



POLAND & MEDJUGORJE

*Pilgrimage of Divine Mercy &
Peace*

APRIL 6 - 17, 2026

Join Father Samy, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima in Benton, and Kathy Primm, Manager of Sue Smith Vacations, on a faith-filled pilgrimage through Poland. Explore Warsaw, Kraków, the Divine Mercy Shrine, and the Wieliczka Salt Mines; reflect at the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Camp and the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial; visit Wadowice, birthplace of St. John Paul II, and Kalwaria Zebrzydowska. In Częstochowa, pray at Jasna Góra before culminating in Medjugorje at the shrine of Our Lady, Queen of Peace.



Your Travel Professionals

Details and registration form inside

\$5173

per person double occupancy - price includes daily Mass, lodging, main cabin airfare from Little Rock, breakfast and dinners, entrance fees to scheduled sites.

Gratuities of \$225 per person will be added to final invoices

Single Supplement \$900 - Deposit of \$1000 per person required at the time of registration. Final Payment is due by February 15, 2026.

From the Black Madonna of Jasna Góra to Our Lady, Queen of Peace in Medjugorje—walk a pilgrimage of mercy and faith.



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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: TUE, 07 APRIL - ARRIVE KRAKOW

Welcome to Krakow, Poland! Upon arrival, make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the Arrival's Hall, where you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Transfer to your hotel. Following check-in at your hotel, your pilgrimage will officially begin with Mass. Following Mass, enjoy a delicious dinner and have the opportunity to explore the city of Krakow before retiring for a restful overnight.

DAY 2: WED, 08 APRIL - KRAKOW - WIELICZKA - KRAKOW

After breakfast, you will explore Krakow's Market Square as the sound of the silver trumpet from St. Mary's Tower fills the air. The captivating beauty of this square is largely due to the fact that it has remained unchanged for almost 700 years. It contains a number of buildings that hold important historic value such as, the Town Hall Tower, the Cloth Hall, and the Burgher's houses. Following your time in this longstanding square, you will make your way to Wawel Hill, where you will visit the beautiful Cathedral, and Coronation Chapel.

DAY 3: THU, 09 APRIL - KRAKOW - WADOWICE - KALWARIA ZEBRZYDZOWSKA - LAGIEWNIKI - KRAKOW

In the morning we travel to Wadowice, Pope John Paul II's birthplace. We visit the Family House of the Holy Father John Paul II Museum and the Basilica of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary where Pope was baptized, received his First Communion and Confirmation. At the end, we recommend you try Pope's favourite cream-cake called in Polish "kremowki" available at every bakery in Wadowice. On the way back to Krakow we stop in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, the "Jerusalem of Poland", and one of Poland's foremost sanctuaries. It comprises of a Baroque Basilica, a Bernardine Monastery; and 42 chapels and small churches dedicated to the passion of Christ and the life of Mary. The sanctuary was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Kalwaria Zebrzydowska is closely connected with St. John Paul II, who spoke of visiting it many times as a child, young man, priest, and bishop. Then we head Lagiewniki, the capital of the Divine Mercy. Through the mediation of St. Faustina, Christ passed on the message of Divine Mercy at Lagiewniki. While here, you will have the opportunity to visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy that contains images of the Merciful Jesus, relics of St. Faustina, as well as, the Saint's convent chapel and her Tomb. Visit and celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Divinity (subject to availability), which was visited by Saint John Paul II in 2002. Following Mass, have the opportunity to pray by a relic of Saint John Paul II. Return to Krakow for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: FRI, 10 APRIL - KRAKOW - ZAKOPANE - KRAKOW

After breakfast, you will drive through the mountains to the breath-taking, yet small and remote village of Zakopane. Take a cable car ride to the nearby mountaintop. At the top, you will truly experience God's magnificent Glory when you look out at the magnificent panoramic view. Following the many photos captured atop the mountain, head to the Jaszczorowka Chapel. This architecturally distinct chapel was visited many times by the young, Karol Wojtyla (Saint John Paul II). As a young boy, Karol Wojtyla often used the walking paths surrounding the Jaszczorowka Chapel for prayer and reflection. After you experience this beautiful site that assisted in Saint John Paul II's Holy journey, you will continue your tour to the colourful, Krupowki Street. While on this street, you will have the opportunity to do some shopping at the local bazaar before returning to Krakow. Enjoy a beautiful dinner and an optional stroll through the old city before retiring for the evening. Dinner and overnight in Krakow.

