

BEST OF POLAND IN 12 DAYS 2024 TOUR



Duration: 12 days

Dates: Spring Edition: May 9th - May 20th, 2024
Autumn Edition: September 5th - September 16th, 2024

Total Distance: 1,009 miles

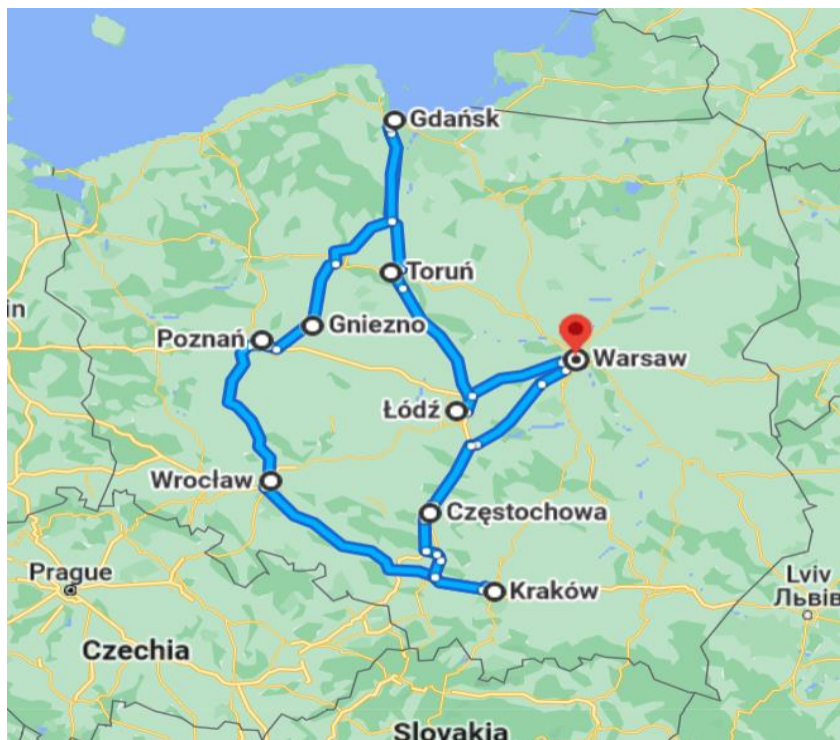
Arrival: Warsaw

Departure: Warsaw

Based on our experience in organizing heritage tours for over 15 years, we offer you an unforgettable tour around Poland, that includes:

11 nights in the most beautiful cities in Poland:

- Warsaw (3 nights), Toruń (1 night), Gdańsk (2 nights), Poznań (1 night), Wrocław (2 nights), Cracow (2 nights)



DAY 1 May 9th, 2024 September 5th, 2024

- After checking into a hotel and resting a bit, we invite you for a walk around the beautifully rebuilt **Old Town of Warsaw** which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We walk along the elegant street of **Krakowskie Przedmieście** admiring the **Presidential Palace**, see the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** and the **Saski park**. In the evening, we invite you for a **traditional Polish welcome dinner**.



Overnight: **Warsaw, 3* or 4* Hotel in a central location**

DAY 2 May 10th, 2024 September 6th, 2024

- We continue exploring Warsaw and start with **the Royal Castle** which was first built there in the 14th century. For lunch we visit the traditional **pierogi place** and afterwards **the Chopin Museum**. Later, we visit **the largest park in Warsaw**. Developed by Poland's last king, Stanisław August, it's home not only to striking landscapes but also a number of **architectural treasures**.



Overnight: **Warsaw, 3* or 4* Hotel in a central location**

DAY 3 May 11th, 2024 September 7th, 2024

- Today, we visit **The Warsaw Rising Museum** – a tribute to those who fought and died for the freedom of Poland in 1944. Driving through the current business district, that used to be a **Jewish Ghetto** during World War 2, we slowly leave Warsaw. For lunch, we invite you to **Łódź** – the third most populous Polish city which experienced extremely rapid industrial growth in the 19th century. Afterwards, we drive to **Toruń** for overnight.



Overnight: **Toruń, 4* Hotel in a central location**

DAY 4 May 12th, 2024 September 8th, 2024

- We spend most of the day in **Toruń** known mostly as **the birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus** and the best-preserved Polish **medieval town** which impresses with its buildings from the 14th and 15th centuries. It is also one of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Poland. If you have a sweet tooth you have to taste **Toruń famous gingerbread**. After lunch, we drive north to **Gdańsk** and take a walk around **the Main Town**.



