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POLAND IN 10 DAYS: 9 nights and 8 sites inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO

Classical Poland

Cultural trip through Poland in 10 days. The programme includes mentioned places: Krakow, Kazimierz – the former Jewish district in Krakow, Wieliczka – The Salt Mine, Pieniny – rafting on The Dunajec River, Debno Podhalanskie, Wadowice – John Paul II home place, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Czestochowa, Wroclaw, Gniezno, Torun, Gdansk, Sopot, Malbork, Warsaw.

1st day Arrival to Krakow

x Arrival to Krakow by plane or coach. Meeting with the tour leader from Ernesto Travel and transfer by coach to the hotel in Krakow. Check-in the hotel. Dinner at the hotel or at the restaurant in the centre of Krakow (depends on the arrival time). [There is a possibility to begin the programme in Warsaw, Katowice or another city according to the flights schedule]. Stay in Krakow.

2nd day Krakow – the heart of Poland, Kazimierz – Jewish district and Wieliczka – the salt mine

8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.

9.00 Krakow's guided tour. Wawel Hill with the castle (optional entrance) and its beautiful yard and The Cathedral (entrance). Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture of The Old Town (Stare Miasto), the biggest Market Square in Europe (Rynek Główny), The Town Hall, Collegium Maius – the ancient building of The Jagiellonian University, The Cloth Hall (Sukiennice), Saint Mary's Church (Kosciol Mariacki – entrance) with the famous Wit Stwosz's altar. Walking to the antique walls of The Old Town with Florianska Gate and The Barbican. The Czartoryski Museum with The Lady with The Ermine. During the sightseeing: multimedia presentation about the story of amber called Polish Gold. In the year 1978 Krakow was inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO.

13.30 Lunch at the restaurant in Krakow.

15.00 Visiting the former Jewish district – Kazimierz. This part of Krakow was a centre of religious and social life of the Jewish community in Krakow until the deportations during the Nazi occupation (entrance to 1 or 2 synagogues). Short stop in front of The Schindler's Factory on the way to The Salt Mine in Wieliczka.

17.00 Transfer to Wieliczka.

17.30 Guided tour in Wieliczka Salt Mine – one of the oldest salt mines in the world. There are many famous people who visited the place such as Mikolaj Kopernik, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Dmitrij Mendeleev, Boleslaw Prus, Ignacy Paderewski, Karol

Wojtyła, etc. In 1978 year, Wieliczka Salt Mine was inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO.

20.00 Dinner at the traditional Polish restaurant in Wieliczka – the concert of the folklore music.

22.00 Return to the hotel. Stay in Krakow.

3rd day Krakow – Pieniny and Dunajec – Debno Podhalanskie – Wadowice – Kalwaria Zebrzydowska – Krakow

7.30 Breakfast at the hotel.

8.00 Departure by coach for Sromowce Wyzne.

10.00 Rafting on the traditional rafts down The Dunajec River, across The Pieninski National Park. *[Attention: if because of the rain, there is no possibility to pursue rafting down The Dunajec River; a trip to the capital of The Polish Mountain: Zakopane. Visiting the town and ride on a cable and ground railway on Gubalowka with the beautiful view of The Tatra Mountains.]*

13.00 Lunch at the restaurant in Szczawnica (Wadowice or Zakopane, if there is no rafting).

14.00 Transfer to Debno Podhalanskie. Visiting the wooden Gothic church: one of the 6 wooden churches in the south of Poland inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO.

15.00 Transfer to Wadowice, where John Paul II was born in 1920.

17.00 Visiting Pope's home and the church where he was baptized. Transfer to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska.

18.30 Visiting The Bernardine Monastery complex in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, the 3rd of the most famous sanctuaries in Poland. All the mannerist complex (sanctuary, park) is inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO.

19.30 Departure for Krakow.

20.00 Dinner with the typical Polish food at one of the restaurants in Krakow. The last night in Krakow.

4th day Krakow – Oswiecim (Auschwitz-Birkenau) – Czestochowa – Wroclaw

7.30 Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel in Krakow.

8.00 Departure for The Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau.

10.00 Guided tour of the area of ex-concentration camp in Auschwitz-Birkenau. This camp was built by Nazis during the Nazi occupation of Poland. Today this place is a part of The World Heritage of The UNESCO.

