

Join Holy Land Travel Center on a Pilgrimage to

Eastern Europe

Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Juan Mendez & Fr. Nathan Libaire
Warsaw - Krakow - Prague - Vienna - Budapest



May
19-31, 2025



Starting from
\$4899
Per Person

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Day by Day Itinerary

May 19 Day 1 Departure: Our spiritual pilgrimage begins as we board our transatlantic flight to Warsaw, with meals and beverages served aloft.

May 20 Day 2 Arrive Warsaw: After arrival in Warsaw, we are met by our representative and transferred to our hotel. Discover the "new" Warsaw, which has been lovingly restored after the devastation of World War II.
Overnight: Warsaw (Dinner)

May 21 Day 3 Warsaw: Stanislaw Kostka Church, Old Town Square: Begin with morning mass at St. Stanislaw Kostka Church, where martyred Solidarity priest Father Popieluszko worked and is buried. Explore the bustling Old Town Square, where horse-drawn carriages carry visitors past beautifully rebuilt Baroque houses and Renaissance-style storefronts. Traditional Polish cafes and shops surround the square, which has been restored to its 13th-century charm. Stroll the streets of this historic area, mostly closed to traffic, and visit its beautiful churches and castle. See the birthplace of Madame Curie, Chopin's monument, and the Royal Castle (exterior view), which was the residence of Polish Kings.
Overnight: Warsaw (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 22 Day 4 Warsaw / Krakow: Jasna Gora Monastery, Black Madonna, Auschwitz: Depart Warsaw and drive to Czestochowa, a city which has been for the last 600 years the principal center of the Catholic religion in Poland and is a shrine for pilgrims. Visit Jasna Gora Monastery with religious, historic, and artistic value, and participate in the unveiling of the Black Madonna. Our guide will show us the Gothic Chapel of Our Lady, in which hangs the famous Black Madonna icon on a magnificent silver and ebony altar. Tour the treasury and celebrate mass at the Shrine. After Lunch proceed to Auschwitz for a guided tour of the infamous death camp where millions were killed during World War II. Continue to Krakow, our home for the next three nights.
Overnight: Krakow (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 23 Day 5 Krakow: Wawel Hill, Church of St. Stanislaw, Kanonicza Street, St. Faustina Shrine: Following breakfast, proceed to Wawel Hill and celebrate mass at the Church of St. Stanislaw, Poland's second most important pilgrimage shrine. Visit Krakow's cathedral, which serves as the nation's spiritual capital and has witnessed most of the royal coronations and funerals of the last millennium. See the Cathedral's Treasury and continue to Krakow's Old Town to see Kanonicza Street where Pope John Paul II resided while living in Krakow. Visit the courtyard of the Collegium Maius; see the ancient Market Square and Cloth Hall. This afternoon, stop at Lagwieniki to visit St. Faustina Shrine before returning to Krakow.
Overnight: Krakow (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 24 Day 6 Krakow: Wieliczka Salt Mines, Wadowice, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska: This morning we drive to Wieliczka to see the oldest salt mine in Europe, a world-class tourist attraction. It is a unique place where many generations of Polish miners have created a world of underground salt lakes with a rich interior of decorated chapels including the famous Blessed Kings Chapel, plus other galleries and workings made of salt. Wieliczka salt mine is listed by UNESCO as a World Cultural Heritage Site. Then proceed to Wadowice, birthplace of Karol Wojtyla, the late Pope John Paul II. His museum is in his family house. Continue to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, a popular pilgrimage place for the Pope when he was a young man, where in the 17th century the Palatine of Krakow founded a Franciscan Monastery. The church has very rich Baroque decorations. 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.
Overnight: Krakow (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 25 Day 7 Krakow / Prague: Velehrad Golden Rose: Depart this morning for the Czech capital of Prague. En route, stop at Velehrad to visit the Shrine in memory of the two missionaries from Byzantium, "Cyril and Methodius," who brought Christianity to the Czech lands. In 1985, His Holiness Pope John Paul II conferred the "Golden Rose" on Velehrad, a Papal distinction conveyed to only three other venerable places of pilgrimage: Lourdes, Guadalupe, and Czestochowa. Continue to the "Golden City" of Prague, one of Europe's most attractive capitals.
Overnight: Prague (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 26 Day 8 Prague: Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, Charles Bridge, Loreto Shrine: Spanning the River Vltava, Prague ranks as one of the most beautifully preserved cities in Europe. The town is famous for its Gothic and Baroque architecture. Marvel at the graceful enormity of Prague Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral, the Church of Our Lady of Victory, and the statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague. After mass, cross the historic Charles Bridge, built in 1400, and admire its Baroque statuary. Continue to the Loreto Shrine, one of the most important places of pilgrimage in Eastern Europe. Recall the timeless masterpieces of Mozart, Wagner, and Berlioz while viewing the city's many theaters and opera houses.

