

# APPLICATION

Kazakhstan/June 2-14, 2023



First Name (as on valid up-to-date Passport):

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Street:

City:

State: Zip:

Date of birth:

Best Phone contact #:

E-mail (if you have one):

Room Occupancy: Dbl: Sgl:

Roommate (if needing double occupancy):

Passport#:

Expiration: (must be at least 3 months from trip return date):

In case of emergency on tour, notify:

name/relation to you:

Ph.#:

I have read and accept the Terms and Conditions on this brochure.

Signature / Date

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## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**PAYMENT:** Full payment is required to hold a reservation. The tour cost is based upon payment by personal check (pay-able to Sacred Heart Tours). Credit cards are accepted via our website payment portal with an up to 3.5% fee.

**CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY:** If a cancellation notice is received more than 45 days before departure, a full refund minus \$500.00 will apply. If a cancellation notice in writing is received within 45 days of departure, \$500.00 plus any money the airline, hotels & bus company withhold are non-refundable.

**ITINERARIES:** Daily pilgrimage itineraries are prepared in advance and are subject to change. Activities are scheduled according to the best information available at the time.

**BAGGAGE:** Due to airline restrictions, each tour participant is permitted one suitcase (max. of 50 pounds) and one carry-on plus a personal item.

**DOCUMENTATION:** All passengers must have a government-issued passport for international travel. Please check with the US State Department for the latest health requirements for travel internationally, as they are subject to change.

**SINGLE OCCUPANCY:** The tour cost is based on double room occupancy. Accommodation in a single room is available at an additional cost.

**TRAVELERS INSURANCE:** We highly recommend Travelers Insurance. We do not accept responsibility for loss or damage to property due to handling and/or accidents.

**MEALS:** As the meals offered during the tour are pre-arranged, we usually cannot accommodate special dietary needs.

**AIR CARRIER RESPONSIBILITY:** The airlines cannot be held responsible for any act, omission, or event when passengers are not on board their aircraft. The airlines, as Int'l. Carriers are subject to Int'l. Conventions limiting their liability; the limitations of liability contained on the passenger's airline ticket shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the passenger under the conditions stated on the ticket. The airlines are not responsible for any negligent acts or omissions of independent contractors, their employees, agents, or representatives. Tour participants fly by jet service in economy class.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** St. Olav Enterprises, LLC (dba Sacred Heart Tours) acts only as an agent for the airlines, hotels, & bus companies or owners or contractors providing accommodations, transportation, or other services, and all coupons,

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**RESPONSIBILITY(continued):** exchange orders, receipts, tickets and contracts issued by the company are issued subject to any and all tariffs, terms & conditions under which any accommodations, transportation or any other services whatsoever are provided by such airlines, hotels or bus companies or owners or contractors, and by the acceptance of such coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts and tickets, the tour member agrees to the following and also agrees that neither Sacred Heart Tours nor any of its affiliates or subsidiary companies shall be or become liable or responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any property, person or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services resulting, directly or indirectly, from acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, fire, breakdown, in machinery or equipment, acts of governments, or other authorities, de-jure or de facto, wars (declared or undeclared), hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, cancellations or delays, or from any causes beyond the control of Sacred Heart Tours or for any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient documents, and that neither Sacred Heart Tours nor any of its affiliated companies shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expense or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of any of the foregoing causes. If illness or other imperative reason compels a member to withdraw after a tour begins, Sacred Heart Tours will refund all savings possible. There is no refund for an absence of fewer than two days for missing occasional sightseeing or meals. Sacred Heart Tours reserves the right to require any individual to withdraw from a tour at any time if their conduct is deemed detrimental to or incompatible with the interest, harmony, comfort, and welfare of the tour. The airlines, bus company, or any transportation company whose services are not used on this tour cannot be responsible for any act, omission, or event when passengers are not on board their conveyance. When issued, the passage contract in use by these companies shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the tour purchaser.

# A Marian Pilgrimage

## Pearl of Kazakhstan



Discover a far and ... beautiful land, the birthplace of ancient civilizations. Once part of the Great Silk Road linking the East to West, Kazakhstan has a wild natural beauty and a religious patrimony that is nineteen-hundred years old! Pray the Holy Mass in the soaring new neo-Gothic cathedral of Karaganda, an epitaph to all who dared challenge atheism, and a virtual catechism in stone! Visit the only Marian Shrine in Central Asia. Stop in Istanbul (Constantinople) and Iznik (ancient Nicaea).

