

Proposed Itinerary Crafted Especially For  
**St. Luke the Evangelist Church Choir**  
 David M. Byrne, Director of Music  
**“Poland, the Czech Republic & Vienna ”**  
**“Pilgrimage To The Land Of Pope John Paul II”**  
 10-Day Pilgrimage  
 July 13 – 22, 2011

*Warsaw ♪ Czestochowa ♪ Krakow ♪ Prague ♪ Vienna*

**Your tour will include:**

- Round-trip jet economy class transportation St. Louis/Chicago/Frankfurt/Warsaw – Vienna/Dusseldorf/Chicago/ St. Louis, based on the current Lufthansa non-refundable airfare, subject to change and government approval.
- U.S. departure tax; U.S. customs user fee; security tax and all airport departure taxes.
- Meeting and assistance upon departure from Lambert-St. Louis International Airport.
- Eight (8) nights accommodations in twin bedded rooms, with private facilities, at first class hotels throughout your tour.
- Breakfast and dinner daily, **including two (2) special dinners with entertainment in a popular Polish and Czech restaurant.**
- Services of a Peter's Way Tours government-licensed, English-speaking tour manager upon arrival to departure overseas.
- All sightseeing, as per the attached itinerary, including overseas arrival and departure transfers, in private air-conditioned motor coach.
- Services of professional, licensed, English-speaking guides.
- Entrance fees to all sites, as per itinerary.
- Porterage of one piece of luggage, per person, at hotels overseas.
- Donations to churches used in programs (*standard Mass offering at certain sites is optional*).
- Special promotional brochures of your Choir Tour printed free for distribution by you.
- Portfolio of travel documents for each participant including a Peter's Way Tours flight packet.
- Gratuities to the tour manager, guides and driver.

**Items not included in the package price:**

- Health, trip cancellation/interruption or baggage insurance. All are strongly recommended. Peter's Way Tours offers a comprehensive policy at additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs, if any.
- **US Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months subsequent to the return date.**
- Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.).
- Meals not specified in the program.
- Items not specifically mentioned above.

**Tentative schedule via Lufthansa from Lambert-St. Louis and Chicago O'Hare International Airports  
 (Subject to confirmation):**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Airline</u>	<u>Flight</u>	<u>Departure City/Time</u>	<u>Arrival City/Time</u>
Daily	Lufthansa	#5643	St. Louis STL /11:40 am	Chicago ORD /3:02 pm
Daily	Lufthansa	#431	Chicago ORD /3:45 pm	-----
Next day			-----	Frankfurt FRA /6:55 am
Daily	Lufthansa	#2240	Frankfurt FRA /9:15 am	Warsaw WAW /11:00 am
Daily	Lufthansa	#3571	Vienna VIE /9:25 am	Dusseldorf DUS /10:55 am
Daily	Lufthansa	#436	Dusseldorf DUS /11:35 am	Chicago ORD /1:45 pm
Daily	United Airlines	#5594	Chicago ORD /3:55 pm	St. Louis STL /5:09 pm

# A Special Invitation to Friends & Families of St. Luke the Evangelist Church Choir

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- I T I N E R A R Y -

- **Day 1, July 13, Wednesday: Depart USA**

Depart Lambert-St. Louis and Chicago O'Hare International Airport via Lufthansa for the overnight transatlantic flight to Warsaw, Poland.

Dinner, breakfast and beverages will be served aloft.

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- **Day 2, July 14, Thursday: Arrive Warsaw**

Arrive at Warsaw International Airport, proceed through passport control, claim your luggage, and a Peter's Way Tours tour manager will meet you upon your exit from Customs. Your luggage will be transferred to your motor coach bus and soon you will be on your way to Warsaw. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the city before proceeding to check-in at hotel.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Warsaw.

