

# TRIUMPH OF THE HEART PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

*including an optional extension to Zakopane*

**with Dr. Marcellino and Susan D'Ambrosio  
and Anthony D'Ambrosio, creator and  
director of Triumph of the Heart film  
about St. Maximilian Kolbe**

**10 Days August 7-16, 2026  
Zakopane Extension: August 15-18, 2026**



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Known as “Dr. Italy” Marcellino is a NY Times best-selling author who has been a guest commentator on Fox News, EWTN, and Relevant Radio. Mentored by renowned Jesuit theologian Avery Cardinal Dulles, Marcellino is an expert in the Bible and Church history who has led over 25 pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Author of the ground-breaking study of Christ, filmed in the Holy Land, Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life (JesusWTL.info), Marcellino will be our principal guide on this pilgrimage. Learn more about him on DoctorItaly.com.



After four years of seminary and a fruitful tour of duty as a Catholic Youth minister, filmmaker, and business owner Anthony D'Ambrosio faced a crisis. A prolonged dark night of sleeplessness and anxiety came upon him that no doctor could treat or diagnose. This led to despair and loss of his faith. Hearing about Kolbe's heroic quest to bring meaning to the suffering of fellow Auschwitz prisoners, Anthony rediscovered Christ and found meaning in his own suffering. In gratitude, he wrote and directed Triumph of the Heart, the great Catholic film of 2025 that shares Kolbe's story with the world.

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## WHAT'S THE COST?

**Land and Group Air - \$4995.00**

**Land Only - \$3995.00**

**Solo Traveler - \$895.00\***

*\*additional cost*

**Ext. to Zakopane - \$995.00**

*must have a minimum of 20 people for the extension*

**Ext. Solo Traveler - \$295.00\***

*\*additional cost*

*Prices are per person*

*Land Only - Option to purchase air on your own and meet the group at the airport on August 8, 2026*

*Group Air Price based on a minimum of 10 passengers*

*Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than May 4, 2026*

*Final payment is due June 8, 2026*

**Register online now - [selectinternationaltours.com](https://selectinternationaltours.com)**

**Trip Code: 26JA08PLMD**

### August 7, Day 1, Friday: DEPART USA

We depart from DFW or New York on an overnight flight to Warsaw. Dinner and breakfast are served on the plane. Premium economy and business class airfare quotes are available upon request and will be provided starting 120 days before departure. We work with group airfares, which do not permit us to assist with seat selection. If seat location is an important feature for you, please book a land-only package with us and arrange your own air travel.

### August 8, Day 2, Saturday: ARRIVAL IN WARSAW

Upon arrival in Warsaw, we are greeted by our Select International Tour Manager, who will accompany us throughout the trip and assist with luggage and boarding the motorcoach. We begin by visiting St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, where Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko served and where he is buried. Here, we learn about his life and explore the small museum. We celebrate Mass before gathering for the welcome dinner at our hotel. Overnight in Warsaw. (D)

### August 9, Day 3, Sunday: WARSAW

Following breakfast at the hotel, which is included each morning, we enjoy a walking tour of Old Town, which includes the Barbican, Market Square, St. John's Cathedral, Royal Castle Square, and the Royal Castle (exterior view). We drive along the scenic Royal Route through the glamorous Nowy Świat shopping streets, mostly rebuilt after WWII, ending at Łazienki Park with its gardens, palaces, and Chopin Monument. Mass will be celebrated in Warsaw's St. John's Cathedral. Dinner and overnight in Warsaw. (B,D)

### August 10, Day 4, Monday: THE SHRINE OF ST. KOLBE IN NIEPOKALANÓW

We depart for Niepokalanów, the City of the Immaculate, founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe. We explore the Sanctuary of Niepokalanów and

learn about St. Maximilian Kolbe's devotion to the Virgin Mary. Following lunch and Mass, we drive to Częstochowa for dinner and an overnight. (B,D)

### August 11, Day 5, Tuesday: OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

This morning, we visit Częstochowa, home to Our Lady of Częstochowa, one of Poland's most revered pilgrimage sites. Explore Jasna Góra Monastery and see the miraculous Black Madonna image. Have time for private prayer and devotion following Mass. In the afternoon, we drive to Kraków for dinner and an overnight. (B,D)