Overnight: Prague (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 27 Day 9 Prague / Vienna: Cesky Krumlov: 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 for dinner and overnight.
Overnight: Vienna (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 28 Day 10 Vienna: Town Hall, State Opera House, Belvedere Palace, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Hofburg Palace, Schonbrunn Palace: A wealth of treasures awaits us in Vienna - one of Europe's most dynamic cities. Our tour of Vienna includes visits to the Town Hall, the State Opera House, Belvedere Palace, which is the former residence of the Prince of Savoy, St. Stephen's Cathedral, St. Charles Church, Hofburg Palace, and the Kaisergruft. The highlight of the tour is a visit to the magnificent Schonbrunn Palace with its 1,400 elaborately decorated rooms and gardens.
Overnight: Vienna (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 29 Day 11 Melk / Vienna: Melk Abbey, Danube River Cruise, Krems: Early this morning we visit Melk Abbey, one of the most imposing architectural masterpieces north of the Alps and a focal point in the formative years of Austria's history. 1989 marked the 900th anniversary of the day on which Melk was given over to Benedictine monks. Immediately following our visit to Melk Abbey, we enjoy a cozy passage on board ship in the Wachau region, which was included in the UNESCO World Heritage list for its exceptional beauty. Among the highlights are the Melk Abbey, the Schönbühel Castle, and the town of Dürnstein with its blue tower. The cozy onboard restaurant serves local specialties, such as apricot dumplings, and excellent wines from the Wachau to round off the trip on the waves of the Danube. We end our cruise in Krems, then return to Vienna for an evening at leisure. **Overnight:** Vienna (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 24 Day 12 Vienna / Budapest: Bratislava Castle, Michael's Gate, St. Martin's Cathedral, Budapest River Bridge: This morning we depart Vienna and drive to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Here we will visit the picturesque Old Town, Michael's Gate, Bratislava Castle, and St. Martin's Cathedral. Then continue to lovely Budapest, the capital of Hungary, which straddles the Danube River. The Buda Hills rise on one side of the river, housing the city's ancient past, and Pest is on the other side, modern and inviting. The two are linked with a series of elegant bridges.

Overnight: Budapest (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 30 Day 13 Budapest: Hero's Square, St. Stephen's Basilica, Fishermen's Bastion, Castle District: This morning we will visit Hero's Square, one of the largest and most inspiring spaces in Budapest, with its towering stone column and statue of the Archangel Gabriel. Then celebrate Mass in St. Stephen's Basilica. Next, discover the magic of Fishermen's Bastion, with seven stone towers overlooking the famous river, and the distinctive Castle District with St. Mathias Church.

Overnight: Budapest (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 31 Day 14 Return Home: This morning we board our flights home, carrying with us memories and keepsakes that will last a lifetime.

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PRICING

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

\$4899.00*

Double occupancy with base airfare

*Discount cash/check price

OPTIONS

- For a single room*: add \$1050

*Subject to availability

- Travel Insurance: Visit www.holylandtc.com/travel-protection for more information

*Available only for travelers with primary residence in USA or Canada

FIRST PAYMENT	\$500.00	DUE: NOW
SECOND PAYMENT	\$1249.00	DUE: DEC 20, 2024
THIRD PAYMENT	\$1000	DUE: FEB 18, 2025
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE: APRIL 4, 2025

BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Albuquerque (ABQ)
- Excursions per itinerary
- 12-Nights accommodation
- Meals per Itinerary
- Professional Catholic tour guides
- Spiritual director
- Whisper Headsets
- Luxury Motorcoach
- Daily Mass

Why Travel with Us?