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- **Day 3, July 15, Friday: Royal Warsaw**

Buffet breakfast at your hotel. Today, you will enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Poland's capital and explore the Old Town, painstakingly rebuilt after World War II. Its charming little streets are home to many cafés and galleries, and during the summer, the Old Town Square fills with vibrant activity. Painters sell their works and musicians perform outdoor concerts for all to enjoy. Beyond the Barbican gate that sealed the old city walls, you will visit the Royal Castle, which is surrounded by a historical park, and boasts an excellent museum on its grounds, which showcases the work of great Polish artists. Proceed to St. John's Cathedral, which was completed in the 15th Century and became a cathedral in 1798. Many important events took place there, including the coronation of Stanislaw August Poniatowski in 1764. Destroyed during World War II, St. John's Cathedral has been restored in its original gothic style. Its interiors feature multiple works of religious art, tombs and various sculptures and paintings. **Informal singing at Sacred Heart Church in Warsaw.**

Independent lunch. Return to your hotel to freshen-up.

At 5:00 pm, drive along the royal route through the glamorous Nowy-wiat shopping street mostly rebuilt after WWII. The route is lined with government buildings and embassies ending at Lazienki Park with its Gardens, Palaces and Chopin Monument.

Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at hotel in Warsaw.

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- **Day 4, July 16, Saturday: Czestochowa - Krakow**

Buffet breakfast at your hotel. Depart Warsaw to Czestochowa, Poland's premier pilgrimage place known as the Black Madonna Shrine, which attracts pilgrims throughout the year, and was frequently visited by the late Pope John Paul II. Independent lunch up arrival.

This afternoon, you will have a guided tour of Jasna Gora Monastery, by one of the Paulinian fathers. See the Pauline Monastery with its priceless treasures, including the miraculous Icon. Visit the famous Chapel of the Black Madonna, which dates from the 14th Century and is famous for the miraculous painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Celebrate Mass at the Chapel of the Black Madonna, as sung by the St. Luke the Evangelist Church Choir.**

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Krakow.

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- **Day 5, July 17, Sunday: Highlight tour of Krakow & Wieliczka Salt Mine. Special Dinner.**

Breakfast at your hotel. Today you will enjoy a full day tour of Krakow. Begin with a visit to St. Faustyna Shrine. **Celebrate Sunday Mass at the newly dedicated Shrine of Spirituality dedicated by Pope John II on his last visit to Poland in 2002. (National Shrine of the Divine Mercy).** After Mass, time permitting, visit the relics of St. Faustyna and the Icon of the Divine Mercy, Poland's second most important place of pilgrimage. Then, continue to Old Town to visit Kanonicza Street where Pope John Paul II resided while living in Krakow, visit the courtyards of the Collegium Maius. Next visit the Wawel Hill, where you will enjoy the Royal chambers and treasury. See the Wawel Cathedral, which is the burial place of all but one of the Polish kings. Climb up the bell tower to view the largest active bell in the world. Proceed to the Market Square, one of the largest medieval market squares in Europe. Continue to the Church of St. Mary (Mariacki), home Europe's largest Gothic wooden altar. The main altar was built by sculptor Wit Stwosz and crafted in the 15th Century from gilded linden wood. Participate in the opening of the Wit Stwosz altar. Independent lunch.

This afternoon, visit Wieliczka Salt Mine, considered to be the oldest Salt Mines in Europe. Descend underground to see the beautiful St. Kinga Church, totally carved out of salt with outstanding carvings of the Last Supper and the Nativity, among others.

**Return to Kraków for dinner and folklore show at a local restaurant.**

Overnight at hotel in Krakow.

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- **Day 6, July 18, Monday: Auschwitz - Prague**

Buffet breakfast at your hotel. Depart Krakow to Auschwitz to visit the infamous Nazi concentration camp and the cell of St. Maximilian Kolbe and Martyrdom Museum. Then, continue to the Czech Republic. Independent lunch en-route.

Check in at your hotel.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Prague.

