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We simply propose you an amazing travel to the most beautiful places in our country, provide you opportunity to experience the unique and diverse cultural heritages and charm of Poland.

The Poles are warm-hearted people and our Polish tradition of hospitality deeply rooted in custom and practice guarantees a good stay in our country.

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- ☐ Catering and folklore evenings

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- ☐ Cultural events
- ☐ VIP services

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POLAND - ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:



Poland is an ancient nation that was conceived around the middle of the 10th century. Its golden age occurred in the 16th century. During the following century, the strengthening of the gentry and internal disorders weakened the nation. In a series of agreements between 1772 and 1795, Russia, Prussia, and Austria partitioned Poland amongst themselves. Poland regained its independence in 1918 only to be overrun by Germany and the Soviet Union in World War II. It became a Soviet satellite state following the war, but its government was comparatively tolerant and progressive. Labor turmoil in 1980 led to the formation of the independent trade union "Solidarity" that over time became a political force and by 1990 had swept parliamentary elections and the presidency. A "shock therapy" program during the early 1990s enabled the country to transform its economy into one of the most robust in Central Europe. Solidarity suffered a major defeat in the 2001 parliamentary elections when it failed to elect a single deputy to the lower house of Parliament, and the new leaders of the Solidarity Trade Union subsequently pledged to reduce the Trade Union's political role. Poland joined NATO in 1999 and the European Union in 2004. Nowadays Poland is considered to currently have one of the fastest growing economies in central Europe and is the only member of European Union to have avoided a decline in GDP during the late 2000s recession. In year 2009 Poland has created the most GDP growth in the EU and the Polish economy had not entered recession nor even contracted.

This big central European country is located upon to rivers: the Vistula, Oder and the Baltic Sea. The south is occupied by the Carpatian Mountains, lowlands and uplands stretch throughout the central part of the country and the northern Poland with its Mazurian and Pomeranian landlakes charm with beautiful forests and thousands of lakes. Beautiful nature, historical monuments, respect for tradition and hospitality are those elements that make this country very attractive for foreign visitors and a tour of Poland is a must today.



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| ✈ Airports | ⛵ Water sports centres | + Former Nazi concentration camps | — Health resorts |
| — Main roads | ⛷ Winter sports centres | 🏰 Castles | ✠✠✠ Old churches, Orthodox churches, Mosques, Synagogues |
| ○ Border crossing | 🐎 Equestrian clubs | 🏰 Palaces | ⛪ Religious sanctuaries |
| — Ferry connections | 🏇 Hippodromes | 🏠 Outdoor ethnographic museum | 🌊 Interesting waterways |
| ⚓ International ports | 🏹 Hunting areas | 🏛 Museums | 🌳 National parks |
| 🏖 Sea beaches | 🎣 Angling areas | 🏡 Folklore centres | 👤 Places of interest |

POLAND - ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:



Flag :

Political system: Republic

Area: 312.000 sq. km (120.728 sq. miles)

Location: Central Europe; Poland shares borders to the east with Lithuania, Belarus and Ukraine, to the south with Czech Republic and Slovakia and to the west with Germany. Its northern border runs along the Baltic Sea coast, which provides about 500 km (300 miles) of sandy beaches, steep cliffs and dunes.

Population: 38.200.000 inhabitants

Language: Polish is the official language. Foreigners can easily communicate in English, German and Russian.

Currency: The Zloty (PLN) is official currency in Poland. 1 PLN is equal to 100 groszy.

Coins in circulation: 1,2,5 zloty and 1,2,5,10,20 groszy.

Banknotes: 10,20,50,100,200 zloty. Foreign currency can be easily exchanged at all border crossing points, banks, exchange bureaux called "Kantor" and hotel reception. The import of foreign currency is unlimited, provided declared upon entering Poland. The export of foreign currency is limited to the amount declared on arrival. The import and export of Polish currency is prohibited.

Capital city: Warsaw

Major cities: Krakow, Gdansk, Wroclaw, Poznan, Lodz, Katowice, Szczecin, Lublin.

Time: GMT +1, Winter time GMT +2

Climate: Poland has a temperate climate, with warm summers, sunny autumns and cold winters. The snow covers southern area from December to March.

Religion: More than 90% of Roman Catholics.

Electricity: Main voltage is 220V/230V, all sockets take small round two-pin plugs. An adaptor is required for 110V electrical equipment.

Telephones: Direct connections with almost all countries. The dialing code to Poland is + 48,

Warsaw +48/22, Krakow +48/12, Gdansk +48/58, Wroclaw +48/71.

Emergency phone numbers: Police 997, Ambulance 999, Fire 998.

Customs regulation: Customs rules and procedures are similar to those prevailing in a majority of EU countries.

Public holidays: New Year's Day 1st January, Easter Sunday and Monday (movable date), Labour Day 1st May, Constitution Day 3rd May, Corpus Christi (Thursday- movable date), Feast of the Assumption 15th August, All Saint's Day 1st November, National Independent Day 11th November, Christmas Holidays 25th & 26th December.

Credit cards: VISA, American Express, Mastercard, JCB and Dinners Club are accepted in Poland.

Insurance: Visitors from abroad are recommended to take out insurance before travelling to Poland.

Shopping: Shops are generally opened from 7.00am-6.00pm Mondays to Fridays and for shorter hours at weekends. Supermarkets and department stores open 9.00am-9.00pm Mondays to Saturdays, and 9.00am-8.00pm on Sundays.

Special purchases include: glass and crystal, handwoven rugs, silverware, handmade jewellery with amber, woodcarvings.

Eating and drinking: Poland has a distinctive cuisine with typical ingredients being dill, marjoram, caraway seeds, wild mushrooms and sour cream, which is frequently added to soups, sauces and braised meats. The most popular national dishes are:

Bigos – made with sauerkraut, fresh cabbage, onions and variety of meat.

Pierogi – dumplings filled with meat, mushrooms and cabbage or cottage cheese and potatoes.

Golabki – rolled cabbage leaves stuffed with rice, onions and beef, served in tomato sauce.

Barszcz - beetroot soup, best is served with sourcream.

Vodka is the national drink and must be drunk chilled. Wyborowa is considered the best standard vodka, but there are many flavoured varieties as Zubrowka (bison grass), Sliwowica (prune) or Pieprzowka.

Beer: Polish beers are very nice and the most popular is Zywiec, a fairly strong lager type beer.

Tipping: 10% is customary in restaurants and cafes. Tipping in self-service restaurant is not expected.



RECOMMENDED HOTELS

HOTELS IN KRAKOW



Hotel SHERATON KRAKOW *****

Location: city centre on Wisla riverside, 10 min. walk to the Old Town, 2 km to Railway St., 14 km to Airport. **Capacity:** 233 rooms. **Rooms:** Sheraton "SweetSleeper" bedding, elegant décor, in-room safe, Air-conditioning, 2 Telephones with 2 IDD lines, speaker phone and Voice Mail, High speed internet access, TV with multilingual satellite channels, pay movies, Bathrobe, many rooms feature views of either Wawel Castle or river. **Facilities:** 24 hour room service, all day dining Restaurant The Olive, SomePlace Else - Pub Eatery and Terrace, Lobby Lounge and Cafe, 6 meeting rooms fully equipped with modern AV, business centre, lobby shop, car parking, fitness center 24 h: fully equipped gymnasium, indoor heated swimming pool, sauna.



Hotel GRAND *****

Location: inside the Old Town (heart of Krakow). **Capacity:** 64 rooms. **Rooms:** beautiful stylish - individually furnished rooms, palace suits, corridors with antique stained glass windows are inviting to stay at the hotel, an imperial ambience. **Facilities:** restaurant, coffee bar, drink bar, 8 conference rooms, souvenir shop.



Hotel HOLIDAY INN *****

Location: city centre/the Old Town, 5 minutes walk to Main Market Sq. **Capacity:** 154 rooms. **Rooms:** air-conditioned and fully equipped bedrooms and suites, each uniquely furnished and tastefully decorated. In addition all rooms will have full and fast access to Internet. **Facilities:** restaurant, coffee bar, drink bar, 7 conference rooms, fitness centre, souvenir shop, car-park.



CROWN PIAST HOTEL & PARK *****

Location: outside centre but with good public transport connection, near the exit from motorway A4, 6 km to Railway St., 8 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 160 rooms. **Rooms:** comfortable and cosily equipped single and double rooms, with a possibility of having additional beds. Rooms with their own air-conditioning system are equipped with TV sat, radios, telephone sets, direct access to Internet, safe box, mini bar and bathrooms with showers. Hotel also provides the rooms with special facilities for handicapped. **Facilities:** Restaurant, Summer Tavern in the park, health and beauty centre, conference centre with capacity for up to 300 people, guarded car parking.



Hotel SYMPOZJUM *****

Location: distance of 3km to the Old Town & Railway St., 15km from Airport. **Capacity:** 80 rooms. **Rooms:** comfortable and nice rooms with large, warm bathrooms (furnished with natural wood). Comprehensive multi-media equipment and fast internet connections. **Facilities:** Restaurant, drink bar, business centre, 7 conference rooms with modern AV equipment, laundry, fitness centre: indoor swimming pool, sauna, solarium.



Hotel ORIENT ****

Location: distance of 5 km to The Old Town & Railway St. (10 minutes drive), 18 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 58 rooms. **Rooms:** modern & comfortable rooms, all are air-conditioned, fitted with satellite TV sat, telephones and Internet connections. **Facilities:** Restaurant (grill garden in summer), drink bar, 4 multifunction rooms, business centre, recreation: swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, solarium, fitness gym, souvenir shop, press stand, car parking.



Hotel PARK INN ****

Location: nestled close to city centre, in walking distance of several top attractions such as the historic castle Wawel and the Jewish district of Kazimierz. **Capacity:** 152 rooms plus 16 suites. **Rooms:** Park Inn offers 152 colourful and modern guest rooms with all the amenities of a high-class establishment at an affordable price. Non smoking rooms and rooms for disabled guests are available upon request. There are also 4 superb suites and 12 junior suites. **Facilities:** RBG, Bar and Grill Restaurant, 5 conference rooms and 1 banquet hall, laundry service.



Hotel QUBUS ****

Location: Situated in the city centre - in a vicinity of a historical district Kazimierz. **Capacity:** 194 rooms. **Rooms:** offer 194 rooms (fully air-conditioned): single and double rooms, apartments as well as junior suite, is able to accommodate up to 375 guests. The rooms are equipped with: phone, TV sat, radio, minibar, internet access. **Facilities:** Restaurant, Jazz Club & Piano Bar, conference centre with capacity for up to 450 people, fitness club, sauna, jacuzzi and swimming pool, newspapers stand, safe, dry cleaning and laundry, guarded car-park.



Hotel NOVOTEL CENTRUM *****

Location: city centre, 15 min walk to the Old Town, 2 km to Railway St., 13 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 198 rooms. **Rooms:** comfortable rooms, equipped with phone, radio, television, air conditioning, bath, automatic wake up call, minibar, hair dryer, sound proofed, acoustics doors, double-glazing. **Facilities:** Restaurant, drink bar, lobby shop, multi functional conference centre, fitness centre: sauna, jacuzzi, indoor swimming pool, massage, car parking.



Hotel REZYDENT ***

Location: heart of The Old Town, 1km to Railway St., 14 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 59 rooms. **Rooms:** elegant, comfortable rooms, bathrooms with shower/tub, cable television, radio - alarm clock, direct dial telephone. There are rooms for the handicapped and non-smokers. **Facilities:** Restaurant, laundry service, souvenir kiosk at reception, exchange, room service, free safe at reception.



Hotel MONOPOL ***

Location: in the Old Town, 1 km to Railway St., 14 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 75 rooms. **Rooms:** elegant, modern & comfortable rooms, having all your needs in mind, they are equipped with bathroom, telephone, satellite TV, internet access and radio-alarm clock. **Facilities:** Restaurant, drink bar, 2 meeting rooms for 40 people each, room service, laundry service, car parking.



Hotel POLSKI ***

Location: heart of the Old Town, 0,5km to Railway St., 16 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 54 rooms. **Rooms:** comfortable single, double or triple rooms, 3 suites. All furnished with telephone, radio and satellite television. The hotel is designed to accommodate disabled guests (there is a lift and specially adapted bathrooms). **Facilities:** Restaurant, drink bar, laundry service.

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Hotel ALEXANDER ***

Location: in the Old Town only 5 minutes walk to Main Market Sq., 1 km to Railway St., 15 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 40 rooms. **Rooms:** very comfortable and fresh single, double and triple rooms, all of which are airconditioned, have a bathroom, TV sat, radio, phone. The bathrooms are fitted with shower, towels and complete bathroom facilities. **Facilities:** Restaurant, drink bar, conference room for up to 60 people, laundry service.



Hotel ATRIUM ***

Location: heart of city centre- in the Old Town, 0,5 km to Railway St., 15 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 52 rooms. **Rooms:** Sleeping places for 133 people in single, double and triple rooms and apartments. All rooms are equipped with a private bathroom, satellite TV and telephone. Some rooms are equipped with a kitchen annex, too. **Facilities:** Restaurant, 1 conference room for up to 60 people, laundry service, taxi service.



Hotel RT REGENT ***

Location: heart of Jewish quarter, 1 km to the Main Market Sq., 1,5 km to Railway St., 16 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 37 rooms. **Rooms:** comfortable rooms having all your needs in mind, they are come equipped with bathroom, phone, TV sat, internet access and radio-alarm clock. There are rooms for the disabled and non smoking guests. **Facilities:** Restaurant "Regent Cellars" offers delicious dishes from various parts of the world and tasty specialties of traditional Polish cuisine.



Hotel ASTORIA ***

Location: heart of Jewish district, 1 km to the Old Town, 1,5 km to Railway St., 15 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 35 rooms. **Rooms:** single, double, triple rooms and suites. All rooms are equipped with a telephone, bathroom, shower and TV sat, air-conditioning. **Facilities:** Restaurant, summer garden bar, conference rooms, car parking space, laundry service.



Hotel CHOPIN ***

Location: in the centre of Krakow, 17 km from Airport and 1 km from Railway Station. **Capacity:** 219 rooms. **Rooms:** small modern rooms with bath / WC, TV sat, self dial telephone. **Facilities:** Restaurant, drink bar, 5 air-conditioned conference rooms with internet access and telephones, hairdresser, beauty salon, fitness centre, souvenir shop, car parking.



Hotel SECESJA ***

Location: in city centre / Old Jewish District, close to Wawel Castle, 2,5 km to Railway St., 16 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 26 rooms. **Rooms:** comfortable modern rooms, equipped with TV, radio and telephone, bathroom. **Facilities:** Restaurant, conference room for 24 persons, luggage room, safe on request.



Hotel LOGOS ***

Location: very close to The Old Town (0,3 km), 1 km to Railway St., 14 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 49 rooms. **Rooms:** nice, modern rooms all rooms with bathroom, TV Sat, telephone. **Facilities:** Restaurant, drink bar, meeting room for 45 persons with AV equipment, relaxation & beauty centre.



Hotel PETRUS ***

Location: near to city centre, only 1,5 km from Wawel Castle, 13 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 27 rooms. **Rooms:** comfortable rooms with bathroom, satellite TV, self dial telephone. **Facilities:** Restaurant, 1 conference room, sauna, free car parking, laundry service.



Hotel PERŁA ***

Location: situated by the exit road E77 to Zakopane and Slovakian border, ca. 5 km from city centre and 18 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 38 rooms. **Rooms:** nice and comfortable 1, 2, and 3 person rooms and apartments, fully furnished and equipped with bathrooms, satellite T.V., telephones and Internet; rooms for handicapped persons, quarters for pets. **Facilities:** Restaurant, 2 conference rooms, free parking, quick laundry service, taxi service.

HOTELS IN WARSAW



Hotel LE ROYAL MERIDIEN BRISTOL *****

Location: city centre, near the Old Town, 2 km to Railway St., 12 km from the Airport. **Capacity:** 205 rooms. **Rooms:** beautiful stylish rooms and suites, all air-conditioned and individually designed, equipped with TV sat, radio, mini-bar. **Facilities:** 2 Restaurants: Malinowa & Marconi, Café Bristol, The Column Bar, 8 meeting rooms fully equipped with modern AVC, laundry/ironing, business centre, fitness centre with pool, sauna, solarium, massage.



Hotel SOFITEL VICTORIA WARSAW *****

Location: city centre, near the Old Town, 2 km to Railway St., 15 km to Airport. **Capacity:** 341 rooms. **Rooms:** all rooms are very nice with air-conditioning, 158 singles, 131 double rooms, 40 business rooms, 10 suites, 1 presidential suite. Rooms are equipped with TV sat, Pay TV, radio, direct-dial telephone, complimentary newspapers, minibar, safe box, hair dryer, trouser press, fax connection point, voice mail, 3 rooms for disabled, TV sat, radio, mini-bar. **Facilities:** 3 Restaurants: Canaletto, Hetmanska and Opera, Coffee Bar and Grean Bar, 9 multifunction meeting rooms fully equipped with AVC, business centre, laundry/ironing, shoe-shinning machines, fitness & health centre, swimming-pool, news-stand, guarded car parking.



