



## **The Journey of Lifetime**

### **Pilgrimage to Poland, Latvia, Estonia, Finland and Russia**

### **August 31 – September 16, 2019**

#### **Day 01 – August 31 - Departure from Los Angeles**

#### **Day 02 – September 01 - Arrival to Krakow**

Transfer to Hotel. **Overnight in Krakow**

#### **Day 03 - September 02 - Krakow**

The World Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, consecrated by John Paul II in 2002. Here Sister Faustina lived and died. Prayer at the tomb of Saint Faustina. After morning Mass a guided tour in one of Poland's most important religious cities. You'll start your tour in the Old Town area with its Market Square which is considered one of the largest squares in Europe. **Overnight in Krakow**

#### **Day 04 – September 03 - Krakow**

After Breakfast departure to Czestochowa. **Overnight in Czestochowa**

#### **Day 05 – September 04 - Czestochowa**

Czestochowa, the most holy place for the Polish people. There, we will see the famous Black Madonna, which is believed to have been brought to Czestochowa from Jerusalem on August 31, 1382. The city of Czestochowa is the principal center of the Catholic religion in Poland for the last 650 years. Take some time to explore on your own before dinner. **Overnight in Czestochowa**

#### **Day 06 – September 05 - Czestochowa – Lichen**

After Breakfast departure to Lichen – Sanctuary of our Lady of Sorrow, Poland's largest church. The second most visited Poland's religious sanctuary after Czestochowa is Lichen with its two churches: St Dorothy's Church, and the Basilica of our Lady. The gigantic basilica is the largest church in Poland, the seventh largest in Europe and the eleventh largest in the world. **Overnight in Lichen.**

#### **Day 07 – September 06 - Lichen – Bialystok**

On our way we will stop in Warsaw – capital of Poland. We will visit the Old Town. After Lunch departure to Bialystok – City of Mercy. **Dinner and overnight in Bialystok.**

#### **Day 08 – September 07- Bialystok**

Bialystok - the City of Mercy. The City is closely connected with Divine Mercy. Blessed Father Michael Sopocko, Spiritual Director of Saint Faustina, lived and worked here. We will visit Sister Faustina's Chapel in Poleska Street, Home where Father Sopocko lived and worked, Sanctuary of Divine Mercy - prayers at the tomb of Blessed Father Michael Sopocko. **Dinner and overnight in Bialystok**

#### **Day 09 – September 08 - Bialystok – Riga**

Riga is the capital and largest city of Latvia. With 699,203 inhabitants, Riga is the largest city of the Baltic states, one of the largest cities in Northern Europe and home to more than one third of Latvia's population. The city is an important seaport and a major industrial, commercial, cultural of the Baltic Sea region. **Overnight in Riga**

#### **Day 10 – September 09 - Riga – Tallinn**

Tallinn is the capital and largest city of Estonia. It is situated on the northern coast of the country, on the shore of the Gulf of Finland, 80 km (50 mi) south of Helsinki, east of Stockholm and west of Saint Petersburg. Tallinn's Old Town is in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. It is ranked as a global city and has been listed among the top 10 digital cities in the world. **Overnight in Tallinn**

#### **Day 11 – September 10 - Tallinn - Helsinki – Saint Petersburg**

7:30 AM we will depart on Ferry from Tallinn to Helsinki. Breakfast on the Ferry. Upon Arrival we will visit the most important places in Helsinki. Afternoon we will depart to Saint Petersburg. **Overnight in Saint Petersburg**

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### Day 12– September 11 - Saint Petersburg

**PETERHO "Peter's Yard"**, that we are going to visit today, is considered to be the fountain capital of the world, an absolute architectural gem of St. Petersburg. This royal residence on the outskirts of St. Petersburg is most famous for its Versailles- inspired fountain park. It was the official summer residence of Russian tsars and played host to such ruler as Peter the Great. We will visit magnificent Grand Summer Palace, lavishly decorated with the two white pavilions with gilded cupolas at the end of the wings. We will stroll in the vast Lower Park with 176 glorious fountains of various forms and styles and four cascades, majestic palaces, numerous gilded statues of ancient gods and heroes, including the famous Samson Fountain. **Overnight in Saint Petersburg**

