

POLAND HIGHLIGHTS

Warsaw – Czestochowa – Auschwitz – Krakow – Wieliczka – Zakopane – Warsaw
8 Days – 7 Nights (mini group)



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Stroll along the Royal Route, contemplate the Grand Palaces, Royal Lazienki, Wilanow. Admire the summer residence of King Jan III Sobieski and other Cultural Monuments (UNESCO Heritage Site). In summer, the old Town becomes a stage for open air concerts, theatre shows, painters' gallery.

“Warsaw, whose Old Town is a UNESCO-listed heritage site, filled with attractions for the active and history-loving tourist, with traces of Chopin’s life and work, this is the largest province and home to Poland’s capital city”.

“Picturesque cities such as Kraków and Gdańsk vie with energetic Warsaw for your urban attention. Elsewhere, woods, rivers, lakes and hills beckon for some fresh-air fun.

Warsaw A phoenix arisen from the ashes, Poland's capital impresses with its resilience, respect for history, contemporary style and sheer joie de vivre.” (Quote by Lonely Planet)

Trip Highlight

- 🇵🇱 Day 1: Warsaw: Chopin concert with champagne. Dinner in old town.
- 🇵🇱 Day 2: Warsaw: Old town (Royal Castle, Presidential Palace, Lazienki Royal Park, other)
- 🇵🇱 Day 3: Czestochowa Jasna Gora Monastery. Auschwitz Nazi Camp.
- 🇵🇱 Day 4: Krakow City Tour. Wawel Hill, Cathedral, other.
- 🇵🇱 Day 5: Wieliczka Salt Mine (UNESCO).
- 🇵🇱 Day 6: Zakopane City Tour. Tatra Mountains.
- 🇵🇱 Day 7: Gubalowka Hill. Transfer to Krakow.

Explore Poland on an 8-day journey through its most iconic destinations. Start in Warsaw, the vibrant capital with its rich history and culture. Visit the spiritual center of Jasna Góra in Częstochowa, home to the revered Black Madonna. Continue to Kraków, a city of stunning medieval architecture, and experience the poignant history of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Discover the Wieliczka Salt Mine’s underground wonders before heading to Zakopane, nestled in the scenic Tatra Mountains, for a taste of Polish highland culture.

Useful Information:

- 🇵🇱 **Wieliczka Salt Mine:** You need to go down 800 steps in the Wieliczka Salt Mine. In the beginning, you have to take 350 of them in order to get to the mine. Wear comfortable shoes. In case you have walking difficulties you can join a group for disabled tourists so that you avoid the steps (though you visit fewer chambers). Please bring warm clothes for Wieliczka Salt Mine. The temperature underground ranges between 14° and 16°C.
- 🇵🇱 **Auschwitz museum:** For security reasons maximum size of backpacks or handbags brought into the Auschwitz museum cannot exceed dimensions: 30x20x10 cm. Please leave your bags in the car.
- 🇵🇱 You will be assisted by tour leader and driver (the same person) for the group up to 8 people.
- 🇵🇱 If the group is bigger than 8 people, you will be assisted by tour leader and driver (2 persons).
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No. Nights	City	Star	Hotel Name
2N	Warsaw	4	Novotel Centrum or Mercure Grand or similar
2N	Krakow	3	Matejko Hotel or Polonia or similar
2N	Zakopane	3	Boruta Hotel or Logos or similar
1N	Krakow	3	Matejko Hotel or Polonia or similar

Package will be quoted in EURO per person and would include:

- ✈️ 02-Night accommodation in **WARSAW** at selected hotels or Similar
- ✈️ 02-Night accommodation in **KRAKOW** at selected hotels or Similar
- ✈️ 02-Night accommodation in **ZAKOPANE** at selected hotels or Similar
- ✈️ 01-Night accommodation in **KRAKOW** at selected hotels or Similar
- 🛏️ Bed & Breakfast basis
- 🚗 Airport transfers
- 🚗 Private transportation by car/minibus/bus (depending on the number of people)
- 🚗 English-speaking driver
- 🍽️ Day 1: Welcome dinner in a form of Polish food tasting in Warsaw.
- 🍽️ Day 7: Farewell dinner in a form of Polish food tasting in Krakow.
- 👤 Private Local Guides in: Warsaw, Krakow, Jasna Gora Monastery, Zakopane
- 👤 Group guided tours in Auschwitz-Birkenau
- 👤 Group guided tour in Wieliczka Salt Mine
- 📄 Entrance fees to:
 - 📄 Viewing Terrace on the top floor of the Palace of Culture and Science in Warsaw,
 - 📄 Jasna Gora Monastery,
 - 📄 Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial & Museum,
 - 📄 St. Mary's Basilica in Krakow,
 - 📄 Wieliczka Salt Mine,
 - 📄 funicular to Gubalowka Hill in Zakopane
- 🎵 Others: Chopin piano concert in Warsaw
- 🐎 Horse-carriage ride in Krakow
- 📄 Travel insurance
- 📄 Free E-sim card
- 🚫 Package excludes air ticket