Hotel POLONIA PALACE *****

Location: city centre, walking distance to shopping centre, 500 m to Railway St., 8 km to Airport. **Capacity:** 206 rooms. **Rooms:** there are 206 stylish air-conditioned rooms, individually designed and decorated with the highest quality fabrics, furnishings and fittings, 121 Deluxe King, 12 Deluxe Queen, 56 Deluxe Twin, 6 Deluxe Corner, 5 Junior Suites, 2 Suites and 1 English Apartment. All rooms equipped with high-speed-Internet access Fax/Modem connection, video on demand system, TV Sat with radio and bill view function, Telephone with voicemail system, Minibar, Hair dryer. **Facilities:** Ludwikowska Restaurant, Bojangles Bar and Lounge, Cafe Strauss, business and conference centre for up to 250 participants, Health and fitness center with two saunas and solarium.

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Hotel RADISSON BLU CENTRUM ****

Location: located in business and tourist quarter within walking distance to the Old Town Sq.
Capacity: 311 rooms. **Rooms:** rooms in Maritime, Scandinavian and Italian style. Business class rooms and suites are equipped with data port high speed Internet, trouser press, coffee and tea making facilities, (A/C). **Facilities:** Latino Brasserie Restaurant, Ogrodowa Restaurant, Lobby Bar, World Class Healthy with swimming pool, sauna, gym, aerobic room, business service centre, 6 conference rooms and 1 banquet hall, underground garage, kiosk.



Hotel SHERATON WARSAW *****

Location: city centre on the Royal Route, 1 km to Railway St., 11 km to Airport **Capacity:** 350 rooms. **Rooms:** elegantly appointed, spacious and bright rooms and suites, Sheraton "SweetSleeper" bedding, Air-conditioning, 3 Telephones with Voice Mail, High speed internet access, TV with multilingual satellite channels, pay movies, safe box, bathrobe, ironing board, tea and coffee facilities. **Facilities:** 24 hour room service, all day dining Restaurant The Olive, SomePlace Else - Pub & Restaurant, Lobby Lounge- Piano Bar, the Oriental Restaurant, 12 meeting rooms fully equipped with modern AV, business centre, gift shop, car parking, fitness center with fully equipped gym., sauna, hairdresser, beauty salon, babysitting service on request.



Hotel HOLIDAY INN ****

Location: city centre, 15 min. walk to The Old Town, 8 km to Airport, 300 m to Railway St. **Capacity:** 336 rooms. **Rooms:** fully equipped comfortable bedroom, TV sat, pay TV, radio, telephone, minibar, trouser press, hairdryer. In addition all rooms will have A/C and fast access to Internet. 206 non-smoking rooms and 2 handicapped rooms. **Facilities:** cosy and elegant Symfonia Restaurant, business centre with modern AV equipment, fitness centre: Finnish sauna, room service, concierge, laundry/ironing, shoe-shinning machines, safe deposit boxes at the reception, garage.



Hotel NOVOTEL WARSZAWA CENTRUM ****

Location: city centre, 15 min. walk to the Old Town, 0.5 km to Railway St., 10 km to Airport **Capacity:** 734 rooms. **Rooms:** comfortable rooms equipped with phone, radio, TV sat, minibar, hairdryer, Internet connection, 129 Non-smoking rooms, 6 rooms for Handicapped, (A/C). **Facilities:** The Garden Brasserie Restaurant, Cocktail bar, lobby shop, 4 multifunctional conference rooms, business centre, laundry/ironing, safe deposit boxes at reception, garage.



Hotel JAN III SOBIESKI ****

Location: in Warsaw business district, 1 km to Railway St., 5.5 km to Airport. **Capacity:** 427 rooms. **Rooms:** comfortable and nice rooms (A/C) comfortably equipped guest rooms, full anti-noise protection measures, satellite TV, radio, pay TV, direct dial telephone line, 118 rooms with high speed internet access, minibar, triple lock protection system, hairdryers installed in all bedrooms, additional safes in all suites and rooms on the 7th floor. **Facilities:** Marysienka Restaurant, Alexander Café, Zbrojownia Drink bar, safe deposit boxes at the reception, laundry service seven days a week, business centre, 7 air-conditioned multifunction conference rooms equipped with modern AV system, fitness centre: dry sauna & sanarium, sauna with aromatherapy, solarium, hydro-massage, secured underground garage.



Hotel MERCURE F.CHOPIN ****+

Location: in Warsaw business district, 0.5km to Railway St., 9 km to the Airport. **Capacity:** 252 rooms. **Rooms:** modern & comfortable rooms (A/C), all are air-conditioned, fitted with satellite TV Sat and pay TV, all rooms having telephones and Internet connection, mini-bar, trouser press on request, hairdryer. 225 Non-smoking rooms, 6 rooms for Handicapped. **Facilities:** Brasserie Stanislas Restaurant, L'Apérge Bar, Salon de The Madame Walewska Cafe, 6 multifunction conference rooms, business centre, laundry/ironing, safe deposit boxes at reception, news-stand, shoe-shinning machines, recreation: Finnish sauna & small gym, souvenir shop and press stand, car parking.



Hotel CZARNY KOT ***

Location: city centre, located near two main Warsaw's communication tracks. Near the hotel are swimming pools, fitness club with aerobic, the biggest European Trade Center "Arkadia" (150m). Distances: 8 km from the Airport, and 3 km to the Railway Station. **Capacity:** 39 rooms. **Rooms:** elegant, comfortable rooms, TV sat, radio, direct dial telephone. Each room is unique, there are no two rooms that look the same. There is a bathroom in each room with heated floor, some of the rooms have jacuzzi, soundproof windows. **Facilities:** room service, business centre, near the receptions desk there is a place with a computer and the access to the internet, laundry, shoe-cleaning service, safe at reception without additional payment, car park with a guard (100m from the hotel is extra paid), inside Restaurant there is the biggest mirror gallery in Warsaw.



Hotel METROPOL ***

Location: in business district, 400m to Railway St., 10 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 187 rooms. **Rooms:** 128 single rooms, 47 double rooms, 10 suites, all are equipped with bathroom, telephone, TV sat. **Facilities:** Metro Jazz Club Restaurant, Travel office, Casino, jeweller and souvenir kiosk, car parking.



Hotel HETMAN ***

Location: in centre, 1 km to the Old Town, 2 km to Railway St., 12 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 68 rooms. **Rooms:** elegant and spacious rooms equipped with TV sat, radio, phone, and Internet access. Each room is large and elegant has private bathroom, equipped with a hair dryer. **Facilities:** Restaurant, 2 modern meeting rooms, health club with jacuzzi, underground car park.



Hotel MERCURE GRAND ***

Location: city centre, 1 km to Railway St., 10 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 299 rooms. **Rooms:** Sgl & Dbl rooms and 6 Suites, all rooms are equipped with bathroom, direct-dial phone, TV sat, radio and refrigerator. Trouser press in suites only. 225 rooms having Internet access, 2 rooms for disabled. **Facilities:** Grand Restaurant, Hi-tech conference centre with 6 multifunction meeting rooms, cocktail bar, beauty centre, hairdresser, laundry/ironing, safe deposit boxes at reception, news-stand, shoe-shinning machines.

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Hotel REYTAN ***

Location: very close to The Old Town (0,3km) only 5 minutes walk, 1km to Railway St., 14 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 86 rooms. **Rooms:** modern and cozy rooms, 10 Sgl and 60 Dbl rooms equipped with bathroom, phone, TV sat, radio with alarm clock, hairdryer. **Facilities:** Restaurant, drink bar, 3 meeting rooms, car parking.



Hotel MDM ***

Location: close to business district, 1,5km to Railway St., 8,5 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 112 rooms. **Rooms:** 21 singles, 89 doubles (classic and deluxe) and 2 suites. All rooms are equipped with bathroom, telephone, TV sat, Pay TV, minibar, hairdryer. **Facilities:** Restaurant Bistro Le Loup, business centre, 2 fully equipped conference rooms (AC), currency exchange, souvenir shop, safe deposit boxes on request, car parking located next to the hotel.

HOTELS IN WROCLAW



Hotel HP PARK PLAZA WROCLAW ****

Location: hotel is located in the center of Wroclaw, close to the oldest part of the city- Ostrow Tumski. **Capacity:** 177 rooms. **Rooms:** 177 comfortable rooms including: 152 standard rooms for single or double use, 2 suites, 19 junior suites, 4 rooms for disabled. All rooms are equipped with: TV sat, Pay TV, radio, telephone, minibar, LAN internet access, bathroom and hairdryer. **Facilities:** fitness center, laundry, safe boxes at the reception desk taxi-service casino, Restaurant offers a wide selection of Polish and European specialties. In summer months terrace by the river, 5 air-conditioned conference rooms (max. 180 people) with professional audio-visual equipment, underground garage and the parking place by the hotel.



Hotel WROCLAW ****

Location: situated in the city center of Wroclaw, within walking distance to the business and commercial areas of the city. Airport 15 km, Main Railway Station and Bus Station 0.5 km. **Capacity:** 292 rooms. **Rooms:** 287 double rooms, 5 suites, TV sat, Pay TV. Each room is equipped with radio, direct-dial telephone, air-conditioning, room service, minibar; non-smoking rooms. Pets are permitted in the hotel. **Facilities:** business center, currency exchange, hairdresser, flower shop, news-stand, perfume counter, gift shop, laundry, dry-cleaning and pressing service, shoeshine machines, car rental, parking, petrol station, car wash, minibus, hotel taxi, indoor swimming pool, sauna, solarium, massage, Restaurant serves traditional Polish and international cuisine. Aperitif Bar, 10 multifunction rooms -up to 500 persons, AV equipment, photocopier, fax.



Hotel SCANDIC ****

Location: in the centre, nearby the Railway Station and the Old Town, 15 km from airport. **Capacity:** 258 beds. **Rooms:** 22 apartments, 48 single rooms and 94 double rooms. Comfortable and air-conditioned rooms, all are equipped with a telephone, internet access free of charge, TV sat and cable TV, minibars, tea and coffee makers. **Facilities:** VIP Fitness Centre, beauty parlour 'EXOREL' offers wide range of beauty treatments and massages. Hotel restaurant Inn-Door House offers selected dainties of both Polish and international cuisines. Drink bar called "Library", 7 conference rooms up to 450 people. All conference rooms are air-conditioned and supplied with technical equipment of the highest standard, business centre offers help in a range of office works such as: copying, typewriting, fax.



Hotel PATIO ***+

Location: perfectly situated in the very heart of Wroclaw's Old Town. **Capacity:** 50 rooms. **Rooms:** Hotel offers single and double rooms equipped with phone, TV sat, minibar and Internet-free of charge. Each room has private bathroom. **Facilities:** Restaurant Tete-a-Tete, offering delicious dishes of traditional Polish as well as international cuisine. Night club. For business meetings offers 2 professionally equipped conference rooms for up to 60 people.



Hotel MERCURE PANORAMA ***+

Location: situated in the city center of Wroclaw, near the Old Town Square. Distance: to the Airport - 12 km, to the Railway Station- 1 km. **Capacity:** 150 rooms. **Rooms:** 6 suites and 8 superior rooms. All rooms have air-condition, Internet access, telephone, mini-bar, radio, TV sat and Pay TV. **Facilities:** Restaurant serves dishes of traditional Polish as well as international cuisine, safe deposit boxes, laundry service. Hotel offers multifunctional meeting rooms for conferences up to 600 persons, AV equipment, a complete system for multilingual simultaneous translations and Internet access (also wireless).



Hotel VEGA ***

Location: 3 km from city centre and nearby the Airport. **Capacity:** 80 rooms. **Rooms:** 80 luxury and smartly furnished single and double rooms with bathrooms, TV sat, telephone and free cordless Internet. Hotel offers rooms for smoking and non-smoking guests. **Facilities:** Restaurant offers both domestic and international cuisine. During the spring and summer months Hotel invites you to taste the dishes and drinks on the Hotel terrace surrounded by a beautiful green landscape, Drink Bar, fully equipped conference room for up to 200 people.

RECOMMENDED HOTELS

HOTELS IN GDANSK



Hotel RADISSON SAS BLUE *****

Location: situated in the heart of the city on Długi Targ street, 15 km from Airport. **Capacity:** 134 rooms with a choice of standards: standard, business class, deluxe, suites and a luxurious presidential suite. **Rooms:** spacious interiors, natural colours, every room has a comfortable bed, minibar, individual air-conditioning, coffee and tea making equipment, a large safe, TV sat and free broadband Internet access. **Facilities:** Restaurant serves French cuisine, great selection of Burgundy wines and champagnes, Sure Bar, Radisson Blu in Gdansk offers 2 conference rooms with state-of-the-art equipment, banquet room.



Hotel MERCURE HEVELIUS ****

Location: situated in the Old Town, near the main Railway Station, 15 km from Gdansk Airport. **Capacity:** 93 sgl rooms, 182 dbl rooms, 6 suites. **Rooms:** air conditioning, free high speed internet access, minibar, personal safe box, LCD TV, radio, telephone, coffee/tea facilities. **Facilities:** Restaurant "U Heveliusa" a la carte, serves Polish and European cuisine, boutique, gift shop, free internet kiosk, lifts, laundry service, shoeshine machines, newspapers in lobby and guarded car park (extra paid). The hotel offers 5 conference halls for 335 persons.



Hotel SCANDIC ****

Location: close to Old Town, near Railway Station, next to the elegant City Forum shopping center, 20 minutes drive from the Airport. **Capacity:** 143 rooms and 19 suites. **Rooms:** All rooms are air conditioned and offer satellite TV, internet access, direct-dial telephone, 18h room service, minibar, in-room safe. **Facilities:** Restaurant Friday' offers Polish and American cuisine, Lobby Bar, 6 conference rooms with state-of-the-art equipment with air condition, banquet room.



Hotel LIVAL ***

Location: hotel is situated just by the sea, only 10 meters from the sandy beach a short trip from the historical Old City. **Capacity:** offers 35 comfortable rooms enabling accommodation for 76 people in 30 cosy rooms and 5 studios. **Rooms:** all rooms have windows with marvelous view of the sea, wide sandy beach and nearby harbor. Rooms are equipped with a comfortable bed, private bathroom, satellite TV, direct dial telephones, individually controlled air conditioning, minibar. **Facilities:** restaurant specialises in both national and international cuisine, offering delicious food for every mood, guarded parking, underground garage. Air-conditioned conference rooms hosting from 5 to 60 persons, can accommodate most types of conferences, seminars, training sessions, parties, corporate board meetings and business events.



Hotel NOVOTEL MARINA ***

Location: situated on the bank of Gdanska Bay (30 m from the beach), 2 km from the center of Sopot, 5 minutes walk from main road Gdansk - Gdynia. The hotel is situated 14 km from the Rebiechowo Airport. **Capacity:** 176 rooms. The hotel offers 25 single rooms, 149 double rooms, 2 suites. **Rooms:** All rooms with a view on the Baltic Sea coast. There are satellite TV, film channels, radio and telephone in all rooms. Business rooms are additionally equipped with minibar, tea and coffee sets. Pets accepted. **Facilities:** Hotels restaurant serves Polish and international meals a la carte. The hotel invites also to "Green" Bar, "Bowling" Bar, Night Club "Atlantyda", Grill Bar "Cave" (from May to September). hotel offers 4 conference halls, 2 meeting rooms and an office apartment, business center with an office service, xerox.



Hotel SZYDLOWSKI ***

Location: is located in Gdansk-Wrzeszcz near the main road connecting Gdansk, Sopot and Gdynia. **Capacity:** 60 beds. Hotel offers 21 double, 9 single rooms, 2 mini and 3 deluxe suites. **Rooms:** All the rooms with bathroom, satellite TV, radio, telephone and air-conditioning, hairdresser. **Facilities:** Hotels restaurant serves dishes of Polish and international cuisine. There is a bakery shop in the hotel where you can buy fresh and tasty cakes. Two conference rooms (14 to 35 people) are equipped with professional conference facilities.



Hotel ORLE ***

Location: hotel is situated by the sea, in a pine forest 100 metres from a sandy beach, 15 km from the centre of Gdansk, near the E-7 route. **Capacity:** 300 beds in modern comfortable double room suites and single, double and triple rooms. **Rooms:** all rooms have en-suite bathrooms, TV, radio and telephone. **Facilities:** Night club & disco, guarded car park outside the hotel, safety- hotel security and monitoring, pets allowed, Internet access, 12 conference rooms of different sizes, with the total capacity of 600 people (the biggest air-conditioned room has 300 seats).



