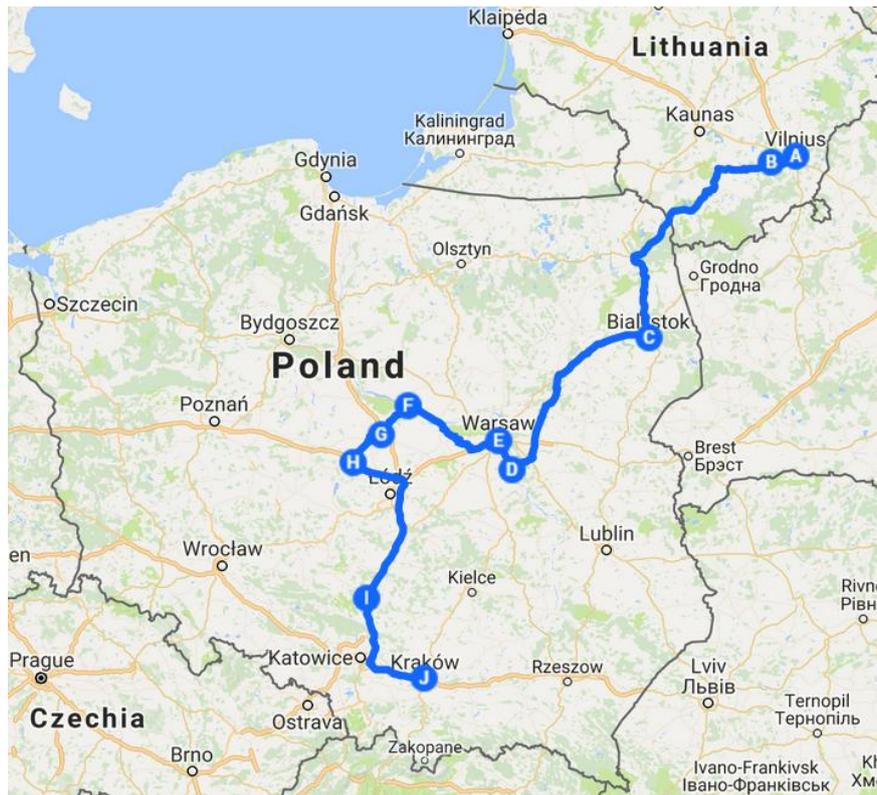


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## Divine Mercy Pilgrimage



**Day 1** Arrival to Vilnius airport and transfer to the hotel.

**Day 2** **Vilnius – the capital of Lithuania.**

Breakfast at the hotel.

An encounter between Orient and Occident' – a walkabout through the magnificent Old Town – a quarter with numerous churches, narrow streets with tiny houses. Owing to its uniqueness, the Old Town is inscribed on the UNESCO Heritage List. During the sightseeing visit to the Cathedral in the city centre, St. Anne's Church – build in Gothic style, The Gate of Dawn with the Chapel and the painting of The Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of Mercy, the university, the Market Square.

Lunch in the city center and the rest of the day AT leisure. Dinner. Overnight in Vilnius.

### Vilnius



### Day 3

#### **Vilnius – Trakai – Vilnius**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visiting Trakai: the former capital of The Grand Duchy of Lithuania with its beautiful lakeside setting and the insular red brick castle in Galve Lake. The Castle museum of Trakai offers an exhibition of the history of Lithuania and prehistoric findings. Located 27 km away from Vilnius, Trakai is a wonderful place to have a rest. It is a small and very quiet town - there is no heavy traffic. Trakai Castle enchants with its magic - having entered the main gates to the castle you will feel like returning back to the ancient times. You will admire a spectacular view of the Trakai area. You will hear interesting legends and stories about Trakai and its famous castle.

Free time for lunch in Trakai.

Return to Vilnius.

Dinner at the hotel or at the restaurant. The last night in Vilnius.

#### **Trakai**



### Day 4

#### **Vilnius – Białystok**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and departure to Białystok. After arrival free time for lunch and next **visit in the Divine Mercy Sanctuary** in Białystok, which is the culmination of the desires and aspirations of the Blessed Fr. Michał Sopoćko (the confessor of St Faustina) erected after his death. Today he is present here in relics and in remembrance of prayers, given with his intercession to the merciful God.

Walk along the streets of Białystok: the Branicki Palace with the beautiful garden, Kosciuszko market, cathedral complex.

Arrival to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

#### **Białystok**



### Day 5

#### **Białystok – Góra Kalwaria – Warsaw**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and departure to Warsaw. We stop in Góra Kalwaria to visit the Parish of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Shrine of St Stanislaw Papczynski.

Free time in Góra Kalwaria.

Drive to Warsaw, accommodation in the hotel, dinner overnight.