DAY 5: SAT, 11 APRIL - KRAKOW - AUSCHWITZ- BIRKENAU - CZESTOCHOWA

Breakfast at the hotel. Next, a short drive to Auschwitz, notoriously known as a German concentration camp during the Second World War. Upon arriving at the former camp, you can feel the darkness and sorrow that overtakes the atmosphere as there were numerous unspeakable atrocities that occurred at this site. Additionally, while on this visit, you will have the opportunity to view the cell that imprisoned the Christ-like, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and visit the Martyrdom Museum. Continue to the home of the grandest pilgrimage shrine of Poland since the 14th century - Jasna Gora Monastery. This hill-top monastery is home to the beloved icon of the Black Madonna. Additionally, Saint John Paul II is said to have made frequent visits to this monastery throughout his life. Tradition tells us that this icon was painted by Luke the Evangelist, discovered by St. Helen, and later enshrined. While here, you will have the opportunity to venerate not only the Holy Icon, but also many other priceless treasures that are contained within. Following your prayerful visit to the Chapel of the Black Madonna, we go for check-in and dinner at the hotel.

DAY 6: SUN, 12 APRIL – CZESTOCHOWA – SWINICE WARCKIE- NIEPOKALANOW- WARSAW

This morning, you will enjoy breakfast followed by mass at the monastery before the transfer to the village of Swinice Warckie. In Swinice Warckie, visit the church of St. Casimir. This historically rich parish is the site of baptism for St. Faustina (formally known as, Helena Kowalska). Little Helena received her first confession, and First Holy Communion, at this parish. Additionally, she and her family attended Sunday Mass and other services at this church. After visiting this simple, yet elegant church, we will continue to Niepokalanow. This Franciscan Monastery is in the community of Teresin, and was founded by martyr, St. Maximilian Kolbe. This remarkable saint was arrested by the Nazis and died in Auschwitz, giving his life for the life of another prisoner. Following your visit to this Holy Monastery, we continue to Warsaw. Upon arrival in the Capital city of Poland, you will check-in to your hotel, enjoy a magnificent dinner, and a restful overnight.

DAY 7: MON, 13 APRIL – WARSAW

Your day will begin with breakfast followed by Mass at St. James Church (subject to availability), iconic for its tower and square base. This church is where Helena Kowalska prayed extensively upon entering Warsaw. Also, it is where she confessed all that burdened her soul, and asked for the advice of Rev. James Dabrowski, which eventually resulted in the Saint entering the convent. Following this prayerful morning, your day of sightseeing begins. Your group will explore the Old Town, comprised of beautiful maze-like cobblestone streets and picturesque architecture that are symbols of Poland's successful rebuild following its destruction during World War II. Some of the sites will include the Market Square (the center of the city filled with restaurants, cafes and shops), the Barbican, defense-like structures that have been rebuilt following World War II, and the Warsaw Ghetto monument that commemorates the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943 during World War II. You will also take in the Lazienki Park, a beautifully landscaped park, the Chopin Statue (a large bronze statue of musician, Frederic Chopin), and the Royal Castle (the official residence of the Polish monarchs). In the afternoon, visit the Stanislaw Kostka Church and view a special exhibit dedicated to Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko. This priest was a great personality of the Catholic Church, and killed by communists in 1984. In 1987, Saint John Paul II visited here to pray in front of Fr. Popieluszko's tomb. Your tour of Warsaw will conclude by returning to the hotel for a delicious meal, followed by an overnight at your hotel.

DAY 8: TUE, 14 APRIL – WARSAW – MEDJUGORJE (Split or Dubrovnik)

An early morning departure from Warsaw for your flights to Medjugorje. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by a tour guide and/or driver who will then take you on the 2.5-hour drive by private coach to the village of Medjugorje.

DAYS 9-11: MEDJUGORJE

The most beautiful features of Medjugorje are its simplicity and peace. While in Medjugorje, you may experience your faith grow, and share in the faith journey of pilgrims from all over the world. A local guide will accompany your group throughout your stay in the village.

Some activities that will accompany you in your spiritual journey:

Attend Daily Mass: Each morning at 10:00 AM, your group will assemble at St. James Church for Mass (English-Speaking). At the end of each Mass, regardless of language, there is a blessing of the religious articles that you have with you.

On Feast Days and Sundays: English Mass is at 12 PM.

