



OBLATES

JOURNEY TO KRAKOW

2016 Pilgrimage Itinerary

DAY 1 – THU 14 JUL - DEPART SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Your journey begins today as you depart for Europe.

DAY 2 – FRI 15 JUL – ARRIVE NICE, FRANCE - AIX-EN-PROVENCE

Welcome to France! A Cosmos Representative will meet you at Nice airport and a coach transfer will take you to your accommodation in Aix-En-Provence where you will have time to recuperate from your flight. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (D)

DAY 3 – SAT 16 JUL - AIX-EN-PROVENCE

We begin our day with Mass at the CHURCH OF THE MISSION, a former Carmelite convent which Eugene purchased when his new society of priests needed a new home. Following Mass we set off to discover Aix. We will proceed to the site where a cross was erected by Eugene and the early Oblates. We will visit the ST SAUVEUR CATHEDRAL. It was here Eugene had his Good Friday experience. We will also see the Church of Madeleine, where Eugene was baptised and also where he gave his famous instruction to the poor of the city. We will then visit the Municipal Prison where Eugene used to minister to the condemned. A unique opportunity to visit the Enclos De Mazenod – where Eugene met with his Youth Sodality. (B,D)

DAY 4 – SUN 17 JUL - AIX-EN-PROVENCE

We take some time this morning for a retreat, a perfect opportunity to reflect on our journey so far and to prepare our hearts and minds for the incredible encounters ahead of us. We will celebrate Mass and enjoy lunch at the Oblate House. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – MON 18 JUL - AIX-EN-PROVENCE – MARSEILLE – PARIS, FRANCE

After an early breakfast we head to Marseille by coach. We will come together to celebrate Mass in the Cathedral of Marseille. This is the cathedral begun by Eugene during his time as Bishop of Marseille, which became his final resting place. Eugene's tomb is in the Cathedral. We have a chance to wander around the Cathedral precinct before a visit to the SHRINE OF NOTRE-DAME DE LA GARDE, where the Oblates gathered to farewell departing missionaries. (B,D)

DAY 6 – TUE 19 JUL – PARIS

This morning we visit and have mass in the SACRE COEUR, one of the most imposing Basilicas in the Christian tradition. We continue on our pilgrimage through Paris with a special visit to the CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE DAME. We then come to the DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY in Rue Du Bac. This is the site where Our Lady appeared to Catherine Laboure in 1830 with the first Miraculous Medal being struck in 1832. Her incorrupt body lay under the altar of Our Lady in the chapel and adjacent to the altar of St. Vincent De Paul, displaying his incorrupt heart. Finally we stroll to the VINCENSIAN FATHERS to pray in the chapel housing the bones of St. Vincent De Paul. In the afternoon we

commence our sightseeing tour of Paris and view the famous Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe and the Champ Elysees. (B,D)

DAY 7 – WED 20 JUL – PARIS – WARSAW, POLAND - WROCLAW

After breakfast we depart to the airport for Poland. Upon arrival you will journey to Wroclaw to begin your OMI Event week. (B, D)

WEDNESDAY 20 JUL PARIS TO WARSAW DEPART 10.45AM ARRIVE 1.35PM

DAY 8 – THU 21 JUL - WARSAW – WROCLAW, POLAND

OMI EVENT

DAY 9 – FRI 22 JUL - WROCLAW

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DAY 10 – SAT 23 JUL - WROCLAW

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DAY 11 – SUN 24 JUL - WROCLAW

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DAY 12 – MON 25 JUL - WROCLAW – KRAKOW

Today we will depart Wroclaw to Krakow, a city that is rich in history and will be your host for your World Youth Day Celebrations. After arriving at your accommodation, use this time to unpack and reflect on your journey taken so far. (D)

DAY 13 – TUE 26 JUL – KRAKOW

The World Youth Day celebration begins with the Opening Mass which is said by the local Bishop. This Mass often emphasises the culture of the host country, Poland! The Opening Mass for WYD Krakow 2016 will take place in the afternoon.* (B,L,D)

DAY 14 – WED 27 JUL – KRAKOW

Over the next three days, you will take part in morning Catechesis with Bishops from around the world and have the opportunity to encounter the Vocations Fair and the Youth Festival program.

