

# PILGRIMAGES

Programs 2021



# **ABOUT US**

Our goal is to promote pilgrimage destinations in Italy and other European countries for pilgrims from all over the world. Our main office is in Rome and we have 30 years of experience.

Our services include:

- Organization of choral concerts
- Private Masses Reserved in major Basilicas/Churches
- Participation on the special events held by the Vatican, including canonization
- Reserve audience for Papal hearings.

We offer tailor-made packages and special requests for both groups and Individuals, guaranteeing the highest quality and competitive prices.

Our team is made up of qualified and talented travel experts with extensive travel experience and multi-language skills. We provide 24-hour assistance a day to ensure that our services meet the needs of our customers.

We look forward to planning and developing special travel programs for your groups and individual customers by 2021.

Daniele Campoli

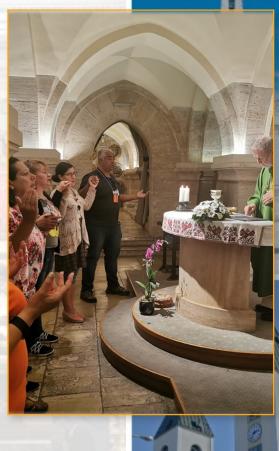
# Why a pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage can be a life-changing transformative experience. Being a pilgrim means starting an adventure in search of God; it means asking questions and seeking their faith.

A pilgrim is not only a tourist, but an individual looking for an experience that can change perspectives and expectations.

One of the most important reasons for taking pilgrimage tours and seeing places of spiritual importance is to meet other holy people who follow a spiritual path and see how they live.

We do our best to make sure this is all pilgrims have to think about as they travel with us.







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# PILGRIMAGES 2021









Departure to Rome.

# Day 2º ARRIVAL TO ROME

Arrival in Rome and meet our accompanying guide who will be with us throughout the tour. We will enjoy a panoramic tour of the city and then arrive at the hotel. Dinner and hotel accommodation. (D)

# Day 3° AM: PAPAL AUDIENCE / PM: ST PETERS

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we will head to Vatican City to attend the general audience of Pope Francis (subject to confirmation according to the established program of the Holy Father). After our visit we will have time to have lunch on our own and shop at religious goods stores in the Vatican area. In the afternoon, our local guide will show us St. Peter's Basilica. We will have free time to visit the Vatican Museums if you wish. Dinner and hotel accommodation. (B, D)

# Day 4° ROME: THE BASILICAS AND CLASSIC TOUR OF ROME

Breakfast at the hotel. We begin the day with the visit of the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, the largest church in Rome dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We continue with the Basilica of St John lutheran. It was here that Saint Francis persuaded Pope Innocent III to give him permission to initiate the Franciscan Order. The night before, the Pope had seen a man in a dream, which held the unstable building of St. John Lateran. The next day, when Francis appeared before Pope Innocent, His Holiness recognized the face of the dream and consented to Francis' request.

In the afternoon our walking tour will start with the Trevi Fountain, where we will launch the traditional three coins. We will continue with the Plaza de Trinité dei Monti at the top of the Spanish Steps, from where we can admire such a romantic panoramic view of the city of Rome, then we will cross the city towards the Pantheon and end up in Piazza Navona. We will have free time to explore and shop on our own. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. (B, D)

# Day 5° ROME: EXCURSION TO ASSISI

Today we will visit this "quiet medieval city, tinged with the mystical spirit of one of the most fascinating characters in history". The city of Assisi is located on the side of Mount Subasio, resting majestically on the Umbrian plain. This city was home to Saints Francis and Clara. We will find our local guide for a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis, where we will celebrate a mass at the tomb of San Francis (if the group is accompanied by a priest).

Later we will enjoy a walking tour of the city, including the church of San Rufino (with the baptismal font of San Francis), and the Basilica of Saint Clara (where his uncorrupted body rests in peace). In the afternoon we will meet in the Plaza next to the Church of Santa Clara to take the transfer that will take us to the Eremo delle Carceri (Convent), about 4 km away from Assisi. This is where St. Francis retreated to pray. Amid the lush green jungle and songbirds, you receive a deep sense of the spirit of St. Francis. Here we will take some time to devote ourselves to our private reflections. Then we head to Rome for dinner and hotel accommodation. (B, D).

# Day 6° ROME: ANCIENT ROME, ST, PETER IN CHAINS CATHEDRAL AND THE BASILICA OF ST PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we will enjoy a tour of some places in ancient Rome, including the Forum and the Colosseum. Its real name is Flavius Amphitheatre, after the emperor who built it in the first century. Colosseum refers to the "colossal" statue of Nero that was once at the entrance. We will walk through the Forum and the interior of the Colosseum.

The last stop of our tour will be the Church of St. Pietro in Vincoli, where we will admire the Moses of Michelangelo. In the afternoon we will visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, home to the tomb of the Apostle St. Paul, also known as the Apostle of the Pagans. Here we will celebrate Mass (if the group accompanies a priest). Our tour concludes with the visit of the Catacombs of San Calixto. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 7º ROME

In the morning, transfer to Rome airport to board your flight. (B)

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Departure to Rome.

# Day 2º ROME / ASSISI

Arrival in Rome and meet our accompanying guide who will be with us throughout the tour. We will board our bus that will take us to Assisi, "a quiet medieval city, tinged with the mystical spirit of one of the most fascinating characters in history". We will celebrate the Opening Mass of our trip in a local Church. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. (B, D)

# Day 3º ASSISI - VISIT OF ASSISI

Breakfast at the hotel. We will begin with the opening Mass of our pilgrimage in the Tomb of St Francis. After Mass we will enjoy a visit to the Basilica of St Francis, guided by one of the Franciscan monks. We will continue our walking tour with the main places related to San Francisco such as the New Church, built on the foundations of Francis' family home, the Church of St. Rufino, which contains the baptismal font of the Saint, and the church of St. Clare. In the afternoon we will visit the Basilica of St. Mary of Angels, which contains the Porziuncola, built by St. Francis and the Mother Church of the Order of the Franciscans. In the vicinity of this place was where Francis died. Tonight dinner will be served at a local restaurant in Assisi. (B, D)

#### Day 4° ASSISI / FLORENCE / ROME

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, we will depart from Assisi to Florence — the City of the Medici family and Machiavelli. We will begin our day with the visit of the Academy Gallery. This gallery houses the works of Florentine artists of the thirteenth and sixteenth centuries, but its main attraction is the David of Michelangelo, carved into a block of marble when the artist was only 29 years old. After the visit to the gallery, we will proceed to visit the Duomo, with its pink, white and green marble facade, and the famous Brunelleschi dome. It is the fourth largest cathedral in the world. Next to the Duomo is the Baptistery of St. John. One of the oldest buildings in Florence dedicated to John the Baptist. The octagonal building is

famous for its golden bronze doors, particularly Lorenzo Ghiberti's Parisian Sunsets. We will have free time to make a stop at Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge) the famous 14th century bridge, full of shops selling jewllery. Later, we will board our bus to continue our journey to Rome, where we will have dinner and stay at our hotel. (B, D)

