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VILNIUS POST-TOUR 15-18 NOVEMBER 2020

- 15th Sun** **Arrival in Vilnius**
x Arrival in Vilnius at x, flight number y. Arrivals (by yourselves) and check-in at the hotel. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight stay in Vilnius.
- 16th Mon** **Vilnius – Trakai – Vilnius**
8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.
9.00 *'Vilnius – an encounter between the Orient and the Occident'* – a walking tour through the magnificent Old Town – a quarter with numerous churches, narrow streets with tiny houses. Owing to its uniqueness, the Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Sightseeing includes a visit at the Cathedral in the city centre, St. Anne's Church – built in the Gothic style, the Gate of Dawn with its Chapel and the painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, the university, and the Market Square.
12.30 Departure for Trakai.
13.30 Lunch at a restaurant in Trakai.
15.00 Sightseeing in Trakai: the former capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania with its beautiful lakeside setting and the insular red brick castle on Galve Lake. The Castle museum of Trakai (entrance included) offers an exhibition of the history of Lithuania and prehistoric findings. Located 27 km away from Vilnius, Trakai is a wonderful place to rest. It is a small and very quiet town - there is no heavy traffic. Trakai Castle enchants with its magic – upon entering the main gates to the castle, you will feel like you are going back to ancient times. You will have the opportunity to admire a spectacular view of the Trakai area. You will hear interesting legends and stories about Trakai and its famous castle.
20.00 Return to Vilnius. Dinner at the hotel or at a restaurant.
- 17th Tue** **Vilnius – Siauliai – Siluva – Vilnius**
8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.
9.00 Departure for Siauliai.
11.00 Visiting the pilgrimage site - the Hill of Crosses – which is on the UNESCO Heritage List. Over the centuries, not only crosses, but giant crucifixes, carvings of Lithuanian patriots, statues of the Virgin Mary and thousands of tiny effigies and rosaries have been brought here by Catholic pilgrims. It is estimated that 100,000-200,000 crosses are to be found on the mountain. In 1993, Pope John Paul II visited the Hill of Crosses, declaring it a place for hope, peace, love and sacrifice.
13.00 Lunch at a restaurant.
15.00 Visita Siluva the Shrine of the Virgin Mary.
18.00 Return to Vilnius.
20.00 Dinner at the hotel or at a restaurant.

18th Wed **Vilnius – departures**

x Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out. Departures (by yourselves) to the airport.

The programme of Vilnius post-tour fam trip (15-18 November 2020) is free of charge for the participants of Krakow Congress (11-15 November 2020).