

DISCOVER POLAND

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Starts in Warsaw on Saturdays:

August 6 - August 19 ♦ September 3 - September 16

14 days / 13 nights

Tour Cost:

Eur: 1640 gross p/p in Dbl

Eur: 470 gross – sgl suppl.

Prices subject to change

Tour Cost Includes:

- ❖ First class hotels
- ❖ Two meals daily as specified
- ❖ Air conditioned coach
- ❖ Transfers on arrival and departure in Warsaw
- ❖ Sightseeing tours
- ❖ Home-hosted dinner in Lowicz
- ❖ Chopin concert with a glass of wine
- ❖ Folklore entertainment in Zakopane and during picnic in Gietrzwald
- ❖ 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 therest 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)



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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)

3rd Day / Mon

WARSAW / Czestochowa / Auschwitz / KRAKOW

Depart for Krakow, Poland's unique, medieval open-air museum. En route, stop in Czestochowa to visit the Jasna Gora Monastery and the Black Madonna Shrine with its miraculous icon. After lunch at a local restaurant in Czestochowa we will drive to Auschwitz to visit the Martyrdom Museum of the former Nazi concentration camp, a grim reminder of the Holocaust. (Breakfast, Lunch)





4th Day / Tue KRAKOW

This morning's city tour features Wawel Hill with the Royal Castle, home to three dynasties of Poland's monarchs. Its stately chambers are filled with priceless medieval treasures including fabulous 16th century Flemish tapestries. You will also visit the Wawel Cathedral, where 18 chapels are true architectural masterpieces. Here the Polish kings were crowned and buried. Following a short break for coffee and cake at the famous café, "Jama Michalika", a place designed by local artists, walk to the medieval Market Square, one of the largest in Europe. At St. Mary's Basilica see the largest wooden altar by Wit Stwosz and at the arcaded Cloth Hall, dating back to the 14th century, you can shop for souvenirs. Afternoon is at leisure to discover treasures of this fascinating (Breakfast, dinner)





5th Day / Wed

KRAKOW / Wieliczka / ZAKOPANE

After breakfast we depart for Zakopane. En route stop in Wieliczka Salt Mine, the oldest in Europe. Descend into the underground chambers of the Wieliczka Salt Mines for an unparalleled tour of the medieval galleries and halls craved out of rocks and salt deposits. After lunch in a local restaurant located next to the salt mine. Continue to the resort of Zakopane beautifully situated at the foot of the Tatra Mountains. (Breakfast, Lunch)

6th Day / Thu

ZAKOPANE

This morning, you will start with a sightseeing tour of Zakopane, the principal Polish mountain resort located at the foot of the majestic Carpathian mountain range (more than 2,000 metres above sea level). We see the local wooden architecture in Zakopane, Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima at Krzeptowki, before hopping into a cable car to Mt. Gubalowka, one of the most beautiful peaks in the Tatras, to view the dramatic scenery. Lunch on your own and free time. During the day, there is enough time for souvenir hunting along Krupowki Street in Zakopane. Dinner: A cheerful highlander folklore show with live music and dance. You will have an opportunity to taste the local cuisine (Breakfast, Dinner)





7th Day / Fri

ZAKOPANE / Wadowice / WROCLAW

Today we drive to Wrocław, the charming city on the Odra River, the capital of Lower Silesia known as "Venice of the North". En route, visit in Wadowice the birthplace of John Paul II. We will have the opportunity to see the house where he was born and raised.

You will visit Basilica where Karol Wojtyła was baptized and where he prayed during his first pilgrimage to Poland. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant in Wadowice. Then we will continue our journey to Wrocław (Breakfast, lunch)

8th Day / Sat

WROCLAW / RYDZYNA

After breakfast, sightseeing of Wrocław - one of the Polish most beautiful cities. Wrocław with its beautiful historical buildings like Town Hall and Market Square is recognized as a Gothic-Renaissance architecture. Also memorable is the Panorama Racławicka, a painting in the round depicting a renowned victory by Polish forces under T. Kosciuszko. In the afternoon we take you to Rydzyna for dinner and accommodations in the palace. (Breakfast, Dinner)



9th Day / Sun

RYDZYNA / POZNAN / TORUN

This morning we leave for Torun. The road leads us through Poznan, "capital" of western Poland. Historic Poznan is renowned for its Gothic-Renaissance Town Hall, Gothic and Baroque churches and neo-classical palaces. Modern – day Poznan attracts commercial interests from around the world. We enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Overnight in Torun. (Breakfast, Lunch)

10th Day / Mon

TORUN / GDANSK

After breakfast you will tour the main attractions of Torun (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". 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)

11th Day / Tue

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 sea-ports, a city with a thousand years of history, and full of priceless monuments of the past. You will walk to a "Dlugi 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)



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12th Day / Wed

GDANSK / Malbork / OLSZTYN

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13th Day / Thu

OLSZTYN / Olsztynek / Lowicz / 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. Continuing to Warsaw. 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. After dinner, we continue your drive to Warsaw. (Breakfast, Dinner)

14th Day / Fri

WARSAW

After breakfast- transfer to the airport for the return flight home. (Breakfast)



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YOUR HOTELS:

WARSAW - Novotel Centrum ★★★★★ or similar

KRAKOW - Novotel Bronowice ★★★★★ or similar

ZAKOPANE - Nosalowy Dwor ★★★★★ or similar

WROCLAW - Wroclaw ★★★★★ or similar

RYDZYNA - Palace

TORUN - Mercure Helios ★★★★★ or similar

GDANSK - Gdynia Hotel ★★★★★ or similar

OLSZTYN - Omega ★★★★★ or similar

WARSAW - Novotel Centrum ★★★★★ or similar