# Day 5° ROME: PAPAL AUDIENCE AND WALKING TOUR OF ROME

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, transfer to Vatican City for the Papal Audience with the Holy Father (subject to Vatican programming). In the afternoon, we will enjoy a walking tour, starting at the Trevi Fountain, where we will launch the traditional three coins. We will continue with the Plaza de Trinité dei Monti at the top of the Spanish Steps, from where we can admire such a romantic panoramic view of the city of Rome, then we will cross the city towards the Pantheon and end up in Piazza Navona, a popular place for the reunion between Rome's neighbours. We will finish our tour with the visit of the Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva to close the Liturgy of our pilgrimage. Tonight we're having dinner at a local restaurant. Accommodation. (B, D)

# Day 6° ROME: VATICAN MUSEUMS, ST PETER'S BASILICA & FREE TIME

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we will visit the Vatican Museums to see the works of Michelangelo, including the Last Judgment and the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. After our visit to the museums we will have free time to have lunch on our own. In the afternoon, we will enjoy a guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica, where we will also see the famous statue of Michelangelo's Virgin Mary holding her crucified son, known as La Pieta. Then we will have at our disposal free time to visit the excellent shops of the area with religious items, or climb on our own to the dome of St. Peter's Basilica, where you can contemplate a wonderful view of the city. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 7° ROME: FREE FULL DAY, OPTIONAL

#### **EXCURSION TO POMPEII**

Breakfast at the hotel. We have the whole day off today. Those who want can stay in Rome to explore the city on their own, or go shopping. Others can buy an optional tour to visit Naples and Pompeii. Your accompanying guide will be at your disposal to give you additional information and make the reservation. Free dinner. Accommodation. (B,D)

### Day 8° ROME: ANCIENT ROME

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we will enjoy a tour of some of the places of Ancient Rome, including the Forum and the Colosseum. Its real name is Flavius Amphitheatre, after the emperor who built it in the 1st of the Colosseum refers to the "colossal" statue of Nero that was once at the entrance. Originally in its place was a swimming pool, around which was built the famous Golden House of Emperor Nero. The construction was completed with the help of the Jewish slaves brought here in 70 A.D. The Colosseum served as the center of violent sports, and traditionally, as a place of sacrifice for many Christians. We'll see the Forum from the outside, and we'll enter the Colosseum. Later, we will continue our path to the Catacombs of St. Calixto home to many tombs of the Popes of yesteryear. After our tour we will visit the nearby Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, home to the Tomb of the Apostle St. Paul, affectionately known as the Apostle of the Pagans. Here we will celebrate the closing Mass of our trip. Tonight we'll all meet at our farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

# Day 9° ROME

Transfer to Rome Airport to board our flight back home, with our suitcases full of memories! (B)

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Departure to Rome.

### Day 2º ROME

Arrival at the airport meet and greet. Transfer to the Hotel. Afternoon free to tour the city and do some shopping. Accommodation.

#### Day 3º ROME

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Today we will take a panoramic tour of the city where we will enjoy its streets and avenues, passing through the most important places, Venice Square, Via Venetto, the Roman Forums, The Colosseum, Arch of Constantine, the Castle of St. Angelo, etc. We will continue with the visit of the Vatican Museums, where we will be surprised by the famous Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. Lunch included. Afternoon free at leisure, where we recommend you to visit optionally and in detail the Roman Colosseum and its Forums. Accommodation.

#### Day 4º ROME

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Free day to continue touring this fascinating city. Traditionally on Sunday, at noon, the Pope prays the angelus in St. Peter's Square and imports the blessing to the attendees, we recommend that, in case of performance, they attend St. Peter's Square on their own in their free time. Accommodation.

# Day 5° ROME - PIETRELCINA - SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO (430 kms)

Breakfast buffet. Departure to San Giovanni Rotondo, located in the Puglia region. During the tour we will stop at the beautiful village of Pietrelcina located in the province of Benevento in Campania. Birthplace of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) in 1887. We will continue to San Giovanni Rotondo. Accommodation.

# Day 6° S. GIOVANNI ROTONDO - MONTE SANT'ANGELO - S. GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Breakfast. Visit to the city, one of the symbols of Christianity, charity and love of neighbor. We will visit the Shrine of Father Pio, the spiritual heir of St. Francis of Assisi. Father Pio was the first priest to carry the marks of the crucifixion (The Stigmas) on his body. We will visit the old monastery with the room where Father Pio lived, the ancient Church of "Santa Maria de la Gracia". In the afternoon we will visit Monte Sant Angelo, with the mystical Sanctuary of San Miguel Archangel. His story relates to the appearance of the Archangel St. Michael in the Grotto, on May 8, 490 and the successive apparitions (492 and 493). We will continue with the beautiful Basilica, the Franciscan Way, the Bell Tower, etc.

Return to San Giovanni Rotondo. Accommodation.

# Day 7° SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO -LANCIANO - LORETO - ASSISI (450 kms)

Breakfast. Departure to Lanciano small medieval town, where for more than 12 centuries is the first and greatest of the Eucharistic miracles that we can know when visiting the Church of ST Francis. Continue to Loreto, where the Holy House is located in the center of the Great Basilica and which has become one of the great centers of pilgrimage. It is the same house of Nazareth that visited the Archangel Gabriel in the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, that is where the "Verb

became Flesh and dwelt among us". Arrival in Assisi, the city of San Francisco, we will tour the Church of St. Clare, the New Church, where you will find the remains of the house of St. Francis and the city square. We will continue with the visit to the Gothic Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, the upper basilica as well as the frescoes of about 130 meters. In a small crypt, under the main altar, are the remains of the Holy One. Accommodation.

### Day 8° ASSISI - CASCIA - ROME(250 kms)

Breakfast. towards Cascia, a religious complex in which Saint Rita is venerated where the saint lived for more than forty years her experience of monastic life, until her death. In the monastery you can see some basic places of the life of Santa Rita, the courtyard with a well, the ancient choir, the oratory where Santa Rita received the stigmas, cells, the saint's bedroom and the rose garden, recreated to remember the miracle of the rose and the hig . Arrival in Rome the Eternal City. Accommodation.

### Day 9° ROME

Breakfast. Free time until the time of your transfer to the airport to take your flight back.

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Departure to Rome.

### Day 2º ROME

Arrival in Rome, meet and greet. Transfer to your hotel. We will enjoy a panoramic tour of the city from the airport to the hotel. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. (B)

# Day 3° ROME: PAPAL AUDIENCE & BASILICA OF SANTA MARIA MAGGIORE, BASILICA OF ST. JOHN

In the morning, transfer to Vatican City for the Papal Audience with the Holy Father (subject to Vatican programming). In the afternoon, visit the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, the largest church in Rome dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Nearby, we visit the Church of St. Alfonso, where we can see the original symbol of Our Lady of Perpetual Relief. Our next visit will be the Basilica of St. John Lutheran where we will celebrate our Mass. It was here that Saint Francis persuaded Pope Inocenzio III to give him permission to initiate the Franciscan Order. The night before, the Pope had seen a man in a dream, which held the unstable building of St. John Lateran. The next day, when Francis appeared before Pope Innocent, His Holiness recognized the face of the dream and consented to Francis' request. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. (B, D)

