

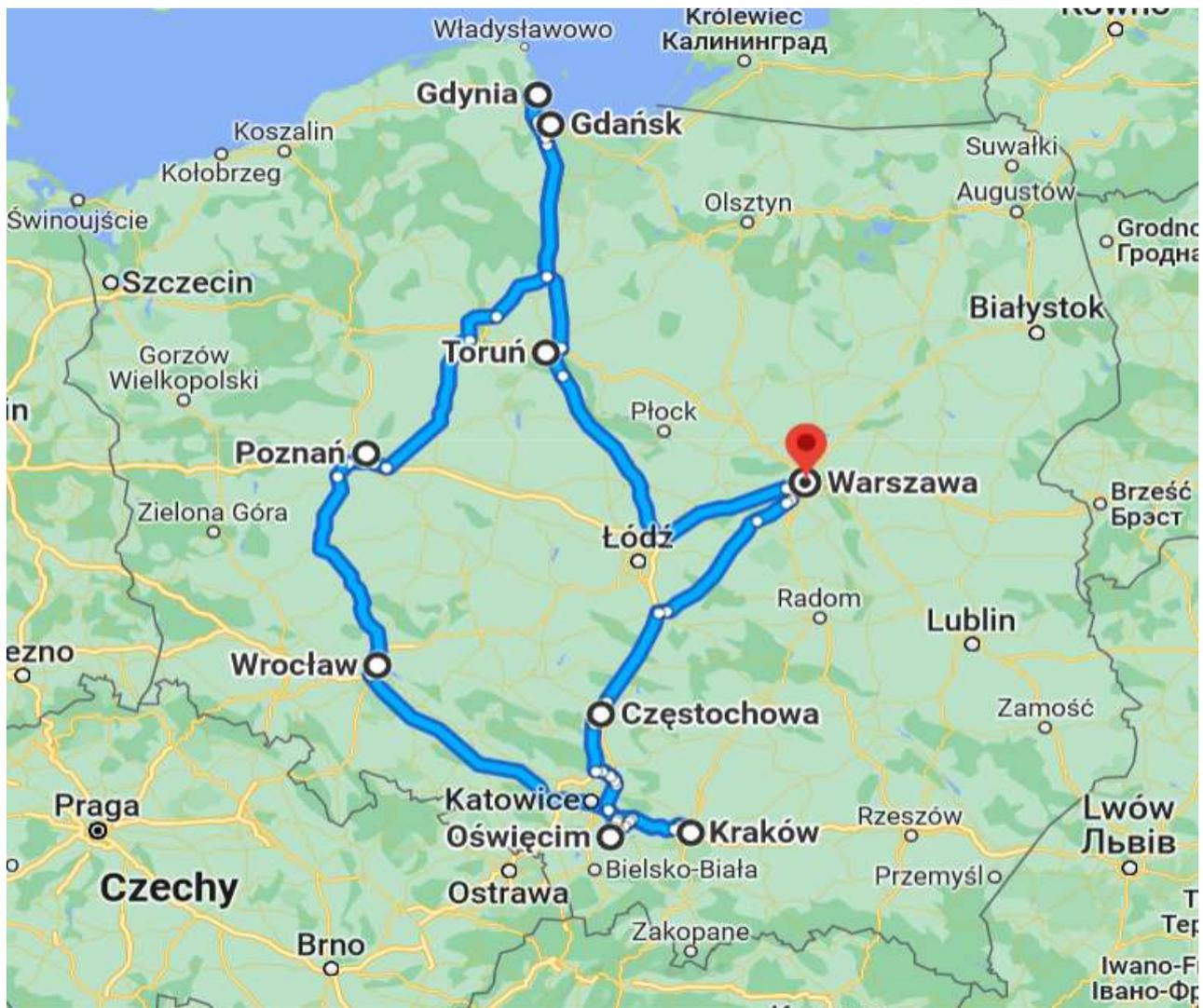
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Duration: 13 days
Dates: to be chosen
Total Distance: 1024 miles
Arrival: Warsaw
Departure: Warsaw

We offer you an unforgettable heritage tour of Poland, prepared for the members of the Polish Heritage Society of Northeastern Wisconsin, that includes:

12 nights in the most beautiful cities in Poland:

- **Warsaw** (3 nights), **Toruń** (1 night), **Gdańsk** (2 nights), **Poznań** (2 nights), **Wrocław** (1 night), **Oświęcim** (1 night), **Kraków** (2 nights)



DAY 1

- Welcome to **Warsaw**, Poland!
After checking into a hotel we invite you for a **walk around the Old Town of Warsaw**. Carefully restored after WW2 damages, it is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
We take an introductory walk along the elegant street of **Krakowskie Przedmieście** admiring the **Presidential Palace**.
In the evening, we invite you for a **welcome dinner** during which **traditional Polish** food will be served.



Overnight: Warsaw, centrally located *** hotel

DAY 2

- We continue exploring the **Old Town of Warsaw** and start with **the Royal Castle** which was first built there in the 14th century and became the **Royal Residence**. After lunch we enjoy the largest park in Warsaw called **Łazienki** (literally: **Baths**). The name derives from the best-known attraction in the park – **the Palace on the Island**, built as a private bathhouse. There, we can also admire a **bronze statue** of the famous composer **Frederic Chopin**, one of the most famous landmarks of the city.