Hotel POSEJDON ***

Location: hotel is situated 100 m from a sandy beach, Airport 12 km, Railway Station 2.5 km. **Capacity:** hotel offers 147 double rooms (24 studio type rooms, ideal for families), 2 suites. **Rooms:** Each room is equipped with satellite TV, radio, direct-dial telephone; room service, non-smoking rooms. **Facilities:** News-stand, flower shop, small gallery with handicraft art, laundry, shoeshine machines, guarded parking area, pets permitted, indoor swimming pool, sauna, solarium, fitness center, massage, jacuzzi, "U Posejdona" Restaurant serves Polish and International cuisine, "Continental" Cocktail Bar, "Hades" Night Club, 3 multifunction rooms able to accommodate up to 300 people.

RECOMMENDED HOTELS

HOTELS IN ZAKOPANE



Hotel LITWOR *****

Location: located in the very heart of Zakopane at the most popular pedestrianised high street in Poland – Krupowki. **Capacity:** 56 rooms and 5 suites. **Rooms:** equipped with a telephone, TV sat, minibar, radio clock, electronic safe, internet access. Bathrooms with a shower, underfloor heating, heated towel racks and hairdryer. Most rooms have balconies with a view of the Tatra Mountains. **Facilities:** the Polish Restaurant, recreation centre: weights room, swimming pool, jacuzzi, Finnish and Turkish sauna, solarium, classic massage, hairdresser's or a beauty parlour, underground garage and guarded car-park, 3 air-conditioned conference rooms for 240 people.



Hotel VILLA MARILOR *****

Location: in a beautiful historical eclectic-style palace located in the city centre. **Capacity:** 35 rooms. **Rooms:** comfortably furnished rooms, there are 30 double rooms, 1 suite, 3 single rooms and 1 single room for a disabled person. There are two sizes of the double rooms in standard size and luxury size (about 25 qm). **Facilities:** stylish restaurant and a cosy café with a drink-bar, Marilor SPA, Marilor SPA with saunas, salt cave, water massage, swimming pool and a unique facility- the La Culla di Olos. During summer our guest can use illuminated tennis court, deck chairs and mountain bike rental. Hotel has two modern air-conditioned conference rooms fully equipped with professional A/C facilities, able to seat up to 50 participants each.



Hotel BELVEDERE ***

Location: a luxury 4 stars hotel located in a quiet part of the town in the vicinity of the Tatra National Park with one of its prettiest valleys, the White Stream Valley, just a few steps away from the high street, Krupowki, within 10 minutes walking distance. **Capacity:** 148 rooms and 27 suites. **Rooms:** hotel can accommodate 350 guests and is disabled people friendly. Each room is equipped with a telephone, TV sat, minibar, radio clock, electronic safe, internet access. Bathrooms with a shower, underfloor heating, heated towel racks and hairdryer. Most of the rooms have balconies with a view of the Tatra Mountains. **Facilities:** Water Centre: swimming pool, paddling pool, water slide, jacuzzi. thermal centre: Roman bath, Finnish, Turkish and an infrared saunas. Sport Centre: weights room, gym and squash, pool billiards, bowling and golf simulator, underground garage and a car park. Ziemianska Restaurant, Wieniawa Restaurant, Angel Restaurant, Vienna Café, U-boot drink bar and Lobby Bar. There are 7 state-of-the-art air-conditioned conference rooms with the capacity of 25 to 350 people.



Hotel MUROWANICA ***

Location: Murowanica is a highest settled hotel in Poland with modern architecture, build from stone, glass and aluminum perfectly harmonizing with Tatra's environment. It is special place which provide great staying and rest in quiet, peace and sound of near mountain flow, fare from tumult of the city. Settled in Tatrzański National Park newly opened Hotel Murowanica *** is a perfect place not only for family, individual tourists but also for group and business tourists. 2-3 km from Railroad on Kasprowy Wierch, 15 minutes walk to center of Zakopane. **Capacity:** 35 rooms. **Rooms:** comfortable apartments for 4,3,2 and 1 person with places to park a car on 2-decks underground parking. Functional and cosy apartments with balcony (in most) are equipped with satellite television, LCD TV, internet and safe. **Facilities:** restaurant, drink bar, parking recreation centre: swimming pool with cascade and heated water, stylish organized steam and dry sauna.



Hotel SABALA ***

Location: Hotel Sabala is located in the city center by the most famous Zakopane street called Krupowki. One of the first hotels in Zakopane, built in 1894. It was the first hotel with electricity. Now, restored historic building, was included in the traditional mountain architecture monuments' list. **Capacity:** 20 rooms. **Rooms:** offers 13 double rooms, 6 double studio type rooms, 1 suite for 4 persons. Each room is equipped with telephone, satellite TV, radio. The walls and furniture are made of solid waxed wood. **Facilities:** Room service, guarded car parking, folklore animations and performances, bonfire, picnic, socializing events, winter sledge rides. Restaurant- specialty of the cuisine is regional food based on lamb, and Mediterranean dishes as Carpaccio.



Hotel MERCURE KASPROWY ****

Location: situated 3 km from the city center and the Railway Station, on the sloped hill of Gubalowka with beautiful views of the Tatra Mountains. **Capacity:** 286 rooms. **Rooms:** Hotel offers 24 single rooms, 250 double rooms, 12 suites (some offer views of the Tatra Mountains, some overlook the Gubalowka Slope), each with private bath, satellite TV, radio, direct dial phone, room service, non-smoking and handicap-accessible rooms available. **Facilities:** Hotel guests may relax using the indoor swimming pool, sauna, solarium, massage, hydromassage, billiards, bowling, downhill skiing ski equipment rental in the Hotel (ski lift is available near the Hotel). Currency exchange, hairdresser, news-stand, fashion boutique, kindergarten, travel service, laundry, shoeshine machines, ski and hiking equipment rental, indoor and out door parking. Hotel restaurants (Polska" and Pensjonatowa" Restaurant) offers international and traditional Polish cuisine. Highlander Hut offers regional dishes, "Podkowa" bar, bar with the bowling alley, Night Club. Conference Hall with capacity up to 400 people.



Hotel ORBIS GIEWONT ***

Location: situated in the very town centre, by the main promenade „Krupowki”. **Capacity:** 44 rooms. **Rooms:** 44 comfortable rooms with private facilities: 7 Sgls, 37 Dbl room (32 of them are for non-smokers). Most rooms have balconies. Each room is equipped with a telephone, TV sat, minibar, radio clock, electronic safe box and internet connection. Bathrooms with shower, underfloor heating and heated towel racks. **Facilities:** Restaurant with drink bar, business centre, conference room for up to 50 people, safe deposit boxes at reception, fitness room, shoe-shining machines, taxi service.



Hotel FIAN ***

Location: good location close to city centre, near the Big Krokiew Skijump, Nosal and Krupowki. **Capacity:** 34 rooms. **Rooms:** hotel offers Sgl, Dbl, Triple and Quad rooms fully equipped with TV sat, private bathroom, telephone and radio. **Facilities:** Restaurant, drink-bar, sauna, solarium, gym, bike rental and parking places, conference hall with capacity up to 70 people, taxi service.

CITY BREAKS

KRAKOW

KRAKOW - the old capital of Poland, the seat of Polish kings, drawing great scholars and artists from the whole world, was located on the crossroads of the ancient trade routes. Krakow lies in the southern part of Poland on the Vistula River in a valley, approximately 300 km north is Warsaw, the capital of Poland and 100 km south are the Tatra Mountains, forming the southern border of the country. Krakow is one of the most beautiful and vibrant of European cities. Just out of the railway station, you step into the narrow and pedestrianised streets of the Old Town. It is filled with history and architectural wonders from different eras. Krakow has one of the best-preserved Medieval city centres in Europe and its Medieval urban layout of the Old Town had not changed for centuries. Overall, Krakow has got 331 listed buildings and 58 churches and palaces with their magnificent interiors. The city's cultural heritage is mirrored in its intellectual achievements—the Jagiellonian University founded in 1364, is the oldest in Poland where studied Nicolaus Copernicus and the Pope John Paul II. Nowadays the student population is estimated around 100,000. The most interesting, and regarded as the highest class of historic and architectural buildings are: the city centre—the Medieval Old Town in the boundaries of the Planty, Wawel Hill, the Florian Gate with Barbican and the remains of the City Walls, St. Mary's Church, the Cloth Hall, the Town Hall Tower, Collegium Maius, St. Anne's Church, Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Church of St. Catherine with the Augustine convent and the church and hermitage of the Camaldolese monks in Bielany. All in Krakow there are 39 museums, 74 art galleries, 7 theatres, 19 cinemas, a Music Theatre of Opera and Operetta and a Philharmonic Hall. Each year many national and international cultural events take place in Krakow. Krakow was titled as the European City of Culture in year 2000 what confirms its international significance.

LOCAL TOURS



Sightseeing Tour of Krakow

Duration: 4 hours

We start the tour visiting the Jewish quarter „Kazimierz”, then go to Wawel Hill to see the Wawel Cathedral and Royal Castle— the interior of the Castle hosts a fine collection of furniture, works of art and tapestries. Following this walk along the Royal Route via Grodzka Street up to the Old Town. Krakow is an ancient seat of learning, and we stop at Collegium Maius— the oldest part of the Jagiellonian University followed by Collegium Novum— the new one to compare them. The streets of the Old Town are a cavalcade of churches and aristocratic palaces, while at its heart is one of the largest of city squares in Europe called the Main Market Square. The Square has a delightful atmosphere created partly by the numerous pavement cafés, restaurants and shops. The square boasts the magnificent Gothic St. Mary's Basilica, with its famous Medieval wooden altar sculptured by Wit Stwos as well as Sukiennice— the Cloth Hall, a 100 meters long „Cloth market”, now hosting stalls with crafts. This is the largest single roofed building of its kind and time. We continue our walk along Florianka Street up to the Florianska Gate, on the wall of which Krakow's art students exhibit and sell their paintings, then Barbican (defensive bastion) and will end our tour at the Matejki Square.

Two options of this tour are available:

- Walking tour (does not include a visit to the Jewish quarter Kazimierz)
- By car (inclusive Kazimierz)



Excursion to the Salt mine in Wieliczka

Duration: 3 hours

The town of Wieliczka is located in distance of 15 km south-east from Krakow. Wieliczka is famous for having one of the oldest operational salt mine in Europe which has been working for over 700 years, which was entered on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List in 1978. It is an underground labyrinth that stretches over 200 kilometres of tunnels we discover a mysterious and unique underground city housing chapels with amazing salt sculptures and bas-reliefs, massive high-ceilinged caverns, dark-watered lakes and the breathtaking Chapel of St. Kinga— carved out of a huge block of salt. It took over 30 years to complete this underground temple, and about 20,000 tonnes of rock salt had to be removed. Throughout our visit we will be accompanied by the local guide who recounts the history, myths and legends of the mine.



Excursion to Auschwitz – Birkenau Museum

Duration: 6 hours

PM Auschwitz- Birkenau Museum is situated in distance of 70 km from Krakow. This is the largest Nazi concentration camp formed from an army barracks during the II World War. The Polish Government established this as a National Museum in 1947. The Museum remains a place sacred to the memory of all the Jews, Poles and other nationalities who suffered and died here. The tour includes a documentary film of the liberation of the camp. Afterwards a few of the surviving prison blocks, the gas chamber, and the crematorium can be visited. The visit continues after a shortbreak and the visitors can go up to the watch tower in Birkenau part to see the panorama of the camp.



Old Jewish Tour

Duration: 3 hours

Kazimierz was founded in 1335 by Kasimir the Great and it was an independent town with its own municipal charter and law until 1820. The Jewish quarter became home for all Jews persecuted from all over the Europe. Kazimierz district was a centre of Jewish culture, until the Nazis moved the Jewish community from Kazimierz to the wartime Ghetto located in the Podgorze district in March of 1941. This story was revealed to the world by the movie „Schindler's List” of Steven Spielberg. In our tour we will follow the Schindler's traces in turn: Szeroka Street— main street for Krakow Jews, Old Synagogue (15th c.)— the oldest Jewish sacral architecture in Poland, nowadays houses the Jewish Museum, Pharmacy Under the Eagle, museum which reconstruct life in Ghetto, the Ghetto walls, the Schindler's factory at 4 Lipowa Street, Untersturmführer Amon Goeth's villa (the only one building of Plaszow Concentration Camp because all camp buildings were destroyed by the Nazis at the end of the war), Stone monument of Ghetto heroes located on a large hill, the house of Oskar Schindler at 7 Straszewskiego Str. The Jewish culture of the area is being revived, with lively art galleries, kosher restaurants and regular cultural events as an Annual Festival of Jewish Culture organised in July.



Lagiewniki - Kalwaria Zebrzydowska - Wadowice

Duration: 5 hours

The Sanctuary in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska is one of the most often visited pilgrimage places in Poland, listed on UNESCO's World Heritage Site. Is situated on the slopes of Lanckorona & Zar mountains in the distance of 44 km distance south west of Krakow and 14 km south of Wadowice. The Sanctuary consists of a Baroque Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels, The Franciscan Monastery and a group of 42 churches and chapels in Baroque and Mannerist style. There is a specific copy of Jerusalem Via Dolorosa with its chapels to practice considerations on the Passion of Christ and Our Lady's Life Mysteries. All buildings are located on the area of 6 sq. km and introduced into a picturesque landscape of the Beskidy. Wadowice— the birth place of the Pope John Paul II. This small town has attracted many thousands of pilgrims since John Paul II became the Pope in 1978. First we come to visit the family house of Karol Wojtyla which is a museum devoted to his life and work. Next visit to the church he was attended and baptised as a child. Lagiewniki- The Sanctuary of Divine Mercy Sister Faustina was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday in 1993 and canonized in 2000 on Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a capital of the Divine Mercy where started up the message of the Divine Mercy, which Jesus Christ Himself wished to pass on to our generation, through the mediation of St. Faustina. The Sanctuary houses grace- working image of Merciful Jesus and visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, and the relics of Saint Faustina as the convent chapel and then the St. Faustina's Tomb at the end.

CITY BREAKS

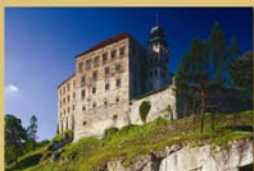
KRAKOW



Czestochowa - Jasna Gora Monastery

Duration: 6 hours

Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa is the religious capital of Poland and one of the world's most important destinations for pilgrims. This is the holiest place of Poland and each year the several million pilgrims come to pray before the worldwide-known miraculous Black Madonna Shrine. The painting of the Virgin belongs to the group of Hodigitria icons "she who indicates and guides along the road". Historians date the famous painting to the 14th century, but a legend says it has been made by the St. Luke Evangelist on a piece of wood from the table used by Virgin Mary in Nazareth. The Jasna Gora icon represents the Biblical message and invites the pilgrims for prayer and reflection. The tourists visit the Basilica and the Armory, too. It is the Miraculous presence of the image which has always attracted pilgrims not only from all over Poland but from all over the world.



Ojców National Park & Castle in Pieskowa Skala

Duration: 4 hours

Ojców is located in distance of 24 km to the northwest from Krakow (just 15-20 minutes drive), this National Park includes the Pradnik gorge which covers an area of 20 sq.km. This deep limestone gorge of the Pradnik river has got a special microclimate and an amazing rich variety of plants and wildlife. The very attractive and diversified landscape offers an unforgettable view of picturesque river valley, twisted Jurassic rock formations, numerous caves, primeval forests and a very rich flora as well as the ruins of a Medieval castle. The next stop of the trip is Pieskowa Skala with its preserved Renaissance Castle on a route along the scenic "Eagles Nests Trail". Pieskowa Skala Castle was first recorded in 1315 as a stone castle funded by King Kazimierz the Great and was extended in the 15th century. It was turned into a stately Renaissance residence in the following century and fortified with new Italian style ramparts in the early 17th century. It has been a museum since 1966. Next to the castle, there is the huge rock- Jurassic attraction, called the Hercules' Club. This park is a perfect area for a walking, cycling and rock climbing. The best time to visit this park is the autumn because of the variety of rich colors on all sides.



Zakopane - Tatra Mountains

Duration: 8 hours

Zakopane is situated in a charming mountain valley at the foot of the Polish Tatras between Gubalowka and Giewont Peaks. It is said the Tatras are the most beautiful section of the Carpathian mountain range, these are the only mountains of Alpine character in the Central Europe. Zakopane used to be a village of shepherds and farmers until the tourist industry was arrived in the 19th century. This is the biggest center of skiing and mountain tourism in Poland. The city is visited by over 3 million visitors each year. The beauty of the Tatras has been protected for almost 45 years since the Tatra National Park was established. There are over 300 km of ramblers' routes and trails in this National Park which enables the visitor to see its collection of unique fauna and flora, caves, potholes, lakes and waterfalls. It is a place where mountain folklore is lived and nurtured, with many gems of typical wooden architecture. The highlanders kept many old traditions as the dialect, the colorful clothes, original music and handcraft are still very much alive. Krupowki – the most popular street is a busy market with clothing, wooden items, and food, with numerous restaurants and cafes. After a pleasant walk down the street, there is a cable car ride to the top of Gubalowka Mt., from which there are extraordinary panoramic views of the Tatras. The unspoiled nature here is breathtaking, but so much more. There are also many sporting facilities available in Zakopane: hiking, rock climbing, cave exploration, cycling, paragliding, winter skiing to name.