# Day 4° ROME: ST. PETER'S BASILICA & ANCIENT ROME

In the morning we will start with the Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, after which we will take the guided tour of it with our local guide. Here we can

admire the great works of Michaelangelo such as the statue of the Virgin Mary holding the crucifix of her son. Also known as la Pieta. After our visit we will have free time to go shopping in the many shops of religious items that are in the area. In the afternoon, we will enjoy free time to go shopping, or take a walk through the streets of Rome to experience a unique knowledge. Tonight dinner will be served in a local restaurant with music and wine included. Accommodation. (B, D)

# Day 5° ROME: FREE TIME / DEPARTURE TO MEDJUGORJE

In the morning, we will pack and depart on our bus to enjoy a visit to some places in Ancient Rome, including the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. Its real name is Flavius Amphitheatre, after the emperor who built it in the first century. The Colosseum refers to the "colossal" statue of Nero that was once at the entrance. We'll stop by the Forum and enter the Colosseum. We will make a stop at St. Peter's Church in chains, to see the famous statue of the Moses of Michelangelo. In the afternoon we will transfer to Rome airport to board our flight to Split, Croatia. On arrival, our accompanying guide will be waiting for us, also the bus. We will enjoy a panoramic view of the wonderful Adriatic Coast on our way to Medjugorje. Arrival at our accommodation and dinner. (B, D)

# Day 6° - 8° MEDJUGORJE

Every morning, after breakfast we will attend the Holy Mass in Spanish (subject to availability) at 10:00 am. In the afternoon we will join the prayer of the Rosary with the other pilgrims from

all over the world. During our stay we will visit Mount Podbrdo (Hill of Apparitions) and Mount Krizevac (Mountain of the Cross). Our local guide will introduce us to the visionaries to talk and pray with them. A special point will be the excursion to the Franciscan Monastery to Siroki Brijeg to meet and study Father Jozo Zovko (according to his availability) and receive his blessing. Dinner will be served daily. (B, D)

### Day 9° MEDJUGORJE / FLIGHT TO ROME

Today we will leave Medjugorje for Split Airport where we will board our flight to Rome. We will arrive in Rome in the afternoon and we will transfer to our hotel near the airport. Dinner and accommodation. (B, D)

#### Day 10° ROME

Transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport to board our flight back home. (B)

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Departure to Barcelona.

# Day 2° ARRIVEL TO BARCELONA

Upon arrival in Barcelona, transfer to your hotel. Free time. Accommodation.

# Day 3° BARCELONA

This morning, your day will start with breakfast and a sightseeing tour of Barcelona! We visited the Plaza de España, Las Ramblas and Plaza de Catalunya. We continue to visit the Gothic quarter, and the Eixample district to visit Antoni Gaudí's impressive and unfinished Roman Catholic Basilica, La Sagrada Familia. Accommodation.

# Day 4° BARCELONA - MANRESA - MONTSERRAT

This morning, we will travel to Manresa with a visit to the Sanctuary of San Ignacio de Loyola and the Santa Cueva where San Ignacio lived. We continue to Montserrat, home of the miraculous Black Virgin. We visited the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat, located on a steep hillside. According to Catholic tradition, St. Luke carved the statue of the Black Virgin around 50 A.D. and brought it to Spain. In 880 A.D., the pastors and the bishop of Manresa were lured into a grotto by a bright light and heavenly music. Upon discovering the statue of the Black Virgin in the grotto, the bishop of Manresa suggested that he move to Manresa. However, the statue was too heavy for it not to be lifted. As a result, the Virgin remained in Montserrat and continued to

be revered there for centuries. Accommodation.

# Day 5° MONTSERRAT - ZARAGOZA - MADRID

This morning, after breakfast, your group will depart for Zaragoza. While in Zaragoza, you will have the opportunity to visit the magnificent Basilica del Pilar that was built on the site where Our Lady appeared to Santiago. While inside the Basilica, you will see the pillar that was carried by the angels and from above appeared Our Lady. After your visit to the Basilica del Pilar, you will visit the Cathedral of La Seo (Cathedral of Zaragoza). Tonight, his group will continue to Madrid. Accommodation.

#### Day 6° MADRID

After breakfast, we will enjoy a tour of Madrid that includes the Royal Palace and the Plaza Mayor. We continue to visit Puerta de Alcalá, Retiro Park, Plaza de Colón, Plaza de la Cibeles, Gran Vía and Plaza del Callao. We suggest optionally visiting the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium. Accommodation.

# Day 7º MADRID - ASTORGA - O CEBREIRO - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Today you will depart from Madrid and head towards the city of Santiago de Compostela. While you are en route, you will make a stop in Astorga, with a visit to the Episcopal Palace built by Antonio Gaudí, which houses the Camino Museum. Later this afternoon, you will enter Galicia, through the city, Lugo. Your first stop will be in O Cebreiro, the first village in the Lugo region and located in the mountains at an altitude

of 1,300 meters. While in O Cebreiro, you will have the opportunity to see the iconic pallozastyle houses and the site of a Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the year 1300. At night, you will go to Santiago de Compostela. Accommodation.

#### Day 8° SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

This morning, you will walk a few kilometers from El Camino, dive into the fragrant eucalyptus forests and experience the stunning scenery. Later this morning, you will attend the International Mass of Pilgrims in the Cathedral of Santiago. After Mass and there will be free time for lunch and visit the Cathedral of Santiago. Formed by Galician granite, this cathedral is one of the best architectural examples in Europe, as it encompasses the Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque styles. In addition, the Cathedral contains numerous and valuable pieces of art that really captivate the view. Upon entering the Cathedral, tradition will guide you, as you will embrace the dazzling statue of Santiago. After this intimate embrace, you will descend to the crypt where the relics of the Pilgrim Slam of Pilgrims are kept. After that, you will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city. Some stops on your tour include Plaza Obradoiro, Palacio Fonseca, Palacio Gemirez, Franco Street and much more. Accommodation.

# Day 9° SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Transfer to Santiago airport for your flight back home.





Departure to Madrid.

# Day 2º ARRIVAL TO MADRID

Upon arrival in Madrid, transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon walk to the Almudena Cathedral. We will continue our walking tour of Madrid to include the exterior of the Royal Palace. Stroll through the Plaza Mayor and Puerta del Sol and stop at the Church of Santiago. Back to your hotel. Accommodation.

# Day 3º MADRID - FONCEBADON - IRON CROSS - O'CEBREIRO - SARRIA

This morning, you will be transferred to Sarria. Sarria is located in the northwest of Spain and stands out for being the entry point to the eastern side of the region, Galicia. Your transfer will end and start on foot from Foncebadon. In the eleventh century, this village was a common resting place for pilgrims in El Camino due to its hospitals, hospices and churches. Today, the structures that have served so many are now in ruins. While you're in Foncebadon, you'll walk to see the Iron Cross. This cross is a common pause for pilgrims, as they leave a stone at the foot of the cross to symbolize a sin or a burden that they are leaving behind. Your tour continues to the village located in the mountains, O Cebreiro. Many pilgrims pause at this site because of the Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the year 1300. Also, make sure you have your cameras ready as this village is suspended at 1,300 meters in the air and offers an impressive panoramic view. Accommodation.

