

POLISH AND LITHUANIAN SPLENDOURS

8 days

Route: **Krakow** – Wieliczka – **Krakow** – Częstochowa – **Warsaw** – Kaunas – **Vilnius**



Vilnius – Ostra Brama

Day 1. Krakow

Arrival in Krakow, optional transfer to Hotel Novotel Centrum Krakow**** or similar, check-in, welcome meeting.

Day 2. Krakow

For half a millennium, Krakow was the royal capital of Poland and for centuries the city walls have guarded its traditions and secrets. The morning sightseeing tour takes us to the Old Town with St. Mary's Church, the Jagiellonian University, the Cloth Hall and Wawel Hill with the Wawel Castle and the Wawel Cathedral. The afternoon offers an optional tour tracing the locations of the movie "Schindler's List", including the factory buildings, former ghetto area Podgórze, Plaszów labour camp area and the Jewish Kazimierz district with the Old Synagogue.

Day 3. Krakow – Wieliczka – Krakow

The morning offers an optional excursion to the famous Wieliczka Salt Mine, an amazing labyrinth of tunnels going down as far as 327 meters. The afternoon is reserved for exploring more of Krakow's secrets individually. The evening offer includes an optional dinner at Restaurant Hawelka.

Day 4. Krakow – Częstochowa – Warsaw

We leave for Częstochowa, the spiritual heart of Poland, where we visit the Jasna Gora Monastery with the Black Madonna painting. Through the flat low-lying plain of Central Poland, we reach Warsaw in the early afternoon. Check-in at the hotel.

Day 5. Warsaw

Warsaw is essentially a post-war city with a meticulously



reconstructed Old Town. The morning sightseeing tour includes the Royal Route and the Old Town with the Royal Castle, St. John's Cathedral, the Old Town Market Square and the Barbican. In the afternoon, we offer an optional excursion to the Royal Łazienki Park with the Palace on the Water. The evening offers an optional Polish dinner at Restaurant "Podwale".

Day 6. Warsaw – Kaunas – Vilnius

We continue through the well-forested North Poland along the eastern fringe of the Masurian Lakeland, a myriad of postglacial lakes representing some of the most beautiful natural sites in Poland, and continue into Lithuania to reach Kaunas, a genuine Lithuanian city. We take a stroll in the Old Town with its elegant Old Town Hall and Gothic cathedral. Then, we continue eastwards and arrive soon in Vilnius. Check-in at the hotel.

Day 7. Vilnius

Vilnius is known for its more than 1,200 medieval buildings and 48 churches. The morning sightseeing tour includes a panoramic tour of the city and a walking tour of the Old Town with the Vilnius Cathedral, Gediminas Tower, Peter and Paul Church, St. Anne's Church, the Old University and the Gates of Dawn. The afternoon offers an optional excursion to Trakai, the medieval capital of Lithuania, with the well-preserved Trakai Castle, beautifully located on an island in Lake Galve. In the evening, enjoy an optional folklore dinner at Restaurant Marceliukes Kletis.

Day 8. Vilnius

Optional transfer to the airport.



Cathedral in Vilnius