Important Notices:

- 🇵🇱 We are doing our best endeavors to continuously introduce new packages in new cities for you to explore.
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Day 1: WARSAW

- 🇵🇱 Arrival at Warsaw Chopin Airport or Warsaw Central Railway Station. Transfer to your hotel.
- 🇵🇱 In the evening, a **Chopin piano concert** performed by one of the most talented Polish musicians. During the piano recital, you will be served a *glass of champagne/wine or a soft drink*.
- 🇵🇱 After the concert, a traditional Polish food tasting in one of the best restaurants in the Old Town. Optional Polish folk dance show. Overnight in Warsaw.

Day 2: WARSAW

- 🇵🇱 After breakfast, a half-day private Warsaw city tour.
- 🇵🇱 You will explore the modern capital of Poland rebuilt after World War II, the seat of the Polish government since the 16th century, the business, the political and cultural heart of Poland.



- 🇵🇱 The tour includes all the MUST-SEES of Warsaw: The **Old Town: Royal Castle, Warsaw Mermaid**; the **Royal Route: Presidential Palace, University of Warsaw, Lazienki Royal Park with the Chopin Monument**.
- 🇵🇱 You will see also the former Jewish district with remains of the ghetto wall, **Monument of the Warsaw Uprising of 1944**, and the **Palace of Culture and Science**.
- 🇵🇱 In the afternoon you will have free time at your disposal. Overnight in Warsaw.

Enrich your stay, add more visits and activities **FEW SUGGESTIONS:**

LAZIENSKI PARK

- 🇵🇱 Lazienki, one of the most beautiful parks in Europe, founded in 1766 by Stanislaw August Poniatowski, the last king of Poland. The **Palace on the Water**, the royal residence is the most famous building in the complex.

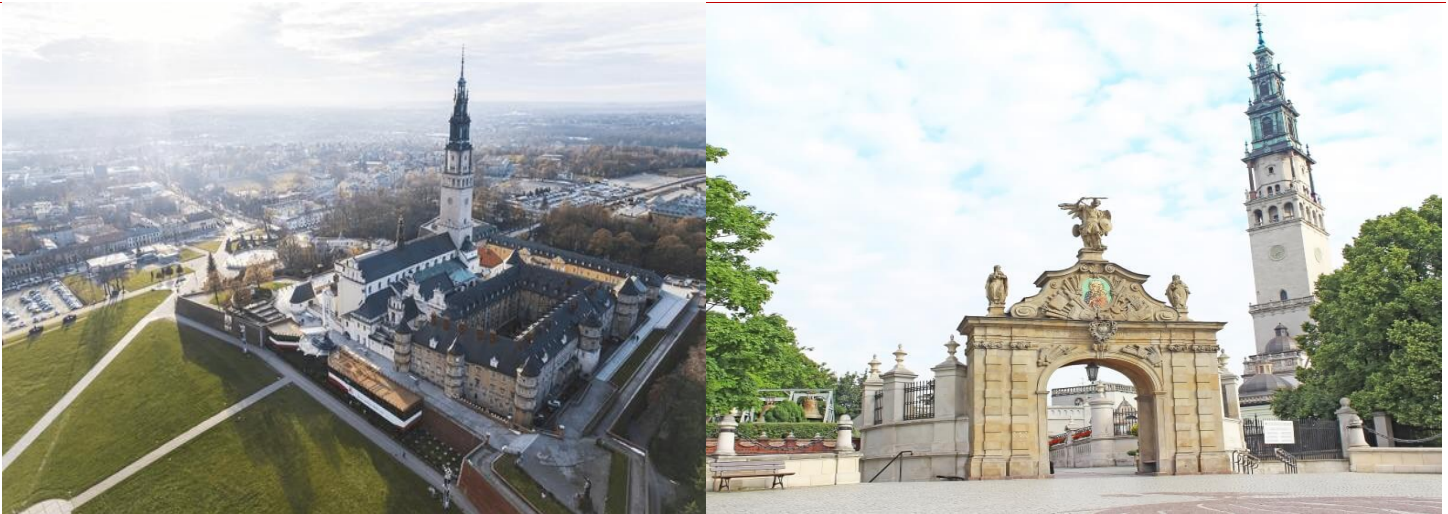
WILANÓW PALACE AND PARK

- 🇵🇱 Summer residence of King Jan III Sobieski, often called "Little Versailles". Its magnificent interiors include furniture and china from the period of Sobieski's victory over the Turks at the gates of Vienna in the 17th century. The grounds consist of an English park, an Italian Baroque garden and rose garden.

