

Grandeur And History Of Poland

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Visit: Warsaw - Krakow - Poznan - Gdansk

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01: Day 1, arrive Warsaw, Sunday

Upon arrival in Warsaw, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. There's time to relax. Tonight, your tour director is hosting a welcome reception and will introduce you to your fellow travelers and to the fascinating tour that awaits you. (WR)

Day 02: Day 2, in Warsaw, Monday

This city is the 700-year-old political and cultural capital of Poland. A sightseeing tour here includes a drive along the famous Royal Route from grand Castle Square to Lazienki Park and Palace, and past the summer residence of the last king of Poland. We see the Palace of Science and Culture (known as a "wedding cake"),

the Saxon Gardens, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Monument to the Heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto, and the Barbican. Then we embark on a walking tour of the Old Town passing the Old Market Square, and St. John's Cathedral. Next, we visit a chocolate factory, for a tour and for some sampling. You can taste some hot chocolate, cocoa beans and three different kinds of chocolate bars. You then have a chance to concoct your very own chocolate bar and take it home as a souvenir. The rest of the day is free. (B) Optional tour: Chopin concert

Day 03: Day 3, to Krakow, Tuesday

This morning, our journey continues to Czestochowa, famous for the blackened picture of St. Mary in the Yasna Gora Monastery, popularly called the "Black Madonna". In the afternoon, we solemnly visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum. This former German Nazi concentration and extermination camp is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. After our visit, we continue to Krakow where we have dinner. (B, D)

Day 04: Day 4, in Krakow, Wednesday

Our sightseeing starts with a visit of Wawel Hill, where we see the Royal Castle and visit the Royal Cathedral. Then, we walk around the Old Town, visit the Main Market Square, the Renaissance Cloth Hall, and St. Mary's Church. During our tour, we stop to taste Polish vodka and learn about Polish traditions and culture. The afternoon is free to shop and do more sightseeing on your own. (B) Optional tour: Pierogi making class

Day 05: Day 5, to Poznan, Thursday

We drive to Poznan, and en-route, we stop in Wroclaw, a city built on 12 islands, for a visit to the oldest part of town. In the afternoon, when we arrive in Poznan, we visit a local brewery and participate in some beer tasting. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 06: Day 6, to Gdansk, Friday

We peer into the heart of Poznan by walking around the Imperial Castle, which dates back over 100 years when the city was under Prussian, and later German, rule. We continue with a visit to the Gothic Cathedral on the island of Ostrow Tumski. Next, we cross the Chrobry Bridge to enter the splendid Old Town, famous for the Renaissance Town Hall which towers over Market Square. We end our tour at Freedom Square which is surrounded by famous 19th-century buildings, including the National Museum, the Kaczynski Library, the Bazar Hotel, and Arkadia. Our next stop is Torun where, in the gothic Old Town, famous astronomer Nicholas Copernicus was born. This afternoon, we travel to our last destination, Gdansk. (B)

Day 07: Day 7, in Gdansk, Saturday

This morning begins with a half-day tour. The Old Town of Gdansk is a delightful place. We see the Long Market with its restored townhouses. Then, we see the Fountain of Neptune, the Upland Gate, the Golden Gate, the Coal Market, the D?uga Street, the rebuilt Upgahen house, and finally Solidarity Square. Our next stop is at the largest gothic church in the world made of bricks: St. Mary's church. Here, we admire the great astronomical clock from the 15th. century, old sculptures and a replica of Hans Memling's famous painting "The Last Judgement". The remainder of the day is at leisure. In the evening, gather with your fellow travelers and your tour director for our farewell dinner. (B, D) Optional tour: Visit of the Malbork castle

Day 08: Day 8, depart Gdansk, Sunday

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Gdansk airport for your departure flight. Alternatively, you can continue your journey and join Kompas' "Bygone and Present Day Discovery of Germany" Tour (B)

Inclusion

Arrival transfer from Warsaw airport to the hotel

8 day/7-night guided tour featuring:

Centrally located first class hotels:

2 nights in Warsaw

2 nights in Krakow

1 night in Poznan

2 nights in Gdansk

Buffet breakfast daily

A welcome reception in Warsaw (heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink)

A dinner in Krakow (coffee or tea included)

A farewell dinner in Gdansk (coffee or tea included)

Hotel taxes and service charges

Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach

Professional English-speaking tour director

Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides

Admission included where indicated in bold letters

Luggage handling at the hotels

Whisper technology enhanced touring

Departure transfer from Gdansk to Gdansk airport

Tour spotlights:

Warsaw and its charming Old Town

Yasna Gora Monastery, home to Poland's Black Madonna

Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum

Krakow's medieval core and Jewish quarter

The colorful facades of Gdansk

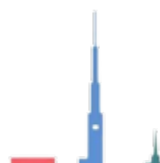
Special Features:

Visit of a chocolate factory with tasting in Warsaw

Tasting of Polish Vodka in Krakow

Beer tasting in Poznan

Exclusion



International airfares
Optional activities
Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program
Personal equipment
Travel insurance
Gratuities
Voluntary tips for guides or drivers
Travel and medical insurance
Any items not mentioned as included

Note

Hotels:

Warsaw: Mercure Centrum (F) or similar

Krakow: Novotel Centrum (F) or similar

Poznan: Novotel Centrum (F) or similar

Gdansk: Holiday Inn City Centre (F) or similar

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