~ guests of ~

His Excellency, Most Reverend  
**Athanasius Schneider**  
Auxiliary Bishop of Astana  
**June 2-14, 2023**

# KAZAKHSTAN

**Dates: June 2-14, 2023**

**Cost: \$3980 in double room occupancy**

**INCLUDES:** Round-trip flights from NY or Chicago on Turkish Airlines & taxes  
Land travel by motorcoach /Ten nights accommodations at good hotels with private bath /Two meals a day/All entrance fees/Istanbul Boatride/All touring as on itinerary/Traditional Latin Mass  
\*Add \$450 for single room occupancy  
\*Tour cost without air: \$2600

**To Sign-up by mail and/or website,** fill-out the Application Form and send along with a \$500 deposit to:

**Sacred Heart Tours** -PO Box 384  
Burton, TX 77835-Ph.1-845-594-2222  
[www.sacredhearttours.com](http://www.sacredhearttours.com)



**Friday, June 2, 2023** -Evening flight departure from the USA to Astana, Kazakhstan (with a connection in Istanbul).

**Saturday** - Late evening (early Sunday) arrival in Astana. Transfer to our hotel for check-in (3 nights) and overnight.

**Sunday** - A day in the new capital city of Astana on the shores of the Ishim River in north-central Kazakhstan. Visit Our Mother of Perpetual Help Cathedral, home of the Archdiocese of Mary Most Holy, the seat of one of the four dioceses for Kazakhstan's 250,000 Catholics. See Astana's historic and cultural sights including Bayterek Tower, symbolizing the folklore legend of the golden egg in the tree of life, and the new Opera House.

**Monday** - Take an excursion southwest to see the ALZHIR Memorial, a museum remembering the tens of thousands of women and children held here between 1937 and 1953, on account of loyalty to their beloved men who had been taken as political prisoners. Back in Astana, enjoy free time at Independence Square where one can visit the Nat'l Museum showcasing Kazakhstan's history and enjoy some traditional shoppes and cafes.

**Tuesday** - Morning check-out and departure on a scenic roadtrip north through the Steppe, a 500,000 mile wide stretch of dry grasslands with surprise patches of colorful wildflowers. Stop at the Parish of St. Anthony of Padua in Kokshetau. Evening arrival at Our Lady of Peace Guesthouse in Ozeroye (2 nights).

**Wednesday** - A day in Ozeroye, a village founded in 1936 by Polish exiles. During the winter of 1941, a famine was spreading taking many lives. The local people had great faith and met to pray the Rosary to implore Heaven's protection.- Suddenly, the temperature skyrocketed,

## DAILY ITINERARY

from sub-zero to warm, thawing the snow so rapidly that the springs in the vicinity clogged and a 3 mile long lake formed full of fish! Word spread, and many came to receive the heavenly 'manna'. Although the lake dried up in 1955, the channel through which the original stream of water passed fourteen years earlier is still visible. In 1991 a church was built here, and in 2011, it became the National Sanctuary of the Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, the patroness of Kazakhstan.

**Thursday** - Departure on a day's drive to Karaganda by way of Borovoe Nature Reserve, a lush mountain region amidst the Steppe. Two nights in Karaganda.

**Friday** - Morning excursion to the Kar-Lag Museum, on the site of the most far-reaching Soviet network of labor camps (the subject of Alexander Solzhenitsyn's epoch novel). Whole populations of ethnic groups were deported here from 1931 to 1959, the majority being Roman Catholics of Volga German descent and Poles from Ukraine. Afternoon visit to the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima, the first post-Soviet cathedral in Central Asia, built in response to the Angel of Portugal's plea to the Fatima shepherd children for reparation. Inaugurated in 2012, its location at the heart of the former Gulag has tremendous meaning. Notable for its architectural balance incorporating Gothic and Classical design, its soaring height and timeless quality make it a "Catechism in Stone." Bl. Władysław Bukowinski, Apostle of Kazakhstan, was beatified here in 2017. In his memoir, one can read about his experiences in "underground" evangelization.

**Saturday** - Visit the Basilica of St. Joseph, one of the first parishes to receive official registration in 1977, under the stipulation that its exterior does not resemble a church, thus explaining its plain facade but glorious interior. See the Interdiocesan Seminary "Mary the Mother of the Church," Central Asia's only seminary. Drive to Astana for an overnight flight to Istanbul, Turkey.

**Sunday** - Morning arrival in Istanbul. Drive to the medieval walled town of Iznik (former Nicaea) on Lake Iznik, site of two ecumenical councils. The first took place in 325 AD and gave us the creed that we pray at Holy Mass! Learn of the recently discovered archeological ruins of a 1600-year-old Byzantine basilica now submerged in the lake, believed to be the site where the first council took place. Overnight in Iznik.

**Monday** - Depart for Istanbul, formerly Constantinople, and even before that, Byzantium! Once the capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires, it is the only city in the world connecting two continents, Asia and Europe, with "three seas" flowing into its peninsula! Take a boat ride on the Bosphorus! Visit Hagia Sofia, Christendom's most important church for a thousand years. Now a mosque, its architecture still reflects the splendor of Truth. Two nights in Istanbul.

**Tuesday** - Visit the Grand Bazaar (centuries-old center of spice trade), Topkapi Palace (ancient home of Ottoman sultans and keeper of the Golden Arm), and St. George's Orthodox Cathedral (with significant relics of the most influential theologians of the early church).

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023** - Morning flight departure for NY or Chicago. Mid-day arrival in the USA.