled St. Nicholas from the icon of local iconostasis. When the saint asked for the construction of the chapel dedicated

to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, he gave Zuzana the icon of the Mother of God. In 1998 St John Paul II made the Ľutina church a minor basilica. We continue to Vrbov for dinner and overnight at the Hotel Galica. (B|L|D)

Day 7 Sunday, May 17 - Levoča - Today we explore the beautiful town of Levoča with a guided tour of such sites as the Basilica of St James, Mariánska Hora and the Basilica of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Spiš Castle and the Cathedral of St Martin where we will celebrate Holy Mass. Lunch on our own, and the rest of the day is free to enjoy Levoča. Dinner on our own before we return to our hotel in Vrbov. (B|D)

Day 8 Monday, May 18 - Banská Štiavnica/Nitra - Today we depart Vrbov for Banská Štiavnica, one of the oldest mining towns in Europe. After lunch on our own, we will have a stroll around Old Town where we will see sites such as historic Trinity Town Square, and the Old and New Castles. We then visit the Baroque Calvary and its incredible Stations of the Cross where we will pray the stations. After, we depart for Nitra, the cradle of Christianity in Slovakia, and a city connected to the Ss. Cyril and Methodius mission. Holy Mass at a local church before checking into the hotel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B|D)

Day 9 Tuesday, May 19 - Nitra/Hronský Beňadik/Šaštín-Stráže/Bratislava - After breakfast, we go to Hronský Beňadik and its monumental Benedictine monastery. Here we will venerate the relic of Christ's Blood. We return to Nitra and visit the Nitra Castle, the Diocesan Museum of the Nitra Bishopric and the Cathedral of St Emmeram. Fr Juraj will have arranged a special pipe organ performance at the Cathedral. After lunch at a local restaurant, we continue to the town of Šaštín-Stráže. Here we will celebrate Holy Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows, the National Shrine of Slovakia. We depart for Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Check-in at the hotel and dinner on our own in the city nicknamed "The Beauty on the Danube." (B|L)

Day 10 Wednesday, May 20 - Bratislava - After breakfast, we enjoy a half day tour of Slovakia's capital city, Bratislava. The tour includes Hlavné Námestie, the clock tower at St Michael's Gate, St. Elisabeth Church (the "Little Blue Church"), the Slovak National Theater, St Martin's Cathedral where we will celebrate Holy Mass, and Bratislava Castle. After lunch on our own, we may choose to join an optional excursion to Castle Devín, an historic monument dating back to the Ss Cyril and Methodius period (Great Moravia). Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. (B|D)

Day 11 Thursday, May 21 - Bratislava > Detroit - We transfer to the Vienna airport for our return flight to home after a wonderful pilgrimage through Poland and Slovakia. (B)

Itinerary is subject to change.

B - Breakfast | L - Lunch | D - Dinner