Dunajec River Gorge – Pieniny National Park

Duration: 8 hours / Rafting season: 1st April – 31st October every year

This is the greatest attraction of Pieniny Mountains and there are over 100.000 tourists participated in rafting each year. A sailing trip down the mountain river on a wooden raft through the limestone rocks of Pieniny Mountains has got to be the most beautiful river trip in Poland. Can delight the beautiful landscapes of the Pieniny National Park and listen to the funny stories told by navigating raftsmen. Trip starts in Sromowce and ends in Szczawnica – total route's length: 18 km, duration of the rafting route: 2 hours 15 minutes. The tour also includes the short visit to the Renaissance defensive Niedzica Castle (13th / 14th c.) to admire a splendid panoramic view over the Czorsztyn lake and the ruins of the 14th c. the Czorsztyn castle. Lastly a short visit to the 15th century wooden Gothic country church in Debno on the way back to Krakow.



The National Museum – The Czartoryski Collection

Duration: 2 hours

Our guide meets us at the hotel and will take us on a short walking tour of the monumental Old Town. Visit to the 200 years old National Museum's- the Czartoryski Collection which houses one of the foremost collections of ancient art in Poland. The museum boasts some of the most well-known artists in Europe, including Da Vinci, Raphael and Rembrandt. Its principle claim to fame is the possession of Leonardo Da Vinci "Lady with an Ermine" one of only 3 existing Da Vinci's oil paintings. There is also an impressive collection of Etruscan, Greek, Roman & Egyptian relics, such as falcon sarcophag.



Dinner with concert of Jewish Music

Duration: 2 hours

Klezmer Hois (Klezmer's House) Restaurant is located in former Mykva building, the heart of Jewish Quarter Kazimierz. Its special artistic atmosphere and the finest kosher cuisine is unique in Poland, and is reminiscent of an old Jewish Kazimierz. Traditional Jewish music concerts take place every evening from 20.00 till 21.30 providing the opportunity to meet many artists- musicians, actors, painters and poets from all over the world.

CITY BREAKS

WARSAW

WARSAW is the capital of Poland and the largest city in the country. There are about 2,000,000 people living there. Warsaw lies near the middle of Poland on both sides of the Vistula river. The city was destroyed several times in its history, but every time it was rebuilt. Warsaw was destroyed in 80% during the 2nd World War. The whole area of the Old Town including the Royal Castle were reconstructed and included on UNESCO World Heritage List. Walking through the Old Town it is hard to imagine that this historical part of city lay in rubble in 1945 and currently fills with admiration of a rich coloring and architectural details. The city has many wonderful monuments as: the Royal Castle, the Old Town Square where Gothic architecture is represented in the majestic churches but also at the burgher houses and fortifications, St. John's Cathedral, St. Mary's Church, Barbican- defenasive construction was erected in 1548, the Column of King Sigismund II Vasa from 1644. The Royal Route starts from the Castle Square along Krakowskie Przedmiescie lined with Baroque houses down to Baroque Wilanow Palace built in the 17th century and inspired by Versailles. Along the Royal Route can find Warsaw University founded in 1816, many majestic churches and palaces including the Holly Cross Church hosts the urn with Frederic Chopin's heart. Lazienki Park & Palace Complex- magnificent palatial and garden complex was built by King Stanislaw August Poniatowski during the second half of the 18th c. and features the Neoclassical Palace on the Island surrounded by charming gardens, canals and ponds. Worth seeing are the Old Orangery, the Amphitheatre and Art-Deco Monument of Frederic Chopin from 1926 as well. There are 59 museums in Warsaw, the most prestigious ones are the National Museum, the Warsaw Rising Museum. Notable examples of contemporary architecture include the Palace of Culture and Science, a Soc- realist skyscraper (as much bizarre as controversial) located in the heart of city centre, and the Constitution Square with its monumental Socialist realism architecture. Warsaw is home to four major universities and over 60 smaller schools of higher education.

LOCAL TOURS



Sightseeing Tour of Warsaw

Duration: 5 hours

The tour starts in the historical Old Town- the treasure listed on UNESCO World Heritage List. At its centre is the Market Square from where narrow streets lead to Medieval defensive walls, the Barbican, St. John's Cathedral and the Royal Castle. Warsaw is a city of royal residences which are situated along the famous "Royal Route" which leads through the most beautiful and fashionable streets and avenues including Krakowskie Przedmiescie. Then stop at the University of Warsaw (first university in the city). Next walk along Nowy Swiat and Ujazdowski Avenue where pass numerous monuments, churches, and the great Baroque facades of the burgher's houses, each with its own story to tell. Visit to Lazienki Park & Palace Complex which is one of the most beautiful parks in the centre of Warsaw. Once a hunting ground, in 18th century it was turned into an English style park with formal gardens and Neoclassical Palace was built on the lake. There are also the Orangery, Myslewicki Palace, the Statue of famous Polish composer Frederic Chopin and Greek- style Amphitheatre to be visited. We end the tour with Jewish Cemetery, Monument of the Ghetto Heroes and the Umschlagplatz.



Lazienki Park & Palace Complex

Duration: 2 hours

One of the Europe's finest complexes laid in the 17th century by St. Lubomirski. Then Lazienki was a royal zoo that King Stanislaw August Poniatowski turned into a garden in the 18th century giving it its present Classicist shape. During almost 30 years, on the area of about 80 hectares, the summer residence of the monarch was built, the park designed and several buildings raised. During this period (1772-1793) Dominic Merlini remodeled the old bathing pavilion from the 17th century and built the Palace on the Island, a splendid Neoclassical Palace to Tylman of Gameraen design. The interiors of the palace are decorated with historical furniture and works of art. On the first floor, visitors can admire the Room of Bacchus, the Bathroom, the Ballroom, the Cabinet of Portraits, the Room of Salomon, the Rotunda with statues of reigning monarchs, the painting Gallery, the Chapel and the Dining Room, memorable for the Thursday lunches organized by the King. On the second floor, there are King's Apartments: a small gallery of paintings, a room with a balcony, a cabinet, a sleeping room, a dressing room and an officers' room. During of Stanislaw August Poniatowski reign, the Amphitheatre work of Jan Chrystian Kamstezer from 1790-1793 was built also: the Large Orangery with the theatre of the royal court, the White Cottage and the Myslewicki Palace. The Museum of Hunting and Equitation lies next to this palace.



Wilanow Palace and Park

Duration: 2 hours

Wilanow Palace, together with its park, one of the most precious monuments of Polish national culture. It was built for the Polish king Jan III Sobieski in the last quarter of the 17th century and later was enlarged by other owners - distinguished aristocratic families: Sieniawscy, Czartoryscy, Lubomirscy, Potoccy and Branicy. It represents the characteristic type of Baroque residence and its interiors show three different styles, from the 17th to the 19th centuries. After the 2nd World War it was turned into a museum with a rich collection of Polish portraits (the Gallery of Polish Portrait) and Canaletto's city panoramas, historical furniture. The Park surrounding the Palace, covers 43 hectares and presents French and English styles of the art of gardening from the 17th to the 19th centuries. Small buildings and statues are hidden in its greenery waiting to be discovered during a nice walk.



Traces of famous composer Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)

Duration: 8 hours

This trip consists of 2 parts: Warsaw and visit to Zelazowa Wola. We begin our trip with Warsaw where Chopin lived in years 1810-1830. Firstly, the Parlour- apartment where Frederic Chopin was lived before he had left the country. The parlour is equipped with furniture from the Chopin's epoch: an Erard piano which belonged to the famous pianist and composer Franz Liszt, some glass and porcelain pieces, portraits of Chopin's parents and cousin, and engravings presenting Warsaw from the first decades of the 19th century. Next stop is the Chopin Museum in the Ostrogskich Palace. Then will have a visit the Holy Cross Church with the urn containing the heart of Chopin. Afterwards drive to the Royal Park in Lazienki where stands the famous statue monument dedicated to the composer. After visit to Lazienki we leave Warsaw and drive to Zelazowa Wola, the birthplace of Frederic Chopin. There is a small manor house with its museum inside and nice park in Zelazowa Wola. Collection presents personal belongings, documents, manuscripts, numerous paintings, sculptures, engravings of Chopin's life and his close family. On the way back to Warsaw stop in Brochow- its 16th century imposing Parish church where the composer's was baptised and also the wedding ceremony of his parents happened in 1806.



Jewish Traces in Warsaw

Duration: 3 hours

Before the 2nd World War, Warsaw had one of the greatest numbers of Jewish inhabitants in the world. Although their heritage was almost annihilated by the Nazis in 1944. The tour leads through: the Nozyk Synagogue (the only remaining synagogue in Warsaw - was erected in years 1898-1902), Grzybowski Square, the Monument of the Ghetto Heroes from 1948, Memorial Route to the Struggle and Martyrdom of the Jews 1940-1943 continues to the Umschlagplatz Memorial marking the spot where around 3,000 Jews from Warsaw Ghetto were loaded on trains and bound for the Extermination Camp in Treblinka. Next stop is the Jewish Historical Institute- the oldest and largest of its kind in Poland and we will end on the Jewish Cemetery located at Okopowa street, a resting place to more than 200,000 people.

CITY BREAKS

ZAKOPANE

ZAKOPANE is situated in the southern part of the Podhale region at the foot of the Tatra Mountains, the only alpine mountain range in the Carpathian Mountains. The town has a beautiful location in a large valley between the Tatra Mountains and Gubalowka Hill, next to Tatra National Park which has been entered on UNESCO World Biosphere Reserves List. Zakopane used to be a village of shepherds and farmers until the tourist industry has arrived in the 19th century. There are over 300 km of ramblers' routes and trails in this National Park which enables the visitors to see its collection of unique fauna and flora, crystal clear mountain lakes, exquisite valleys, caves, potholes and waterfalls. It is the most important Polish center of mountaineering and skiing, and is visited annually by some three million tourists. This town is the biggest winter sport resort in Poland that's why is called as "the winter capital of Poland". There are organised numerous international sport events as for example: the world championships in ski-jumps, biathlon or slalom. Ski trails of various difficulty levels await skiers. The most important alpine skiing locations are Kasprowy Wierch, Nosal and Gubalowka Hill. Zakopane has the highest elevation (800-1,000 m) of any town in Poland. The central point of the town is at the junction of Krupowki and Kosciuszko Streets. Krupowki is one of the five most famous streets in Poland, this vibrant promenade is filled with shops, pubs, restaurants, and other institutions. Zakopane, a place of highlander's culture attracts many people to come and to experience their folklore, the dialect, food, customs, art, traditional outfits and music as well as the picturesque wooden architecture. The most characteristic monuments are: Koscieliska Street, a complex of wooden buildings typical of the Podhale, the Old Church (a wooden church built in 1845-1851, the seat of the first parish in Zakopane), Chapel Gasienicow (the first sacred building in Zakopane built in 1800 by Pawel Gasienica, Old Cemetery located on Peksowym Brzyzku (the first cemetery in Zakopane, the place where famous writers, artists and mountaineers are buried), Villa "Koliba" (the mansion is the first example of Zakopane style built in 1893 according to St. Witkiewicz's design), Villa "Atma", Villa "Pod Jedlami", Villa "Witkiewiczowska", Chapel Jaszczurowka (beautiful wooden chapel was built in 1904-1908 also designed by Witkiewicz), Chata Sabaly; the Tatra Museum, in which you can admire a reconstructed highlander's cottage with a traditional interior. We recommend a trip to Mount Gubalowka which is not a high peak and can be reached either by funicular or on foot. From the top can admire a breathtaking view of the Tatra Mountains. This town has an unforgettable atmosphere and beautiful views all year round.

LOCAL TOURS



Sightseeing tour of Zakopane

Duration: 4 hours

Half a day trip that visits some of the most important places and sights of Zakopane including an excellent insight into the local history. Start from Wielka Krokiew Ski-Jump (visit to complex of ski jumping hills) then have a nice walk along the main street „Krupowki”, visit to Fatima Sanctuary and Tatra Museum. Afterwards walk along Koscieliska street where can delight typical old wooden architecture (the oldest part of Zakopane with traditional housing, the Old Church, Old Cemetery and Willa Koliba), then visit to local market and next ride up a funicular car to the top of Gubalowka Mount to admire a stunning view of the Tatra Mountains.



Trip to Morskie Oko Lake

Duration: 7 hours

Full day trip to Morskie Oko lake to one of the most beautiful places in Tatras accessible to all visitors. Trip start with 45 minutes bus drive to Palenica where can take the horse carts. After 1.5 hour's ride arrive in Wlosienica from where we begin our ca. 45 minutes ascent to reach Morskie Oko Lake. The lake is situated at the altitude of almost 1500 metres asl that's why can delight the magnificent views of the highest peaks on the Polish side of the mountains, Rysy (2499 m asl), Nizne Rysy (2430 m asl), Mieguszowiecki Peak (2438 m asl). We return the same way and suggest to provide yourself with comfortable hiking boots before making reservation of this tour.



Walking in gorgeous Koscieliska Valley

Duration: 4 hours

Koscieliska Valley (nearly 9 km long) is one of the most beautiful and well-known valleys in Poland. Offers charming walk and tourists can admire the narrowing rocks and hear the sprinkling and shimmering waters of the Koscieliski Brook accompanying us all along the route. Among the most interesting spots in the valley are the Lodowe Zrodlo (Icy Spring), Lower, Middle and Upper Koscieliskie Gates and the Jaskinia Mroza (Frosty Cave)- reached by following the black trail from Lodowe Zrodlo. Farther up the valley you come to the Hala Pisana, and then to the gorge Wawoz Krakow.



Dunajec Raft Trip & Nidzica Castle – duration: 5 hours

Duration: 5 hours / Rafting season: 1st April – 31st October every year /

This is the greatest attraction of Pieniny Mountains and there are over 100.000 tourists participated in rafting each year. A sailing trip down the mountain river on a wooden raft through the limestone rocks of Pieniny Mountains has got to be the most beautiful river trip in Poland. You admire the beautiful landscapes of the Pieniny National Park and listen to the funny stories told by navigating raftsmen. Trip starts in Sromowce and ends in Szczawnica– total route's length: 18 km, duration of the rafting route: 2 hours 15 min. The tour also includes the short visit to the Renaissance defensive Niedzica Castle (13th c./14th c.) to admire a splendid panoramic view over the Czorsztyn lake and the ruins of 14th c. Czorsztyn Castle. On the end a visit to the 15th c. wooden gothic country church in Debno before return.



Dinner by the folklore entertainment in typical Karczma “Bakowo Zohylina”

Duration: 2 hours

The highlanders' rich culinary and cultural traditions make this region one of the most exciting Polish destinations to explore that's why we would like to invite you for dinner to one of famous typical wooden restaurant located nearby main promenade Krupowki. We guarantee fantastic regional food, a cosy atmosphere and hearty service. You may try many local dishes as: smoked cheese Oscypek served with cranberry, Kwasnica - a sour cabbage soup, Ribs baked on honey or pork knuckles called Golonka. The folklore entertainment is provided by local highlander ensemble with singing mountain melodies.

THE SCENIC POLAND

Programme 11 Days / 10 Nights



DAY 1 KRAKOW

Arrival in Krakow. Transfer from the Airport to your Hotel. Welcome dinner and overnight stay in Krakow.

DAY 2 KRAKOW

After breakfast, city tour of Krakow: the Old Town with one of the biggest and the oldest Market Square in Europe, the Cloth Hall called Sukiennice, St. Mary's Basilica, walking along the Royal Route with short visit in the oldest part of Jagiellonian University "Collegium Maius", next Wawel Hill to see the Wawel Cathedral and Royal Castle. Lunch break during the tour. In the afternoon excursion to the Salt Mine in WIELICZKA, one of the oldest operational salt mine in Europe which has been working for over 700 years, it was entered on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List in 1978. Dinner by the folklore music at the famous Restaurant located in the Old Town. Overnight stay in Krakow.

DAY 3 KRAKOW

Breakfast, departure for Oswiecim. Visiting of the Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau- the largest Nazi concentration camp formed during the World War II. Lunch at the Restaurant "Art Deco" in Oswiecim. Return to Krakow- free afternoon. Dinner by concert of Jewish music at the Restaurant Klezmer Hois. Overnight stay in Krakow.

