

THE MAGIC OF POLAND **Tour A-3** **7 Days / 6 Nights LAND ONLY**



TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 **Saturday • WARSAW** **(Welcome dinner)**

After arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the heart of the city. The afternoon is free. At 6:00PM, meet your guide and the rest of the group in the hotel lobby. Drive along the beautifully renovated Royal Route with its historical monuments and residences. Stop at Castle Square for a short walk through Old Town, and then join us for welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Your meal will include typical Polish dishes and famous Polish vodka, "Zubrowka".

DAY 2 **Sunday • WARSAW** **(Breakfast, Lunch)**

This morning, we introduce you to the highlights of Warsaw. A half-day sightseeing tour includes Old Town, beautifully rebuilt after World War II, with the impressive Royal Castle, seat of the kings of Poland. Here the Constitution of May 3rd was proclaimed in 1791, the second oldest constitution, after the US Constitution, in the world. You will admire some of its 300 rooms and see the Canaletto Room with 23 of his paintings, the Throne Room, the magnificent Knight's Hall with six large paintings by Marcello Bacciarelli, the Marble room with its 22 portraits of Polish kings and the largest and most impressive of all the castle's chambers, the Ballroom. After lunch served at a local restaurant in Old Town, we continue our tour with a drive to the area of the former Warsaw Ghetto. En route, you will see the building of the National Opera House and Town Hall. During your tour of Warsaw we invite you to the famous Warsaw café, "U Bliklego", to taste a typical Warsaw pastry called "paczek". This evening you will take an unforgettable musical journey through the world famous compositions of our greatest composer, Frederic Chopin, at a piano recital. A glass of sparkling wine will be served during intermission.

DAY 3 **Monday • WARSAW – CZESTOCHOWA – ZAKOPANE** **(Breakfast, Lunch)**

After breakfast, we depart for Zakopane – one of the most popular vacation resorts in the Tatra Mountains. En route, we stop in Czestochowa to visit the Jasna Gora Monastery and the Black Madonna Shrine with its miraculous icon. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant in Czestochowa. In the evening we arrive in Zakopane beautifully situated at the foot of the Tatra Mountains, in the valley between Gubalowka and Giewont. It is the most popular resort in Poland and one of the most beautiful places in all of Poland, owing to its picturesque location. Once, a small mountain village, Zakopane became a fashionable artist's retreat at the beginning of the 20th century.

DAY 4 **Tuesday • ZAKOPANE – KRAKOW** **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

In the morning, you will have a sightseeing tour of Zakopane, whose wooden architecture blends with the natural landscapes and it is copied in other parts of Poland and is known as Zakopianski Style. You will visit the Jaszczurowka Chapel, a great example of the wooden architecture in Zakopane, and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima at Krzeptowki, which was built by the people of Zakopane to thank the Lady of Fatima for saving the Pope after an attempt on His life. Admire the breathtaking views of the Tatras from the top of Gubalowka Mountain and shop for souvenirs of arts and crafts of the Highlanders (Gorale) in the local shops.

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After lunch on your own you will have a free time. Before we continue on to Krakow, take a spectacular rafting trip on the Dunajec River in Pieniny National Park. Tonight's dinner will be served at a local restaurant in Krakow's Old Town Market Square.



DAY 5 **Wednesday • KRAKOW – AUSCHWITZ – KRAKOW**
(Breakfast, Lunch)

The morning sightseeing tour will feature Wawel, the Royal Castle, home to three dynasties of Poland's monarchs. Its stately halls and exquisite chambers are filled with priceless art, valuable period furniture and rare ancient objects. The collection of monumental 16th century tapestries is matchless. You will also visit the Wawel Cathedral, the place of the cult of St. Stanislaw and St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland. Its 18 chapels are true architectural masterpieces. The giant bell, Zygmunt from 1520 ranks with the world's largest. This is the place where Polish kings were crowned and buried. Following a short break for coffee and cake at the famous Krakow café, "Jama Michalika", a place designed by local artists with beautiful glass-painted windows and interesting drawings, we drive to Old Town with its restored Main Square of magnificent houses and palaces. There, you stop at St. Mary's Basilica where to see the magnificent wooden altar by Wit Stwosz. In the middle of the square is Cloth Hall built before 1349, but renovated in the 16th century with many shopping stalls inside. After lunch we drive to Auschwitz to visit the Martyrdom Museum of the former Nazi concentration camp, the infamous factory of death.



DAY 6 **Thursday • KRAKOW – WIELICZKA – KRAKOW**
(Breakfast, Dinner)

In the morning time on your own.

Afternoon drive to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, an unforgettable tourist attraction with underground chambers, grottoes, and chapels carved from salt. Dinner with a **folkloric show** will be served at a local restaurant in Wieliczka, before we drive back to Krakow.

DAY 7 **Friday • KRAKOW**
(Breakfast)

After breakfast this morning, we transfer you to the airport for the return flight home.

Included services:

- Airport arrival and departure transfers
- Selected class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- Mazurkas Travel English-speaking tour escort assistance
- Obligatory English speaking local guides
- Private air-conditioned motor coach/minibus (depending on the group size)
- Meals as per itinerary:
 - breakfast daily*
 - 3 x lunch served at a local restaurants*
 - 3 x dinner (including one dinner with folkloric show in Wieliczka) served at a local restaurants*
- Cake & coffee/tea at famous Warsaw caféteria
- Cake & coffee/tea at famous Krakow caféteria
- Sightseeing tours as per itinerary
- Entrance fees:
 - Warsaw – Royal Castle*
 - Czestochowa – Jasna Gora Monastery and the Black Madonna Shrine*
 - Oswiecim/Auschwitz*
 - Krakow – Royal Castle and Cathedral on the Wawel Hill, St. Mary’s Church*
 - Wieliczka Salt Mine*
 - Zakopane – cable car to Gubalowka Hill and a rafting trip on the Dunajec River*
- Chopin concert with a glass of sparkling wine
- Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Hotel charges and taxes

Indication of hotels:

2 nights at 4-star hotel in Warsaw

Novotel Centrum



1 nights at 3-star hotel in Zakopane

Mercure Kasprowy



3 nights at 4-star hotel in Krakow

Novotel Bronowice



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Guaranteed Dates 2012

Starting dates in Warsaw Saturday	Ending dates in Krakow Friday
May 19	May 25
July 7	July 13
July 21	July 27
August 04	August 10
August 25	August 31
September 8	September 14
September 22	September 28
October 6	October 12