



EASTERN JOURNEY (K-3)

12 days

Route: Warsaw – Częstochowa – Zakopane – Krakow – Wieliczka – Krakow – Oświęcim – Wadowice – Krakow – Łańcut – Zamość – Lublin – Kozłówka – Lublin – Kazimierz Dolny – Warsaw

Day 1. Warsaw

Arrival, meeting with an Orbis guide at the hotel lobby, check-in. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 2. Warsaw

After breakfast: sightseeing of Warsaw. Before World War II, Warsaw was called 'the Paris of the North'. Ninety percent of Warsaw's Old Town was destroyed during WWII. The brightly painted old-town houses, churches and the Royal Castle are all a result of post-war reconstruction. In 1980, the Old Town was listed by UNESCO as an example of perfect reconstruction work making use of what had survived from the original buildings. Time for lunch on your own and leisure. Dinner at a local restaurant with a Mazovian folklore show.

Day 3. Warsaw – Częstochowa – Zakopane

After breakfast: drive to Zakopane, en-route visit to Jasna Góra Monastery in Częstochowa with the country's national shrine and the holy picture of the Black Madonna. Lunch. Afternoon: continuing to Zakopane.

Day 4. Zakopane

After breakfast: sightseeing of the lively resort and best-known mountainous town of Zakopane, located in a small valley surrounded by the impressive Tatra Mountains and

the tiny hillside village of Gubałówka. Sometimes called Poland's 'winter capital' and located some 100km south of Krakow, Zakopane has been attracting the cream of Poland's artistic community for ages. Excursion by cable car to Mt. Gubałówka. Afternoon: free time. Dinner with a highlanders'-style folklore show.

Day 5. Zakopane – Krakow

After breakfast: a unique experience in Europe – a trip down a racing mountain river on a wooden boat through the breathtaking Dunajec River Gorge in the Pieniny Mountains. Lunch. Afternoon: continuing to Krakow.

Day 6. Krakow – Wieliczka – Krakow

After breakfast: sightseeing of Krakow, Poland's cultural capital, with about a quarter of all the country's museum holdings, and the European City of Culture for the year 2000. Afternoon: visit to the stunning Wieliczka Salt Mine with beautifully carved chambers, chapels and an underground lake: all made in salt. The mine is frequently referred to as The Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland. Dinner.

Day 7. Krakow – Oświęcim – Wadowice – Krakow

After breakfast: drive to the mediaeval town of Oświęcim, where during World War II the Nazis built a death camp in the neighbourhood and called it Auschwitz. The site and the memorial museum set up there after the war are now a grim destination for thousands wanting to pay homage to those who died there. Return to Krakow via Wadowice, internationally recognised as the birthplace of Pope John Paul II. Dinner.

Day 8. Krakow – Łańcut – Zamość

After breakfast: drive to Zamość, en-route visit to Łańcut Palace, home of the Polish nobles, including the Museum of Vehicles. Lunch. Afternoon: continuing to Zamość.

Day 9. Zamość – Lublin

After breakfast: sightseeing of the Old Town, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. Lunch. Afternoon: drive to Lublin.



Day 10. Lublin – Kozłówka – Lublin

After breakfast: sightseeing of Lublin, the biggest city in Eastern Poland, known for its multitude of historical monuments. Lunch. Afternoon: excursion to Kozłówka Palace, one of the most beautiful magnate residences in Poland.

Day 11. Lublin – Kazimierz Dolny – Warsaw

After breakfast: drive to the 19th-century Kazimierz Dolny, a summer resort and an artists' destination. Sightseeing. Continuing to Warsaw. Farewell dinner.

Day 12. Warsaw

After breakfast: end of Orbis services.



Lublin



Zamość