13.00 Lunch at the restaurant.

14.00 Departure for Czestochowa.

16.00 Guided tour of the most important pilgrimage place in Poland - the monastery in Czestochowa: Jasna Gora with miraculous icon of Virgin Mary – The Black Madonna.

18.00 Departure for Wroclaw.

21.00 Transfer to the hotel and check-in the hotel. Dinner. Stay in Wroclaw.

5th day Wroclaw – Poznan

8.30 Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel in Wroclaw.

9.00 Guided tour of Wroclaw: Gothic Town Hall, The University, The Ostrow Tumski complex with The Cathedral, The Leopoldine Hall. Because of the bridges and islands on The Odra River, Wroclaw is called “Polish Venice”. The tour finishes at The Market Square.

13.00 Lunch at the restaurant in the centre of Wroclaw.

14.00 Departure for Poznan.

17.00 Arrival to Poznan and check-in the hotel. Visiting the city.

20.00 Dinner at the restaurant in The Old Town of Poznan or at the hotel.
22.00 Stay in Poznan.

6th day Poznan – Gniezno – Torun – Gdansk

7.00 Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel in Poznan.

8.00 Departure for Gniezno – the first Polish capital.

10.00 Visiting Gniezno. Visiting The Cathedral, the place of crowning of the first Polish kings.

11.30 Departure from Gniezno for Torun.

14.00 Lunch at the restaurant.

15.00 Guided tour of Torun: medieval town inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO. Visiting the house of Copernicus, the most famous Polish astronomer. Visiting the cathedral built in the years 1250-1500 and to the fortified walls with The Leaning Tower.

17.00 Departure for Gdansk.

20.00 Arrival to Gdansk. Check-in the hotel. Dinner at the hotel or at the restaurant.

7th day Gdansk and Solidarnosc

8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.

9.00 Guided tour of Gdansk, one of the richest cities in the XVII century. In the programme: The Cathedral of Oliwa with the famous organ. Concert of the organ music, The Main Town Hall, The Fish Market, The Old Harbour, The Saint Mary's Church (entrance), The Long Market with The Neptune Fountain, The Artus Court.

13.00 Lunch at one of the restaurants in the centre of Gdansk.

14.30 "Solidarnosc": visiting The Museum of Solidarnosc in The Gdansk Shipyard and the Monument of the Fallen Gdansk Shipyard Workers in the year 1970. Transfer to Sopot and walk along the pier of Sopot: the capital of the Polish sea. (If there is free time left, transfer to Westerplatte, where on the 1st of September of 1939 The World War II began).

18.00 Leisure in the centre of Gdansk.

20.00 Dinner at the restaurant.

22.00 The last night in Gdansk.

8th day Gdansk – Malbork – Warsaw

7.00 Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel in Gdansk.

8.00 Departure for Malbork.

10.00 Visiting Malbork Castle Museum. The Teutonic Order started to build it in the year 1380. This monument is inscribed on The List of Human Heritage of The UNESCO.

13.00 Lunch at the restaurant near to the castle.

14.00 Departure for Warsaw.

19.00 Arrival to Warsaw and check-in the hotel.

20.00 Dinner at the restaurant of the hotel. Stay in Warsaw.

9th day Warsaw – the capital of Poland

8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.

9.00 Guided tour of Warsaw: Lazienkowski Park with the monument of Frederic Chopin, The Warsaw Ghetto, Umschlagplatz – from here thousands of the Jews were deported to the concentration camps, The Tomb of The Unknown Soldier, Palace of Culture and Science, Krakowskie Przedmiescie Street, The Old Town (inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO). The St. John's Cathedral. The Old Town was completely destroyed during The II World War and reconstructed thanks to the commitment of the whole Polish nation.

13.00 Lunch at one of the restaurants in the centre of Warsaw.
14.30 Visiting The Royal Castle (entrance).
16.30 Free time.
20.00 Dinner with the music concert at one of the local restaurants (optional).
22.00 The last night in Warsaw.

10th day

Departure from Warsaw and from Poland

x Breakfast at the hotel.. Check-out the hotel in Warsaw.
y Transfer to the airport. Departure from Poland.