The Holy Land Travel Center is a family-run business providing pilgrims with an unmatched religious group travel experience. Operated by a husband and wife team from the Qumsieh family, one of the oldest Christian families from the Bethlehem suburb Beit Sahour; the center offers a unique opportunity to be fully immersed in the Christian community of the Holy Land.

The tours are professionally organized to ensure that pilgrims receive the highest quality in travel and lodging. But we pride ourselves most on offering a personalized experience. From the first day you are treated like family, welcomed into the local Christian homes, offered stories of faith by residents, and unfettered access to holy sites.

Terms & Conditions

By making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this brochure. Holy Land Travel Center shall be referred to as HLTC within this document.

DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT: Deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form. Registrations are processed in the order received by HLTC. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Late payments are subject to a \$50 late fee per week past the due date. HLTC reserves the right to cancel reservations whose payments are 30 days late and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after HLTC receives your written cancellation via email used to register or by US mail., HLTC will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule:

- 1) Minimum cancellation fee is \$500 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.
- 2) From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$500 + 20% of total price.
- 3) From 59 days to 31 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$500 + 50% of total price.
- 4) From 30 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

PAYMENT: Advertised price is the cash/check discounted price. If paying with a card a processing fee will apply.

BOUNCED CHECKS: Bounced checks will incur a \$25 administrative fee.

DISPUTED PAYMENTS: In the event of a disputed payment for reasons other than a fraudulent charge, the administrative fees associated with a dispute will be invoiced to your account and either deducted from your refund or invoiced to you. These fees are subject to change due to payment processors rules and regulations.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel insurance is recommended to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection. If you do not wish to purchase now, the plan can be purchased any time before submitting your final payment. Coverage takes effect once payment is received. If you chose to purchase outside of the time sensitive period outlined in the plan, you will not be eligible for time sensitive benefits. All plan premiums are non-refundable. To view/download and purchase the plan, which provides the full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusion please visit our website: www.holylandtc.com/travel-protection/

MEDICAL CONDITION: We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. HLTC is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during, or after the tour.

LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS: By private deluxe motor coach.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with a private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge to the account. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost indicated on the brochure. Accommodations are subject to change due to upgrade, size of group, etc.

MOBILE APP: Final pilgrimage details will be available through an app before departure. Please be aware that the information on the app is regularly updated and subject to change. HLTC (Holy Land Travel Company) holds no liability for errors or discrepancies in the app's content.

MEALS: Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra.

TIPPING: Unless it is specified in the tour brochure, the price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the tour guide and motor coach driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each: Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be pre-collected before the pilgrimage for your convenience.

AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH: Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing non-refundable, non-amenable tickets. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from such occurrences. Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.

SEAT ASSIGNMENT: THERE IS NO ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION FOR TOUR DEPARTURES. HLTC cannot guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline and are pending availability. When HLTC disperses travel packages, you will receive your record locator. You can use this locator to do online seating arrangements, if permitted by the airline, any additional costs for seat selection are your responsibility. If your airline ticket is canceled for any reason, you must directly contact the airline to request a refund for your seat selection. The refund will be processed to your original form of payment, subject to the airline's terms and conditions."

BAGGAGE: Transatlantic and transpacific flights to and from the USA allow the passenger to bring one (1) checked bag, which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs., and maximum combined dimensions of 62 inches. Also, one (1) "carry-on" with maximum dimensions of 8"x12"x20" is permitted. Luggage on domestic flights including Mexico & Canada will cost extra. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with your carrier regarding carry-on luggage rules and regulations.

PRICES: All prices are based on exchange rates and fares applicable at time of quotation and based on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure and are therefore subject to change if fares change (including fuel surcharges increase), if group does not reach minimum or if exchange rates fluctuate. Minimum number of paying passengers is 30.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport and Visas, exit taxes, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extra beyond standard menu, excess baggage, luggage on domestic flights, telephone calls, fuel surcharges increase.