#### **Góra Kalwaria**



### Day 6

#### **Warsaw – Convent on Zytnia Street**

We begin our day with visiting **at St. James Convent** where St. Faustina entered the Monastery. After receiving direction from the Lord in Lodz's Cathedral, St. Faustina arrived here at this church in the outskirts of Warsaw, where the priest assisted her by directing

#### **Warsaw**



her to the home of a Catholic woman for lodging. During her stay with the Lipzye family, Faustina discerned her religious vocation with the Congregation of the Sisters of our Lady of Mercy. We will visit this convent on Zytnia Street. Time for the lunch. Then, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Poland's capital. Drive along the royal route through the glamorous Nowy-wiat shopping street mostly rebuilt after WWII. Continue to the Old Town, painstakingly rebuilt after World War II. Its charming little streets are home to many cafes and galleries, and during the summer, the Old Town Square fills with vibrant activity. Beyond the Barbican gate that sealed the old city walls, you will visit the Royal Castle. The palace is surrounded by a historical park, and boasts an excellent museum on its grounds, which showcases the work of great Polish artists. Proceed to St. John's Cathedral, which was completed in the XVth century and became a cathedral in 1798. Many important events took place there, including the coronation of Stanislaw August Poniatowski in 1764. The evening at leisure.



Arrive to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

## Day 7

### **Warsaw – Plock – Warsaw**

Breakfast at the hotel. We start our visit in Plock from Monastery of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. The place of the first revelation of Merciful Jesus Saint. Sister Faustyna Kowalska, during which she received the order to paint a painting with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. The event took place on 22 February 1931. Here, too, she heard from Jesus words referring to the establishment of the Feast of Divine Mercy. Free time for lunch. Next we will admire the old town full of charm and historical curiosities can take pride in many interesting monuments and places. The Cathedral Basilica – one of the oldest building in Plock, the God's Mercy Sanctuary are just some of must-see places in Plock. Departure from Plock to Warsaw Dinner at the hotel or at the local restaurant.

### **Plock**



## Day 8

### **Warszawa – Glogowiec – Swinice Warckie - Czestochowa**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel.

Departure for Glogowiec.

Visiting Glogowiec and Swinice Warckie: to related S. Faustyna Kowalska places. Glogowiec where she was born and Swinice Warckie where she was baptized. Time for lunch in Swinice Warckie.

### **Glogowiec, Swinice Warckie**



Departure for Czestochowa.

Arrival to Czestochowa, check – in the hotel.

Dinner at the hotel. Optionally evening walk to Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa and praying in front of miraculous icon of Virgin Mary called The Black Madonna.

Return to hotel. Stay in Czestochowa.

## Day 9

### **Czestochowa – Auschwitz – Krakow**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel.

Guided tour of the most important pilgrimage place in Poland – the monastery in Czestochowa: Jasna Gora with miraculous icon of Virgin Mary – The Black Madonna. Time for lunch in Czestochowa.

Departure for Auschwitz – Birkenau.

Guided tour of the area of ex-concentration camp in Auschwitz - Birkenau. This camp was built by Nazis during the Nazi occupation of Poland. Today this place is a part of The World Heritage of The UNESCO.

Departure from Oswiecim (Auschwitz) for Krakow.

Arrival to Krakow. Check – in the hotel. Dinner.

## Day 10

### **Krakow – Łagiewniki – Krakow**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Guided tour around Krakow. Wawel Hill with the castle (optional entrance) and its beautiful yard and the Cathedral (entrance). Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture of The Old Town (Stare Miasto), the biggest Market Square in Europe (Rynek Główny), The Town Hall, Collegium Maius – the ancient building of The Jagiellonian University, The Cloth Hall Kraków (Sukiennice), Saint Mary's Church (Kosciol Mariacki – entrance) with the famous Wit Stwosz' altar. Walk to the antique walls of The Old Town with Florianska Gate and The Barbican.

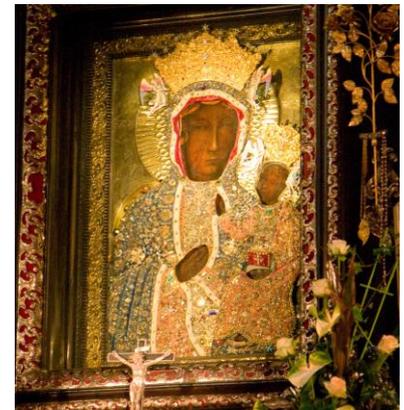
Time for the lunch in Krakow Old Town.

Second part of the tour: visiting the former Jewish district – Kazimierz. This part of Krakow was a centre of religious and social life of the Jewish community in Krakow until the deportations during the Nazi occupation (entrance to 1 or 2 synagogues). A short stop in front of The Schindler's Factory.

Departure for The Sanctuary of Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki (district in Krakow) – after breakfast. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy'. Visiting Monastery in Lagiewniki. There is a Sanctuary of Divine Mercy where Saint Faustina Kowalska lived and died. This Monastery was



**Czestochowa**



**Auschwitz-Birkenau**



**Krakow**



proclaimed 'The center of Divine Mercy' by The Pope John Paul II during his stay in Poland in 2002. On The Sunday of Divine Mercy (a week after Easter) thousands people arrive here to participate in The Mass and pray in the antique church where Saint Faustina Kowalska (founder of the cult of Divine Mercy) was buried.

Return to Krakow.

Dinner. Return to the hotel. The last night in Krakow.

## Day 11

### Departure

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel.

Transfer to the airport.

### Łagiewniki