### August 12, Day 6, Wednesday: ST. JOHN PAUL II CENTER and DIVINE MERCY SHRINE

This morning, we visit the Have No Fear Center, also known as the John Paul II Sanctuary and Center. The visit offers us insights into his life and mission. Nearby, we visit the Divine Mercy Shrine, a place of deep spiritual significance associated with St. Faustina Kowalska. One of the sisters will welcome us and give us a talk about St. Faustina's life and work at the Shrine. Following our private Mass, we visit the site where Saint Faustina lived and worked. We have time for private prayer and devotion. Dinner and overnight in Kraków. (B,D)

### August 13, Day 7, Thursday: KRAKÓW

Today, we explore the beautiful city of Kraków, following in the footsteps of Saint John Paul II. We visit Wawel Castle, the Cathedral, and other places frequented by St. John Paul II during his early years. Our visit includes St. Peter and St. Paul's Church and St. Florian's Church. After lunch, we visit the Franciscan Church where St. Maximilian Kolbe once lived and where St. John Paul II often prayed. Mass will be celebrated. In the afternoon, we become familiar with the Jewish Ghetto. Tonight, dinner is at leisure, with the opportunity to explore the food scene in one of the cafes along the main square of Kraków. (B)

## YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Round-trip airfare from Dallas or New York/JFK to Warsaw/Krakow to Dallas or New York/JFK
  - Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
  - First-class hotels for 8 nights
  - Service charges and hotel taxes
  - Buffet breakfast daily
  - 5 Hotel dinners (standard 3-course menu; beverages may be purchased at an additional cost)
  - Wedding dinner with music and wine
  - Special dinner at brewery (beverages may be purchased at an additional cost)
  - All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per the itinerary
  - Professional English-speaking Christian tour guide throughout
  - Entrance fees are included to sites specifically listed (outside view means no entrance is included)
  - Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person in/out)
  - Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
  - Confirmation of daily private Mass
  - Whisper sets
  - For your convenience, tips of \$200.00 will be added to the invoice and collected ahead of time, \$40.00 for the extension
  - Bottled water on the bus
  - Beverages at meals, unless otherwise noted
  - Church donations
  - Airport transfers for land-only passengers, unless at the airport at the same time as the group
- BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:**
- Airline baggage charges
  - Baggage handling at the airports and hotels is limited to one suitcase per person.
  - Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage, including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges.
- RATES DO NOT INCLUDE**
- Personal expenses
  - Trip Protection Insurance (highly recommended)
  - Any items not explicitly mentioned in the inclusions

### **August 14, Day 8, Friday: FEAST DAY OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE – AUSCHWITZ**

Today is a day of sadness and celebration as we visit the former concentration camp of Auschwitz and see the cell where St. Maximilian Kolbe was held, along with many other prisoners. We celebrate Mass with the local Catholics. At the Martyrs Museum, we pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Next door, we visit the Carmelite Convent, established to make reparation for the sins of the Holocaust, as well as the nearby church with striking paintings depicting St. Maximilian Kolbe's sacrifice. Before returning to Kraków, we visit the Franciscan Monastery, which features a labyrinth. This emotionally difficult but very important day concludes with a celebration of life, featuring dinner and dancing at one of the restaurants that hosts traditional Polish weddings. Overnight in Kraków. (B. Special dinner with beverages)

### **August 15, Day 9, Saturday: FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION CELEBRATED IN POPE JOHN PAUL II'S BIRTHPLACE plus VISIT TO THE KALWARIA**

This morning, we drive to Wadowice, the birthplace of Saint John Paul II. We celebrate Mass with the locals at his childhood parish, where he was baptized. We then tour his house, now a museum, and have the opportunity to try his favorite cake during our lunch at leisure. Later in the afternoon, we drive to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, one of Saint John Paul II's favorite pilgrimage sites, located on the way back to Kraków. It was here that the Saint came with his father after his mother's passing, instructing him: "This is your mother now." This Franciscan sanctuary, designed in imitation of Calvary, offers a profound spiritual experience, also linking it to St. Maximilian Kolbe, who was himself a Franciscan. For those who are not continuing on the extension to Zakopane, return to Kraków for a special dinner at a local brewery. Overnight in Kraków. (B. Special Dinner)