#### Day 4° SARRIA - PORTOMARIN

Today is the day when your pilgrimage on foot (El Camino) to Santiago de Compostela officially begins! With the guidance of our Lord, and through the spirit of James the Apostle, you will become a true pilgrim as you travel the physical and spiritual journey. Your first official day of walking will culminate in Portomarin. This city dates back to the Roman Age and was an important high along the route in the Middle Ages. Due to the creation of a dam in 1962, Old Portomarin is currently located under the Mino River. As a result of the creation of the dam, many of the old buildings were moved, brick by brick. Among these buildings is the Church of St. John of Jerusalem. In medieval times, this church was strategically established along the route of El Camino to protect the tomb of Santiago. Accommodation in Portomarin.

### Day 5° PORTOMARIN - PALAS DE REI

This morning, you will travel from Portomarin, through the forest to the Palas de Rei. This was a notable city in the Middle Ages, as it contained a Royal Hospital and the church of San Tirso. As the rugged hike continues, it will continue through fields, forests and barns. In addition, you will see a remarkable feature of the Galician landscape, Los Cruceiros. These crosses along the way represent Christ and the Virgin Mary. Dinner and enjoy a restful night in Palas de Rei.

### Day 6º PALAS DE REI - ARZUA

Your pilgrimage continues as you travel from Palas de Rei to the bustling small town of Arzua. Before arriving in Arzua, your group will stop at Melide. This city is a crucial point of El Camino because it is where the French and Oviedo routes converge. Upon arrival in Melide, you will notice the ancient paths dating back to the 14th century, which are some of the oldest in the Galician region. As your group continues towards Arzua, you will cross the beautiful medieval bridge over the Iso River to Ribadiso. After your visit to this Chapel, your day will culminate with the arrival in Arzua. Accommodation.

### Day 7º ARZUA

Today, you will take a break to rest your body and shake of fatigue. After Mass, there will be time to reflect on the journey so far and pass it at your own pace. Accommodation in Arzua.

### Day 8º ARZUA - ARCA DE O PINO

Your journey is almost over when you walk to the largest community before Santiago, Arca de O Pino! As you travel this route, you will immerse yourself in the fragrant eucalyptus forests and experience the stunning scenery. As you explore

this village, you will notice joy etched on the faces of the pilgrims. Although they have traveled a great distance, they are not tired. With God and Santiago guiding their paths, excitement and anticipation continue through their arrival in Santiago.

# Day 9º ARCA DE O PINO - MONTE DEL **GOZO - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

Today will culminate the walking part of your trip! Before reaching the final destination, you will first stop for Mass on Mount Joy (Monte del Gozo). You will know that you are approaching Santiago because, at this point, you will be able to see the towers of the Cathedral. When you arrive at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, feel free to say a little prayer in gratitude to Our Lord for keeping you safe during the pilgrimage on foot. At this time, you will check into your hotel and enjoy free time to explore the capital of Galicia, Santiago. Accommodation.

# Day 10° SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

This morning you will wake up in the beautiful city of Santiago de Compostela! We started by visiting the Cathedral. Upon entering the Cathedral, tradition will guide you as you embrace the dazzling statue of Santiago. We continue with our visit that includes Plaza Obradoiro, the Fonseca Palace, the Gelmirez Palace, Franco Street and much more. Accommodation.

#### Day 11° SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Your last day in Spain will start with breakfast at your hotel, followed by a transfer to Santiago Airport for your flight back home. You'll say "see you later" to your new friends on this trip.

#### \*IMPORTANT NEWS:

This itinerary involves an average of 13 to 20 daily walking miles. It is essential that participants are able to complete the trip. We will have assistance vehicles available to help pilgrims who are unable to complete a particular stage of the journey.



Departure to Lourdes.

# Day 2º LOURDES - TOULOUSE - LOURDES

When you arrive at Pau or Toulouse airport, go to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Go to the arrivals hall, where you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. You will embark on a panoramic trip to Lourdes. Check in at your hotel and then relax or explore before dinner. After dinner, you will have free time to pray the Rosary and attend the procession by candlelight (April to October only), guided by the Most Holy Rosary. After this prayer experience, you will return to your hotel for the night.

### Day 3º LOURDES

During your time in Lourdes, you will pray and meditate on the site of the apparitions of Our Lady. Our Lady first appeared to Bernadette in 1858, and announced herself as "The Immaculate Conception", near the Grotto of Massabielle. During the first two appearances, little Bernadette prayed the Rosary with Our Lady and left without any exchange of words. During the following apparitions, Our Lady emphasized God's love for us, penance, and the need to perform acts of penance for sinners. During all the time you spend in Lourdes, you will have the opportunity to attend Mass in the Grotto, where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette, watch a video presentation that explains in detail the history of Lourdes, drink water from the miraculous source that has cured muc and dive into the healing baths. In addition, you will have the opportunity to experience the unconditional love of Christ, as you meditate on the "life-size" Cross Stations that overlook the Grotto of Massabielle. Also in Lourdes, you will enter and meditate on the footsteps of St. Bernadette. Your group will have the opportunity to see the birthplace of St. Bernadette and the "Cachot", an abandoned prison where Bernadette's impoverished family lived. Each night after dinner, (April to October only) you will have the opportunity to attend the procession by candlelight and the Rosary, before a night's rest.

# Day 4º LOURDES - PARAY LE MONIAL

This morning, you'll wake up feeling well rested!

After breakfast, transfer to Paray Le Monial. Accommodation.

# Day 5° PARAY LE MONIAL - NEVERS - PARIS

You will start your day with breakfast and then celebrate Mass, with some free time for prayer and reflection. After Mass, you will visit the Chapel of the Visitation, where Jesus exposed His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, in the seventeenth century. These apparitions allowed St. Margaret to rest on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and experience unconditional love for humanity. During your visit to this sacred place, you will have the opportunity to see relics of the beloved Santa, located under a wax figure of it. We're moving on to Nevers. Nevers is the site where St Bernadette lived for twelve years as a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Nevers. The saint suffered from several diseases. such as asthma, pulmonary tuberculosis and a tuberculous tumor in her right knee. For this reason, St. Bernadette received "The Last Sacraments" three times and finally died in 1879. at the age of thirty-five. In the end we leave for Paris. Accommodation.

#### Day 6º PARIS - MONT ST MICHAEL - CAEN

After breakfast, we leave for Mont St Michael. Today we have an exciting day where we will meet Mont Saint Michel. We will have free time to tour the cobbled alleys of Mont Saint Michel, to visit the abbey that is located at the top of the rock and free lunch. We will continue our journey to Caen, with 1000 years of history. Accommodation.

#### Day 7° CAEN - LISIEUX - PARIS

After breakfast, we leave for Lisieux: we will explore the life of St. Teresa. According to Pope Pius X, Saint Teresa of Lisieux was the "greatest saint of modern times. His extraordinary love for God and his service to humanity will come to life as you walk in the footsteps of the Great Holy. During your visit, you will see the beautiful Basilica of Santa Teresa, and the magnificent mosaics and stained glass windows it contains. After your visit to the Basilica, you will have the opportunity to see relics, clothing and personal belongings of St. Teresa, when you visit your

family's home, Les Buissonets. In addition, he will tour the parish of Santa Teresa, the Cathedral of St. Peter and the Carmelite Convent, where Santa Teresa entered in 1888 and is currently buried with his parents. The tour of the life of the "Little Flower" culminates when you board the bus to get to the "City of Lights" - Paris. Accommodation.