Climb Apparition Hill: This mountainous hill is where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady. At the base of this hill is a Blue Cross, where it is said Our Lady appeared to the children while they hid from the communist police in the early days of the alleged apparitions. While climbing, your group is invited to recite the Rosary, pausing five times for each decade of the Rosary. At the top of the hill, you will witness the exact location of the first alleged apparition of Our Lady to the visionaries, and enjoy private time for prayer.

Climb Mt. Krizevac (Cross Mountain): In 1933, the villagers built a 30' high cross atop a mountain to commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Your group will have the opportunity to climb this mountain, and venerate that very cross. While climbing, your group is invited to pray the Stations of the Cross (to meditate on Jesus' suffering Road to Calvary), pausing fifteen times for each Station.

Apparitions: Each evening at 5 PM or 6 PM (depending on daylight savings time), your group will join the villagers and fellow pilgrims of Medjugorje in saying the Rosary, as all anxiously await the alleged arrival of Our Lady to the visionaries. Following the apparition, at 5:40 PM (6:40 PM during Daylight Savings Time), feel free to stay at St. James Church and attend the Croatian Mass. Following the Croatian Mass, there is a Blessing of the Sick.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Our Lady has always called us to be close to her Son. For this, you will have the opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament at the altar outside of St. James Church. Adoration is held on Tuesdays and Saturdays; Veneration of the Cross is held on Fridays inside the church. Additionally, there is an Adoration Chapel on the grounds of St. James Church, where Adoration is held in the afternoon hours.

Visit the Community of Cenacolo:

Pilgrims will have the opportunity to visit the Community of Cenacolo, founded by Sr. Elvira Petrozzi, for young men and women who have taken the wrong path and are on the road to recovery. You will be able to listen to their inspirational testimonies about their journeys back to Jesus Christ.

Prayer at the Statue of the Risen Christ: The bronze statue of the Risen Christ is located on the grounds of St. James Church. Many pilgrims sit and pray on the benches surrounding this peaceful statue. This statue miraculously seeps droplets of water at all times of the day, out of Christ's right knee.

* Your time in Medjugorje is intended to provide a personal retreat. As such, your time in Medjugorje is not designed to be a "tour" but rather, to provide opportunities for prayer and reflection as you feel. With limited tours to be taken in order to prepare your mind for prayer.

Daily Mass in English and English confessions are available at St. James Church in Medjugorje.

DAY 11: FRI, 17 APRIL - MEDJUGORJE - USA

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, you will leave by motor coach for Dubrovnik Airport (Split or Sarajevo) for return flights home.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

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Tour Prices: All prices in this brochure are based on land rates and exchange rates in effect at the time of printing and on group rates of 25 passengers. Tours may depart with less than the required number of passengers, at the discretion of Sue Smith Vacations an additional charge will apply. Passengers will be advised about such surcharges 60 days before departure. All prices are subject to change without notice prior to departure due to major currency fluctuations and/or unforeseen economic circumstances.

Physical Disclaimer for pilgrimage - Pilgrimages, by their nature, are about a journey. You can expect to walk 3-7 miles daily to participate in all Masses and sightseeing. Some days could be fewer than 5 miles if it involves mostly traveling by bus to the next city. In historic towns, many streets are uneven, made of cobblestone or not paved. You can also expect that you will have to go up and down stairs to get on and off the bus and ascend and descend hills to get into churches, hotels and religious sites.

In addition, it is very unlikely we will be at hotels with porters who can help you with your suitcases. You will be responsible for taking them from the bus to your hotel room and back down. While we want everyone interested to join us, we want to be clear about what you could expect. If you have physical limitations, please prayerfully consider if joining us would be the best pilgrimage experience for you or your family member.

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payments: Please complete the Participant Agreement, with full names as they appear on passports, and mail it to us with the required per-person deposit. Deposit of \$800 plus the cost of travel insurance is required to hold your spot on the tour. Deposits and tour costs are non-refundable. Final Payment is due by **February 15, 2026**. Late Reservations: If a booking is made within 60 days of departure, full payment is due at the time of booking. There will be a \$50 late processing fee applicable plus cost of any express or overnight mail services.

Travel Documents: A valid passport (valid for six months after the return date of the trip) is required to travel. Visa is required for U.S. passport holders traveling to some destinations; please contact our office for details. All non-U.S. citizens must contact the appropriate consular office for entry visa requirements pertaining to their trip. Passport expiration date must be after **October 27, 2026**.

