

## TRIP TO SILESIA (POLAND and the Czech Republic)

June 18-July 2, 2018

On this trip we will focus only on Silesia that today is a part of Poland and the Czech Republic. From San Antonio we will travel to the region of "Little Poland" and its capital – Krakow. We will tour the city of Krakow, visiting many important historical places and some of the museums. We will pray at the Basilica of Devine Mercy in Krakow-Lagiewniki, visit the John Paul II Center as well as tour the Salt Mine Museum in Wieliczka. After four days in "Little Poland" we will travel to the region of Silesia, where the Silesian "Polish" Texans are from. On the way we will stop first in Wadowice, the birthplace of St. John Paul II and then in Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Oswiecim. When in Silesia we will visit Wroclaw the capital of Lower Silesia, pray at the tomb of St. Hedwig, the princess of Silesia in Trzebnica and at the Shrine of St. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus, who protects the families and brings generations together. We will not forget about Czestochowa, the religious capitol of Poland, where we will pray in front of the Icon of the Black Madonna. Traveling through the region of Silesia we will also visit Raciborz and cross to the Czech Republic to visit Opava – One of the Silesian Principalities that remain in the Austro-Hungarian Empire after the partition of Silesia between Prussia and Austria in 1742. After eating a lot of potatoes and drinking local beer for thirteen days we will be hungry for enchiladas and ready to fly home to Texas as quickly as possible. Yes, we will do some intensive walking.

EXCLUSIVE FIFTEEN DAY TOUR: COST OF THE TRIP IS \$3,350.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$400.

### TRIP INCLUDES:

- DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ROOMS WITH BATH OR SHOWER
- GENERAL ADMISSION TO ALL ATTRACTIONS
- SERVICE OF ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDES

### NOT INCLUDED:

- INSURANCE
- TIPS TO GUIDES, DRIVERS, AND BELLBOYS
- FOOD OR BEVERAGES NOT ON THE REGULAR MENU

### \*\*\*GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS:

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** a VALID U.S. passport is required for travel. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please note that you are responsible to check visa requirements.

**LAND ARRANGEMENTS:** The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

***THE WHOLE TRIP IS SPONSORED BY THE FATHER LEOPOLD MOCZYGEMBA FOUNDATION WHICH BUILDS BRIDGES BETWEEN TEXAS AND SILESIA.***

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## OUR ITINERARY

### **Trip to Silesia (Poland and The Czech Republic) - June 18 - July 2, 2018**

Day 1/Monday, June 18- Travel from San Antonio, TX to Krakow, Poland.

Day 2/Tuesday, June 19- Arrive in Krakow, Poland. Accommodations at the hotel. In the evening visit the main square of Krakow - BLD.

Day 3/Wednesday, June 20- Visit Wavel Castle and then shopping at the main square in Krakow. On this day we will also visit some museums and other historical attractions in this city. BLD

Day 4/Thursday, June 21- Visit the Basilica of Divine Mercy and the John Paul II Center in Lagiewniki. Lunch at the Pastoral Center in Lagiewniki. In the afternoon, we will visit the Salt Mine in Wieliczka. BLD

Day 5/ Friday, June 22- On this day we will load our luggage on the bus and travel to Silesia. On the way we will visit Wadowice, the birthplace of St. John Paul II. Then we will travel to Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Our dinner will be at the Shopping Center Silesia in Katowice. In the evening, we will check-in at the Hotel. BLD

Day 6/Saturday, June 23- We will travel to Płużnica Wielka, the birthplace of Fr. Leopold Moczygomba and then visit Toszek, the former Capital of the Toszek Principality in Silesia. In the afternoon we will first stop in Krasiejow, where we will tour the dinosaur park and then visit the 19<sup>th</sup> century Silesian village in Bierkowiec near Opole. BLD

Day 7/Sunday, June 24- We will participate in an outdoor mass at the Mount of St. Anna. On the way back to our hotel we will visit the castle in Kamień Śląski, the birthplace of St. Hyacinth (St. Jacinto). Our dinner will be in Sławięcice, the birthplace of Father Frank. BLD

Day 8/ Monday, June 25 - Travel to Wrocław, Trzebnica & Brzeg. Wrocław is the Capital of lower Silesia, a city with rich and complex history that has existed for 1,000 yrs. The city, now in Poland, has a museum with a large panoramic picture presenting the battle between the Polish and Russian Army of 1795. The Polish Army was led by the Polish & American hero, Tadeusz Kosciuszko. In Trzebnica we will visit the tomb of St. Hedwig, the canonized princess of Silesia, and In Brzeg we will tour the town and a castle. BLD

Day 9/ Tuesday, June 26- We will travel to Opole, the capital of Upper Silesia, where we will visit the Holy Cross Cathedral and the Diocesan museum. From Opole we will travel to Nysa, the Silesian Rome, and on the way back to our hotel we will stop to see a castle in Moszna. BLD

Day 10/Wednesday, June 27- On this day we will travel to Raciborz, Rudy Raciborskie, and Opava. In Rudy, we will visit an old Cistercian monastery and in Raciborz, one of the seats of the old Silesian Principality - we will tour the town and visit some of the historical places. In the afternoon, we will cross the border between Poland and the Czech Republic in order to visit the town of Opava – the seat of the historical Silesian Principality of Opava that after the war between Prussia and Austria over the succession in Austria remained as part of the Austrian Empire (1742) and then since 1919 was part of Czechoslovakia. BLD

Day 11/Thursday, June 28- Travel to Częstochowa, the religious capital of Poland, and celebrate the Eucharist in front of the icon of the Black Madonna. On the way back to the hotel we will visit some of the towns and villages where the Silesian "Polish" Texans are from. BLD

Day 12/Friday, June 29- We will travel to Tychy, to try the local beer and then travel to Wisła and the Beskidy Mountains. We will also visit a cowboy village in Zory. BLD

Day 13/ Saturday, June 30 - In the morning we will visit the shrine of Our Lady of Piekary and then do some shopping. BLD

Day 14/ Sunday, July 1 - After Breakfast, we will travel to Studzionka, near Ujazd Śląski, and participate in a special pilgrimage honoring the blessed mother on the Feast of the Visitation. After lunch we will pack our luggage and travel to Krakow where we will spend the last night of our trip. BLD

Day 15/ Monday, July 2- Return trip to the USA.