# Day 8° PARIS

Today, you will enjoy a full sightseeing tour of Paris. After breakfast, you will visit and celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, where you will see the uncorrupted body of St. Catherine Laboure. The guardian angel of the Holy led her to the chapel, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared. During the apparitions, Our Lady repeatedly instructed the manufacture and purpose of the Miraculous Medal, as well as the green scapular. According to the Blessed Virgin Mary, those who wear the Miraculous Medal and the scapular will receive special protection and abundant graces. You'll continue your day with a visit to Notre Dame Cathedral, a perfect example of Gothic art. free time. Accommodation.

### Day 9º PARIS

Today is the second part of the tour of Paris. We will see the most recognizable symbol of the city of Paris, the Eiffel Tower. Historically, the Original Intention of the Tower was to commemorate the centenary of the French Revolution, but later, it assisted in meteorology, telegraphy during World War I, radio and television. Stop by L'Arch de Triomphe, a monument that symbolizes gratitude for those who fought for France. This monument is located on the west end of Champ-Elysees, one of the most famous boulevards in the world. and another of our stops on the sightseeing tour. We will also pass by the always famous Louvre Museum. \* This museum is one of the best in the world and contains a series of pieces that really emanate not only French art but also European culture. Your day full of fun and hustle and bustle ends with a small Parisian "cruise". Accommodation.

#### Day 10° PARIS

After breakfast, you will transfer to Paris Airport to take the flight back home.



Departure to Lisboa.

# Day 2º ARRIVAL TO LISBON

This afternoon we will enjoy a panoramic tour of Lisbon, which will include the Monastery of St. Jerome, built to thank the Virgin Mary, we will drive through the Tower of Belem and many landmarks, including the April 25 Bridge, the Basilica of the Star and La Carpa of Pombal Square. Our last stop will be St. Anthony's Church. The Church where we will celebrate Mass is built on the birth of St. Anthony. Accommodation in Lisbon.

# Day 3º LISBON - SANTAREM - FATIMA

Today, we will head to Fatima, on the way we will stop in the city of Santarem for Mass in the Church of St. Stephen and to venerate the Eucharistic Miracle of the thirteenth century. Continue to Fatima, a village of Aljustrel, the birthplace and home of the three shepherd children. Dinner and accommodation in Fatima.

#### Day 4° FATIMA

Today will surely be a memorable experience. Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children; Lucia (10 years), Jacinta (7 years) and Francisco (9 years). These appearances occurred monthly from May to October 1917. Our deeply reflective day begins with a visit to the Little Chapel of Apparitions. Continue with a visit to the impressive neoclassical church, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary. This sacred space contains the tombs of San Francisco, Santa Jacinta and Sister Lucia. Continue with a visit to the Basilica of the Holy Trinity. Free time. Your night will end with private devotions and a candlelit procession, requested by Our Lady (1917). Accommodation in Fatima.

# Day 5° FATIMA - SALAMANCA

Breakfast at the hotel. We leave Fatima and head for Salamanca. Salamanca is a city in the region of Castilla y León, and is known for its large university, the oldest in Spain that is still active, along with its prominent culture. Our walking tour will take us through the most notable sites like; the great Plaza Mayor, an iconic square full of food, shopping and events of the city; La

Clerea, a church and school of the Jesuit order; The House of the Shells, currently a public library but also, a monument noticed and decorated with shells, symbolizing the pilgrimage always famous to Santiago (El Camino); the University of Salamanca, the oldest university in Spain and the third oldest in Europe; the Roman bridge, which stretches along the Tormes River, is a national monument and one of Salamanca's most resilient bridges; The Church of San Marco, built in Romanesque style; The Church of San Martín, a church dedicated to Saint Martin of Porres, who is the patron saint of people of mixed race and all those who seek interracial harmony. Visit the interior of Salamanca's two cathedrals (old and new), one in Romanesque style and one in Gothic style. After this eventful day, we return to our hotel. Accommodation in Salamanca.

# Day 6° SALAMANCA - ALBA DE TORMES - AVILA - BURGOS

This morning, after breakfast, we will enjoy a short transfer to the village of Alba de Tormes. This city is home to the Carmelite Monastery that Santa Teresa founded in 1571. When we arrive in Alba de Tormes, we will have a quick Mass in this Monastery where the saint died and was buried. After Mass, you will have the opportunity to visit the museum dedicated to Santa Teresa de Avila, which also holds her uncorrupted heart and left arm. We continue to the medieval city of Avila. Upon arrival in Avila, you will immediately notice the perfectly preserved walls of the eleventh century that surround the old town. The Cathedral of Avila encompasses the Romanesque. Gothic and Renaissance styles of its time, within its work of art and architecture. The Basilica of St. Vincent in Avila, is located on the site of the martyrdom of St. Vincent. Visit the Convent of the Incarnation, where Saint Teresa became a nun. Santa Teresa convinced San Juan de la Cruz to reform the male Carmelite order, the reform that began when she met San Juan in Medina del Campo. After following in the footsteps of Santa Teresa, continue your trip to Burgos. Upon arrival in the historic capital of Castilla la Vieja, you will have the opportunity to explore the city of Burgos and admire its magnificent Gothic limestone cathedral. In the late afternoon, you will return to your hotel for a restful night.

### Day 7º BURGOS - LOYOLA - LOURDES

After breakfast, transfer from Burgos to Loyola to visit the birthplace of St. Ignatius, founder of the Order of the Jesuits. St Ignatius dedicated himself to becoming a soldier of the Christian faith and, as a result of many tribulations, wrote the ever-famous Spiritual Exercises. In Loyola, you will see the 17th-century basilica dedicated to this remarkable saint. The Basilica is part of a series of buildings surrounding the "Holy House", the birthplace of St. Ignatius. We will continue to Lourdes with a spectacular view of the Pyrenees. Accommodation in Lourdes.

#### Day 8º LOURDES

During your time in Lourdes, you will pray and meditate elsewhere in the apparitions of Our Lady. Our Lady first appeared to Bernadette in 1858, and announced herself as "The Immaculate Conception", near the Grotto of Massabielle. During the first two appearances, little Bernadette prayed the Rosary with Our Lady and left without any exchange of words. During the following apparitions, Our Lady emphasized God's love for us, penance, and the need to perform acts of penance for sinners. During all his time in Lourdes, we will have the opportunity to attend Mass in the Grotto, where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette; In addition, you will have the opportunity to experience the unconditional love of Christ, as you meditate on the "lifesize" Cross Stations that overlook the Grotto of Massabielle. His group will have the opportunity to see Boly Mill, the birthplace of St. Bernadette and the "Cachot", an abandoned prison where Bernadette's impoverished family lived. You will have the opportunity to attend the procession by candlelight and the Rosary before a night's rest.

#### Day 9° LOURDES

Flights back home. After an early breakfast and a sincere farewell, your group will depart by coach and travel to Toulouse, Pau or Lourdes airport to take the flights back home.



Departure to Medjugorje.