DAY 4 CZESTOCHOWA - ZELAZOWA WOLA - WARSAW

Breakfast, departure to Czestochowa, the religious capital of Poland- famous place of the Catholic pilgrimages. Arrival to Czestochowa, visiting of Jasna Gora Monastery with the worldwide-known miraculous Black Madonna Shrine. En route a short visit in Zelazowa Wola (the birth place of Frederic Chopin). Arrival in Warsaw, dinner and overnight at the hotel in Warsaw.

DAY 5 WARSAW

Breakfast, departure for a half day sightseeing tour of Warsaw with the Royal Castle, St. John's Cathedral, and the picturesque Old Town with Barbican. Lunch break at the famous Restaurant Bazyliśzek located in the Old Town. In afternoon- visiting of Lazienki Park & Palatial Complex with it's famous Palace on the Island and the monument of F. Chopin placed in the park. Dinner & overnight at the Hotel in Warsaw.

DAY 6 WARSAW – MALBORK - GDANSK

Breakfast, drive to Gdansk via Malbork, we visit Malbork- the biggest brickcastle, one of the largest Medieval fortresses in Europe. It is the former seat of the Grand Master of Teutonic Order, registered on Unesco World Heritage List. Guided visit of the museum including an exhibition of the castle's history as well as an interesting exhibition of amber. Afterwards we continue driving to Gdansk. Arrival in Gdansk, dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 7 GDANSK

After breakfast, sightseeing tour of Gdansk, the Polish maritime capital and also city of the first Independent Trade Union "Solidarity". The trade of amber processing is also far from minor in importance. Gdansk cultivates its centuries-long tradition in the field and its nickname of the world capital of amber is well earned. The tour starts with the Royal Way, including the Long Street and Long Market, next is the Gothic Town Hall, the magnificent Artus Court, charming Mariacka Street boasts with numerous gift shops and galleries, the Gothic St. Mary's Church, the biggest port crane in Medieval Europe, Neptune's Fountain- a symbol of Gdansk, the Golden Gate and the Oliwa Cathedral famous of its 18th century Organ. Lunch break during the tour. Free afternoon- amber shopping time or optional excursion to Westerplatte. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Gdansk.

DAY 8 TORUN – WROCLAW

Breakfast, departure for Wroclaw. We stop at Torun, a birth place of Nicolaus Copernicus, the originator of an astronomical revolution based on the heliocentric theory. Torun is also famous of the greatest number of retained, authentic Gothic monuments. It's Medieval centre with original urban layout was entered on Unesco's World Cultural Heritage List. A short break for gingerbread tasting- the most famous product of Torun that has been made for centuries and one of the most popular Polish food products. Departure to Wroclaw, dinner at the traditional Polish Restaurant and overnight stay at the Hotel in Wroclaw.

DAY 9 WROCLAW

Breakfast, sightseeing tour of Wroclaw with the Old Town, the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, the Baroque building of University with charming Aula Leopoldinum, the Town Hall, the Old Market Place, Ostrow Tumski Island- the oldest part of the city. Lunch break in the Old Town. Free afternoon. Dinner & overnight at the Hotel. Optionally tickets for the opera or philharmonic hall.

DAY 10 KRAKOW

After breakfast check out and departure for Krakow. Arrival to the Hotel in Krakow & check in. Free afternoon for shopping. Farewell dinner by the folklore music at the Noble Restaurant "Miod i Wino". Overnight stay at the Hotel in Krakow.

DAY 11 KRAKOW

Breakfast, check out time. Departure transfer to the Airport.

UNESCO HERITAGE TREASURES IN POLAND

Programme 11 Days / 10 Nights



DAY 1 KRAKOW

Arrival in Krakow and transfer to the Hotel. Walking tour „Krakow by night”. Welcome dinner and overnight stay at the Hotel.

DAY 2 KRAKOW - WIELICZKA

Breakfast, departure for the Salt Mine in Wieliczka, guided tour of the beautiful chambers, chapels and salt sculptures. Return to Krakow, half day guided tour of the Old Town including: the Main Market Square with St. Mary's Basilica and the Cloth Hall, the Royal Route with the Wawel Royal Castle and Wawel Cathedral. A 'Polish evening' in a regional restaurant with live folk music. Overnight stay at the Hotel.

DAY 3 KRAKOW - AUSCHWITZ

Breakfast, departure for Oswiecim, visit to the Museum PM Auschwitz Birkenau- the largest former Nazi concentration camp. Transfer to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, a visit to the Bernardine Church and the Monastery with its miraculous icon of the Weeping Madonna and a stroll through the surrounding hills with its numerous chapels and avenues related to the Passion of Christ and the life of the Virgin Mary. Return to Krakow, dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 4 SANDOMIERZ - ZAMOSC

Breakfast, departure for Sandomierz: fascinating architectural and landscape composition: the Market Place, the Renaissance Town Hall, the Cathedral, the Bishop's Palace, interesting town houses, churches and monasteries. Lunch break and departure for Zamosc. After arrival dinner and overnight stay in Zamosc.

DAY 5 ZAMOSC – KAZIMIERZ DOLNY

Breakfast, guided city tour of Zamosc- a great sample of a Renaissance town established in the 16th century: sightseeing of the Market Square with its outstanding town houses and the Town Hall, the Cathedral and the remains of the original town fortifications. Transfer to Kazimierz Dolny, dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Kazimierz Dolny.

DAY 6 KAZIMIERZ DOLNY - WARSAW

Breakfast, sightseeing tour leads us to the numerous burgher houses located in the charming Market Square, the local parish church and its wooden organ from the 17th century and impressive ruins of the Gothic Castle with a solid tower from where can admire a magnificent panorama of the town. Kazimierz combines splendid architecture and beautiful landscape because the town has picturesque location along the bank of the Vistula river. Transfer to Warszawa, dinner and overnight stay in Warsaw.

DAY 7 WARSAW

Breakfast, guided city tour of the Old Town with Royal Castle, the Royal Route and Lazienki- amazing Park and Palace Complex with the splendid Palace on the Island. Lunch break. Next transfer to Wilanow Royal Palace- a pearl of Polish Baroque architecture. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Warsaw.

DAY 8 ZELAZOWA WOLA – TORUN - GDANSK

Breakfast, departure for Zelazowa Wola. Guided visit and a piano concert at the Museum of Chopin's birthplace- a beautiful manor with Chopin's memorabilia. Transfer to Torun- a charming historical town known for being the birthplace of Copernicus. Sightseeing of the Old Town including the Market Square and Town Hall, Copernicus' House- now a museum, the Leaning Tower and the ruins of a Teutonic Castle. Transfer to Gdansk, dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Gdansk.

DAY 9 GDANSK

Breakfast, a guided sightseeing tour of Gdansk, a town of a thousand-year-old traditions: the monumental Town Hall, the Neptune's Fountain and Artus' Court, impressive Gothic St. Mary's Church and Mariacka Street lined with richly decorated historical town houses. Afternoon: visit to the Cathedral of Oliwa with an organ live concert. Dinner & overnight stay in Gdansk.

DAY 10 MALBORK - WARSAW

Breakfast, departure for Warsaw via Malbork- a former capital of the Teutonic State, guided tour of the impressive Teutonic Castle dating from the 13th to 15th centuries, where the Teutonic Knights once ruled. It is a magnificent example of Medieval fortifications with its powerful defence walls, towers and gates. Afterwards continue driving for Warsaw. Arrival in Warsaw, dinner and overnight stay at the Hotel.

DAY 11 WARSAW

Breakfast, departure home.

MAGNIFICENT KRAKOW

Programme 5 Days / 4 Nights



Krakow is situated in the south part of Poland (the Malopolska region), on the Vistula river, in a valley at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains and half way between the Jurassic Rock Upland to the north and Tatra Mountains 100 km to the south. Krakow is one of the largest and oldest cities in Poland and also the most popular tourist destination. From the beginning the city was one of the leading centres of Polish academic, cultural, artistic and most important economic centres. Krakow's history begins with the Stone Age settlement on the present site of the Wawel Hill. A legend attributes Krakow's founding to the mythical ruler Krakus who built it above a cave occupied by a dragon called Smok Wawelski. The first record of the city's name dates back to 966 when Krakow was described as a notable commercial centre. Krakow, a former Polish capital, played a major role in the country's life from the 11th till the 16th century when the capital was moved to Warsaw. The large number of cultural events are held in Krakow each year what attract thousands of visitors. Krakow was titled as the European City of Culture in year 2000 what confirms its international significance.

DAY 1 KRAKOW

Arrival to Krakow, Transfer from the Airport to your Hotel, check in time and relaxing after the flight. Welcome dinner by the live folklore music in typical Restaurant located in the Old Town, overnight stay at the Hotel.

DAY 2 KRAKOW - WIELICZKA

After breakfast, sightseeing tour of Krakow starting with the Jewish quarter Kazimierz and secondly the Wawel Hill to see the Wawel Cathedral and the Royal Castle, nice walk along the Royal Route via Grodzka Street down to the Old Town, en route we visit two parts of the Jagiellonian University: Collegium Maius and Collegium Novum. Then we reach the Main Market Square- the largest of city squares in Europe, the magnificent Gothic St.Mary's Basilica with its famous Medieval wooden altar sculptured by Wit Stwosz as well as Sukiennice, a 100 meters long Cloth market, now hosting stalls with crafts. Next are the Florian Gate, the Old City Walls, Barbican and Matejki Square on the end. Lunch in Restaurant located in the Old Town. Afternoon- excursion to the 13th century Wieliczka Salt mine, one of the oldest world's mining sites. The underground tourist route leads through a labyrinth of galleries and caverns with unique sculptures, all carved in rock salt. There are above two thousands underground excavating chambers and the three upper levels out of the overall nine are open to visitors. Many chambers are decorated with intricate salt carvings and St. Kinga's Chapel is the most beautiful chamber decorated with white crystal salt chandeliers and bas-relief sculptures carved in grey salt, as for example the statue of the Pope John Paul II. The Salt mine was entered on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List in 1978. Return to Krakow, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3 WADOWICE - KALWARIA ~or~ ZAKOPNE TATRA MOUNTAINS

Breakfast, departure for one of proposed below excursions for the group's choice. Excursion to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska and Wadowice (half day 4h). First start with visiting the Bernardine Sanctuary in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, one of the most often visited pilgrimage places in Poland, listed on UNESCO's World Heritage Site and was arranged 400 years ago as a replica of the hill in Jerusalem. The Jerusalem service conducted in natural scenery attracts thousands of pilgrims from all over the world. The monastery complex of the Bernardine fathers with the early Baroque church of the Angelic Mother of the God. Secondly explore Wadowice- the birth place of the previous Pope, John Paul II. Visit the house where the Pope was born and the church attending as a child. Lunch break in Wadowice with tasting a piece of the Pope's favourite cake called Kremowka for a dessert. Second option for this day is full day excursion to Zakopane- the Tatra Mountains resort, is situated in a charming mountain valley at the foot of the Polish Tatras, it's the biggest center of skiing and mountain tourism in Poland but on the other hand it is a place where mountain folklore is lived and nurtured, with many gems of typical wooden architecture. Sightseeing tour of Zakopane, start with Koscieliska Street, a complex of wooden buildings typical of the Podhale (the Old Church, Chapel Gasienicow, Old Cemetery, Villa "Koliba", Villa "Atma", Villa "Pod Jedlam", Villa "Witkiewiczowska" and Chapel Jaszczurowka). Afterwards have a pleasant walk along Krupowki- the most popular street is a busy market with clothing, wooden items and food, with numerous restaurants and cafes. Next ride up to Gubalowka Moun from which there are extraordinary panoramic views of the Tatras. Lunch during the tour at the Regional Highlander's Restaurant „Karczma”. Return to Krakow. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 AUSCHWITZ - BIRKENAU

Breakfast, excursion to Oswiecim. Guided visit to the Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp formed from an army barracks during the II World War by the Nazis in 1940 and Birkenau part in 1942. The Polish Government established this as a National Museum in 1947. The biggest Nazi concentration camp on Poland's territory had become also an extermination camp. Around 2 million people had been killed here, the majority of the victims were Jews from Poland and central Europe. The second largest group of victims were Poles but also Gypsies as well as political and war prisoners. The camp was designed to be an organized dead factory. The Museum remains a place sacred to the memory of all people who suffered and died in the camp known to the world as Auschwitz - Birkenau. Lunch in Restaurant Art Deco in Oswiecim. Return to Krakow in late afternoon, leisure time. Farewell dinner by concert of Jewish music at Klezmer Hoi's Restaurant and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 5 KRAKOW

After breakfast, departure transfer to the Airport Balice.

KRAKOW FOR CHILDREN

Programme 4 Days / 3 Nights



„Krakow's myths, legends and a DRAGON as a symbol of Krakow” PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOLS

DAY 1

Arrival to Poland in the evening. Check in and dinner in the Hotel. Overnight stay .

DAY 2

After breakfast, short walking sightseeing tour of Krakow with local guide who will show city related old myths and legends about Krakow. For example: How the city of Krakow was named and the evil dragon destroyed? Why Queen Wanda threw herself in the Vistula River? The legends of the pigeons of Krakow and many others. Very important highlight of this tour will be a visit to Galeria Bukowski- gallery & shop called kingdom of teddy bears where the children can admire few thousands of different kind teddybears, which can be also great souvenir from Krakow, they can buy some of them on spot. Next is the Floryan Gate & Old City Walls and Barbican on the end. Lunch break in the Old Town- group will taste our famous Polish "pierogi", a kind of ravioli stuffed with cottage cheese & potatoes or cabbage & mushroom. 1 soft drink included. In the afternoon- participating in show called "Grand cosmic dragon parade" organised by GROTESKA Puppet, Mask & Actor Theatre in Krakow - or - participation in chosen theatre performance. This show has organised annually since 1999 and it is an internationally renowned outdoor festival, with a wide media coverage and publicity, with an audience of several dozen thousand spectators each year. Over a thousand children operating the dragons they constructed themselves come from all over the country to take part in this parade. Colourful procession of dragons walks along the streets of Krakow, accompanied by dancers, music bands, knights and princesses, stilt-walkers, jugglers and many other artists. The culmination of the event is the grand outdoor show on the Vistula, with music, laser light, colourful smoke and firework effects, and gigantic inflated dragons dancing on the river. It is a breathtaking experience for residents and tourists who come from all over the world to take part in the event. The Groteska theatre guarantees cosmic entertainment and interesting programme for both options! Return to the hotel, then dinner and overnight.

DAY 3

Breakfast in the Hotel. Departure to Wolski Park where we start our walk to rich Krakow's ZOO or drive to the Kosciuszko Mound to enjoy the panoramic view of Krakow. Next relaxing time in Aquapark. Return to the Hotel, dinner and overnight stay. For this morning we have two programmes at your choice: visit to Krakow's ZOO which is located on Jurassic plateau at 345 metres above sea level, in the middle of the woodland park known as the Las Wolski or drive to Kosciuszko Mound to admire beautiful panorama of Krakow and the surrounding area. This Mound was raised in 1820- 1823 to commemorate the Polish national hero Tadeusz Kosciuszko. In 1850-1854, under the partitions, the Austrian authorities erected a fortress around the Mound. Krakow ZOO's attracts with it's interesting animals include: the visitors favourites cheetah and a baby, the Indian elephants, a herd of pygmy hippopotamuses, a herd of Przewalski horses, which are no longer found in the wild, Pere Davids deer, and a number of rare species of antelope, such as the addax, the bongo, the leachwe and the common waterbuck, the barasingha, the South American tapir, Chapmans zebra and the South American sea lion. Lunch break afterwards. After lunch departure for relax in Aquapark in Krakow. Krakow's Aquapark is one of the greatest of its kind in Europe. It offers marvelous fun for all, featuring attractions such as sauna, hydro-massage, jacuzzi, climbing walls and 800 meters of totally twisted slides! Even here all is connected to the DRAGON (slides & statues), a symbol of Krakow. Return to the Hotel. Dinner & overnight.

Great attractions of Aquapark:

TORNADO - new attraction, which will provide fantastic fun is Tornado. A new slide has hit the swimming pool, ready to 'lure' everyone into a whirl of crazy, colourful aqua-fun!

PIRATE'S ISLAND - another new attraction has appeared lately for the littlest ones, which is called Pirates' Island! A new water play for its youngest guests has been prepared in the kids' favourite paddling pool. Every little pirate can conquer it, because the Pirates Island is located in the place where previously there had been a castle. Fabulously colourful, bursting with water, surrounded with palm-trees, with as many as three mini slides it guarantees fantastic and unforgettable fun for the youngest and a bit older children, under a true pirate flag! On the pirates island also cheerful surprises await you that sprinkle and splash the little conquerors with water.

SALAMANDER - the longest Salamander in the world, 97 m long, blue and orange colored, for persons over 12 years old.