### **August 16, Day 10, Sunday: RETURN TO US**

After breakfast, we depart for the airport and our flight home. (B)

### **OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO ZAKOPANE:**

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#### **August 16, DAY 10, Sunday: ZAKOPANE – OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE – HIKING or EXPLORING THE TOWN**

We celebrate Mass with the highlanders at the Shrine of Our Lady, built by the locals to commemorate Pope John Paul II's recovery from the assassination attempt through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. In the afternoon, we take a funicular to the top of the mountain Gubalowka for incredible views of the region. We may also go hiking or enjoy a visit to the town of Zakopane. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant. Overnight in Zakopane. (B. Special Dinner)

#### **August 17, DAY 11, Monday: RIVER RAFTING – KRAKÓW**

We celebrate Mass, check out of the hotel, and enjoy a morning of fun and river rafting. We stop for lunch at a traditional Polish restaurant and then return to Kraków. Dinner is at leisure tonight. Overnight in Kraków. (B.L)

#### **August 18, DAY 12, Tuesday: RETURN TO US**

After breakfast, we depart for the airport and our flight home. (B)





### Triumph of the Heart Pilgrimage to Poland with an optional extension to Zakopane

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#### DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:

- **This is an exclusive, by invitation-only, pilgrimage hosted by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, who reserves the right to approve all requests to participate in the tour.**
- Please use the QR code on the front of this brochure to enroll.
- A deposit of \$500.00 per person should accompany your registration by May 4, 2026.
- Final payment is due by June 8, 2026.\*
- Your passport must be valid through February 18, 2027.

All prices are based on payment via check. A convenience fee of 4% will be charged for credit card payments. We also take payment via Zelle.

Please mail your payment to: Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822, Attn: Jane Allison, 800-842-4842, jane@select-intl.com.

**PILGRIMAGE PRICES:** Trip price is based on a minimum of 30 passengers. Prices may be adjusted for fewer travelers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices for this trip are in US dollars. For European travel, an exchange rate of US \$1.18 per Euro is assumed. \*A late payment fee of \$100.00 per person will be charged for all payments received after the final payment due date.

**SOLO TRAVEL:** A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee roommates, but will do our best to connect you with someone willing to share.

**LAND-ONLY OPTION:** Land-only services start and end at the hotels and do not include any airfare. You are welcome to transfer from the airport with the group if you arrive at the same time; otherwise, transfers are not included.

**TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY:** Individual deposits are refundable except for a \$350.00 per person handling fee for cancellations made 91 days or more before departure. A \$500.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled between 90 and 60 days prior to departure. Within 60 days of departure, all payments are non-refundable regardless of the reason for cancellation. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. If a roommate cancels, the cost of a solo supplement will be added to your invoice. You may be eligible for a refund through your travel protection provider.

**TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION:** We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation/travel accident insurance for every passenger to protect their investment (all payments are non-refundable 60 days before departure). PLEASE NOTE that in most cases travel protection must be purchased within 14 days. Additionally, some options are not available to residents of NY. Please see <https://selectinternationaltours.com/travel-protection-plans/> or call Trawick International at 1-888-681-6272 for complete details, restrictions, and deadlines.

**AIRLINE, SEATING AND CHANGES:** To best accommodate our pilgrims, we utilize Group Air Reservations. This affords more predictable space and pricing. However, the airline (not Select International Tours) assigns seats when the group tickets are issued. If you require very specific seats, we suggest you take advantage of the "Land Only" option and book your own airfare. Airline ticket name changes due to missing, incorrect, or incomplete information provided during registration will result in fees of at least \$350 per traveler. Switching reservations from Air and Land to Land Only within 100 days of departure will incur a minimum fee of \$150.00 per person. Quotes for Business class and Premium Coach seats are available upon written request, as are add-ons from your hometown airport.

**SPECIAL NEEDS AND REQUESTS:** All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be received in writing at least 60 days before departure. People needing a wheelchair should bring their own and travel with a companion who can provide care for them.

**WALKING:** Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing by walking before the trip. A qualified and physically able travel companion must accompany anyone needing assistance. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs before, during, or after the trip.

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This trip is open to passengers 10 years or older with appropriate adult supervision.

**SHIPPING & HANDLING:** \$15.00 per person—not included in the package price—will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip registration.

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