# Day 2° ARRIVAL TO MEDJUGORJE

Upon arrival in Europe, change the gates to board your short connecting flight to: Dubrovnik, Split or Sarajevo Airport. Upon arrival, pick up your luggage in the baggage claim area and continue to the arrivals hall, where you will be greeted by a tour guide and/or driver, who will take you on the 2.5-hour journey to the village of Medjugorje. Enjoy dinner before retiring at night.

#### Day 3° - 8° MEDJUGORJE

The most beautiful features of Medjugorje are its simplicity and peace. While in Medjugorje, you can experience your faith growing and share the journey of faith of pilgrims from all over the world. A local guide will accompany your group during your stay in the village. Some activities that will accompany you on your spiritual journey: Attend Daily Mass: Every morning at 10:00 a.m., your group will meet at St. James Church for Mass. At the end of each Mass, regardless of language, there is a blessing from the religious items you have with you. On public holidays and Sundays: Mass in English is at 12 p.m. Climb the hill of appearance: this mountainous hill is where visionaries first met Our Lady. At the base of this

hill is a Blue Cross, where Our Lady is said to have appeared to the children as they hid from the Communist police in the early days of the alleged apparitions. As he climbs, his group is invited to recite the Rosary, pausing five times for each decade of the Rosary. At the top of the hill, you will witness the exact location of Our Lady's first supposed appearance to the visionaries, and you will enjoy a private time for prayer. Climb the mountain. Krizevac (Cross Mountain): In 1933, the villagers built a 30' high cross on a mountain to commemorate the passion and death of Jesus on the cross. Your group will have the opportunity to climb this mountain and venerate that same cross. As you climb, your group is invited to pray the Stations of the Cross (to meditate on the suffering of the Way to Calvary of Jesus), stopping fifteen times for each Station. Appearances: every night at 5 p.m. or 6 p.m. (depending on daylight saving time), your group will join the villagers and fellow pilgrims of Medjugorje to pray the Rosary, as they all anxiously await the supposed arrival of Our Lady to the visionaries. After the apparition, at 5:40 PM (6:40 PM during daylight saving time), feel free to stay at St. James Church and attend Croatian Mass. After Croatian Mass. there is a blessing from the sick. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Our Lady has always called us to be close to her Son. For this, you will have the opportunity to worship the Blessed Sacrament on the altar outside the Church of St. James. Worship takes place on Tuesdays and Saturdays; Veneration of the Cross takes place on Fridays inside the church. In addition, there is a Chapel of Adoration on the grounds of St. James Church, where Adoration is celebrated in the afternoon hours. Meetings with visionaries: Pending availability, your guide will arrange meetings with visionaries in their homes. Visit to the community of Cenacolo: You will have the opportunity to visit the community of Cenacolo, founded by the Sisters of Charity, for young men and women who have taken the wrong path and are on their way to recovery. You can hear his inspiring words about his journeys back to Jesus Christ. Prayer on the statue of the Risen Christ: The bronze statue of the Risen Christ is located on the grounds of the Church of St. James. Many pilgrims sit and pray on the benches surrounding this peaceful statue. This statue miraculously filters water droplets at all times of the day, outside christ's right knee.

#### Day 9º MEDJUGORJE

After an early breakfast and a sincere farewell, we set off by coach to Dubrovnik Airport (Split or Sarajevo) for our flights back home.





Departure to Tel Aviv.

#### Day 2º ARRIVAL TO TEL AVIV

Arrival at the airport, reception by our representative at the airport, assistance and transfer to Tel Aviv. Accommodation in Tel-Aviv.

# Day 3°: TEL AVIV - JAFFA - CAESAREA -HAIFA - ACRE - GALILEA

Breakfast buffet. Departure for a brief visit to the city of Tel Aviv-Jaffa. Continuation along the coastal route to Caesarea, Roman city of the time of King Herod, famous for its grandiose architecture and port, whose importance endured until the time of the Crusaders. Visit to the Roman Theatre, a cross town and the aqueduct. We continue towards Haifa, located on the slopes of Mount Carmel to enjoy a panoramic view of the city, the Bahai Temple and its famous Persian Gardens. Continue to Acre, to visit the fortified city of the Crusaders of medieval times, from where you can appreciate the walls of the ancient city. He continues to the Galilee. Accommodation in Galilee (Hotel or Kibutz)

# Day 4° GALILEA – NAZARETH – TIBERIADES

Breakfast buffet. Departure via Cana de Galilee towards Nazareth. Visit of the Basilica of the Annunciation and the Carpentry of Joseph. It continues to skirt the Sea of Galilee towards

Tiberiades. In the afternoon, we will continue to Tabgha to visit the site of the Multiplication of The Breads and Fishes. Then we continue to Capernahum, the most important Ministry of the last four years of Jesus, to visit the Old Synagogue and the House of St. Peter, we will continue towards the Mount of The Beatitudes, scene of the Sermon on the Mountain. Finally a brief visit to the Diamond Factory, the second most important industry in the country. Accommodation in Galilee (Hotel or Kibbutz)

# Day 5° TIBERIADES – JORDAN VALLEY – JERUSALEM

Breakfast buffet. We will leave Tiberiades heading towards Yardenit (place of Baptism), on the banks of the Jordan River. We will continue to travel through the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean, one of the main cities of the Greek decapolis whose strategic importance due to its geographical location has endured throughout history to this day. Visit of archaeological excavations. Continuation via Judean Desert towards Jerusalem, bordering the city of Jericho and being able to appreciate from the road the Mount of Temptations. Accommodation in Jerusalem.

# Day 6° JERUSALEM (NEW CITY) - BELEN - JERUSALEM

Breakfast buffet. Departure for a visit to Jerusalem's New city. Visit of the Book Sanctuary at the Israel Museum, where the Dead Sea manuscripts and the Model depicting the City of Jerusalem in the time of Jesus are on display. View of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem continuing towards Ein Karem, a picturesque neighborhood on the outskirts of Jerusalem to visit the Shrine of St. John the Baptist. From there we will continue to the Yad Vashem Memorial, a memorial to the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. In the afternoon you will travel to Bethlehem. Visit the Church of the Nativity and the Grotto of the Birth, Chapels of St. Jerome and San Jose. Back to Jerusalem. Accommodation in Jerusalem.

# Day 7° JERUSALEM (OLD CITY)

Breakfast buffet. Exit via Mount Scopus towards Mount Olives. Panorama of the Holy Walled City. Continuation to Gethsemane, Basilica of Agony. Departure to the Old City. Visit of the Western Wall (Western Wall). We will continue with the visit to the Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Then to Mount Zion to visit King David's Tomb, the Upper Room (Last Supper Room), and the Abbey of the Dormition. Accommodation in Jerusalem.

### Day 8º JERUSALEM

Breakfast buffet. Day off. Optional Tour Massada and the Dead Sea. Accommodation in Jerusalem.

#### Day 9° JERUSALEM - TEL AVIV

Breakfast buffet. At the indicated departure time to Ben-Gurion airport in Tel Aviv to take your return flight.





Salida hacia Cracovia.

#### Day 2° ARRIVAL TO KRAKOW

Arrival in Krakow international airport. Upon arrival we meet our tour manager who will accompany us throughout our tour Depending on the flight arrival time, we will schedule Mass celebration in the Skałka, the Basilica of St. Stanislaus on the Rock. As the first native Polish saint, Saint Stanislaus is one of Poland's patron saints. We then continue to our hotel. After check-in, enjoy a delicious dinner and have the opportunity to explore the city of Krakow before retiring to rest during the night. Dinner and overnight.