RAINBOW PATH - unique adventure with rainbow path. New attraction, which will provide fantastic fun not only to the youngest fans of water madness. You can walk on water in the pool hall, it is possible thanks to specially prepared construction and colourful floating islands.

PIPES AND SLIDES - the most popular attractions in the Aquapark! Before we take off on our mad ride, let's remember the basic precautions and rules of the slide.

THE RAPID RIVER - the Rapid River is one of the greatest attractions of the swimming pool. After the chute madness it's definitely pleasant to delve into the currents. The winding mountain river flows through a cave with cascades of warm water. There is only one difference between the real mountain setting and the Aquapark: here even the most shivery souls will not complain! The temperature of the river is a warm 28- 30 degrees C. The grotto adds a hint of the mountain wilds. Try to cling on to the sides and see how difficult it is to avoid rushing along with the currents. During all this fun you might encounter wild springs and the water massages. The most intrepid might venture to swim against the current.

HYDROMASSAGE & 8 SALINE JACUZZI with the water temperature of 35-37° C

DAY 4

After breakfast, Check out and departure for Wieliczka to visit one of the UNESCO attractions- The Salt mine, the underground miracles of salt. Group walk down escorted by local guide to see the Salt mine. It is an underground labyrinth that stretches over 200 kilometres of tunnels we discover a mysterious and unique underground city housing chapels with amazing salt sculptures and bas-reliefs, massive high-ceiling caverns, dark-watered lakes and the breathtaking Chapel of St. Kinga- carved out of a huge block of salt. Farewell lunch in the restaurant and then departure home. End of services.

CASTLES AND PALACES

Programme 12 Days / 11 Nights



DAY 1 WARSAW

Arrival in Warsaw, transfer to the Hotel. Welcome dinner in traditional Polish Restaurant "Honoratka". Overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 2 WARSAW

Breakfast, morning sightseeing tour of Warsaw including the Royal Castle in the Old Town and Lazienki Palace & Park Complex—magnificent palatial and garden complex was built by King Stanislaw August Poniatowski during the second half of the 18th century and features the Neo-Classical Palace on the Island surrounded by charming gardens, canals and ponds. Lunch break. Afternoon trip to Wilanow Palace—served as a summer retreat for the King Jan III Sobieski where can admire Baroque splendor. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Warsaw.

DAY 3 WARSAW - GOLUB DOBRZYN - KWIDZYN - GDANSK

Breakfast, departure to Golub-Dobrzyn, the 14th c. Medieval castle famous for the Annual International Knight's Tournaments organised there. After lunch we continue drive to Gdansk with stop for a short visit in Kwidzyn where we delight the 14th c. Gothic Teutonic Knight's Castle, which the giant red-brick structure soars majestically on the edge of Vistula lowland dominating the city landscape. Departure for Gdansk. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Gdansk.

DAY 4 GDANSK - WESTERPLATTE

Breakfast, morning sightseeing tour of an old Hanseatic Gdansk with its highlights as: Royal Way, splendid Artus Court (the 15th century) Town Hall, Neptune's Fountain, the Old Crane, the Gothic St.Mary's Church and many others. Lunch break. In afternoon a boat trip to Westerplatte where began the World War II. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Gdansk.

DAY 5 GDANSK - MALBORK - POZNAN

Breakfast, departure for Poznan with stop in Malbork to visit the Europe's largest Teutonic Knight's Castle with its classic Medieval fortress & multiple defensive walls. Departure afterwards. Arrival in Poznan. In the evening walking tour of the Old Town in Poznan. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Poznan.

DAY 6 POZNAN - ROGALIN - KORNIK - RYDZYNA - KLICKOW

Breakfast, start this day with visiting the Rogalin Palace, the 18th century complex boasts a Baroque & Neo-Classical architecture. Next stop in Kornik Castle—visit to the 15th century Neo-Gothic castle and dendrological park, afterwards drive to Rydzyna Castle (a magnificent example of the 17th c. Baroque architecture). Departure for Klickow. Dinner and overnight in the Castle Klickow.

DAY 7 KLICKOW - KSIAZ - WROCLAW

After breakfast visiting of Klickow Castle—beautiful Neo-Renaissance castle, located at the end of a long avenue with Linden trees, in the peaceful, small village of Klickow. Afterwards departure for Ksiaz. Arrival in Ksiaz and lunch in the castle. Next delighting the 13th century Ksiaz Castle - one of the best-preserved castles in Silesia region, and the largest hilltop fortress in the country. The castle's showpiece is the Baroque Maximilian Hall and as well as its pride the 12 terraced gardens on surrounding slopes. After guided visit drive to Wroclaw. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Wroclaw.

DAY 8 WROCLAW - PSZCZYNA - PROMNICE

Breakfast, morning sightseeing tour of the most animated city of Poland—Wroclaw. Highlights are: the Old Town, the Cathedral of St.John The Baptist, the Baroque building of Wroclaw's University with charming Aula Leopoldinum, Town Hall, Old Market Place, Ostrow Tumski Island— the oldest part of the city. Lunch break in the Old Town. Afterwards departure for Pszczyna. Guided visit of the Castle in Pszczyna, a classicist magnate palace and former residence of local Piast dynasty, constructed in the 13th century. The castle museum contains about 80% of original interior decorations from the 19th c.. Next departure for Promnice— the 19th century Hunting Castle built in English Neo-Gothic style with its charming location among the picturesque forests on Lake Paprocanskie. Dinner and overnight in luxurious hotel located inside the Hunting Castle Promnice.

DAY 9 PROMNICE - KRAKOW - PIESKOWA SKALA

After breakfast, departure for Krakow. Arrival in Krakow and start of city sightseeing tour, in programme: the Old Town with one of the biggest and the oldest Market Squares in Europe, the Cloth Hall, the St.Mary's Basilica, walking through the Royal Route, the Collegium Maius— the oldest part of the Jagiellonian University, the Wawel Castle with guided tour inside the Royal Chambers and Wawel Cathedral. Lunch break in the Old Town. In the afternoon excursion to Pieskowa Skala to see well-preserved Renaissance Castle located in the heart of the Ojcowski National Park. The Castle was first recorded in 1315 as a stone castle funded by King Kazimierz The Great and was extended in the 15th century. It was turned into a stately Renaissance residence in the following century and fortified with new Italian style ramparts in the early 17th century. Return to Krakow and dinner by the folklore music at the famous Restaurant Bohema situated in the Old Town. Overnight stay at the Hotel in Krakow.

DAY 10 KRAKOW - NOWY WISNIEZ - KRASICZYN

Morning departure for the magnates's Castle in Nowy Wisnicz, former residence of the magnate families: Kmita and Lubomirski. The castle nicely combines features of defensive and residential architecture in Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque style. Have a short visit and then continue drive to Krasiczyn. Arrival in Krasiczyn Castle & Park Complex— the beautiful monument of late Renaissance where have a dinner and overnight stay at the Hotel located nearby the castle.

DAY 11 KRASICZYN - LANCUT - SIENIAWA - BARANOW SANDOMIERSKI

After breakfast, departure for Lancut to visit very well preserved Baroque Lancut Palace built in the early 17th century by Stanislaw Lubomirski. The Castle Museum hosts paintings, sculptures and one of the European's largest collections of carriages. Next stop is amazing the 18th century Sieniawa Palace later rebuilt in Baroque style— the former residence of Czartoryski Duke family. After a short visit we continue driving for Baranow Sandomierski where admire the 16th century Castle — one of the most magnificent residences of Renaissance in Poland. Farewell dinner organised as "An Old Polish Feast" in the Castle Baranow Sandomierski. Overnight stay at the Hotel.

DAY 12 BARANOW SANDOMIERSKI - WARSAW

After breakfast, departure for Warsaw. Arrival to Warsaw and stop for lunch before driving to the Airport.

BEAUTY OF NATURE

Programme 9 Days / 8 Nights



DAY 1 WARSAW

Arrival in Warsaw, meeting guide at the Airport, panoramique sightseeing tour on the way to the Hotel. Welcome dinner and short walking tour "The Old Town in Warsaw by night". Overnight stay at the Hotel.

DAY 2 WARSAW

Breakfast, full day excursion to Kampinoski National Park, which covers the Kampinoski Forest- the scenic contrast of dunes overgrown with pine forests and also swamps is the most characteristic of this landscape. There are the populations of elks, deer, badgers and beavers, and the birds are represented by the crane, eagle and black stork. Return to Warsaw. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 3 WARSAW - THE BIALOWIESKI NATIONAL PARK

Breakfast, departure to Bialowieza, visiting of the Bialowieza National Park. Bialowieza is famous for its unique bison reserve as well as the oldest primeval forest in Europe, where the animals are bred in their natural habitat. We could also see some of the zubrons across between a bison and a cow, and the tarpan- a Polish cousin of the extinct wild Ukrainian steppe horses. The park is the only natural object in Poland which was entered on Unesco List of Biosphere Reserves and that of the World Cultural Heritage as well. Enjoy a ride on a narrow- gauge train which is popular tourist attraction. Return to Warsaw. Dinner and overnight stay in Warsaw.

DAY 4 BIALOWIEZA - KAZIMIERZ DOLNY

After breakfast, departure for Kazimierz Dolny. Arrival to Kazimierz Dolny, a pearl of Polish Renaissance, town is beautifully situated on Wisla riverside. Kazimierz combines magnificent architecture and charming landscapes. Nice evening walk around the charming streets of the Old Town. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Kazimierz Dolny.

DAY 5 KAZIMIERZ DOLNY - KRAKOW

Breakfast, sightseeing tour of Kazimierz. This town attracts many artists as painters, sculptors, photographers, musicians who create the special atmosphere of this place. That's why the main square turns into a huge gallery. We will admire Renaissance merchants' houses, the ruins of Gothic castle from the 14th c., then visit Jewish Cemetery. On the end we enjoy the panoramic view of Wisla bank. Departure for Krakow. Arrival to Krakow, dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 6 KRAKOW - THE NATIONAL PARK IN OJCOW

After breakfast, city tour of Krakow: the Old Town with one of the biggest and the oldest Market Square in Europe, the Cloth Hall called Sukiennice, St. Mary's Basilica, walking through the Royal Route with short visit in the oldest part of Jagiellonian University "Collegium Maius", the Wawel Hill with Royal Castle and Cathedral. In afternoon- excursion to the National Park in Ojcow, which covers deep limestone gorge of Pradnik river and Saspowka. There is a special microclimate and an amazing rich variety of plants and wildlife. Very attractive and diversified landscape offers an unforgettable views of picturesque river valley, fantastic lime rock formations, numerous caves, forests and a very rich flora (over 4.000 insect species). Return to Krakow. Dinner by the folklore music at the famous Restaurant "Bohema". Overnight at the Hotel in Krakow.

DAY 7 KRAKOW - ZAKOPANE - THE TATRA NATIONAL PARK

Breakfast, departure for Zakopane. Arrival and hiking tour in The Tatra National Park. The beauty of the Tatras has been protected for almost 45 years since the Tatra National Park was established. There are over 300 km of ramblers' routes and trails in this National Park which enables the visitor to see its collection of unique fauna and flora, caves, potholes, lakes and waterfalls. The unspoilt nature here is breathtaking, but so much more. Late afternoon- sightseeing tour of Zakopane. Krupowki promenade- the most popular street is a busy market with clothing, wooden items, and food, with numerous restaurants and cafes. Then walk down the street, there is a cable car rides to the top of Gubalowka Mt., from which there are the extraordinary panoramic views of the Tatras. Dinner at the regional Highlanders' Restaurant "Karczma". Overnight at the Hotel in Zakopane.

DAY 8 ZAKOPANE - PIENINY - KRAKOW

After breakfast, departure to the Pieniny National Park. After arrival to Sromowce will participate in rafting through Dunajec River Gorge. Sailing trip down the mountain river on a wooden raft through the limestone rocks of Pieniny Mountains has got to be the most beautiful river trip in Poland. We admire the amazing landscapes of the Pieniny National Park which is located in the Dunajec River basin, and the river occupies important position among factors that influence Pieniny's look. This is one of the smallest Polish National Parks but on its area thrive hundreds of species of plants including 640 kinds of mushrooms. Lunch break in Szczawnica health resort afterwards. Next highlight of this trip is : the historical Niedzica Castle dating of 13th-14th century, sits a top an ancient hill of limestone and shale that is approximately 30 meters above the Dunajec River. The castle holds secret treasures, ancient artwork, and the ghost of a woman who appears nightly. Return to Krakow. Farewell dinner and overnight stay at the Hotel in Krakow.

DAY 9 KRAKOW

Breakfast, check out time. Departure transfer to the Airport.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Programme 9 Days / 8 Nights



DAY 1 WARSAW

Arrival in Warsaw, transfer to the Hotel and check in. Evening concert of Frederic Chopin's music (piano recital) held in one of the historical palaces of Warsaw. Welcome dinner in traditional restaurant and overnight stay at the Hotel.

DAY 2 WARSAW

Breakfast, sightseeing tour of Warsaw with picturesque the Old Town, Castle Square, the Gothic St. John's Cathedral, visiting old churches located along the Royal Route, including the Holy Cross Church where reposes the urn of Frederic Chopin's heart. Next pass the New Town where can see the Church and Monastery of Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Lunch break in city centre. Afternoon - leisure time. Participating in the evening Holy Mass in the church and then meeting with Polish catholic community. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 3 WARSAW - GLOGOWIEC - SWINNICE WARCKIE

After breakfast departure for Glogowiec, the birth place of Maria Faustina Kowalska commonly known as Saint Sister Faustina born on August 25, 1905- famous Polish nun visionary and mystic, now venerated in the Roman Catholic Church as a saint. Next continue our drive to Swinnice Warckie, visiting the church where St. Sister Faustina was baptised and confirmed. Lunch break "en route". Return to Warsaw. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Warsaw.

DAY 4 WARSAW - NIEPOKALANOW - CZESTOCHOWA

After breakfast, departure for Niepokalanow. First a short stop in Zelazowa Wola (the birth place of Frederic Chopin), then visiting Niepokalanow Monastery devoted to St. Maximilian Kolbe, one of the youngest Polish Sanctuaries. The monastery was established by St. Maximilian Kolbe in 1927 and in 1980 the Pope John Paul II gave the church title of a Lesser Basilica. Nowadays it is visited by thousands of pilgrims as its Statue of the Holy Mary is considered to have miraculous powers and can hear the prayers of those who put their trust in Holy Mary. Lunch break "en route". Arrival in Czestochowa, dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 CZESTOCHOWA - KRAKOW

After breakfast, visiting of Czestochowa, the religious capital of Poland- famous place of Catholic pilgrimages. Guided tour of Jasna Gora Monastery with the worldwide-known miraculous Black Madonna Shrine (the icon, depicting the Mother of God with the Christ Child). The image of Black Madonna, to which miraculous powers are attributed, is Jasna Gora's most precious treasure. Monastery was founded in 1382 by the Pauline monks who came from Hungary. The tour includes the Treasury Room, Armoury and defensive walls, on the end participating in the Holy Mass in the Monastery. Lunch in the Restaurant in city centre. In the afternoon departure for Krakow. Arrival to Krakow, dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Krakow.

DAY 6 KRAKOW - LAGIEWNIKI

Breakfast, sightseeing tour of Krakow with the Old Town, Market Square, the Cloth Hall called Sukiennice, visit to St. Mary's Basilica, St. Ann's Church, walking along the Royal Route with visit to the court-yard of Collegium Maius (the oldest part of the Jagiellonian University) and St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, then the Archbishop's Palace, next is the Wawel Hill to see Wawel Cathedral and Royal Castle. Lunch break. In the afternoon- excursion to Lagiewniki, the Blessed Sister Faustina Convent. Sanctuary of Divine Mercy houses grace-working image of Merciful Jesus. Visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, and the relics of St. Faustina as the convent chapel, then the St. Faustina's Tomb. On the end participating in the Holy Mass in the Sanctuary. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Krakow.

DAY 7 KRAKOW - KALWARIA - WADOWICE

After breakfast, excursion to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska and Wadowice. First start with visiting the Bernardine Sanctuary in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, one of the most often visited pilgrimage places in Poland, listed on UNESCO's World Heritage Site and was arranged 400 years ago as a replica of the hill in Jerusalem. The Jerusalem service conducted in natural scenery attracts thousands of pilgrims from all over the world. The monastery complex of the Bernardine fathers with the early Baroque church of the Angelic Mother of the God. Secondly explore Wadowice- the birth place of the previous Pope, John Paul II. Visit the house where the Pope was born and the church attending as a child. Lunch break in Wadowice with tasting a piece of the Pope's favourite cake called Kremowka for a dessert. Return to Krakow. On the way back to Krakow have a short stop in Tyniec to see the Benedictine Abbey perched on a cliff above the Vistula riverside. Arriving in Krakow and celebrating. Celebrating the evening Holy Mass in the St. Mary's Basilica located in the Old Town. Farewell dinner by the folklore music in Restaurant "Bohema" and overnight at the Hotel in Krakow.