Catechesis is preached in different languages by Bishops from around the world who will teach and reflect with pilgrims on the beatitude; “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy” (Mt 5:7), the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the XXXI World Youth Day in Krakow. Catechesis sessions will take place across the city in churches and other chosen venues to ensure that all young people can participate.

The **Youth Festival**; a religious, artistic and cultural program takes place in the afternoons and evenings during the three days of catechesis, except during the Main Events. The Youth Festival is composed of open and free initiatives of an artistic, religious and spiritual character. This aspect of WYD gives pilgrims an opportunity to participate in concerts, exhibitions, workshops, sporting events, theatre events and many others.

The Vocations Fair/Centre is a place where religious congregations, catholic schools and universities, religious publishing houses, missionary organizations, national and international movements and communities can present their charism and works. The Vocations Centre’s goal is to show young pilgrims different paths of achieving their vocation in the Church, and to encourage them to look for answers to the question of what God wants from them in their lives. (B,L,D)

DAY 15 – THU 28 JUL – KRAKOW

After a morning of catechesis, today will be the pilgrims will first encounter with the Holy Father during the Papal Welcome. It is a time of particular joy and pilgrims will have the opportunity to pray together with Pope Francis. During the service we listen to the Word of God and the first speech of the Holy Father. (B,L,D)

DAY 16 – FRI 29 JUL - KRAKOW

This morning, pilgrims will engage in the final catechesis session with the international Bishops. In the afternoon and evening, pilgrims gather for the Way of the Cross - which invites pilgrims into the penitential character of WYD. The World Youth Day Cross is carried in a procession during this service and young people follow a designated route through the city, giving testimony of their faith. (B,L,D)

DAY 17 – SAT 30 JUL – KRAKOW

Today pilgrims will take part in the pilgrimage walk to the site of the vigil and final mass. The Vigil is often the most personal part of the central events with the Holy Father. It is a unique time of prayer and meeting with Christ and it has an atmosphere of total peace but also great joy. (B,L,D)

DAY 18 – SUN 31 JUL – KRAKOW

Today is the conclusion of the WYD pilgrimage and the celebration of the Final Mass of the XXXI World Youth Day; celebrated by the Holy Father. During this Eucharist celebration, the Pope challenges and sends the young people out to the whole world to be witnesses in their own homes. At the very end, after the Angelus, the Holy Father traditionally announces of the location of the next World Youth Day. (B,L,D)

DAY 19 – MON 01 AUG – KRAKOW – VIENNA

This morning we depart by coach for Vienna, on arrival we will take a short guided coach trip to see the main sights of this beautiful city. You will overnight before your flight to Rome the next day. (B,D)

DAY 20 – TUE 02 AUG – VIENNA – ROME, ITALY

After breakfast we depart for our flight to Rome. A coach transfer will take you to your overnight hotel and then take part in a guided tour with a Local Guide to the ROMAN FORUM and the iconic COLOSSEUM. (B,D)

DAY 21 – WED 03 AUG – ROME

Rome, the "Eternal City," is a city steeped in history, vibrantly alive and exciting, and absolutely unique! We begin our day with a visit to the VATICAN MUSEUM for a guided tour. Leading through to the SISTINE CHAPEL and then on to St Peters Square and Basilica. We will take time for lunch before celebrating Mass at the impressive ST. MARY MAJOR BASILICA. Visit the BASILICA OF SANTA CROCE IN JERUSALEM with its extraordinary collection of relics from the Holy Land including a full size replica of the Shroud of Turin. Continue on to the papal sanctuary of the SCALA SANTA (Holy Stairs), transported from Jerusalem to Rome around 326 AD by St. Helena, Emperor Constantine's mother. Officially, these 28 marble steps are ascended in a kneeling position with a prayer recital dedicated to Jesus Christ. Later, visit ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS and the burial place of St. Paul the Apostle. Return to your accommodation. (B,D)

DAY 22 – THU 04 AUG – ROME

This morning we will celebrate Mass at St Peters Basilica before visiting the General House on Via Aureli. We continue on to the airport for your journey home. (B)

DAY 23 & 24 – SAT 06 AUG – IN FLIGHT/ARRIVAL BACK TO AUSTRALIA