



Munich Cathedral (Frauenkirche) & Town Hall Steeple



◆ Pray at the *Black Madonna Marian shrines of Czestochowa in Poland (left) and Altötting in Germany (right).*



# A Pilgrimage to CENTRAL EUROPE

Germany-Czech Republic-Poland-Austria

**April 21-May 4, 2008**

**September 15-28, 2008**

(Suggested Travel Date)

Cost on Request

Under the Spiritual Leadership of:  
**(Group Leader info here)**

## Cost Includes:

- Round trip air;
- 12 Nights at first class hotels in twin bedded rooms with private bath ;
- MEALS: Full breakfast daily; 7 dinners (6 hotel dinners & 1 festive dinner in Krakow ;
- Deluxe, private motor coaches per itinerary below;
- Services of English speaking escorts & local guides;
- Entrance fees to sites visited; hotel taxes & services;
- Porterage of one bag per person.

*Single Room Supplement: \$760*

NOT INCLUDED: Items not specified above, e.g. lunches; 5 dinners; optional sightseeing; passport fees; optional cancellation insurance must be purchased at deposit time to cover pre-existing conditions (\$175); all air taxes and fuel surcharges, which will be added to final invoice, at time of printing; total taxes & fuel charges are \$258 additional; group gratuities (\$90 per person should be collected prior to departure).



◆ Visit the birthplaces of *Pope John Paul II and Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.*



- ◆ Visit *Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow*
- ◆ See *Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, more!*

**To Join Call:  
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Email:**

## BOOKING FORM

**Group 2718 Central Europe Pilgrimage: 2008**

Enclosed is my (our) check for \$\_\_\_\_ (\$350 deposit + \$175 optional insurance per person, due immediately to secure your space for \_\_\_\_ (number of persons). Final payment due .

Check or Money Order payable to **GTA TOURS**

**MAIL TO:**

**(Organization here)**

My Name is: (Mr./Mrs./Ms) \_\_\_\_\_  
Please enter first & last name as appear on passport—no nicknames!

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Twin Room    \_\_\_Single Room @ \$760 Supplement    \_\_\_Triple Room

Sharing room with: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Eve: \_\_\_\_\_

Valid U.S. Passport required. Please submit copy of valid passport 3 months prior to departure

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## PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

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### DAY 1/MON - DEPART USA.

**DAY 2/TUE – ARRIVE MUNICH.** On arrival, transfer to your hotel, located in the center of Munich, the bustling, cosmopolitan capital of Bavaria, Germany. Pope Benedict XVI formerly served as Archbishop here. Enjoy an orientation tour of Marienplatz (main square), with its lovely Cathedral and famous Glockenspeil Clock. Dinner is at restaurant near hotel. (D)

**HOTEL TORBRAU** [www.torbraeu.de](http://www.torbraeu.de)

**DAY 3/WED-MUNICH.** Morning city tour introduces you to vibrant and prosperous Munich. Visit Nymphenburg, the summer palace of Bavarian kings, Maximilianstrasse with its elegant shops, the Residenz, the winter palace of early royalty and more. The afternoon is free for independent activities. (B)

**DAY 4/THU – MUNICH/ALTÖTTING/PRAGUE.** Travel 60 miles east of Munich to one of Germany's most celebrated shrines, the Chapel of Mercy in Altötting, known as Germany's Lourdes. The Chapel's 13th century statue of the Blessed Virgin is credited with numerous miracles and the shrine has been a place of pilgrimage in Germany for over 500 years. Pope Benedict, born in the nearby town of Marktl am Inn, has prayed here often, most recently in September 2006. Continue through picturesque countryside into the Czech Republic to the vibrant and cosmopolitan capital, Prague, for dinner and overnight. (B,D) **HOTEL DON GIOVANNI** [www.accorhotels.com](http://www.accorhotels.com)

**DAY 5/FRI – PRAGUE.** Sightseeing tour includes Infant of Prague Chapel to see the 14<sup>th</sup> century wooden statue, symbolic of the long Catholic tradition of devotion to the Holy Child Jesus, the origins of which is believed to have come from Spain and is associated with the great mystic – St Teresa of Avila. Also visit Hradcany Royal Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, Strahove Monastery, Loretto and St. Nicholas churches. Afternoon is free to explore the splendor of one of the most attractive cities in Europe, experiencing an exciting cultural renaissance since the fall of Communism in 1989. (B)