VISAS: When and if a visa or visa waiver is required, it is the passenger's responsibility to obtain one. HLTC, owner, agent, or employees cannot be held liable for clients not having proper passports, visa, visa waiver, or other travel documents. Cancellations or changes to schedule due to a lack of appropriate documents will incur usual penalties.

PASSPORTS: Passports are required to travel with Holy Land Travel Center. A Passport Card is not useful for International Air Travel. Attempting to use this instead of a Passport Book will result in a denial of boarding by the airlines and entry by the legal authorities.

PHOTO RELEASE: Photos taken on the pilgrimage may be used to advertise for future pilgrimages by registering for the tour you consent to photographs taken of during your participation in the tour, and to publication of the photographs by the Operator for advertising, promotional and marketing purposes. I assign a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, for any purpose, photographs submitted by me to Operator and any photographs taken of me during my tour. I waive my right to inspect or approve the eventual use of such photographs.

VISA FOR EUROPE - ETIAS

-Starting in 2025, Americans, Canadians, Australians will need to apply online for travel authorization for Europe.

- This applies to all travelers, and all ages.

- Fee approx. \$9. Per Person

- The program is called ETIAS. Some refer to it as a "visa for Europe". It is not a traditional visa but needs basic details about the traveler and their trip.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER: HLTC hereby expressly disclaims any liability for any personal injury, property damage, Loss of baggage, accident, delay or irregularity, any claim for special or consequential damages or any other loss which may be occasioned by the acts and/or omissions, whether negligent, intentional, wrongful or otherwise, of any air carrier, hotel/motel or other lodging operator, railroad operator, bus operator, public transportation, sea carrier, local sightseeing company, tour operator, tour leader or spiritual director, any employees thereof, or any other entity or individual not under the direct supervision and control of HLTC when engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith. HLTC likewise expressly disclaims any responsibility for losses or expenses incurred, or inconvenience caused, due to delay or changes in schedules, defaults, over booking of hotels or airlines, sickness, weather, strikes, quarantines, pandemics, epidemics, acts of terrorism, constructions, war, force majeure or other such events which are beyond HLTC's control. HLTC likewise hereby expressly disclaims any liability for statements, actions or inactions of any intermediary agents such as group administrators, spiritual directors or tour leaders, travel agents or any other intermediary involved with the selling, promotion or operation of its tours. Group administrators, spiritual leaders and tour leaders likewise hereby expressly disclaim any liability for the acts and/or omissions of any of the above entities and/or individuals not directly under their supervision or control. Please be advised that the liability of carriers as well as providers of hotel and lodging accommodations is limited by law and you may thus wish to consider purchasing additional insurance to protect yourself against any losses or injuries suffered as a result of their acts and/or omissions. In all instances, HLTC's liability shall be limited to the amounts paid by you for participation in the tour, and subject to the provisions and cancellation fees as set forth in the "Brochure Terms and Conditions". In the event that the tour leader and/or spiritual director named in a brochure or itinerary does not travel with the group, and a substitute is not named to replace such person(s), then HLTC reserves the right to make substitutions of its choosing for such person(s) in the operation of the tour. Tour

CANCELLATION DUE TO LOW PARTICIPATION: On rare occasions, a tour departure may be canceled due to lack of participation. In the event that HLTC would decide to cancel a departure, a full refund will be issued (not including travel insurance). HLTC is not responsible and does not assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the cancellation of air tickets or other arrangements not made through HLTC.

FORCE MAJEURE: Cancellations due to state advisories and/or state warnings, Pandemic, Epidemic, Acts of War, War, Terrorism, Acts of God, Natural Disaster, Force Majeure or any other circumstance outside the control of HLTC, are not the fault of HLTC. Great effort will be made to accommodate passengers on another trip, a postponed date, or to revise itinerary, however, cancellation for any of these reasons will not be eligible for refund and are subject to cancellation fees as stated above.

Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary, either due to changes to the airline schedule, government regulations, travel restrictions, or any other reason. Holy Land Travel Center reserves the right to change the itinerary or name alternate dates due to such unforeseen circumstances or emergencies

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