

ACROSS POLAND

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May 28 - June 7 ♦ June 11 - June 21 ♦ June 25- July 5 ♦ July 9 - July 19 ♦ July 23 - August 2
August 6 - August 16 ♦ August 27- September 6 ♦ September 10 - September 20
September 24 - October 4 ♦ October 8 - October 18

9 days / 8 nights

Tour Cost:

Eur: 1350 gross pp in dbl.

Eur: 355 gross – sgl suppl.

Prices subject to change

Tour Cost Includes:

- ❖ Accommodations in first class hotels
- ❖ Two meals daily as specified
- ❖ Two dinners with folklore entertainment
- ❖ Family hosted lunch in Lowicz
- ❖ Chopin concert with a glass of wine
- ❖ Transfers on arrival and departure in Warsaw
- ❖ Air conditioned coach, sightseeing tours
- ❖ English speaking guide throughout
- ❖ Baggage handling (one piece per person)
- ❖ Entrance fees and taxes.

Not Included: Cost of passport, items of personal nature,

optional insurance, gratuities to guides and driver.





1st Day / Sat WARSAW

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your centrally located hotel. Hurry up and unpack! Warsaw has so much to offer. Meet your Guide and the rest of the group at 6:00 PM, in the hotel lobby. Drive along the beautifully renovated Royal Route with its historical monuments. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant, with a Mazowsze folklore show and with typical Polish dishes and famous Polish vodka (Welcome Dinner)



2nd Day / Sun

WARSAW

This morning see the wonders and you will really know the highlights of Warsaw after your tour today. A half-day sightseeing tour includes Historic Old Town, rebuilt with love and dedication after World War II, with impressive Royal Castle, seat of Polish kings. Here the May 3 Constitution was proclaimed in 1791, the second oldest constitution in the world, the ancient Barbican defense walls. After lunch in a local restaurant in Old Town, continue your tour with a drive to the former Warsaw Ghetto. For short break we visit the famous Warsaw café, "U Bliklego", to taste a Polish doughnut, called "paczek". In the afternoon enjoy a piano recital with the world famous compositions of Frederic Chopin. A glass of sparkling wine will be served during intermission.

(Breakfast, Lunch)

3th Day / Mon

WARSAW / Czestochowa / Auschwitz / ZAKOPANE

After breakfast, depart for Zakopane - one of the most popular vacation resorts in the Tatra Mountains. En route, there is a visit to Czestochowa here we tour Jasna Gora Monastery and the Black Madonna Shrine venerated as Poland's holiest icon. Lunch, in a local restaurant in Czestochowa. Before we reach Zakopane, we drive to Auschwitz - site of the former Nazi Concentration Camp where millions lost their lives in the Holocaust. From here we drive to Zakopane, the spectacularly situated resort, high in the Tatra Mountains. (Breakfast, Lunch)





4th Day/Tue

ZAKOPANE / KRAKOW

In the morning, you will have a sightseeing tour of Zakopane, - the main Polish mountain resort at the foot of this majestic Carpathian mountain range (over 2,000 metres above sea level). Tour around Zakopane, admiring local wooden architecture. You will visit the Jaszczurowka Chapel, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima at Krzeptowki which was built as a votive for saving the life of Pope John Paul II after an assassination attempt. Next point: a cable car trip up to one of the most beautiful places in the Tatras: Mt. Gubalowka, facing the painful beauty of Zakopane. During the day, you will also have enough time to walk down Krupowki Street for souvenir-hunting. Continue our adventure and take a raft trip down the Dunajec river gorge (weather permitting) meandering along the Polish-Slovak border through the Pieniny National Park. You needn't worry as the rafts are comfortable and safe - each of them is much like a punt boat, the rafter propels the vessel forward with a long pole. Millions of years ago the river made its way through mighty limestone rocks: we hope you will find this place very spectacular. We leave for Krakow. Evening is free for leisure and explore the city on your own.