# Day 3º KRAKOW

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for a full day panoramic city tour in Krakow. We pass by the Wawel hill, the former "seat of power" of the Polish monarchs. There, we visit the Wawel Cathedral (entrance included), the main Polish national sanctuary. The Cathedral served as the Seat of Karol Wojtyla, the future Saint Paul II, during his term as Archbishop of Krakow. His connection with this sanctuary goes even further: he celebrated his first mass as a young priest in the Crypt of St. Leonard. We will then visit the old town on Kanonicza Street, where the future Pope lived while in Krakow, and the famous Papal

Window, in which, during his visits to Krakow, he used to make night appearances to address the crowds of his followers gathered below, we will see the Franciscan Church, where, as a young man, he used to pray, and explore the Collegium Maius, where he studied. We will end our tour in the Church of Santa María, home to the largest wooden altar in Europe, and in the main market square. Free time and lunch is self-arranged in this area. We then continue our tour of Krakow. We cross the Wisla River and view the house in Debniki, where St. John Paul II lived as a student, and the Nazi occupation force, forced him to work in the Zakrzowek quarry, while studying at a seminary. Finally, we will explore the Nowa Huta district. This unique district, complete with steel factories and houses built by the Soviet regime in a realistic socialist style with many Renaissance influences, was destined to be a model of "communist city". Ironically, it later became one of the centers of revolution and resistance, which led to the eventual overthrow of the communist regime in Poland. As bishop and local cardinal, Karol Wojtyla played a key role in this transformation. For years, he met with local people, helped them organize spiritually and celebrated Masses outdoors with them. He struggled hard to build the first Catholic Church in this area, which led to the construction of the Church of Our Lady of Poland, also known as

"Church of the Ark" or "The Ark of Our Lord". The church was built brick by brick by volunteer workers without assistance from communist authorities. We will celebrate Mass and then return to the hotel in time for dinner. Overnight.

# Day 4° KRAKOW - AUSCHWITZ -HARMEZE - WADOWICE - KRAKOW

Breakfast and departure to Auschwitz, known as the Nazi concentration camp during World War II. While visiting the old camp you can feel the darkness and sadness that invade the atmosphere, as there were countless indescribable atrocities that occurred in this place. In addition, during this visit, we will have the opportunity to see the cell that imprisoned Saint Maximilian Kolbe and visit the Martyrdom Museum. Then, we will pass by Birkenau camp, the site of St. Edith Stein's martyrdom. Later, we visite the Franciscan monastery near Harmeze, consecrated under the patronage of St. Maximilian Kolbe. We then continue to the small town of Wadowice, the birthplace of Karol Wojtyla. Free time for own lunch, we then enjoy a visit of the family home of St. John Paul II on Rua Koscielna. Since then, it has been converted into a museum, with exhibits of the old possessions of the Wojtyla family. We then visit the local church where this beloved saint was baptized, he received his first sacrament of communion, attended mass as a child and served





as an Altar Boy. Finally we have the opportunity to see the miraculous image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, that St. John Paul II prayed daily. The church is now known as the Basilica of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the end of visit we we will enjoy a slice of the famous Papieska Kremowka ('Papal' cream cake and then we return to Krakow. Dinner and overnight.

#### Day 5° KRAKOW - ZAKOPANE - KRAKOW

After breakfast, we will travel through the Podhale region to the Tatra Mountains and the small city of Zakopane. It is considered the capital of Polish winter sports, but it is also an important spiritual place. People in the region always shared a special connection with Pope John Paul II. Upon arrival, we visit the Sanctuary of the Virgin of Fátima, a chapel built in 1999 as a votive offer for the speed recovery of St. John Paul II after the assassination attempt. The Sanctuary has been extended over the years and contains relics of the Holy Pope and many souvenirs, including the special field altar, which St. John Paul II used to celebrate a field Mass in 1997, during his last visit to Zakopane. We visit the Jaszczurowka Chapel. This beautiful wooden chapel was visited many times by St. John Paul II. Then, we will visit the nearby Retreat House, managed by the Ursuline Sisters. During his frequent visits to Zakopane, the future Pope used to take the humble hospitality of the Sisters. As pope, he visited the sisters only once, during his pilgrimage to Poland in 1997. He often declared a special connection to this Retreat House and called it "his second home" on several occasions. The room in which he stayed is practically intact and serves as a small museum that celebrates his memory. Then, we continue our walk along the colorful Krupowki Street. Free time to shop at the local bazaar and have lunch on your own. From here, we will take a funicular to nearby Gubalowka to enjoy stunning views of the Tatra Mountains and panoramic views of Zakopane. Return to Krakow for dinner and overnight.

# Day 6° KRAKOW - DIVINE MERCY -Lagiewniki - Krakow

After breakfast, we head to Lagiewniki, capital of Divine Mercy. Through the mediation of Saint Faustina, Christ transmitted the message of Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki. We will begin our visit to the "Don't be afraid" Center, where we can pray for the relic of St. John Paul II and celebrate Mass in one of the chapels. We then visit the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, where Saint Faustina, Apostle of Divine Mercy, lived and died. We see images of the Merciful Jesus, the relics of Saint Faustina, as well as the Chapel of the Convent of Saints and his Tomb. We then return back to Krakow and enjoy the afternoon at our leisure. Dinner is free. Overnight.

# Day 7° KRAKOW – SANCTUARY OF CZESTOCHOWA - WIELICZKA - KRAKOW

Today we will visit the largest pilgrimage sanctuary in Poland since the 16th century! We visit the Jasna Gora Monastery, home to the beloved Black Madonna icon, and celebrate Mass. St. John Paul II frequently visited this monastery throughout his life. Tradition tells us that this icon was painted by Lucas Evangelista, discovered by Saint Helena and later consecrated. After mass we visit the Black Madonna Chapel and have the great privilege of visiting the Library. This 18th century library is richly decorated and houses an incomparable collection of precious ancient manuscripts dating from the medieval era. Free time for lunch. Then we will continue on to Wieliczka, a small town on the outskirts of Krakow. We enjoy a guided tour of the world famous Wieliczka salt mines. The mines are known for beautiful and unique underground tunnels filled with buildings carved precisely in salt, which include many biblical icons and a statue of St. John Paul II. We will return to Krakow for a farewell dinner and overnight.

### Day 8° KRAKOW

Breakfast and transfer to the airport.

End of services.





Departure to Krakow.

### Day 2º ARRIVAL TO KRAKOW

Upon arrival in Krakow, our tour manager welcomes us, who will accompany us throughout our tour, board our private coach and continue to our hotel for check-in. Enjoy dinner at the on-site restaurant. Overnight.

### Day 3° KRAKOW - ZAKOPANE - KRAKOW

After breakfast, we will drive through the mountains to the stunning small village of Zakopane. Take a cable car ride to the nearby mountain and enjoy the magnificent panoramic view. Then we will head to the Jaszczorowka Chapel. This architecturally distinct chapel was visited many times by the young Karol Wojtyla (St. John Paul II). As a child, Karol Wojtyla often used the paths around the Jaszczorowka Chapel for much prayer and reflection. Then we will continue your tour along 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. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight.