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- **Day 7, July 19, Tuesday: AM/Highlight tour of Prague - PM/Visit the Infant Jesus of Prague church. Gala Dinner.**

Leisurely breakfast at your hotel. Today will be spent getting acquainted with the magnificent city of Prague. Prague, one of the most beautiful cities in the world and known as the "City of 100 Spires", was spared from destruction during World War II and still contains beautiful examples of architecture. Enjoy a guided tour of Prague, including the castle district (Hradcany). Visit St. Vitus' Cathedral (used for the inauguration of Presidents and where you can find the tomb of St. Wenceslas and former rulers of the Czech Kingdom) and pass the Basilica of St. George to visit Prague Castle. Then, stroll through Mala Strana with its beautiful architectural buildings. Independent lunch.

Return to hotel to freshen-up. Late afternoon, you will visit the Our Lady of Victory Church, famous for the Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague. **Informal singing at Our Lady of Victory Church.**

**This evening, you will be transferred to a popular Czech restaurant for a Gala Dinner.** While dining and tasting the traditional specialties of the Czech cuisine you can watch an enjoyable program featuring folk music, songs and dances.

Overnight at hotel in Prague.

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- **Day 8, July 20, Wednesday: AM/Charles Bridge and the Old Town - PM/Vienna**

Buffet breakfast at your hotel. Then, visit the beautiful, statue-lined Charles Bridge. Proceed to the Old Town, considered one of the most preserved old cities in Europe. See over a thousand years of history as you take in the architecture and visit the Old Town square. See the famous astronomical clock that comes alive when the hour strikes and the twelve disciples appear to bless the crowd. You will also have the chance to visit the church of Our Lady before Tyn, and walk along the Prague alleys through the Powder Tower to St. Wenceslas Square and the Jewish quarter.

Independent lunch.

After lunch, leave Prague to Vienna (five-hour bus ride), the music capital of the world! Vienna is the City of Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, and Strauss!

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Vienna.

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- **Day 9, July 21, Thursday: AM/Highlights tour of Vienna - PM/Schonbrunn Palace**

After breakfast, you will visit St. Stephen's Cathedral, Austria's most eminent Gothic edifice, houses a wealth of art treasures. The architectural history begins in the 12th Century, the oldest remaining parts date from the 13th Century: the Giant Gate (Riesentor) and the Towers of the Heathens (Heidentürme), both Romanesque in style. Tour St. Stephen's Cathedral, Duke Rudolph IV of Habsburg, in 1359, laid the cornerstone of the Gothic nave with its two aisles. The South Tower (Südturm), at 448 feet, was completed in 1433 (the Viennese have given it the nickname Steffl, which also denotes the whole cathedral). After 1511, building in the Gothic style ceased; the unfinished North Tower (Nordturm), 224 feet high, was capped with a makeshift Renaissance spire in 1579. During the 18th Century the cathedral was decorated with Baroque altarpieces - the panel of the main altar shows the stoning of its namesake St. Stephen, the first martyr of Christendom. Then, continue on the tour as you pass the Hofburg Palace, winter residence of the Habsburg emperors; the Capuchin Church containing the imperial vaults; St. Charles' Church, a splendid example of late Baroque architecture; and the Belvedere Palace, former residence of Prince Eugene of Savoy. Drive around the Ring, one of the most magnificent boulevards in the world, passing the Vienna Opera, Museums, House of Parliament, City Hall, and the Burgtheater. Independent lunch.

After lunch, you will tour the Schonbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the Habsburgs. The name comes from the fountain that was built over a spring in the early 1600's. The Castle was built by Ferdinand II in 1637 and came into its full grandiose incarnation during the reign of Maria Theresa when she added the massive mirrors, frescoed ceilings and gigantic crystal chandeliers.

Remainder of the evening at leisure.

Perhaps you will stop at the famous "Kaffeehaus" for people watching or enjoy various optional events including concerts, opera, and musicals.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Vienna.

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- **Day 10, July 22, Friday: Depart for the USA**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Vienna International Airport for your return flight to the USA.

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