(Breakfast, Dinner)



5th Day / Wed

KRAKOW / Wieliczka

The sensory-packed Krakow city tour includes exploring the medieval section of the town that has the Main Town Square, the largest square in Europe; the interiors of historical Jagiellonian University (founded in 1364); the fascinating churches with different architectural styles; and the most beautiful streets brimming with old world charms. The world's biggest wooden altar (carved by Wit Stwosz in 1477-1489) opens its wings in the Church of the Virgin Mary and we will be there to witness the magical moment. We take a comfortable walking tour of the legendary Wawel Castle, covering the exquisite Royal Apartments, the Cathedral and the Belfry. Following a short break for coffee and cake at the famous café, "Jama Michalika", a place designed by local artists. After lunch on your own you will take a tour to the Wieliczka Salt Mines, a fascinating monument of engineering which dates back to the 13th century. The subterranean universe is comprised of over 300 km of galleries hewn in rock and salt deposits. We will see the most interesting sights and enjoy dinner with a folklore show in restaurant located next to the salt mine. Overnight stay in Krakow. (Breakfast, Dinner)

6th Day / Thu

KRAKOW / Lowicz / TORUN

This morning we leave for Torun. On the way, we will stop in Lowicz, a typical Mazovian town famous for folk art. You will be invited for a home-hosted dinner by a local family, You will be welcomed in a typical Polish way, with bread and salt, and enjoy your meal served by the young married couple in their lovely house. You will have time to talk about their day to day life and have your dessert in a beautiful garden. Evening at leisure. (Breakfast, Lunch)



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7th Day / Fri

TORUN/GDANSK.

Today we depart for Gdansk. After breakfast we have a tour of the Torun Old Town (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). This delightful historical city is abundant in original Gothic structures that survived numerous wars and invasions, including a magnificent town hall, medieval fortification walls and the Polish "leaning tower of Pisa". You will get a bite of the local gingerbread. Lunch at a local restaurant and drive to Gdansk. Upon arrival we give you the afternoon free to explore this city on your own.

(Breakfast, Lunch)

8th Day / Sat

GDANSK

Today see Gdansk, Sopot and Gdynia. The three municipalities make up a vast metropolis known as the Trojmiasto /Tricity. The capital of Eastern Pomerania is Gdansk, one of Poland's three major seaports, a city with a thousand years of history, and full of priceless monuments of the past. You will walk to a "Długi Targ - Long Market. Lunch at the local restaurant. Continue to Sopot – best known for the longest wooden pier and the and the Opera which plays host to the annual International Song Festival. Enjoy a concert in the Oliwa Cathedral. Your afternoon is free for shopping. (Breakfast, Lunch)

9th Day / Sun

GDANSK / Malbork / OLSZTYN

Today, we leave for the great Mazurian Lakes district. En-route visit to Teutonic Knight's Castle in Malbork- the largest brick building in Europe. Malbork Castle was built by the Teutonic Order and named Mary's Castle. The construction started in 1274. In the evening enjoy a picnic with folklore show at a local restaurant. (Breakfast, Lunch, Picnic)



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10th Day / Mon

OLSZTYN / Olsztynek / WARSAW

Before we return to Warsaw today, there is a stop in Ethnographic Park in Olsztynek. Visit to Skansen of Folk Architecture, the Museum devoted to 18th and 19th century folk architecture from Warmia, Mazuria and Lithuania as well. We continue your drive to Warsaw Tonight a farewell dinner in a local restaurant..
(Breakfast, Dinner)

11th Day/Tue

WARSAW

Your tour ends this morning after breakfast, as we transfer you to the airport for the flight home.
(Breakfast)

YOUR HOTELS:

WARSAW - Novotel Centrum ★★★★★ or similar

ZAKOPANE - Nosalowy Dwor ★★★★★ or similar

KRAKOW - Novotel Bronowice ★★★★★ or similar

TORUN - Mercure Helios ★★★★★ or similar

GDYNIA - Marina ★★★ or similar

OLSZTYN - Omega ★★★ (former Novotel) or similar

WARSAW - Novotel Centrum ★★★★★ or similar