

Catholic Choir Tour & Pilgrimage to Poland



A Musical Pilgrimage Through Poland is to sing for the Saints, as several of the most significant saints resided here. The Catholic Church has played an important religious, cultural, and political role in the country of Poland. Every year, millions of pilgrims from all over the world come to Czêstochowa to see the famous Pauline monastery of Jasna Góra that is the home of the Black Madonna painting, a holy icon of the Virgin Mary, that is both Poland's holiest relic and one of the country's national symbols.

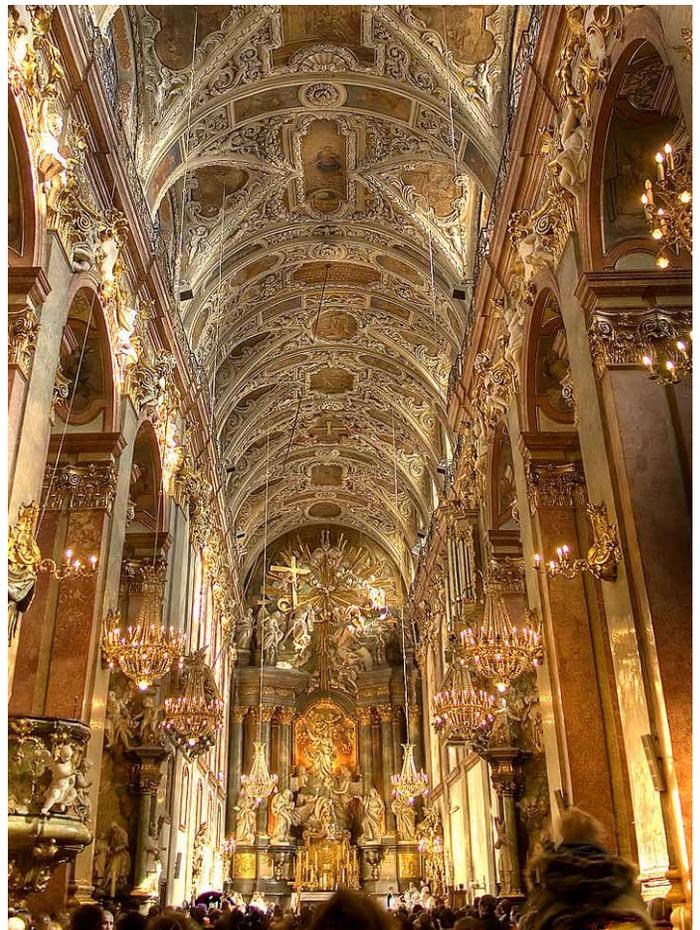
Listed by UNESCO in 1978 as one of the 12 great historic cities of the world, Krakow, once the nation's capital, represents a great repository of Polish history, art and architecture. Today Krakow's fine towers, facades, and churches illustrate seven centuries of Polish architecture, make it a major attraction for visitors. Here, your choir will have an opportunity to sing mass in the Church of St. Mary, the famous basilica located right on Main Market Square.

In addition to the performance benefits of such a pilgrimage, consider the faith formation benefits of:

- bringing Church teachings to life with real-world experience.
- forming your choir members in the faith as future leaders.
- leadership development that connects personal faith with daily living.
- performances and pilgrimage sites that help your singers listen to God's call with vocation discernment.
- connecting personal faith with Catholic social teaching by visiting and praying at historic sites.
- a truly "catholic" experience of multicultural faith formation in the real-world.
- helping students understand the rich symbols and traditions of following Jesus Christ today.

Our "faith in a suitcase" approach helps you deepen musicianship and form disciples ready to make a difference in the world.

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Tour Itineraries

Tour #1 - (6 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS)

6 nights in Krakow with excursions to Lagiewniki, Zbrzydowska, Wadowice, Auschwitz, Czestochowa, and Wieliczka

Tour #2 - (8 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS)

1 night in Warsaw, 1 night in Czestochowa, 4 nights in Krakow, 2 nights in Prague

Music Celebrations International would be happy to create a custom tour to meet your specific wishes and interests

These tours may be viewed on our website at
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"In October, 2005 I had the privilege to lead "The South Metro Chorale" on a concert tour of Poland, the Czech Republic, and Austria. It was my eleventh European Tour of my career and was the best. It was my first association with MCI. During our tour we sang 6 concerts. The venues were outstanding as well as the audiences. It was a thrill to sing at the anniversary celebration of Pope John Paul II's ordination in Wadowice. The Cathedral was so packed the choir could not sit down. After the Mass the Priest sat down and everyone stayed as we sang our entire repertoire. It is my pleasure to give MCI my highest recommendation!"

*- Loren Squires, Director,
South Metro Chorale, Minnesota*

"Poland is a beautiful country with beautiful people. I was delighted by those who heard our concerts and were so appreciative. At one concert, in particular, the priest was so excited about hearing us sing that he actually encouraged applause during the mass! I was also touched by our visit to Auschwitz concentration camp. It is humbling to imagine the vastness of suffering that occurred in that place. I will also never forget our tour of the salt mine and singing in a cathedral made of salt!"

*- Alan Heatherington,
Chicago Master Singers*