### Day 13 - September 12 - Saint Petersburg

After breakfast we will head to one of the greatest and largest art museums in the world - the Hermitage. The museum consists of five historical buildings including the Winter Palace - the residence of the Russian Tsars. The museum contains over 3 million pieces of art with dates ranging from high antiquity to the present day. Among the Hermitage's treasures are artworks by Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Titian, Rembrandt, Rubens as well as many others. We will spend 3 - 5 hours at the museum, however, to view the collection in its entirety would take almost 15 years, spending 8 hours a day in the museum and taking one minute to examine each exhibit. Free Time.

**Overnight in Saint Petersburg**

### Day 14 – September 13 - Saint Petersburg - Moscow

**PUSHKIN (TSARSKOE SELO). Catherine's Palace** was a gift from Peter the Great to his wife, Catherine. The Palace is a striking example of baroque architecture with its gorgeous interiors that are more than spectacular. The so-called Golden Enfilade of state rooms, designed by Rastrelli, is particularly renowned and forms the focus of the palace tour. Catherine's Palace is famous for its Amber Room which was looted during World War II by the Germans during their 300-day siege of St. Petersburg, so that it took more than 50 years to reconstruct the legendary room. Afternoon departure to Moscow by Express Train (800 km – only 3, 5 hours) **Overnight in Moscow**

### Day 15 – September 14 - Moscow

Walking tour of Moscow center Tverskaya street, Bolshoy theatre, KGB building, Alexander's gardens. Red Square - The sights include the elaborate bright-domed building of Saint Basil's Cathedral, monument to Minin and Pozharsky, Gum department store, Lenin's tomb. The Kremlin of Moscow – an ancient city and citadel, the former residence of Russian tsars and Soviet rulers. We will visit the 3 unique cathedrals built in the 15th -16th century. The Armory Chamber - a unique collection of Royal treasures including coronation dresses, thrones, crowns, Faberge Eggs. Arbat Street – an atmospheric pedestrian street of Moscow, a place to listen to street music, to eat dinner and to get a gift in one of its numerous shops. **Overnight in Moscow**

### Day 16 – September 15 - Moscow

Driving tour around Moscow. This 3-hour tour is an opportunity to see some of the most interesting places in Moscow. We visit the lover's bridge, Christ the Savior Cathedral, Victory Park, and have a stop near the magnificent Novodevichy convent. The highlight of the tour is MGU (Moscow State University) and Sparrow Hills, the highest point in the city. From there you can enjoy an excellent panoramic view of Moscow. Tretyakov Gallery - contains the largest collection of Russian art in the world. Free Time. **Overnight in Moscow**

### Day 17 – September 16 - Moscow – Los Angeles.

**Departure from Sheremetyevo International Airport in Moscow (SVO) to Los Angeles**

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**Estimated Price: \$ 4,150.00**

#### **All-inclusive Tour Prices:**

- Scheduled transatlantic flight: LAX - Warsaw Moscow - LAX
- All Motor Coach Transportation - Accommodations in religious institution or Hotel (Double Room) - Breakfast and Dinner
- Sightseeing – Taxes
- Religious Activities and Daily Holy Mass - Services of Professional Tour Directors/ Guides

**Not Included: Russian Visa (\$310.00), Lunches, Drinks, Insurance, Baggage responsibility, Optional Tours, Tips for Drivers and Tour Guide. Single supplement \$830.00 additional**

**Note: If you register before January 31, 2019 we will pay your Mandatory Travel Insurance**

**Deposit of \$500.00 per person** is required at time of booking to secure reservation.

**Balance: 50% on or before March 01,2019. 50% on or before May 01,2019.**

#### **General Terms and Conditions**

All prices quoted in this flyer are based on airfares, land and exchange rates in effect in November, 2018 and on group rates of 35 passengers or more. All prices are subject to change without notice prior to departure due to major currency fluctuations, fuel price increases and/or unforeseen economic conditions. We reserve the right to change the price of this tour and to change the hotel and itinerary without previous Notice.

Please complete the registration form with full name as it appears on passport and mail it to us with your check for full Payment per person.

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