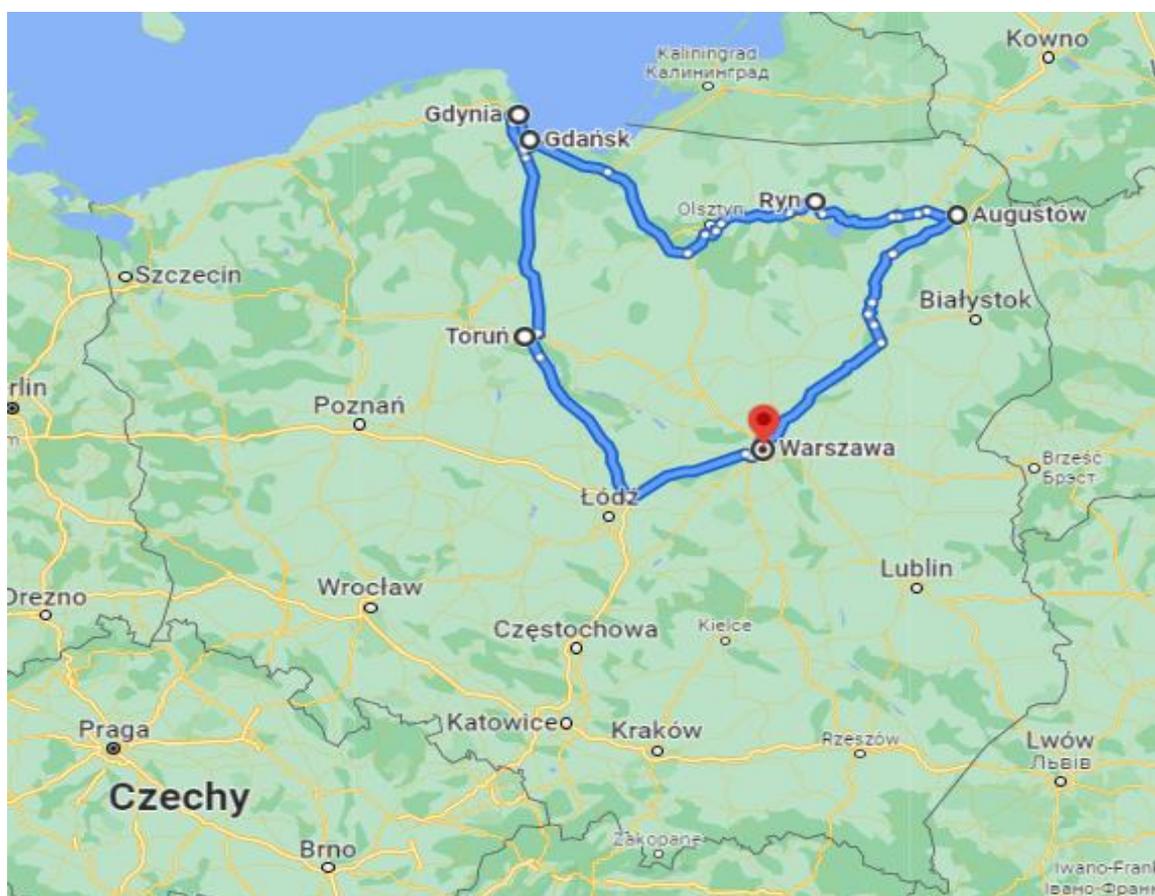


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Duration: 12 days
Dates: May 4th – May 15th, 2022
Total Distance: 775 miles
Arrival: Warsaw
Departure: Warsaw

We offer you an unforgettable 12-day tour to the central and southern part of Poland, that includes:

- 11 nights in the most beautiful cities in Poland:
 - Warsaw (3 nights), Toruń (2 nights), Gdańsk (4 nights), Ryn (2 nights)



DAY 1**May 4, 2022****Wednesday**

- Welcome to Warsaw, Poland!
After our meeting at the airport and checking into a hotel we invite you for a walk around the Old Town of Warsaw. The center of the city was destroyed in nearly 85% during WW2 but was carefully rebuilt and it is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We walk along the elegant street of Krakowskie Przedmieście.
In the evening, we invite you for a welcome dinner with lots of traditional Polish food.



Overnight: Warsaw, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the city.

DAY 2**May 5, 2022****Thursday**

- Today we continue exploring the Old Town of Warsaw and start with the Royal Castle which was first built there in the 14th century. Starting from the 1500s, during the reign of Sigismund III Vasa, it became a royal residence. Destroyed almost completely, at the end of WW2, it was reopened in 1984.
We spend the rest of afternoon in the largest park in Warsaw that occupies 76 hectares and is called Łazienki (literally: Baths).



Overnight: Warsaw, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the city.

