



1st International Congress of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimages "Following the Footsteps of the Saint Pope John Paul II" will take place in Krakow, from 8th to 12th November 2017. Please feel invited, by prof. Jacek Majchrowski, the President of Krakow. The City of Krakow is the official partner of the Congress. Also His Em. Card. Stanislaw Dziwisz confirmed his presence. Jacek Krupa - marshal of Malopolskie Voivodeship has assumed the honorary patronage over the Congress.

Krakow and Malopolska Region have a great potential as a religious tourism and pilgrimage destination. Every year they are visited by millions of pilgrims and religious tourists, just let us mention the last World Youth Day which took place here in Krakow in 2016. These numbers are reflected in city's and country's profits and also new work places.

The Congress will be opened on the 9th November, by the both secular and clerical authorities of Krakow. An opening Holy Mass will be celebrated at the John Paul II Centre, followed by speeches, lectures and a workshop with the representatives of the local sanctuaries and tourist attractions. 10th and 11th November will be a chance for the guests from around the world to visit Krakow and Malopolska Region (Krakow Old Town, John Paul II Center, Divine Mercy Sanctuary, Salt Mine in Wieliczka, former German Nazi Concentration Camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, the church and museum of Wadowice - Karol Wojtyla's birthplace, the Basilic in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska and of course the Black Madonna Sanctuary in Czestochowa).

The Congress aims to be a meeting place between the tour operators and the local providers as well as to promote Krakow and Malopolska Region as an important religious tourism and pilgrimage destination not only in Europe, but also worldwide, finally to strengthen the importance of religious tourism within the tourism market.

The organizers welcome foreign tour agents and touroperatos, bloggers and journalists, bishops and priests as well as other religious tourism and pilgrimage organizers such as diocesan coordinators or the leaders of foundations and congregations.

PROGRAMME:

8.11, Wed Day 1. Arrivals to Krakow

9.11, Thu Day 2. Krakow – Lagiewniki – Krakow

9.00 Holy Mass with Krakow Church authorities & opening ceremony – His Eminence Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, prof. Jacek Majchrowski, the President of Krakow; Witold Banka, Minister of Sport and Tourism.

12.00 Expo fair session

15.00 Visit of the Divine Mercy Sanctuary.

16.30 Visit of Krakow with a local guide.

10.11, Fri Day 3. Krakow – Auschwitz-Birkenau – Wieliczka – Krakow

8.30 Guided tour at the former German Nazi concentration camp in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

15.00 Visit Wieliczka Saltmine.

20.00 Gala dinner in the Cloth Hall – invited by the President Prof. Jacek Majchrowski.

11.11, Sat Day 4. Krakow – Kalwaria Zebrzydowska – Wadowice – Czestochowa – Krakow

9.00 Visit at the Bernardine Monastery in Kalwaria

10.30 Visit to the John Paul II - Museum

16.00 The sanctuary of Black Madonna

12.11, Sun Day 5. The departures

Price per person in a twin, double or triple room - 200,00 €

Price per person in a SGL room - 250,00 €

Included: accommodation: 4 nights with buffet breakfast, full board, tour guides, visits.

More info and registration on website:
www.ICoRTaP.com