



A Pilgrimage to Krakow and Auschwitz.

Tracing the footsteps of Pope John Paul II, you begin your visit to Krakow with a journey just a few miles from the city to the small Polish town of Wadowice, birthplace of Poland most famous and beloved son. Here you are made aware of the humble origins of this great man, visiting the home he shared with his father and the Church where he was baptised.

In Krakow you will visit the Cathedral, Archbishop's House, famous for the 'Pope's Window', where candles are continuously lit by pilgrims and friends, and other sites in the city associated with the most famous Archbishop of Krakow. You would also celebrate Mass in the first church in the city where he served as a young priest.

You would also visit The Convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, home of Saint Faustine, Apostle of the Divine Mercy, and the Basilica dedicated to her memory.

Visiting Auschwitz, you will be staying in the Centre of Dialogue and Prayer, a retreat house attached to Mount Carmel, and you would focus on the lives of Maximillian Kolbe, praying Morning Prayer at his cell, and Edith Stein, with a celebration of Mass in the convent itself. Spending time in the Memorial museum the emphasis on your visit would be faith and prayer in Auschwitz, and attempting to make some kind of sense of the terrible events that happened here. Auschwitz opens up the religious questions. Where was God? Where was humanity? You will have time for prayer and reflection.

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