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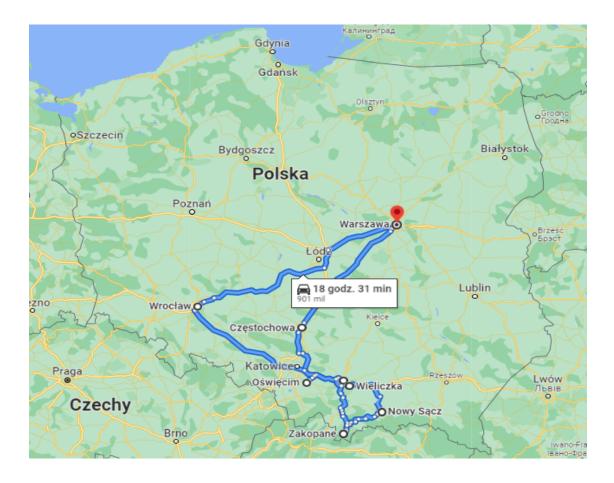
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Duration:	11 days
Dates:	June 5 – June 15, 2023
	Sept 4 – Sept 14, 2023
Total Distance:	901 miles
Arrival:	Warsaw
Departure:	Warsaw

11-day program based on our 15-year experience in organizing tours to ancestral homelands.

- 10 nights in the most beautiful cities in Poland:
- Warsaw (4 nights), Kraków (3 nights), Zakopane (1 night), Wrocław (2 nights)



- 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**

• 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

 In the morning we visit The Warsaw Uprising Museum. It is considered as the best museum in Poland. The exhibition shows the struggle of everyday life before and during the Uprising, and the horror of occupation – till the post-war communist terror in Poland.

Lunch served in a traditional Polish Folk-Inn, located in a former Jewish Ghetto. After lunch we take a walk and explore that area a bit more and then you have some free time to enjoy the last day in Warsaw.



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

We leave Warsaw and head to Krakow. On the way there we stop in Czestochowa and visit a monastery on Jasna Gora. It is a spiritual capital of Poland and a destination for religious pilgrims from many countries from all over the world. The Monastery dominates over the whole city. Its most important treasure is an icon of the Black Madonna of Częstochowa. After lunch we continue driving to Krakow. We spend the evening in the old town of former capital city of the Kingdom of Poland.



### **Overnight:** Krakow, 3\* or 4\* hotel in the center of the city.

#### DAY 5

 After breakfast we see the Wawel Castle – the most important residence of Polish kings. In 1138, Kraków became the capital of Poland and the Wawel's Cathedral became the coronation place of the Polish kings.

In the afternoon we drive to Wieliczka – famous for the salt mine that is a unique place in the history of mining as rock salt deposits were mined continuously from the 13th to the end of the 20th century.



#### **Overnight:** Kraków, 3\* or 4\* hotel in the center of the city.

### DAY 6

 After breakfast & checking out we drive to the town of Oświęcim to see Auschwitz-Birkenau-the largest of the concentration camp complexes created by the Nazi German regime and the one which combined extermination with forced labor. Between the years 1942-1944 it became mass extermination camp many people were tortured and killed. In the afternoon, we go back to Krakow and have some free time to enjoy this beautiful town on your own.



# **Overnight:** Krakow, 3\* or 4\* hotel in the center of the city.

 In the morning we leave Krakow and drive to Nowy Sącz – one of the oldest Polish towns. In the suburbs of the city, we visit an open-air museum. Most of the houses are over 2 or 3 hundred years old! Today's lunch will be served in a traditional Polish inn – located at the territory of the museum.

In the evening we get to Zakopane, the capital of the Tatra Mountains. We introduce you to the city walking along the most famous Krupówki street.



# **Overnight:** Zakopane, 3\* or 4\* hotel in the center.

### DAY 8

Today we visit Morskie Oko (literally 'Sea Eye') the largest lake in the Tatra Mountains. It is surrounded by the mountains so the scenery is picture perfect. We take a horse

• carriage ride to the lake (the ride takes about one hour one way), or hike up to the top.

Before we leave Zakopane we have a traditional lunch in a restaurant with a magnificent view. Later we head west to Wrocław, capital city of Lower Silesia.



#### **Overnight:** Wroclaw, 3\* or 4\* hotel in the center of the city

## DAY 9

In the morning we visit 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.
In the afternoon we admire Panorama Racławicka a monumental cycloramic painting depicting the Battle of Racławice (4 April, 1794).



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

We check out from the hotel, but before we leave the city

• we must visit Ostrów Tumski. A former island between the branches of the Odra river. It was the place where the city started. The first wooden church was built there in the 10th century. Today this place full of old buildings – churches, seminary building and cathedral.

After lunch we drive back to Warsaw for overnight.



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

### **DAY 11**

• 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...



### Price (land cost) for 1 person in a DBL room in US Dollars:

- \$ 2.669 per person DOUBLE or TWIN room accommodation
- \$760 per person SINGLE Supplement

## Includes:

- Airport transfers in Warsaw on arrival and departure day
- Comfortable air-conditioned transportation in a mini-bus (max. 20 people)
- English speaking tour leader throughout the itinerary
- 10 nights accommodation in TWIN or DBL room at 3- or 4-star hotels with buffet breakfasts
- 1 'welcome dinner' and 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