

# GEORGE'S

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## INTERNATIONAL TOURS

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

Pilgrimage to Poland, the Czech Republic & Austria  
May 26-June 6, 2017

#### **Day 1 - May 26: Depart USA**

Our spiritual pilgrimage begins today as we board our transatlantic flight to Warsaw. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

#### **Day 2 - May 27: Arrive Warsaw**

Upon arrival in Warsaw we will be met by at the airport and then transfer to our hotel. The remainder of the day is free to recover from our flight and explore the city on our own.

#### **Day 3 - May 28: Warsaw**

Today we will enjoy our full day tour of Warsaw including visits to the Anglican Res Sacra Miser Chapel where we will participate in Sunday services, the Cathedral of St. John, the Royal Castle, the Old Town Square, the Barbican and City Walls, and Zygmunt's Column. Then follow the Royal Route to Lazienki Park where we will see the beautiful Palace on the Water.

#### **Day 4 - May 29: Warsaw / Krakow**

Depart Warsaw this morning and drive to the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz where millions were enslaved and killed during World War II. Continue on to Krakow, our home for the next three nights.

#### **Day 5 - May 30: Krakow**

Proceed to Wawel Hill and to visit the Cathedral of St. Stanislaw and Wawel Royal Castle which is one of the most beautiful Renaissance residences in central Europe. Continue to Krakow's Old Town to see the main Market Square, the Church of St. Mary, Cloth Hall, City Hall Tower and the Collegium Maius which is the Jagiellonian University's oldest building, dating back to the 14th century.

#### **Day 6 - May 31: Krakow**

This morning we will drive to the Wieliczka to visit Europe's oldest salt mine which has been listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. The mines are a unique place where many generations of Polish miners have created a world of underground chambers and decorated chapels carved out of salt including the famous Chapel of St. Kinga. Then visit the old Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz where we will see Old Synagogue and Oskar Schindler's Factory which has been turned into a modern museum devoted to the wartime experiences in Krakow under the five-year Nazi occupation during World War II.

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### **Day 7 - June 1: Krakow / Prague**

Depart Krakow this morning and cross the border from Poland into the Czech Republic. Make a brief stop in Brno to visit the Old Town and the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul. Then continue on to Kutna Hora to see the Sedlec Ossuary, popularly referred to as the "Bone Church" which contains the exhumed remains of up to 40,000 people. Proceed on to Prague for check-in at our local hotel.

### **Day 8 - June 2: Prague**

We will start the day with a visit to the Loreto Shrine which contains a replica of the Holy House where the Virgin Mary lived in Nazareth which is now located in the Italian town of Loreto where it was brought from the Holy Land in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Then proceed to Prague Castle where we will visit St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George's Basilica, the picturesque Golden Lane, the Royal Palace and St. George's Convent. Then continue on to Mala Strana, "the Little Quarter", with its beautiful architectural buildings and churches including the Church of St. Nicholas and the Church of Our Lady Victorious which contains the famous statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague.

### **Day 9 - June 3: Prague**

This morning we will cross the beautiful Charles Bridge to visit the Old Town which is considered to be one of the best historical city centers in Europe. Visit the Old Town Square, the Town Hall with its famous Astronomical Clock which comes alive when the hour strikes and the twelve disciples appear to bless the crowd, the Church of Our Lady before Tyn, the Church of St. Nicholas and the Anglican St. Clement's Cathedral in Prague is one of two churches that form part of the Klementinum, the largest and most historic complex of buildings in the Old Town.

### **Day 10 - June 4: Prague / Vienna**

Depart Prague this morning and take a scenic ride through the countryside to Cesky Krumlov and enjoy a walking tour of this beautiful Renaissance town. Then continue our drive into Austria until reaching the imperial city of Vienna.

### **Day 11 - June 5: Vienna**

Our tour of Vienna includes visits to the Town Hall, the State Opera House, Belvedere Palace (outside visit) which is the former residence of the Prince of Savoy, St. Stephen's Cathedral, St. Charles Church, Hofburg Palace (outside visit), the Kaisergruft and the magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace with its 1,400 elaborately decorated rooms and gardens.

### **Day 12 - June 6: Vienna / U.S.A.**

Transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.