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Bison and beaver – two Polish symbols

The national parks of Poland

A trip through the greenest areas of Poland in 11 days. The programme includes mentioned places: Warsaw, Bialowieza (Bialowieski Park), Hajnowka, Narewka, Kruszyniany (Kruszynski Forest), Krynki, Kopna Gora, Bialystok, Kurowo (Narew Park), Pentowo, Tykocin, Kiermusy (Biebrzanski Park), Goniadz, Augustow, Gizycko, Gierloz, Olsztyn, Torun, Malbork, Gdansk



1st day
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Arrival to Warsaw

Arrival in Warsaw. Meeting with the tour leader from Ernesto Travel and transfer by coach to the hotel in Warsaw. Check-in at the hotel. Dinner at the hotel or at a restaurant in the centre of Warsaw (depending on the arrival time). [It's possible to begin the programme in Krakow, Katowice or another city according to the flight schedule]. Overnight stay in Warsaw.

2nd day

8.00

9.00

Warsaw – the capital city of Poland

Breakfast at the hotel.

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

13.00

Lunch at a restaurant in the city centre.

14.00

Leisure time.

16.00

Departure for Bialowieza.

20.00

Arrival in Bialowieza and check-in at the hotel. Dinner. After dinner, participation in a workshop.

3rd day

morning

Bialowieza

Breakfast at the hotel. Sightseeing at the Museum of Nature in Bialowieza. A 3-hour walk through the park. Lunch at the hotel.

afternoon

A visit at the ZOO of Bialowieza with European bison. A visit at an orthodox and catholic church on the way to the hotel. Dinner at a restaurant in Bialowieza.

4th day

morning

Bialowieza

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time. Optionally: 3 hours of cycling or a carriage tour.

all day

Departure for Hajnowka – Topilo. Short trip through the forest by tourist train.

evening

Return to the hotel and a traditional dinner with a barbecue.

5th day

morning

Bialowieza – Narewka – Kruszyniany – Krynki – Kopna Gora – Bialystok

Breakfast at the hotel.

all day

A short trip to Narewka. Departure for Kruszyniany and sightseeing at the traditional settlement located on the top of the Sokolskie Hills (with a mosque and islamic cemetery – mizar). Transfer to Krynki and sightseeing in the synagogues and the Jewish cemetery – kirkut, with about 3 thousand tombstones – macew). The orthodox church near the Knyszyn Forest. Walking to the Arboretum between Krynki and Bialystok. Lunch (we bring along lunch box lunches to eat during the trip).

evening

Arrival in Bialystok. Check-in at the hotel. Dinner.

6th day

morning

Bialystok – Kurowo (Parco di Narew) – Pentowo – Tykocin – Kiermusy

Breakfast at the hotel.

all day

Departure for Kurowo and visiting the Narew National

Warsaw



Bialowieza



The Narew



Park. Because of its history and shape, it is called “*the Polish Amazon*”. Here you can see ca. 200 types of birds and 154 of them have nests there. Departure for Pentowo and visiting the stork village. Lunch (we bring along lunch box lunches to eat during the trip). Transfer to Tykocin. Visiting the village and check-in at the pension in Kiermusy.

evening

Dinner. Overnight stay in Kiermusy.

7th day
morning
all day

Kiermusy – Goniadz (Augustow)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure for Goniadz along the rivers Narew and Biebrza with beautiful views. Arrival to Goniadz and visiting the town and the Russian fortifications Osowiec. Lunch (we bring along lunch box lunches to eat during the trip) . Visiting the Bebrza National Park – the biggest national park in Poland created to protect the biosphere and maintain it at the primary level. It is the perfect place for a photo tour with a camera and microphone.

evening

Arrival in Goniadz and check-in. Dinner.

8th day
morning

Goniadz (Augustow) – Gizycko – Gierloz – Olsztyn

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for Gizycko and a boat cruise on Lake Dobskie and visiting the island of cormorants. Lunch (we bring along lunch box lunches to eat during the trip) .

afternoon

Visiting the fortifications Wilczy Szaniec in Gierloz – the place where Hitler had his refuge during World War II. Departure for Olsztyn. Visiting the town and the castle.

evening

Arrival to Olsztyn. Check-in the hotel. Dinner.

9th day
morning

Olsztyn – Torun – Malbork – Gdansk

Guided tour of Torun: a medieval town on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Visiting the house of Copernicus, the most famous Polish astronomer. Visiting the cathedral built in the years 1250-1500 and the fortified walls with the Leaning Tower. Departure for Malbork. Lunch in Malbork.

afternoon

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

Departure for Gdansk.

evening

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

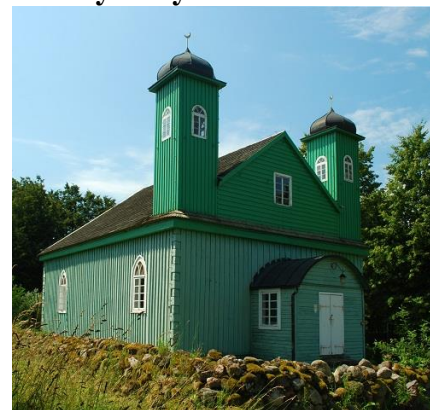
10th day
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9.00

Gdansk and Solidarnosc

Breakfast at the hotel.

A guided tour of Gdansk, which belonged to the richest cities in the XVII century. The programme includes: Oliwa Cathedral (sightseeing inside) with its famous pipe organ. Organ music concert, the Main Town Hall,

Kruszyniany



Bialystok



Wolf's Lair in Gierloz



Torun



Malbork



the Fish Market, the Old Harbour, Saint Mary's Church (sightseeing inside), the Long Market with Neptune's Fountain, Artus Court.

13.00

Lunch at a restaurant in the centre of Gdansk.

14.30

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

18.00

Leisure time in the centre of Gdansk.

20.00

Dinner at a restaurant.

22.00

The last night in Gdansk.

11th day
morning

Gdansk – (Warsaw) – departure from Poland

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by airplane from the airport in Gdansk or Warsaw.

Gdansk