DAY 3**May 6, 2022****Friday**

- We start the day by visiting The Warsaw Rising Museum – a tribute to those who fought and died for the freedom of Poland and its capital in 1944. Thanks to over 800 exhibition items, approximately 1500 photographs, films and recordings, we can feel the struggle of everyday life during the uprising, and the horror of occupation.
For lunch, we invite you to Łódź – the third most populous Polish city. We take a walk along the Piotrkowska Street – one of the longest commercial thoroughfares in Europe.
Afterwards, we drive to Toruń for overnight.



Overnight: Toruń, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the city.

DAY 4**May 7, 2022****Saturday**

- We spend the entire day in Toruń (German: Thorn) known mostly as the birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus and the best-preserved Polish medieval town. It was built in the 13th century as a headquarter base for the conquest and evangelization of Prussia. The Old Town impresses with its buildings from the 14th and 15th centuries including the House of Copernicus. It is also one of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Poland. If you have a sweet tooth you have to taste Toruń famous gingerbread.



Overnight: Toruń, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the city.

DAY 5**May 8, 2022****Sunday**

- After breakfast, we check out and head to Malbork. We visit there the medieval castle of the Teutonic Order – the most complete and elaborate example of a Gothic brick building from the 13th century and the largest castle in the world measured by land area. It was built in the 14th century by German Teutonic Knights who carried out crusades against the pagans on the Baltic coast. Late afternoon we get to Gdańsk where you can enjoy the evening having a walk around the Main City.



Overnight: Gdańsk, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the city.

DAY 6**May 9, 2022****Monday**

- Today, we continue discovering the most surprising city by the Baltic Sea as Gdańsk is often described. Destroyed during WWII, today it is a colorful place that's becoming increasingly popular among tourists. We walk along the 'Long Street' called also the 'Royal Way' where the Teutonic knights and Polish kings used to promenade. Over the centuries Gdansk was a strategic port on the Baltic shore and one of the richest cities in Europe, its monuments such as the Artus Court, the Golden Gate or Neptune's Fountain, cathedral are a testament to it.



Overnight: Gdańsk, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the city

DAY 7**May 10, 2022****Tuesday**

- In the morning, we drive to the Westerplatte peninsula which is the most famous for the Battle of Westerplatte, the first clash between Polish and German forces during the Invasion of Poland in 1939. This was the start of the war! You can see there the ruins of the guardhouses, defenders' barracks and a Monument of the Coast Defenders. On the way back to Gdańsk we stop at the European Solidarity Centre. A museum whose mission is to promote the message of the Solidarity movement and the opposition to communism.



Overnight: Gdańsk, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the city

DAY 8**May 11, 2022****Wednesday**

Today, we visit the Emigration Museum in Gdynia. For hundreds of years, people moved from here to different parts of the world for a better life, freedom, and stability.

- More than 20 million people of Polish descent live outside Poland's borders. This exceptional museum depicts that phenomenon in Polish history, telling amazing stories about their journey and a new life after emigration. In the afternoon we spend a while in the Sopot resort. After a smooth walk on the longest wooden pier in Europe, we go back to Gdansk.



Overnight: Gdańsk, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the city

DAY 9 & 10**May 12 & 13, 2022****Thursday & Friday**

We head towards the Masurian lakes region. On the way,

- we stretch our feet in Olsztyn a major city in Warmińsko – Mazurskie province. We overnight in a real castle and next day we start with sightseeing of Wolf's Lair – one of Adolf Hitler's military headquarters, known of the assassination attempt against him in 1944. Later we visit Suwałki located near the borders with Lithuania. Then we drive south to Augustów to join the canal cruise and admire the beauty of the nature of Rospuda Valley (the order of activities might change depending on the weather).



Overnight: Ryn, 4* hotel located in a castle; Augustów, 3* hotel

DAY 11**May 14, 2022****Saturday**

- Before heading south to our last night in Warsaw, there is another important place one needs to visit. It is Białystok - the tenth-largest city in Poland but also the fifth-most forested city in the country. It is also known as the birthplace of Ludwik Zamenhof, a founder of the Esperanto language. We are going to see the old town and splendid Branicki Palace, which also known as the “Polish Versailles”. It is one of the best-preserved magnate residences in Poland.



Overnight: Warsaw, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the city.

DAY 12**May 15, 2022****Sunday**

- Final day in Warsaw. We get back to the city where our group tour started. The last glance at the capital city of Poland, free time, shopping and relaxing before departure. For those interested in visiting their ancestral hometowns a customized itinerary will be prepared and the tour will continue..



Tour Fee and Inclusions/Exclusions:

- **\$ 2.890 per person - DOUBLE or TWIN room accommodation**
- **\$ 690 per person - SINGLE Supplement**

Includes:

- Airport transfers in Warsaw on arrival and departure day
- Comfortable air-conditioned transportation in a mini-bus
- English speaking tour leader throughout the itinerary
- 11 nights accommodation in TWIN or DBL room at 3- or 4-star hotels with buffet breakfasts
- 1 welcome dinner, & 10 large Polish lunches
- All of the entrances to tourist attractions, and local guides, as specified in the itinerary
- Genealogical support before and during the whole trip