Overnight: Warsaw, centrally located *** hotel

DAY 3

- In the morning we visit **the Warsaw Uprising Museum** a tribute to those who fought and died for independent Poland and its capital. 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.
After lunch we drive to the medieval city of **Toruń**, a **home of a famous astronomer** located in northern Poland. We start our sightseeing with a walk around the **Old Town**, another **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.



Overnight: Toruń, centrally located *** Hotel

DAY 4

- Today we visit the house of the famous astronomer - Nicolaus Copernicus, from 15th century. Then, a factory of gingerbread which Torun is also famous for. In the afternoon we drive to the most surprising city by the **Baltic Sea, Gdańsk**. We take an introductory walk along the '**Long Street**' called also the '**Royal Way**' where the **Teutonic knights and Polish kings used to promenade**, we admire the **Neptune's Fountain** and the **Golden Gate**.



Overnight: Gdańsk, 3-star hotel in the center.

DAY 5

- In the morning we visit **the Emigration Museum in Gdynia**. This exceptional museum depicts that phenomenon in Polish history, telling amazing stories about their journey and a new life after emigration. For lunch, we try **the local specialty**, a fresh fish, caught from the **Baltic Sea**, prepared smoked or fried. Later 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.



Overnight: Gdańsk, 3-star hotel in the center.

DAY 6

- Today 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. Later, we drive to **Gniezno** to visit the impressive **Gniezno Cathedral**, a significant landmark that is not only filled with history but also showcases remarkable architectural beauty. After lunch we drive to open-air museum, known as the greater **Poland Ethnographic Park in Dziekanowice**. This unique park shows a rich cultural heritage and traditions of **the Greater Poland** region.



Overnight: Poznań, 3-star hotel in the center.

DAY 7

- After breakfast we start sightseeing Poznan, one of the first capitals of Poland. Today Poznań is best known for its **Renaissance Old Town and Ostrów Tumski**. The Old Town is probably the most colorful place in Europe thanks to the facades of the buildings, which resemble the wings of a butterfly. Later that day we visit the "**Poznan Archaeological Museum**", which showcases archaeological artifacts that provide insights into the region's rich history, including artifacts from **prehistoric times to the medieval period**.



Overnight: Poznań, 3-star hotel in the center.

DAY 8

- After breakfast we visit the **Poznan Cathedral**, a magnificent architectural gem and a significant landmark. Later we visit the **Ostrów Tumski**, an island and the oldest part of the city, where the palace of the **Piast dynasty** was built in the 10th century. After lunch we drive to Wrocław. After arrival we explore another charming **Ostrów Tumski**, the historic cathedral island. We admire the beauty of the **Wroclaw Cathedral** and the peaceful atmosphere of this area.



Overnight: Wrocław, 3-star hotel in the center.

DAY 9

- We spend the morning in Wrocław: we visit the **Old Town of Wrocław** and see its popular **Market Square**, where we can learn about the city's rich history and culture. After lunch, we drive to Oświęcim - a town where **the former Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz** is located. It is well known and important historical area, that allows us to recapture the horrors that occurred there during the WW2.



Overnight: Oświęcim, 3-star hotel.

DAY 10

- In the morning we have a short ride to Kraków. This city of medieval roots owns Europe's largest market square and many historical monuments. **The Old Town** is an outstanding example of medieval architecture. Today we visit the **Royal Wawel Castle**, which was built on the hill on the banks of the Vistula River. When Kraków became the capital of Poland in 1138, **the Wawel's Cathedral** became the coronation **place of the Polish kings**.



Overnight: Kraków, 3-star hotel in the center.

DAY 11

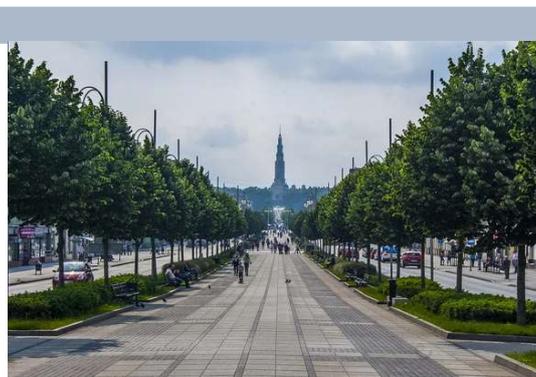
- In the morning we visit the **Jewish district** called **Kazimierz**. That part of the city owes its really unique character to over **five hundred years of Jewish heritage**. It was once a vibrant **Jewish community and the center of Jewish life** in Krakow until the beginning of the Second World War. Later we drive to **Wieliczka** – famous for the **salt mine** where we admire outstanding **corridors and chambers, as well as underground lakes**. In the evening we go back to **Krakow** and you can enjoy the rest of the day by yourself, before leaving Krakow on the next day.



Overnight: Kraków, 3-star hotel in the center.

DAY 12

- In the morning we leave Krakow. First, we stop in Częstochowa and visit **the 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. Its most important treasure is an **icon of the Black Madonna** of Częstochowa. The monastery was founded by Prince Władysław in 1382. After lunch in Częstohowa we leave to **Warsaw**, where in the eveining we invite you for a **farewell dinner**.



Overnight: Warsaw, 3-star hotel in the center.

DAY 13

- Final day in Warsaw. The last glance at the capital city of

