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POLAND IN 4 DAYS

Weekend in Krakow

Cultural trip through Malopolska called Little Poland in 4 days. The programme includes mentioned places: Krakow, Kazimierz – the former Jewish district in Krakow, Wieliczka – The Salt Mine, Auschwitz – Birkenau, Czestochowa.

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). [It's possible 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 Guided tour of Krakow. Wawel Hill with the castle (optional sightseeing inside) and its beautiful courtyard and Cathedral (sightseeing inside). 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 – an ancient building belonging to the Jagiellonian University, the Cloth Hall (Sukiennice), Saint Mary's Church (Kosciol Mariacki – sightseeing inside) with the famous altar by Veit Stoss. A walk to the antique walls of the Old Town through Florianska Gate and to the Barbican. The Czartoryski Museum with the famous Leonardo Da Vinci painting "*Lady with an Ermine*". During the sightseeing: multimedia presentation about the story of amber called Polish Gold. In 1978, Krakow was listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

13.30 Lunch at a restaurant in Krakow.

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

17.00 Transfer to Wieliczka (10 km from Krakow).

17.30 Guided tour in the Wieliczka Salt Mine – one of the oldest salt mines in the world. Many famous people have visited this place, such as Mikolaj Kopernik, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Dmitrij Mendeleev, Boleslaw Prus, Ignacy Paderewski, Karol Wojtyla, etc. In 1978, the Wieliczka Salt Mine was listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

20.00 Dinner at a traditional Polish restaurant in Wieliczka combined with a folk music

concert. Return to the hotel and overnight stay in Krakow.

3rd day

Krakow – Oswiecim (Auschwitz – Birkenau) – Czestochowa – Krakow

7.30

Breakfast at the hotel.

8.00

Departure for Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum.

10.00

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

13.00

Lunch at a 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 the miraculous icon of the Virgin Mary – the Black Madonna.

18.00

Return to Krakow.

20.00

Arrival in Krakow. Dinner at the hotel.

4th day

Departure from Krakow and from Poland.

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Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out from the hotel.

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Transfer to the airport.