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POLAND AND PRAGUE IN 10 DAYS

Warsaw, Prague and Krakow – 3 capital cities of 2 countries

Cultural trip through Poland and Czech Republic in 10 days. The programme includes mentioned places: Warsaw, Zelazowa Wola – the place where Frederic Chopin was born, Czestochowa, Prague, Wadowice – John Paul II home place, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, Krakow, Kazimierz – the former Jewish district in Krakow, Wieliczka – The Salt Mine, Pieniny – rafting on The Dunajec River, Debno Podhalanskie, Auschwitz-Birkenau.

1st day

Arrival to Warsaw

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Arrival to Warsaw at x, flight number y. Meeting with the tour leader from Ernesto Travel and transfer by coach to the hotel in Warsaw. Arrival and check-in the hotel. Dinner at the hotel at the restaurant in the city centre (it depends on the arrival time). [This program can begin in Katowice or another city according to the flights schedule]. Night in Warsaw.

2nd day

Warsaw – the capital city 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, Old Town (inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO). The St. John's Cathedral.

13.00

Lunch at the restaurant in the city centre.

14.30

Visiting The Royal Castle (entrance).

16.30

Leisure in the city centre.

20.00

Dinner with the concert of music at one of the local restaurants. The last night in Warsaw.

3rd day

Warsaw – Zelazowa Wola – Czestochowa

7.00

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel in Warsaw.

8.00

Departure for Zelazowa Wola.

9.30

Arrival to Zelazowa Wola where Frederic Chopin was born. Visiting Zelazowa Wola Museum located at the family house of Chopin. Depending on the season of the year: concert of the Chopin's music.

11.00

Transfer to Czestochowa.

14.00

Arrival to Czestochowa and lunch at the rustic restaurant in Czestochowa. After dinner check-in the hotel in 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.

19.30 Dinner at the hotel.

20.30 *Optionally: evening walk to the shrine.*

22.00 Return to the hotel in Czestochowa.

4th day Czestochowa – Prague

8.00 Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel in Czestochowa.

9.00 Departure for Prague.

13.00 Lunch during the trip.

afternoon Arrival to Prague. Check-in the hotel. Panoramic visit of Prague, the capital city of Czech Republic.

20.00 Dinner at the restaurant. Stay in Prague.

5th day Visiting Prague in 2 parts

8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.

9.00 1st part of visiting: religious Prague: the church of The House of Nazareth – Prague's Loreto, visiting the castle and St. Vitus Cathedral with the funeral chapel of St. Venceslao, the patron of Czech Republic. The cathedral is also a place of eternal rest of St. John Nepomucen. Visiting The St. George Basilica, The Golden Lane, Starahovski's convent, church of The Virgin of The Victory with famous statue of The Infant Jesus of Prague.

13.30 Lunch at the restaurant.

15.00 2nd part of visiting: bohemian Prague: walk to Jozefov, the former Jewish quarter. Charles Bridge, walk on Royal Route: Celetna Street, Na Prikopie Street. Market Square with The Municipal House.

18.00 Leisure.

19.00 Dinner at the restaurant.

20.30 Black Light Theatre spectacle (optionally).

22.00 The last night in Prague.

6th day Prague – Wadowice – Kalwaria – Krakow

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

8.00 Departure for Cracovia.

14.00 Lunch at the restaurant in Wadowice.

16.00 Visiting The John Paul's II home and the church where he was baptized.

18.00 Transfer to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska.

18.30 Visiting the monastery of Bernardines in Kalwaria. All the complex (sanctuary, park) is inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO.

19.30 Departure for Krakow.

20.30 Arrival to Krakow and check-in the hotel.

21.00 Dinner at the hotel. Stay in Krakow.

7th day Krakow – the heart of Poland and Wieliczka – The Salt Mine

8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.

9.00 Guided tour of Krakow. Wawel Hill with the castle (without entrance) and with the Cathedral (entrance) Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture of The Old Town (Stare Miasto), the biggest Market Square in Europe (Rynek Glowny), The Town Hall, The Cloth Hall (Sukiennice), Saint Mary's Church (Kosciol Mariacki) with the famous Wit Stwosz' altar. Walk to the antique walls of The Old Town with Florianska Gate and The Barbican. During the visit: multimedial presentation about the story of Polish 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.
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.
17.00 Transfer to Wieliczka.
17.30 Guided tour of Wieliczka Salt Mine – one of the oldest salt mines in the world. This Salt Mine is famous for its long tourist tradition. There are many important people who visited the place: Mikolaj Kopernik, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Dmitrij Mendeleev, Boleslaw Prus, Ignacy Paderewski, Karol Wojtyla, etc. In the year 1978 Wieliczka Salt Mine was inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO. Return to Krakow.
20.00 Dinner at the typical Jewish restaurant in Kazimierz. During the dinner: concert of the Jewish music called *klezmer*.
22.00 Return to the hotel.

8th day Krakow – Pieniny and Dunajec – Zakopane – Krakow

- 8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.
9.00 Departure by coach for Sromowce Wyzne.
11.00 Rafting on the traditional rafts down The Dunajec River, across The Pieninski National Park. (on condition that there is good weather).
13.00 Lunch at the restaurant in Szczawnica.
14.00 Departure for Zakopane.
16.00 Visiting Zakopane.
19.00 Dinner at the antique restaurant in Zakopane with the concert of the traditional mountaineer's music.
20.00 Return to the hotel in Krakow.

9th day Krakow – Oswiecim-Brzezinka (Auschwitz-Birkenau) – Krakow

- 7.30 Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel in Krakow.
8.30 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 Krakow.
15.00 Arrival to Krakow and leisure.
20.00 Dinner in Krakow.
22.00 Return to the hotel.

10th day Departure from Krakow and from Poland

- x Breakfast. Check-out the hotel in Krakow.
y Transfer to the Balice airport. Departure from Krakow and from Poland.