DAY 8 KRAKOW - ZAKOPANE

Breakfast, morning departure for excursion to Zakopane, beautifully located town at the foot of the Tatra Mountains, in the valley between Gubalowka mount and Giewont peak. Start with sightseeing tour around the main promenade called Krupowki then visit to the Sanctuary of the God's Mother of Fatima which was build to thank for saving the Pope's life after a stroke of his life in 1981. Afterwards walk along Koscieliska street where can delight typical old wooden architecture (the oldest part of Zakopane with traditional housing, the Old Church, Old Cemetery and Willa Koliba), then visit to beautiful Jaszczurowka Chapel, a great achievement of the famous Polish artist Stanislaw Witkiewicz. Lunch served in traditional highlander's Restaurant. Next ride up a funicular car to the top of Gubalowka Mount to admire a stunning views of the Tatra Mountains. Return to Krakow, dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Krakow.

DAY 9 KRAKOW - WIELICZKA

Breakfast, check out and departure for excursion to Wieliczka to see one of the oldest salt mines in Europe. Inside the Salt Mine can admire the gorgeous underground miracles of salt as amazing chapels, unique salt lakes, galleries, chambers and passageways excavated in the 17th century. Will have a nice walk of ca. 3km through 3 levels in the Salt Mine down to 136 meters below ground level. Lunch is served in the old traditional wooden Restaurant "Karczma Halit". Afterwards departure transfer to the Airport in Krakow.

TRACES OF JOHN PAUL II

Programme 5 Days / 4 Nights



John Paul II – Karol Wojtyła

Born on May 18, 1920 in Wadowice, Poland

In 1946 he ordained into priesthood. In 1958 he became a Bishop, in 1963 an Archbishop of Krakow and next in 1967 a Cardinal. Karol Wojtyła was elected Pope on October 16, 1978. Brief summary of John's Paul Legacy: 27 years as Pope – the third longest tenure in papal history. He was the most-travelled Pope in history (visited 118 countries) and transformed papacy into a public role. He made historic apology to Jews and others and named more saints than any other Pope.

"Krakow, my Krakow- city of my life, city of our history(...)"

Krakow boasts a number of places connected with John Paul II, who arrived to this city in 1938 and spent most of his life. John Paul II is recognised in Krakow as a student of Polish literature, worker, seminary student, labored as a priest, poet, pastoral guide for students and families, bishop, archbishop and finally head of the Catholic Church.

DAY 1 KRAKOW

Arrival transfer from the Airport. Full day sightseeing tour of Krakow starting with a visit to St. Florian's Church, the first church in Krakow in which Karol Wojtyła was a vicar. Then pass through Matejki Square, Barbican and Florian Gate to magnificent Gothic St. Mary's Basilica situated in the Main Market Square, with its famous Medieval wooden altar sculptured by Wit Stwos. Karol Wojtyła was the preacher and confessor at the Basilica in years 1952-1957. The next stop is the Jagiellonian University, where young Wojtyła lectured in theology. Krakow is an ancient seat of learning, and we stop at Collegium Maius - the oldest part of the Jagiellonian University and followed by Collegium Novum, the new one to compare both parts. Continue to the Palace of Bishops in Krakow, where could see the most famous window in Poland, from which Pope always greets the people coming to see him during his papal visits. Visit Archdiocese Museum and see two apartments in which John Paul lived as a priest and as a bishop. Welcome dinner by the folklore music in traditional restaurant and overnight in Krakow.

DAY 2 WADOWICE - KALWARIA ZEBRZYDOWSKA - LAGIEWNIKI

After breakfast will take you to Wadowice - a small town where the Pope John Paul II was born on the 18th May 1928. First visit to the family house of Karol Wojtyła which is a museum devoted to his life and work. The Museum of the Family Home of Pope John Paul II is housed in a building dating back to 1870, the Wojtyła family lived there from 1919 to 1938, with two rooms and a kitchen at their disposal. The Museum was opened in 1984, on the Pope's 64th birthday, at the initiative of Archbishop Franciszek Macharski and Mitred Prelate Edward Zacher, who had been for many years Karol Wojtyła's catechist. Next visit to the 15th c. Basilica he was attended and baptized as a child. Have a delicious lunch break with dessert of the Pope's favourite cake called „Kremowka”. Afterwards we drive to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska to visit the Bernardine Sanctuary, this is one of the most often visited pilgrimage places in Poland, listed on UNESCO's World Heritage Site. On the way back visit to the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki connected also with the worship of St. Faustyna, one of the Pope's favourite saints. Karol Wojtyła very often visited Lagiewniki as a worker in the nearby "Solvay" Soda Plant during World War II. Pope said: "The Message of Divine Mercy has always been precious to me. History has inscribed it into the tragic experience of World War II. In those difficult years, it was a special support, and endless source of hope not only for the inhabitants of Krakow, but for the entire nation. It was also my own personal experience which I took with me to the Holy See, and which shapes the image of this pontificate". Sister Faustina was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday in 1993 and canonized in 2000 on Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a capital of the Divine Mercy where started up the message of the Divine Mercy, which Jesus Christ Himself wished to pass on to our generation, through the mediation of St. Faustina. The church was consecrated by John Paul II on the 17th August 2002 during his last visit to Krakow. Dinner and overnight stay at the Hotel in Krakow.

DAY 3 CZESTOCHOWA - AUSCHWITZ

After breakfast departure for Czestochowa which is a religious capital of Poland and one of the world's most important destinations for pilgrims. This is the holiest place in Poland and every year millions of pilgrims come to pray at the worldwide known miraculous painting of Virgin with her baby. It is a symbol of Polish Catholicism. We will do a guided trip to the Sanctuary of Black Madonna Shrine in Jasna Gora Monastery. Then lunch break in a restaurant in Czestochowa. After lunch we will go to Oswiecim to visit the Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest nazi concentration camp formed during the World War II. John Paul II came to Auschwitz during his pilgrimage to Poland in 1979. He said then: "Auschwitz remembers the victims of many nationalities. Auschwitz is not a place that you can just visit, during your visits you should think of where are the frontiers of hate". Return to Krakow, dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 4 ZAKOPANE

After breakfast we will drive to Zakopane. That is small but very famous mountain town in Poland, where almost at our every step we can feel John Paul's traces. Pope John Paul II's visits to Zakopane have become the most important events in the town's history. He has been attached to Zakopane and the Tatras since his youth. As an alumnus of the Krakow seminary he did a lot of hiking and skiing here. He did not abandon his passion for the mountains even when he became the Krakow metropolitan. His favourite places were: the chapel Jaszczurowka and "Ksiezwka" - the holiday house of the Polish Episcopate. In the Tatras he adored the Chocholowska Valley, which he visited again in 1982 after he had become the Pope. His next visit to Zakopane and the Tatras took place in June 1997. He spent here a few days. He often visited Peak Kasprowy Wierch, Morskie Oko Lake, Ludzmiarz and Gubalowka Mount. We will see the Madonna of Fatima Sanctuary in Krzeptowki, where our Pope celebrated the mass and where is the monument of the great Pope. Next we will have a nice walk to Chocholowska Valley, the favourite local destination of Pope's excursions. Next we will go down to the Kropowki street, where stop for a lunch in a typical wooden restaurant in Zakopane. After lunch we will visit Saint Albert's Sanctuary. Return to Krakow. Dinner and overnight in Krakow.

DAY 5 KRAKOW

Breakfast. Optional tour - visiting of the Archdiocese Museum where a part of that museum is dedicated to the memory of the Pope John Paul II. The Pope used to live in that building, in the museum we can see Pope's personal belongings and works of art that he was given. Lunch in a restaurant. Departure for the Airport.

JEWISH HERITAGE

Programme 10 Days / 9 Nights



DAY 1 WARSAW

Arrival in the Warsaw's Airport Okecie, meeting with a guide at the Airport, panoramique sightseeing tour on the way to the hotel. Welcome dinner in traditional folklore restaurant and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 2 WARSAW

After breakfast we start our full day sightseeing tour of Warsaw. In programme we have: the Old Town, the Royal Route the former Warsaw's Ghetto area, the Nozyk Synagogue, the Jewish Cemetery, the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial, the Jundenrad Building, the Orphanage for Jewish children in Warsaw, the Yiddish Theatre, Anielewicz's Bunker and the Umschlagplatz. After lunch break will have a meeting with representatives of Jewish Congregation. Afterwards a nice visit to Lazienki Royal Palace and Park Complex. In the evening: dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Warsaw.

DAY 3 LODZ - WARSAW

Breakfast, full day excursion to Lodz where 240 000 Jews used to live before the War. Lodz was the worldwide known textile industry centre in the 19th c. and currently has over 1 milion inhabitants and is the second biggest city in Poland. We start our tour with nice walk along famous Piotrowska street admie glamorous residences J.Petersilge, J.Heinzel. We pass Silberstein's textile factory, Poznanski's Palace, Hertz' Residence, the White Factory. Next we visit area of the former Ghetto, the largest Jewish cemetery in Europe founded in 1884. In afetrnoon we have a shopping break before we leave for Warsaw. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Warsaw.

DAY 4 KAZIMERZ DOLNY - LUBLIN - MAJDANEK

After breakfast we departure to Kazimierz Dolny known for its Jewish background, this town attracts many artists who create the special atmosphere of this place. That's why the main square turns into a huge gallery. We visit the Renaissance merchants' houses, the ruins of Gothic castle from the 14th c., the Jewish Cemetery from 1851 and the 18th century Synagogue. Then we drive to visit Majdanek- Nazi concentration and extermination camp (1941-1944), roughly 4 km away from centre of Lublin. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Lublin.

DAY 5 LUBLIN

Breakfast, a half day guided tour of Lublin. Lublin used to host one of the major Jewish communities in Poland before the World War II, was also the seat of the Jewish parliament Waad arba Racot in the 16th century. During the tour will admire picturesque Old Town with Market Square and Medieval streets. Will follow the traces of Jewish community: the Ghetto heroes Sq. neoclassical Synagogue build by the members of Chevra Nosim, and the Old Cemetery with grave of tzadik Jacob Horowitz- the Seer of Lublin. At the end will have a short visit to the Talmudic Academy. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Lublin.

DAY 6 LEZAJSK - LANCUT - BOBOWA - TARNOW

After breakfast departure to Lezajsk, to visit the Jewish Cemetery at Gorna Street, established in the 18th c. with the tomb of rabbi Elimelech Weissblum. Next we drive to small town Bobowa, a famous centre of Hasidism founded by "Bobover Rebbe". In late afternoon we arrive to Tarnow and have a dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Tarnow.

DAY 7 TARNOW - DABROWA TARNOWSKA - KRAKOW

Breakfast, we have a nice walk around the historic town of Tarnow with its well-preserved Medieval buildings, impressive Gothic -Renaissance Town Hall, Bimah Old Synagogue. On the way to Krakow will have a short stop in Dabrowa Tarnowska to see preserved synagogue. Then we continue our drive. Arrival in Krakow and check in. Dinner and overnight at Hotel in Krakow.

DAY 8 KRAKOW - JEWISH DISTRICT KAZIMIERZ - PLASZOW

After brakfast, we do Schindler's list tour and start with Jewish quarter Kazimierz & Szeroka Street. Our tour follows Oscar Schindler's traces as: the Pharmacy Under the Eagles, Ghetto walls, Schindler's Factory and his house, stone monument of Ghetto heroes in Plaszow and entrances to Synagogue Remuh and Cemetery. Afternoon- walking sightseeing tour of Krakow (the Old Town, Royal Route & Wawel Hill). Dinner and ovenight at the Hotel in Krakow.

DAY 9 KRAKOW - AUSCHWITZ - BIRKENAU

Breakfast and departure to Auschwitz. After arrival we meet our local guide and start visiting the Museum Auschwitz- Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp formed from army barracks during the World War II where over for million people perished. Visit both parts Auschwitz and Birkenau as well. Next step is sub-camp Monowice but earlier have a lunch break. Return to Krakow. Farewell dinner by the Jewish concert at Klezmer Hois Restaurant, located in former Mykva building. Overnight stay.

DAY 10 KRAKOW

Breakfast and check out time. Then departure to Airport Balice in Krakow.

AMBER TOUR – THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

Programme 8 Days / 7 Nights



DAY 1 WARSAW

Arrival in Warsaw, meeting a guide at the Airport, panoramique sightseeing tour on the way to the Hotel. Welcome dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 2 WARSAW

Breakfast, departure for a half day Sightseeing tour of Warsaw including the picturesque Old Town, the Royal Castle, the King Sigismund's Column, Royal Route and visiting amber exhibition in the Earth Museum. In the afternoon- excursion to Wilanow Palace and Royal Garden, the finest Baroque residence (17th c.) in Poland. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Warsaw.

DAY 3 WARSAW - MALBORK - GDANSK

Breakfast, drive to Gdansk via Malbork, visiting Malbork– the biggest brickcastle, one of the largest Medieval fortresses in Europe. It is the former seat of the Grand Master of Teutonic Order, registered on Unesco World Heritage List. Visiting of the museum includes an exhibition of the castle's history and interesting exhibition of amber treasures. Lunch break, afterwards we continue for Gdansk. Arrival in Gdansk, dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 4 GDANSK

After breakfast, sightseeing tour of Gdansk, the Polish maritime capital and also city of the first Independent Trade Union "Solidarity". The trade of the amber processing is also far from minor in importance. Gdansk cultivates its centuries-long tradition in the field and its nickname of the world capital of amber is well earned. Our tour begins with the Royal Way, including the Long Street and Long Market, next is the Gothic Town Hall, the magnificent Artus Court, charming Mariacka Street boasts with numerous gift shops and amber galleries, the Gothic St.Mary's Church, the biggest port crane in Medieval Europe, Neptune's Fountain– a symbol of Gdansk, the Golden Gate and on the end we reach the Oliwa Cathedral famous of its 18th century Organ. Lunch break during the tour. Free time for amber shopping in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 5 GDANSK - GDYNIA - Sopot

Breakfast, departure for Gdynia, we start our city tour of Gdynia with the harbour, then Kosciuszko Square and Southern Pier where two famous historic ships are moored: the oldest destroyer in the world "ORP Blyskawica" and frigate "Dar Pomorza". Next we walk up Kamienna Gora Hill to admire extraordinary panoramic view of Gdynia. On the end we visit the Oceanographic Museum and Aquarium that house scores of marine fauna and flora exhibits. Lunch at the Restaurant boat "Viking". Afterwards drive to Sopot. Sightseeing of Sopot, a noble holiday resort with its longest wooden pier (512 m) in Europe. Return to Gdansk, dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 6 GDANSK - SOBIESZEWO ISLAND

After breakfast, departure transfer to Sobieszewo Island situated 15 km from centre of Gdansk. Since the 19th century the island, called at the time The Golden Island, has been a great tourist attraction for residents of Gdansk. Its unique natural qualities were quickly noticed: clean wide beaches, mixed forests, unique flora and fauna (two birds reserves) and a beautiful landscape. During our visit we will be acquainted with the history of amber and watch a multimedial presentation about amber processing. Return to Gdansk, optional boat trip to Westerplatte- where the first shots of WW II were fired. Dinner & overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 7 GDANSK - TORUN - WARSAW

Breakfast, morning departure for Warsaw. En route a guided tour of Torun, a birth place of Nicolaus Copernicus- the great Polish astronomer, the originator of an astronomical revolution based on the heliocentric theory. Torun is also famous of the greatest number of retained, authentic Gothic monuments. Its Medieval centre with original urban layout was entered on Unesco's World Cultural Heritage List. A short break for gingerbread tasting- the most famous product of Torun that has been made for the centuries and one of the most popular Polish food products. Arrival in Warsaw, the Chopin's piano recital held in one of Warsaw's Palaces. Farewell dinner at the traditional Polish Restaurant and overnight stay at the Hotel.

DAY 8 WARSAW

Breakfast, check out time. Departure transfer to the Airport.