ZELAZOWA WOLA

- 🇵🇱 One hour drive takes you to the place where the great Polish composer F. Chopin was born. A charming Polish manor is surrounded by beautiful gardens, actually arboretum with hundreds of unique plants. Interiors include family portraits, Chopin's music manuscripts and a cast of his hand. Recorded music accompany the tour of the manor. Private concerts are available.

Day 3: KRAKOW - CZESTOCHOWA - KRAKOW



- After breakfast, departure from Warsaw to **Czestochowa**.
- Visit the famous **Pauline Monastery of Jasna Gora**, Polish main Catholic center. Every August, thousands of people join walking pilgrimages to **Jasna Gora** to pray in front of the famous **Black Madonna** painting - one of the most recognizable sacred images in Poland.
- The monastery is also home to ritual objects connected to **Saint John Paul II**, e.g. a part of the cassock stained with blood with a hole after the assassination attempt in 1981. The Pope himself visited this sacred place many times. In 1991, Jasna Gora was the venue for World Youth Day.
- Afterward, transfer to **Auschwitz Nazi Camp** - a primary symbol of the Holocaust. It was a concentration and extermination camp built and operated by the Third Reich in Polish areas annexed by Nazi Germany. The museum exhibition contains original documents, suitcases, shoes and other belongings of murdered prisoners. Then, a ride to **Birkenau** camp, which functioned as a war camp, extermination camp and place from which people were sent to labor in Nazi Germany. More than 90 percent of prisoners, mostly Jews, were killed there. Birkenau was mainly destroyed by the retreating Germans. Both camps are inscribed into the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- After the visit to **Auschwitz-Birkenau**, transfer to **Krakow**. Overnight in **Krakow**.

Day 4: KRAKOW



- After breakfast, a half-day private **Krakow city tour**.
 - Krakow is the most popular tourist destination in Poland. It was the capital of Poland until the 16th century, now it is called "The City of Kings". The program includes the: **Main Market Square**, **Saint Mary's Basilica**, **Krakow Barbican**, **Collegium Maius Courtyard** (the oldest part of the Jagiellonian University).
 - Shopping time in **Sukiennice** (Krakow Cloth Hall) - once a major center of international trade.
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Visit the **Wawel Hill, Cathedral, Royal Castle** and the famous **Wawel Dragon**. Then, you will walk in the former Jewish district - **Kazimierz**, where you will see the most important places connected with Jewish history and culture, for example, the historic synagogues.

Note:

- 🇵🇱 The **Wawel Dragon** statue in Kraków, Poland, is a symbol of bravery and victory over evil, captivating visitors with its fire-breathing display and rich folklore.
- 🇵🇱 The **Wawel Dragon** statue is unique in that it breathes fire. Every few minutes, the statue spews flames, captivating visitors with its awe-inspiring display. It serves as a reminder of the dragon's destructive powers and the bravery of those who defeated it.
- 🇵🇱 After the city tour, a **horse carriage ride** around Krakow. Optional dinner with Jewish Klezmer music in a restaurant in Kazimierz. Overnight in Krakow.