#### Day 4° KRAKOW - AUSCHWITZ - KRAKOW

After breakfast, you'll explore Krakow's Market Square as the sound of the silver trumpet of 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 have important historical value, such as the Town Hall Tower, the Cloth Hall and the Burgher houses. After your time in this long-standing square, you will head to Wawel Hill, where you will visit the beautiful Cathedral and the Coronation Chapel. These are some of the most important sites in Poland, as the Cathedral has been the coronation site of Polish monarchs and has housed numerous pieces of Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Classicist and Modern art. Also on this site, you will have the opportunity to pray in the tomb of the patron saint of Poland, St. Stanislaus. Short trip to Auschwitz, known as a Nazi concentration camp during World War II: during this visit, you will have the opportunity to see the cell that imprisoned Christ, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and visit the Martyrdom Museum. After this thoughtful day, return to your hotel in Krakow for dinner and rest during the

### Day 5° KRAKOW - DIVINA MISERICORDIA - LAGIEWNIKI - WIELICZKA - KRAKOW

On your last day of touring, after breakfast, head

out for your excursion to Lagiewniki, the capital of Divine Mercy. Through the mediation of Saint Faustina, Christ conveyed the message of Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki. While you are here, you will have the opportunity to visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy which contains images of the Merciful Jesus, relics of Saint Faustina, as well as the chapel of the convent of the Holy and his tomb. Visit and celebrate Mass at the Sanctuary of the Divinity, which was visited by St. John Paul II in 2002. After Mass, have the opportunity to pray with a relic of St. 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. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight.

# Day 6° KRAKOW - PRAGUE (6 HOURS BY CAR)

After breakfast, we set off for our scenic bus trip to the charming city of Prague. Dinner and accommodation.

# Day 7º PRAGUE

After breakfast, we enjoyed a full-day guided tour from the Church of Our Lady Victorious, home to the famous statue of the Child Jesus called Child Jesus of Prague. The statue, a 16th-century representation of the boy Jesus with a balloon crucifix, was donated to the Carmelite friars in 1628. After Mass we will visit the old town of Prague. In the Prague Castle district, visit St. Nicholas Church, St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George's Basilica, Loreto Church and Strahov Monastery. Continue to cross the medieval Charles Bridge which is adorned with many Baroque statues. See the Prague Astronomical Clock and walk through Wenceslas Square, one of the city's main squares. The square is named after St. Wenceslas, the patron saint of Bohemia. It is part of Prague's Old Town, a World Heritage Site. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### Day 8° PRAGUE - HIGHTTING - SALZBURG

Leave Prague for Altotting: on arrival we will celebrate Mass in the center of the pilgrimage complex, the Chapel of Mercy. The chapel houses a statue of the Blessed Virgin of the thirteenth century to which numerous miraculous cures are accredited. While we are there, we have the opportunity to visit the Basilica, the Panorama of the Crucifixion and the Monastery of St Konrad. Continue to Salzburg, the charming birthplace of the famous composer Mozart. Salzburg also known as "Alt Stadt" is known for its beautiful Baroque architecture and stunning views of the

Eastern Alps. Free time before dinner served at the hotel and accommodation.

#### Day 9° SALZBURG

After breakfast, our full-day tour begins with Mass at St. Peter's Abbey. After Mass, we will explore Salzburg's Old Town on foot. It's narrow streets and secluded corridors are evidence of its medieval roots. The heritage of the Catholic Church is evident in the Archbishop's Residence in DomPlatz. Visit the Mirabell Palace with its beautiful gardens. Mirabell Palace is one of the most important filming locations of the famous Hollywood musical "The Sound of Music". Maria and the children dance around the Pegasus Fountain in front of the palace, singing the song "Do Re Mi". Experience the unique views of the Mirabell Garden's towards Hohen Salzburg Castle. You will have the opportunity to visit the mighty Romanesque cathedral, as well as the convent of Benedictine nuns of Nonnberg. At the sight of Getreidegasse, birthplace of Mozart, now one of the most visited museums in Austria. We will stop at Hellbrunn Palace to enjoy its gardens and hidden fountains. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 10° SALZBURG - MARIAZELL-VIENNA

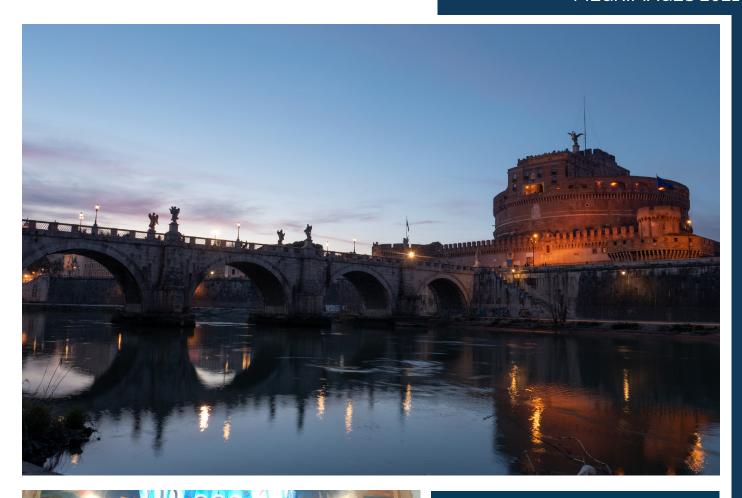
After breakfast, we will head east through Austria towards Mariazell: we will stop and see the miraculous statue, which is located in the Chapel of the Lady or the Chapel of Miracles, built directly on the place where Magnus established his monastic cell in 1157. We continue to Vienna, the capital of Austria. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

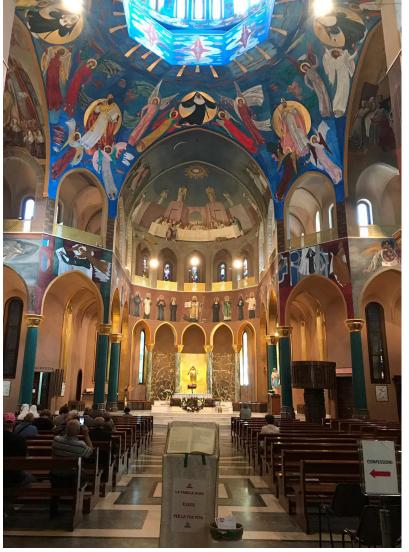
#### Day 11° VIENNA

After breakfast, we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Vienna, home of Johann Strauss and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Visit the spectacular St. Stephen's Cathedral, the symbol of Vienna: here we will see the miraculous image of Our Lady of Mariapoch. You will walk through the Cathedral and its catacombs. Continue with a visit to Karlsplatz with its Church of St. Charles Borromeo and Otto Wagner Stadtbahn pavillons. At some point along the way we will have a short coffee break to enjoy Vienna's famous cakes, such as the Sacher cake. Afternoon free for organized visits. Dinner and hotel accommodation in Vienna.

### Day 12° VIENNA

After breakfast transfer to the airport. End of services.





"As a pilgrim, you have two aspirations: grow in your relationship with God and yourself, and progress on your journey to Heaven"





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