FAMOUS POLISH CITIES

Programme 9 Days / 8 Nights



DAY 1 WARSAW

Arrival into Warsaw, meeting a guide at the Airport, panoramique sightseeing tour on the way to the hotel. Welcome dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 2 WARSAW

Breakfast, departure for a half day sightseeing tour of Warsaw with the Royal Castle, St. John's Cathedral, and the picturesque Old Town with Barbican. Lunch break at the famous Restaurant Honoratka located in the Old Town. In afternoon- visiting of Lazienki Park & Palatial Complex with the monument of F.Chopin and the Palace on the Island. Dinner & overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 3 WARSAW

Breakfast, departure to Czestochowa, the religious capital of Poland- famous place of the Catholic pilgrimages. En route a short visit in Zelazowa Wola (the birth place of Frederic Chopin). Arrival to Czestochowa, visiting of Jasna Gora Monastery with the world-famous- miraculous Black Madonna Shrine. Departure to Krakow. Arrival to Krakow, dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 4 KRAKOW

After breakfast, city tour of Krakow: Kazimierz- the former Jewish quarter, the Old Town with one of the biggest and the oldest Market Square in Europe, The Cloth Hall called Sukiennice, St.Mary's Basilica, walking along the Royal Route with short visit in the oldest part of Jagiellonian University Collegium Maius, next Wawel Hill to see the Wawel Cathedral and Royal Castle- inside visit to the Royal Chambers, which hosts a fine collection of furniture, works of art and tapestries. Lunch break during the tour. In the afternoon excursion to the Salt Mine in Wieliczka, one of the oldest operational salt mine in Europe. It has been working for over 700 years and was entered on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List in 1978. Dinner by the folklore music at the famous Restaurant Bohema. Overnight stay.

DAY 5 KRAKOW

Breakfast, departure for Oswiecim. Visiting of the Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau- the largest Nazi concentration camp formed during World War II. Lunch at the Restaurant "Art Deco" in Auschwitz. Return to Krakow- free afternoon. Dinner by concert of Jewish music at the Restaurant Klezmer Hois. Overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 6 ZAKOPANE

After breakfast departure transfer to Zakopane- Tatra Mountains resort. Arrival to the Hotel in Zakopane & check in. Sightseeing tour of Zakopane, a pleasant walk along Krupowki- the most popular street is a busy market with clothing, wooden items and food, with numerous restaurants and cafes. Next ride up to Gubalowka Mount from which there are extraordinary panoramic views of the Tatras. Dinner at the Regional Highlander's Restaurant „Karczma”. Overnight stay at the Hotel in Zakopane.

DAY 7 WROCLAW

After breakfast check out and departure for Sromowce from where will take a raft trip down the Dunajec River through the area of Pieniny National Park and the most beautiful river gorges in Europe, Pieniny Gorge. Lunch break in Szczawnica, and departure to Wroclaw. Arrival to the Hotel in Wroclaw and check in, dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 8 WROCLAW

Breakfast, sightseeing tour of Wroclaw with the Old Town, the Cathedral of St.John the Baptist, the Baroque building of University with charming Aula Leopoldinum, the Town Hall, the Old Market Place, Ostrow Tumski Island- the oldest part of the city. Lunch break in the Old Town. Free afternoon for shopping. Optionally tickets for the opera/philharmonic hall. Dinner & overnight stay.

DAY 9 WROCLAW

Breakfast, check out time. Departure transfer to the Airport.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FREDERIC CHOPIN

Programme 4 Days / 3 Nights



Frederic Chopin was born in Zelazowa Wola (near Warsaw, Poland) on March 1, 1810 (or on February 22, according to his baptismal certificate). He was born into a small family of a French father, Nicolas Chopin, and of a Polish mother, Tekla Justyna Krzyzanowska. Soon afterwards Chopin family moved to the capital. Although Chopin later attended the High School where his father was a teacher, his early training began at home because he received the first piano lessons from his mother. Young Frederic showed his great admiration for the piano at a very young age, and he composed two polonaises at the age of seven years. At the same time, he gave concert performances to impressed audiences. Young Chopin had a good education and later studied music privately with Joseph Elsner, founder and director of the Warsaw Conservatory. In 1826 Chopin became a full-time student at Elsner's Conservatory, where he received an excellent foundation in theory, harmony, and melody. That time he was greatly influenced by the folk music of Mazovian region. Chopin's last performance in Warsaw has taken place in October 1830. One month later he left Warsaw forever and moved to Paris where he continued his life and work until his death in year 1849. Frederic Chopin died at the age of 39 and he was buried in Paris, but his heart was brought from Paris and placed in the Holy Cross Church in Warsaw. Frederic Chopin was the composer of 55 mazurkas, 16 polonaises, 26 preludes, 27 etudes, 21 nocturnes, 4 ballads and 4 scherzos.

DAY 1 WARSAW

Arrival to Warsaw's Airport Okęcie. Transfer to the Hotel, check in and free time for relax after the flight. Transfer for Chopin's piano concert in one of Warsaw's magnificent palaces, organised especially for your group where can delight the famous Chopin's mazurkas and polonaises played by well-known Polish pianists. During the concert a glass of Polish sparkling wine will be served to all guests. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 2 WARSAW

Breakfast, guided sightseeing tour of Warsaw in Chopin's footsteps. We begin with the Old Town and its highlights as: the Market Square, the Royal Castle, St. John's Cathedral and Barbican. Then walk along the Royal Route to reach the Parlour- apartment where Frederic Chopin was lived before he had left the country. The parlour is equipped with furniture from the Chopin's epoch: an Erard piano which owned by the famous pianist and composer Franz Liszt, some glass and porcelain pieces, portraits of Chopin's parents and cousins, and engravings presenting Warsaw from the first decades of the 19th c.. Next stop is the Holy Cross Church with the urn containing the heart of Chopin. Afterwards drive to the Royal Lazienki Palace and Park where stands the famous monument dedicated to the composer. In the afternoon visit to the Ostrogski Palace, the seat of Chopin Society and Chopin Museum and stop by the Protestant Church of the Holy Trinity where Chopin used to sing in the choir. Then we see the Church of the Nuns of the Visitation where in 1825 our composer played as the organist. Dinner in famous Restaurant Honoratka with traditional Polish cuisine which has been often visited by the composer. Overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 3 WARSAW – ZELAZOWA WOLA

After breakfast, excursion the birthplace of Fryderyk Chopin, a small manor house in Zelazowa Wola, ca. 50 km west of Warsaw. Chopin spent only the first seven months of his life there, but the place is worth visiting- this typical old Polish country manor house has a cosy museum devoted to the composer and his family and a lovely park as well. It presents personal belongings, documents, manuscripts, numerous paintings, sculptures, engravings of Chopin's life and his close family. All exhibits are gathered and systematized in order to illustrate successive phases of Chopin's life, starting from the period between 1810 and 1830 in Poland, and then abroad, until his death in 1849. Optional concert dedicated to Chopin's compositions from his youth. On the way the group will have an opportunity to enjoy the scenery of the Masovian countryside and stop in Brochów- its 16th century imposing Parish church where the composer's was baptised and also the wedding ceremony of his parents happened in 1806. Next stop is Sanniki where Chopin came in the summer of 1828 and nowadays can see Chopin's Memorial Center with the exhibition devoted to the composer. Return to Warsaw and free time for shopping. Farewell dinner by the folklore show and overnight stay.

DAY 4 WARSAW

Breakfast After check out, departure to the Airport Okęcie.

CHRISTMAS MARKET IN KRAKOW

Programme 4 Days / 3 Nights



"Christmas in Poland is the most beautiful and most family-orientated of all holidays. It's time for families, Christmas tree and the gifts."

DAY 1

Arrival to Krakow. Transfer from the Airport to the Hotel.

Welcome dinner by the Polish folklore show in Bohema Restaurant and overnight stay at the Hotel.

DAY 2

After breakfast– guided half day walking city tour of Krakow with the Wawel Hill to see the Wawel Cathedral and Royal Castle, walk along the Royal Route via Grodzka Street down to the Old Town, on the way we see the Jagiellonian University: Collegium Maius and Collegium Novum, Main Market Square- the largest of city squares in Europe, the magnificent Gothic St.Mary's Basilica, with its famous Medieval wooden altar sculptured by Wit Stwoszcz as well as Sukiennice, a 100 meters long Cloth market, now hosting stalls with crafts. Next is the Florian Gate and Old City Walls, the Barbican and Matejki Square on the end. Afternoon– visit to the Christmas Shopping Market at the Main Market Sq.– good opportunity to purchase traditional Polish crafts, souvenirs and some elegant goods as: jewellery, crystals, leather fancy goods. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 3

After breakfast– excursion to the Salt Mine in Wieliczka to admire the underground miracles of salt entered on UNESCO Heritage List in 1978. It is an underground labyrinth that stretches over 200 kilometres of tunnels we discover a mysterious and unique underground city housing chapels with amazing salt sculptures and bas-reliefs, massive high-ceiling caverns, dark-watered lakes and the breathtaking Chapel of Saint Kinga- carved out of a huge block of salt. Afternoon- shopping time. Farewell dinner with tasting traditional delicacies of Polish cuisine in Noble Restaurant Miod i Wino and overnight stay.

DAY 4

Breakfast– departure to the Airport.

*St. Claus– small surprise gifts for everyone!

CHRISTMAS FACTS :

Traditional Christmas Eve in Poland :

Every family must have a living Christmas tree in the house which should be decorated. Dinner should start with the appearance of the first star on the sky. Guests begin with exchanging their wishes and share the special Christmas wafer (a symbol of happiness). Traditional Christmas dinner should consist of minimum 12 dishes which is dedicated to the number of Jesus Christ's Apostles and everyone is obliged to try all of them without any excuse. No meat is allowed on this dinner with one exception for fishes. Then all people are singing Christmas carols together and giving the presents at the end of the dinner. Late evening children are listen to hear if any animals are speaking with human voices and then the whole family participate in the Midnight Holy Mass served in all Polish churches.

Main Christmas Eve Dishes:

Soups: Mushroom, Borsch, Fish

Dumplings stuffed with mushrooms & cabbage

Fish: Carp, Herring, Pollock

Dessert: noodles with poppy seeds called "Kutia" or poppy seed strudel

Drink: stewed fruit hot drink called "Kompot"

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM POLAND:

Amber: This fine resin is turned into the gorgeous jewellery. Some of the pieces contains the insects which had been trapped inside for hundreds or millions years ago. The most beautiful amber products can be purchased on the Baltic coast but there are also many interesting pieces available all around the country.

Silver Jewellery: There are many designers with their rich collections of amazing designs and most of Polish products are very impressive and relatively inexpensive. The Jeweller's shops and galleries are everywhere.

Linen: Interesting designs and good quality textiles which are Polish best export products.

Modern Art: Paintings and sculptures of your Polish artists are offered at lower rates here in Poland than in other European countries. The Art collectors have a great opportunity to enlarge their collections with a good quality, precious and interesting work. There are plenty of galleries and art shops in Krakow, mainly concentrated in Jewish District Kazimierz.

Vodka: The finest Polish liqueurs are pure and flavoured vodkas. The most popular are: Chopin, Belvedere, Wyborowa, Sopolica, Cracovia. There are few flavoured kind of vodka but the famous one is "Zubrowka" called a bison grass vodka, with a clean taste and herbal notes from the bison grass extract purported to have possible aphrodisiac qualities.

Glass & crystal products: Polish crystals are famous of its excellent cut and light refraction. The most popular items are: vases, bowls, jugs, glasses, carafes and many others.

Sweets: There are few leading confectionery producers like E.Wedel, Wawel or Mieszko, all of them offers delicious chocolate products and other kind of sweets. The most popular are: Delicje biscuits, Ptasia Mleczko (chocolate coated vanilla or cream mousse), Toffees Krowki, Chocolate candies Michalki, Mieszanka Krakowska (chocolate coated fruit jelly candies) and many other Pralines are really worth to try and buy them.

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN KRAKOW

Programme 4 Days / 3 Nights



30th DECEMBER

Arrive in Krakow. Transfer to the Hotel. Guided walking tour "Krakow by night". Welcome drink and dinner in the Noble Restaurant "Miod i Wino" (live music of Galician folklore).

31st DECEMBER

Sightseeing tour of Krakow including Jewish District Kazimierz, Wawel Hill with the Cathedral, the Royal Route, Market Square with Cloth Hall and St. Mary's Basilica. Free time for shopping, return to the Hotel for refreshment. New Year's Eve gala dinner with entertainment in one of best Krakow's Restaurant, having fun till dusk is guaranteed.

1st JANUARY

After breakfast, departure for full day excursion to Zakopane- Tatra Mountains resort to admire this beautiful town famous of its unique wooden architecture, optional attraction would be a short ride in a horse carriage, lunch in typical highlanders' restaurant called Karczma; return to Krakow for dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

2nd JANUARY

Breakfast, then check out and optional excursion to visit Wieliczka Salt mine with lunch in underground restaurant, return to Krakow and departure transfer to the Airport.

WEEKEND IN WARSAW

Programme 3 Days / 2 Nights



DAY 1 FRIDAY

Arrival in Warsaw. Transfer from Airport Okęcie to the Hotel and check in, then relaxing after the flight. Welcome dinner in Hotel's restaurant and overnight stay.

DAY 2 SATURDAY

After breakfast, full day sightseeing tour of Warsaw with licensed local guide in your language. Tour includes entrances to: the Royal Castle and Łazienki Palace & Park Complex. Other highlights in programme: historical sites as the Ghetto Memorial, the Monument of Warsaw Uprising, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Grand Theatre. Walk around the Old Town: passing by the Castle Square with entrance to the Castle, then the King Sigismund's Column, St. John's Cathedral, the Old Town Market Square and the Barbican. Next walk along the Royal Route with its aristocratic residences, historic churches and famous statues. To complete our general impression of the Poland's capital, will have inside guided visit to the Palace on the Island in Łazienki, on the end can admire monument of famous Polish composer - Frederic Chopin. In the afternoon (optionally)- excursion to Żelazowa Wola (old traditional Polish manor house- the birth place of F.Chopin). Farewell dinner in folklore restaurant with typical Polish menu and vodka tasting. Overnight stay at the Hotel.

DAY 3 SUNDAY

Morning breakfast. Check out time. Free time for shopping in city centre. Transfer from the Hotel to Airport Okęcie.

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MYSTERY MURDER IN HUNTING CASTLE PROMNICE

Incentive Programme 3 Days / 2 Nights

Welcome to the old Promnice Hunting Castle, lost among forests and lakes. Peaceful evening with good wine and snacks may turn into a gloomy adventure, when it becomes clear, that unknown force, which should be asleep for centuries has been awoken by archeologists working nearby... The peace of mind and a cold blood of Your Guests will be challenged as soon as they will face horrific mystery and stylish stairs will be grimmed by the murdered man's blood for the first time. With a private detective Your Guests will take part in an investigation, during which they will be pitted against the old legend of Promnice, greedy gangsters, difficult puzzles, but most of them will face their own fear, uncertainly and suspicion that a murderer may be hiding among them... Surprising plot, mystery murders, the ending which can not be foreseen, and genuine emotions are what we can assure during that frightening night in our old castle among the darkness of surrounding forest. We offer You completely new way of thinking about live action role playing game, with Your Guests taking active part in solving the mystery, many side-players and special effects, everything in English language. We can deliver the exact screenplay- but we suggest not to read it, in order to keep the surprise which guarantees having fun.

HUNTING CASTLE**** in Kobior - Promnice

The hotel offers 26 places in comfortable rooms and suites. All of them are arranged in the hunter's style. In the past they were assigned for Prince's family and guests invited for a big hunting. Despite a passage of many years the Hunting's Lodge maintained its original form shaped in the year 1868. The wooden ceilings, creaking stairs and floors are still in almost original condition. The rooms on the Lodge's I-st and II-nd floor, occupied in the past by the Prince's family and their guests, were adopted to the hotel needs. The rooms are closed with the massive, wooden doors. Each room is different and it has its own charm. Stylised wardrobes, beds, bureaus, toilets or armchairs excellently fit the antique Lodging interiors. Through each room's window there is a view of beautiful Promnice's gardens and the Paprocany lake. Behind the windows there are birds singing and in the evenings the frogs and crickets give their "concerts". Unique Restaurant invites for the delicious dishes of hunters or Old-Polish cuisine and the meals are served in charming restaurant rooms - Fire-place, Cenkier or the Tower one.

Programme :

DAY 1

Arrival transfer from the Airport in Krakow or Pyrzowice.
Check in with welcome drink, welcome dinner and overnight.

DAY 2

Morning excursion - 2 options at group's choice :

Guided visit of the Castle in Pszczyna, a classicist magnate palace and former residence of local Piast dynasty, constructed in the 13th century. The castle museum contains about 80% of original interior decorations from the 19th century.

Visit to the Brewing Museum „Tyskie Browarium” in Tychy.

Brewing has continued at Tychy since the original Książce brewery was founded by the Promnitz family in 1613 and still in operation. Produces an impressive 21/2 million gallons of beer – a week.

Return to Promnice and leisure time.

Late afternoon we start our programme : **Mystery Murder**

Evening attractions:

- Horse carriage ride with torches (duration ca. 20 minutes)
- The Old Polish Feast- dinner with traditional Polish dishes: Mushroom soup, Pierogi, Bigos
- BUGLER SHOW with playing famous hunters melodies and tells in English the nice legends & myths of the Hunting Castle.
- Fireworks show on the lakeside

DAY 3

After breakfast departure to Krakow for the city sightseeing tour.
Lunch organised in the Old Town.
Departure transfer to the Airport in Krakow.





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