In addition non-U.S. citizens are responsible for complying with requirements for re-entry into the U.S. Sue Smith Vacations (SSV) and its partner vendors assume no responsibility for procurement of passports or visas. Obtaining and carrying these documents is the sole responsibility of passengers. SSV and its partner vendors will not be responsible for any delays, damages and/or losses, including missed portions of your trip due to improper travel documentation.

Final Documents: All documents and tickets are only issued upon receipt of final payment and are sent within three weeks of departure. Documents are not guaranteed if final payment and booking form are not received on time.

Air from Home City: Air from LIT in Main Cabin Economy (Coach) will be added.

Rooms: Prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a hotel room. Single rooms are available at an additional cost of \$900.00, in some cases, when requested, we may be able to find an appropriate roommate for passengers .

Medical Conditions: While we endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers, we cannot guarantee special facilities or assistance for disabled passengers and it is your responsibility to arrange for such assistance as required. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance. SSV and its partner vendors are not responsible for any medical conditions that may occur prior, during, or after the tour.

Medical Disclaimer: By participating in this pilgrimage with SSV, all travelers acknowledge and agree to the following: SSV and its affiliates are not responsible for any medical condition, injury, illness, or health-related issue that may arise before, during, or after the pilgrimage. All participants are solely responsible for their own health and medical needs throughout the duration of the trip. Each traveler is required to carry their personal health insurance card at all times and must be financially prepared to cover any medical expenses incurred, whether related to pre-existing conditions, emergencies, or unexpected health concerns. This includes but is not limited to, doctor visits, hospital stays, medications, and medical evacuation if necessary. By joining this pilgrimage, you confirm that you understand and accept full responsibility for any medical costs that may arise and that Sue Smith Vacations, or any of our affiliates hold no financial liability under any circumstances.

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Travel Insurance: Travel Insurance is highly recommended and available at a cost of \$499 per person—this protects your and provides primary health insurance coverage while traveling on foreign soil. ****Pricing of insurance is subject to change until policy is purchased and payment received.***



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REGISTRATION FORM

To reserve you place, please complete this form and mail with payment and a copy of the photo page of your passport to:

Sue Smith Vacations - 3806 JFK Blvd., North Little Rock, AR 72116

Passenger 1

Name (as appears on passport) _____
Name (for nametag) _____ Date of Birth _____ M ____ F ____
Single Room ____ Yes ____ No (limited availability - single supplement \$900)
Passport Number _____ Expiration Date _____
____ Copy of Passport Attached TSA Pre/Check or Global Entry _____
Cell Phone Number _____ Email Address _____
Home Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip ____
Emergency Contact _____ Cell Phone _____
Relationship _____

Passenger 2

Name (as appears on passport) _____
Name (for nametag) _____ Date of Birth _____ M ____ F ____
Passport Number _____ Expiration Date _____
____ Copy of Passport Attached TSA Pre/Check or Global Entry _____
Home Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip ____
Emergency Contact _____ Cell Phone _____
Relationship _____

Trip is Non-Refundable - We will assist with filing insurance claims if canceled for a covered reason according to the policy

_____ \$1499 per person reservation deposit includes optional travel insurance

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_____ \$1000 per person reservation deposit (if insurance declined.) Absolutely no refunds

_____ My check payable to Sue Smith Vacations is enclosed

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Card Number _____ Expiration _____ Security Code _____

Amount \$ _____ Name as appears on Card _____

Card Holder Signature _____

Final Payment Dute on February 15, 2026

I have read the terms and conditions on pages 5&6 of this registration brochure. My signature below is my agreement to the terms and conditions and that I understand the physical requirements of a pilgrimage.

Passenger 1 _____ Date _____

Passenger 2 _____ Date _____

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please list any medical concerns that we need to be aware of

Please list any special dietary restrictions

List any allergies (medical or food)



With over 33 years of experience in the travel industry, Kathy Primm, CTA, has dedicated her career to guiding others on unforgettable journeys—and meaningful walks of faith. As manager at Sue Smith Vacations, Kathy has organized more than 20 Catholic pilgrimages around the world, each one thoughtfully crafted to inspire spiritual growth and deep connection. Her passion for travel and her heart for ministry shine through in every detail. For Kathy, these aren't just trips—they're sacred journeys of the soul.

“POLAND HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE LAND OF A STRONG FAITH, A LAND OF SAINTS AND MARTYRS.” – ST. JOHN PAUL II