Overnight: **Gdańsk, 4* Hotel in a central location**

DAY 5 May 13th, 2024 September 9th, 2024

- In the morning, we visit **the European Solidarity Centre** - the museum which commemorates the Solidarity movement and **the fall of communism** in Europe. Later, we drive to the **Westerplatte peninsula** where the first clash between Polish and German forces during the **Invasion of Poland in 1939** happened. In the afternoon, we continue discovering the most surprising city by **the Baltic Sea**.



Overnight: **Gdańsk, 4* Hotel in a central location**

DAY 6 May 14th, 2024 September 10th, 2024

We start the day with a visit in **The Emigration Museum** in Gdynia which houses a rich collection documenting the history of Polish emigration.

Afterwards, we start moving south and stop in **the first**

- **capital of Poland - Gniezno** where we learn about the beginnings of the Polish country, seeing **the Lech Hill** and the famous cathedral - one of the oldest and most precious sacral monuments in Poland. For the night we drive to **Poznań**.



Overnight: **Poznań, 3* or 4* hotel in a central location**

DAY 7 May 15th, 2024 September 11th, 2024

- Today, we focus on **Poznań** - best known for the most colorful renaissance **Old Town and Ostrów Tumski Island** - the oldest part of the city where a palace of the Piast dynasty was built in the 10th century. Then, we visit a modern, interactive museum called **The Poznań Gate** and enjoy an amazing journey to the beginnings of Polish statehood.
Later, we drive further to the south, to reach **Wrocław** (known also by its German name: **Breslau**).



Overnight: **Wrocław**, 4* hotel in the center of the city.

DAY 8 May 16th, 2024 September 12th, 2024

- We start the day by exploring **Wrocław's** beautiful **Old Town** with the famous **Market Square**. We find out more about the history of city and its role over the centuries.
- Then, we must visit **Ostrów Tumski** - a former island between the branches of **the Odra river**. The first wooden church was built there in the 10th century. Today this place full of old buildings – churches, seminary building and the famous cathedral.



Overnight: **Wrocław**, 4* hotel in the center of the city.

DAY 9 May 17th, 2024 September 13th, 2024

- In the morning, we leave Wrocław and drive towards
- **Kraków**. On our way, we stop in **Auschwitz-Birkenau** – the largest of the German Nazi concentration camps and extermination centers during WW2.
Our next destination, before reaching Kraków, is the town of **Wadowice**, where the **Polish Pope** – John Paul II was born.
In the evening, we take a walk along **the Royal Route in the City of Polish Kings** - as **Kraków** is often called.



Overnight: **Cracow**, 4* hotel in the center of the city.

DAY 10

May 18th, 2024

September 14th, 2024

We spend the whole day sightseeing the former **capital of**

- **Poland**. First, we explore **Europe's largest Market Square** and then continue along the Royal-Route that ends at the **Wawel Hill**. Wawel Castle & its Cathedral was the place of coronation of most of the Polish kings. After lunch we walk to the **Jewish district** called **Kazimierz** where you can see the examples of over **five hundred years** of Jewish heritage.



Overnight: Cracow, 4* hotel in the center of the city.

DAY 11

May 19th, 2024

September 15th, 2024

We start the day with the **Wieliczka Salt Mine**. The scale of excavation is very large, with corridors, galleries, and chambers, as well as underground lakes, in total more than 120 miles in length.

- After lunch we go to **Częstochowa** - a famous pilgrimage destination, known mainly for the miraculous painting of **Our Lady of Częstochowa** (known in US as **Black Madonna**). For the night we get to **Warsaw**.



DAY 12

May 20th, 2024

September 16th, 2024

This is your last day in **Poland**, unless you decide to extend your trip. It's time for packing, relaxing and getting some souvenirs before departing our country with **a piece of Poland in your heart**. Transport to the airport will be provided.

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Tour Fee and Inclusions/Exclusions:

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-night accomodation in TWIN or DBL room at 3- or 4-star hotels with buffet breakfasts
- 10 large Polish lunches & 1 welcome dinner
- Entrance fees to tourist attractions and local tour guides, as specified in the itinerary
- Genealogical support before and during the whole trip



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