**DAY 6/SAT – PRAGUE/KRAKOW.** Depart by private coach eastward through scenic roads into Poland, traveling via Silesia to Krakow, a classic European city miraculously saved from the destruction of Poland's many wars. (B,D) **NOVOTEL CENTER** [www.novotel.com](http://www.novotel.com)

**DAY 7/SUN – KRAKOW.** Celebrate Mass at Divine Mercy Church, burial site of newly canonized St. Faustyna Kowalska, author of "Divine Mercy in My Soul". View an original painting of Jesus, as He was seen by Faustyna, 20th century Catholic visionary whose Novena Chaplet has enjoyed increased interest throughout the U.S. and the world. Continue sightseeing of the enchanting city of Krakow, ancient

seat of Polish kings and home diocese of Cardinal Karol Wojtyla before he was elected Pope John Paul II. Stop at St. Mary's Church with the world famous Wit Stwosz altar. Tour Wieliczka Salt Mines, a subterranean wonder with spectacular rooms, even a chapel, carved out of rock salt. Enjoy a festive dinner tonight in the city's revived historic Jewish section of Kazimierz. (B,D)

**DAY 8/MON – WADOWICE & ZAKOPANE.** Travel to Poland's charming high mountains, stopping at the typical town of Wadowice, now famous as the birthplace of Pope John Paul II. Continue to the snow-capped Tatra Mountains and the unique resort town of Zakopane. Return to Krakow for overnight. (B)

**DAY 9/TUE – AUSCHWITZ & CZESTOCHOWA.** In the morning, visit the memorial at Auschwitz, site of the notorious World War II concentration camp where the lives of St. Maximilian Kolbe and Carmelite St. Edith Stein are commemorated. Continue to Jasna Gora Shrine in Czestochowa to visit the miraculous Black Madonna icon. Overnight in Krakow. (B)

**DAY 10/WED – KRAKOW/VIENNA.** Today, travel southwestwardly through Slovakia into Austria to the fabulous and vibrant capital city of Vienna. (B,D)

**HOTEL DE FRANCE** [www.hoteldefrance.at](http://www.hoteldefrance.at)

**DAY 11/THU – VIENNA.** This morning, a sightseeing tour begins with a view of Belvedere Palace and its gardens. Continue to view the Empress Maria Theresia Monument, St. Stephen Church, City Hall, Parliament, the charming Ringstrasse and other landmarks of the city's imperial history. The afternoon is free to shop and explore. (B)

**DAY 12/FRI-VIENNA/SALZBURG.** Depart westward to the picturesque medieval town of Salzburg, nestled between the Salzach River and the towering Hohensalzburg Fortress. Embark on a guided tour visiting the birthplace of Mozart, Salzburg's most famous son, and Hellbrunn Hunting Castle. (B,D)

**HOTEL EUROPA** [www.austria-trend.at](http://www.austria-trend.at)

**DAY 13/SAT-SALZBURG/MUNICH.** Today, we return to Bavaria and visit Traunstein, a town on the border of Austria and Germany, where Pope Benedict spend his childhood. Also tour the beautiful area of Lake Chiemsee, the largest Bavarian lake, arriving in Munich in the late afternoon. (B,D)

**MARRIOTT MUNICH AIRPORT** [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

**DAY 14/SUN – MUNICH/USA.** Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

**Daily Mass celebrated at selected sites.**

Itinerary Subject to Modification. B-Breakfast; D-Dinner

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### GENERAL CONDITIONS

**PAYMENTS:** Above price reflects cash discounts—payment only by check or money order payable to GTA Tours. Mastercard or Visa payments are accepted for a 3.5% charge.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Regularly scheduled economy class service on any IATA or ARC carrier. Air transportation based on fares in effect OCT 06, subject to change.

**TARIFF & EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS:** All tour prices herein are quoted in U.S. dollars and are based on tariffs and exchange levels in effect Oct 06. Rates are subject to adjustment in the event of any changes in these tariffs and exchange levels.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Twin bedded rooms with private facilities throughout.

**DOCUMENTS:** Valid U.S. passport.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Refunds will be handled promptly and will be made for cancellations received in writing up to 75 days prior to departure less a \$150 administration fee. After that period, additional cancellation fees must be assessed; 75-45 days prior; \$800; 45-10 days prior: up to total cost.

**BAGGAGE:** Because of limited space on private motor coaches please take one checked suitcase plus small carry on per person.

**GROUP SIZE:** Rates herein are based on a minimum of 36 passengers.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** The travel agent and the tour operator, GTA TOURS d/b/a/ GTA TOURS, POB 1008, Madison, CT 06443, Tel: 203-245-8980, or their agents act(s) only as agent(s) in all

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