

Eastern Europe Marian Pilgrimage

FOR ONLY
\$3,588

BASED ON TWIN / INCLUDING AIRFARE

DEPARTURE DATE: MARCH 28, 2018

DAY 1: MARCH 28 DEPART MANILA – WARSAW

Depart Manila, aboard your favorite airline, enjoy inflight meals, amenities and entertainment.

DAY 2: MARCH 29 ARRIVE WARSAW (D)

Upon arrival in Warsaw, you will be met by our airport assistance. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Warsaw with guide including the monument of the Warsaw Uprising and the Ghetto Memorial. Then transfer to our hotel for dinner & overnight.

DAY 3: MARCH 30 WARSAW / CZESTOCHOWA (BD)

After breakfast, you will have a sightseeing tour of Warsaw, the capital of Poland, including the Old Town with Zamkowy Square and its King Sigismund's Column, the first non-ecclesiastic statue, and the Royal Castle originally a Gothic castle dating to the 15th century. After lunch, we will visit Czestochowa, a city which has been for the last 600 years the principal centre of Catholic religion in Poland and is a shrine for pilgrims. We visit the Treasury and Jasna Gora Monastery which has religious, historic and artistic value. The oldest building is the Gothic Chapel of Our Lady in which hangs the famous Black Madonna icon on a magnificent silver- and-ebony altar. (BD)

DAY 4: MARCH 31 CZESTOCHOWA / AUSCHWITZ / KRAKOW (BD)

After breakfast, may you wish to view the unveiling of the Black Madonna, returning to the hotel for breakfast. We make our way to Auschwitz, the Nazi Concentration Camp. We will view an audio visual presentation and tour the grounds, with a special prayer at the cell of the martyred St. Maximilian Kolbe, who voluntarily surrendered his life so that another prisoner might live. We drive by Birkenau, site of the martyrdom of St. Edith Stein. We then continue to a place that was a popular pilgrimage place for Pope John Paul II when he was a young man: On the slope of the hill and in the valley is an architectural 'Way of the Cross' comprising 42 Mannerist and Baroque chapels and some small Calvary churches. We arrive in Krakow for dinner.

DAY 5: APRIL 01 KRAKOW - ST. FAUSTINA - KRAKOW (BD)

After breakfast, we begin our tour of Krakow starting with a visit to the Gothic Royal Castle and Cathedral remodeled in the beginning of the 16th century according to the new Renaissance taste. After the capital was moved to Warsaw in 1596, the importance of the town declined but Polish Kings were still crowned and buried here. Later we drive to the Old Town area including a visit to St. Mary's Church, famous for its wooden altar by Wit Stwosz, plus we see the ancient Market Square and Cloth Hall built before 1349, then altered in the 16th century. This afternoon we visit the Convent of Sisters of Mercy in Lagiewniki, where Saint Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, lived and died. Here we celebrate Mass. It depicts Christ as He appeared before this visionary Polish nun one Feb. 1931.

DAY 6: APRIL 02 KRAKOW / WADOWICE / PRAGUE (BD)

After breakfast, we depart Krakow for Wadowice, the birthplace of Karol Wojtyla, the late Pope John Paul II. His museum is in his family house. Here we join the local community in celebrating Mass at the parish church. After Mass we depart Wadowice for Prague.

DAY 7: APRIL 03 PRAGUE (BD)

After breakfast, you will visit the Castle Square and St. Vitus Cathedral. Nearby is the Church of St. Nicholas, one of the cities finest. We then walk along the Mala Strana (Little Quarter) and celebrate Mass at the Church of Our Lady Victorious, where we will view the famous statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague. We cross over the famous Charles Bridge, lined on both sides by religious statues, which leads us out of the Little Quarter into the Old Town. This neighborhood also includes the Renaissance Town Hall with its animated astronomical clock and the Our Lady before Tyn church founded in 1385. Dinner.

DAY 8: APRIL 04 PRAGUE / VIENNA (BD)

After breakfast, we will visit "Loreto", an important place of pilgrimage since 1626. The heart of this complex is a copy of a house believed to be the Virgin Mary's house that was miraculously transported from Nazareth to Loreto, Italy in 1278. After Mass we depart Prague for Vienna, stopping first at Melk, situated at the river Danube and starting point of the Wachau, the famous Danube Valley.

DAY 9: APRIL 05 VIENNA – SALZBURG (BD)

After breakfast, we begin our half day sightseeing tour of the Imperial city of Vienna. Through the tour we will gain an overall impression of the most significant historical sights of Vienna. Our local guide will show us the Ringstrasse with its magnificent buildings, such as the State Opera House, & landmark St. Stephen's Cathedral in the heart of Vienna. Then transfer to Salzburg. Upon arrival, you have half day tour of Sound of Music Tour, relive the true story of the Von Trapp family which was filmed as the 'Sound of Music' in the Salzburg area. The tour, which has been Salzburg's most popular tour since 1967 when it was offered for the first time, is a combination of sightseeing in this historical city itself and in the beautiful lakes and mountains area known as the Salzkammergut, which is also a famous musical and cultural centre. The highlights and film locations of the 'Sound of Music', such as the beautiful gardens in Hellbrunn (where Liesl and Rolf sang 'I am 16 going on 17'), and the wedding church in Mondsee are a treat for all fans of the film.