Day 5: KRAKOW - WIELICZKA SALT MINE - ZAKOPANE

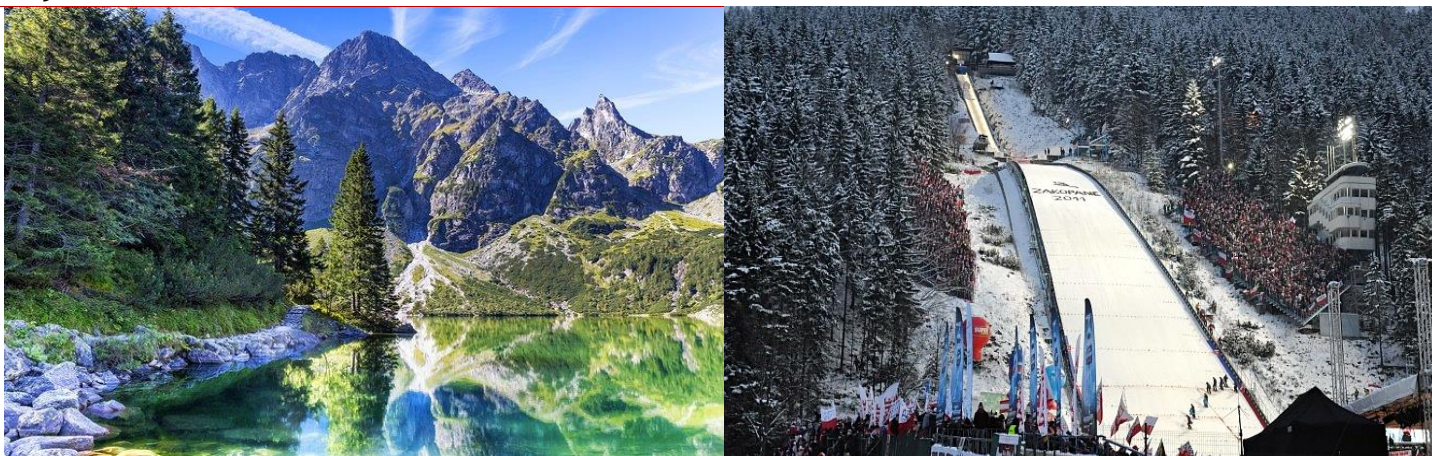


- 🇵🇱 After breakfast, journey to **Wieliczka Salt Mine**, a world-famous **UNESCO** site. It is visited by more than 1 million tourists each year. It was built in the 13th century and produced table salt continuously until 1996.
- 🇵🇱 In the depth of **135 meters underground** and during a trip through almost **3-kilometer** of meandering corridors, you will see chambers carved in **rock salt**, **saline lakes** inside, **timber constructions**, and unique **salt sculptures**. You will also enter the **only underground church in Europe**.



After the visit to Wieliczka Salt Mine, transfer to Zakopane. Overnight in Zakopane.

Day 6: ZAKOPANE



- After breakfast, a private Zakopane city tour.
- Visit the main sights of “The Winter Capital of Poland” located at the foothill of the Tatra Mountains.
- Contemplate Wielka Krokiew Ski Jump, the best examples of wooden architecture characteristic of the Zakopane region; and the oldest cemetery in Zakopane and others.



- Free afternoon for shopping in the famous *Krupowki street* and for trying out the local cuisine, including the regional *Oscypek Cheese* made of *salted sheep milk*. Overnight in Zakopane.

Day 7: GUBALOWKA HILL - TATRAS - KRAKOW



- After breakfast, ride to **Gubalowka Hill** by *funicular railway*. From this popular viewing point, you will admire the breathtaking panorama of the **High Tatras**.
- Continue to **Krakow**.
- In the evening, a traditional Polish food tasting in one of the best restaurants in **Krakow**. Overnight in **Krakow**.



Day 8: KRAKOW - WARSAW

Transfer to **Warsaw**. Departure from **Warsaw Chopin airport**.

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Warsaw joined the European Union on May 1st 2004. The city was ravaged by the Third Reich and colonised by the Soviet Union. Since it became Poland's capital, more than 400 years ago, it has been invaded with alarming regularity, by Russians, Prussians and even Swedes. The triumph of endurance is what makes Warsaw so idealistic and romantic. Enjoy the boom in the Polish capital before the tourist hordes arrive and prices soar.

WHAT TO SEE

THE PALACE OF CULTURE AND SCIENCES

In theory a gift from Stalin, in practice an omnipotent symbol of Soviet supremacy, this feels like an ancient relic and Cold War souvenir. Giant statues of heroic workers guard its portals. You can ride the lift up to the top floor, the view from the balcony is impressive. The ground floor of this Stalinist temple has become a palace of Western culture. The huge congress hall, once a venue for Communist party functions, now hosts Warsaw's two annual jazz festivals.

THE OLD AND NEW TOWN

Warsaw's Old Town is one of Europe's most extraordinary feats of reconstruction. The Old Town was deliberately obliterated during the world war I. The Nowe Miasto (New Town) to the north, beyond the medieval city walls, is just picturesque.

JOHN PAUL II COLLECTION

The biographies of its collectors, Janina and Zbigniew Carroll-Porczynski, are far more impressive than any famous paintings the collection houses. Both gathered nearly 400 works of major European Painters: Rubens, Rembrandt, Van Gogh and Van Dyck but the gallery is absurdly sleepy: elderly attendants follow you into each room to turn the lights on and turn them off again as you leave.

MUSIC

Warsaw's greatest artworks are melodic rather than aesthetic. Chopin made his name here and his compositions seem to echo the tragic, euphoric mood of Warsaw. There are summer recitals in Lazienki Park during the summer 2010. Tickets for the Warsaw Chamber Opera are extremely cheap.