



12 DAYS POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE PILGRIMAGE

Visiting

**WARSAW * CZESTOCHOWA * AUSCHWITZ * KRAKOW
WADOWICE * BUDAPEST * VIENNA * PRAGUE**

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WASHINGTON, D.C./ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Depart Washington, D.C. this evening on board your overnight transatlantic jet flight, arriving the following day.

ARRIVE WARSAW

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Arrive today in Warsaw, Poland's capital. Transfer to your hotel where the balance of the day is at leisure. (D)

WARSAW/CZESTOCHOWA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Though all but destroyed during World War II, Warsaw is a living monument to the spirit of its people. The lovingly restored Old Town is a symbol of the Poles determination to preserve their heritage. It is the true heart of the city, dating from the 14th century, and combines a mixture of Renaissance and Baroque buildings. Here you will walk along the cobbled streets and visit the beautiful Market Square. Other highlights include Chopin's Monument and the Warsaw Ghetto. In the afternoon, drive south to charming Czestochowa. (B,D)

CZESTOCHOWA/AUSCHWITZ/KRAKOW

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

This morning visit the renowned Jasna Gora Monastery, which twice withstood the onslaught of overwhelming Swedish forces during the religious wars of the 17th century and the Second Black Madonna, the "Queen of Poland" which has become the country's national symbol. On to the Auschwitz Concentration Camp—a frightening reminder of the Holocaust. After your visit, continue to Krakow, Poland's ancient capital and once home to Polish kings. (B,D)

KRAKOW/WADOWICE/KRAKOW

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Medieval Krakow was Poland's only major city to escape massive destruction in World War II. Enjoy an orientation tour of the city. View St. Mary's Church and the Old Town. In the afternoon, travel to the town of Wadowice, the birthplace of Saint Pope John Paul II. On your return to Krakow, stop to visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, built in honor of Sr. Faustina. (B,D)

KRAKOW/BUDAPEST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Depart Krakow and continue across the great plains of Poland, past the Tatras and through the heart of the mountainous and densely wooded eastern part of Slovakia. Soon after, you approach Budapest, as you arrive in the wide open valley of the Danube River. (B,D)

BUDAPEST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Morning sightseeing of Budapest begins at Hero Square, decorated by several impressive statues. Continue to the old inner city of Pest and to Margaret Island, a resort like complex on the Danube. Proceed to the remains of Buda Castle, Fisherman's Bastion, and scenic Gellert Hill, which overlooks the city. **(B)**

BUDAPEST/VIENNA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Leaving Hungary's enchanting capital today, you continue across the border into Austria and then to Vienna, a metropolis in which the history of Europe has been uniquely documented. The city itself contains more than a million inhabitants and is set in beautiful surroundings. **(B,D)**

VIENNA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

This morning enjoy a sightseeing tour of Vienna beginning with a drive around the Ringstrasse, one of the most magnificent boulevards in the world. It encloses the Inner City and such noble edifices as the Votive Church, built in 1856, the University, the City Hall and the Opera House. Continue to Schönbrunn Palace with its glorious French Park. The Palace has 1400 rooms and halls, a small zoo and a fine museum of state coaches. Your afternoon is at leisure for shopping or exploring on your own. **(B)**

VIENNA/PRAGUE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Cross the border into the Czech Republic, passing through Znojmo and Jihlava and continue on to the historic capital of Prague, located on the Vltava River. **(B,D)**

PRAGUE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

This morning experience the 1000-year-old history of the city with a visit of Hradcany Castle, the seat of power for several Czech princes and Kings. Proceed to the Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, the picturesque Golden Lane, the Romanesque Basilica of St. George and Mala Strana (Lesser Town), which is full of winding streets lined with little taverns and old houses. Continue to Old Town to see the ancient Town Hall with its animated astronomical clock. Also see the Infant Jesus of Prague statue at Our Lady of Victory Church. **(B)**

PRAGUE/WASHINGTON, D.C.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Your journey is over as you board your flight back to Washington, D.C., arriving the same day. **(B)**

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