DAY 10: APRIL 06 SALZBURG / VADUZ / LUCERNE (BD)

After breakfast, transfer Switzerland via Vaduz, the capital of Principality of Liechtenstein, the sixth –smallest country in the world, then after lunch transfer to Lucerne. Upon arrival in Lucerne, you will be transferred to the hotel for check in and dinner.

DAY 11: APRIL 07 LUCERNE / MT. TITLIS / LUCERNE (BD)

After breakfast, your will be astounded with the world's first revolving cable car to the peak of **Mount Titlis (10K feet)**. Take time to enjoy the panoramic view of the Swiss Alps as you spend your time taking pictures of the snowcapped mountains. Later, proceed back to Lucerne for some shopping. Dinner inside the hotel, the rest of the day is free for your own pace.

DAY 12: APRIL 08 LUCERNE / MILAN (BD)

Today, you will transfer to Milan, a metropolis in Italy's northern Lombardy region, is a global capital of fashion and design. Home to the national stock exchange, it's a financial hub also known for its high-end dining and shopping. The guide with show you "The Gothic Duomo di Milano cathedral " and the Santa Maria delle Grazie convent "The Last Supper," testify to centuries of art and culture. Then dinner

DAY 13: APRIL 09 MILAN / VENICE (BD)

After breakfast, transfer to Venice, the city of Marco Polo...the capital of northern Italy's Veneto region, is built on more than 100 small islands in a marshy lagoon in the Adriatic Sea. Its stone palaces seemingly rise out of the water. Upon arrival, take a Vaporetto ride to San Marco. City sightseeing on foot of Venice Island visiting Basilica de San Marco, the Saint Mark's Square, and Bridge of Sighs, followed by Murano glass blowing demonstration then transfer to the hotel for check in.

DAY 14: APRIL 10 VENICE / LJUBLJANA (BD)

After breakfast, transfer to Ljubljana, the capital and largest city of Slovenia, Ljubljana is a city best explored on foot, so start your trip with a walking tour of the city with English speaking guide. Admire the Art Nouveau architecture in the central Preseren Square, before crossing Joze Plecnik's famous Triple Bridge into the Old Town. Here, you can climb the castle tower for a view of the city, take a peek at the city's oldest building in Ribji trg Square. Once you've checked, see the Dragon Bridge and the Cathedral of St Nicholas, then dinner.

DAY 15 APRIL 11 LJUBLJANA – POSTOJNA CAVE – LJUBLJANA (BD)

Prepare for a full day excursion in one of the most magnificent caves in the world – the Postojna Cave! Venture through the only stalactite paradise with a double track railway. Watch out for the offspring of the dragon – the human fish or the olm. You can locate some of them in the aquarium with the cave. Transfer back to Ljubljana and have some free time before your dinner.

DAY 16: APRIL 12 LJUBLJANA / ZAGREB (BD)

After checking out from your hotel, proceed to the capital of Croatia Zagreb, stopping at the shrine of the Mother of God of Bistrica in the small town of Marija Bistrica, Croatia. The shrine has been officially proclaimed as the national shrine of Mary, and is the largest Croatian parish site of religious celebration. The spacious, unfinished "open-air church", the unfinished "wall of trust and hope" and Calvary – unique Stations of the Cross, are original artistic works by Croatian sculptors from the second half of the twentieth century. Veneration of Mary began in the fifteenth century when the black figure of Our Lady became famous for its miraculous powers.

DAY 17: APRIL 13 ZAGREB / MANILA (B)

After breakfast, the whole day is free, until you transfer to the airport for your flight back to Manila.

DAY 18: APRIL 14 ARRIVE MANILA

Arrive Manila from a very enjoyable and memorable Pilgrimage tour.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

- Application Form
- Passport valid for 6 months
- 2 copies of recent passport size pictures
- COE with Leave of Absence and Salary Declaration
- Bank Certificate & Bank Statement
- ITR (original / photocopy)
- Travel Insurance valid for 45 days
- Marriage Contract / Affidavit of Consent if not travelling with Spouse
- Birth Certificate
- **Additional if self employed:**
- Business Registration
- ITR of the Business
- Annual Declaration Income

INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip airfare via Qatar Airways
- Hotel accommodation based on 4-star hotel
- Half board meals (Breakfast and Dinner, mixed local & Chinese)
- Sightseeing tours as specified in the itinerary
- Entrances to the most sights
- Souvenir Item, like bags etc.
- Travel Kits / Luggage tag
- Tour Briefing with snack
- Travel Insurance up to 60 years old
- Tour Escort
- Pilgrimage Chaplain

EXCLUSIONS

- XT Tax & Terminal Fee: TBA
- Philippine Travel Taxes: **\$33.00**
- Beverages / Drinks
- Visa Fee **P6,000**
- Tips for the Driver, Local Guide, Restaurant and Porters.
- Items purely personal in nature such as telephone calls, laundry service, & refreshments in minibar.
- City taxes
- Note:
- If 61–69yrs..add'l P500 / person.
- If 70 – 75yrs.add'l P1,000 / person.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

- A Deposit of **US\$300.00** per person is required and **NON-refundable**.
- Full payment should be made at least 15 days prior to departure
- Cancellation made after issuance of visa will automatically forfeit the dep.
- Cancellation made 15 days before dep. will automatically forfeit the payment
- **Min 30 to run the tour for the above rates.**
- **25 PAX - \$3,698.00**
- **20 PAX - \$3,888.00**
- **15 PAX - \$4,088.00**

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