SOUTHERN POLAND - 2024 TOUR



Duration: 9 days

Dates: Spring Edition: May 27th - June 4th, 2024

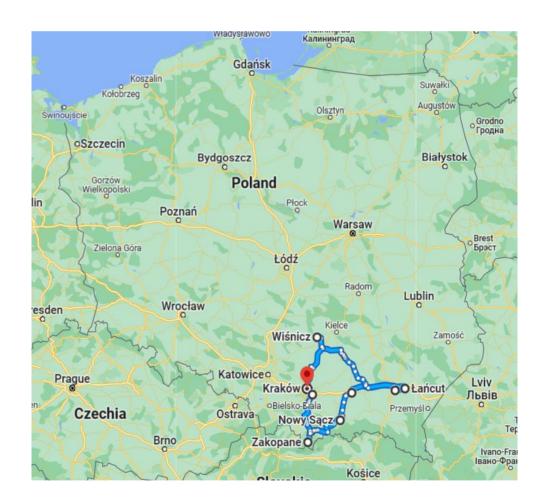
Autumn Edition: September 16th - September 24th, 2024

Total Distance: 431 miles
Arrival: Cracow
Departure: Cracow

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

8 nights in the most beautiful southern cities in Poland:

• Cracow (3 nights), Zakopane (1 night), Nowy Sącz (1 night), Tarnów (1 night), Rzeszów (2 nights)



 Arrival, transfer to the hotel and meeting your tour-guide around the lunch time.

We start exploring Kraków and enter the Old Town through the gothic entrance gate (Barbakan) where so-called "Royal Route" starts. We enjoy afternoon at the Europe's largest Market Square and have a welcome dinner where the traditional Polish food will be served.



Overnight: Cracow, 4* Hotel in a central location

DAY 2 May 28th, 2024 September 17th, 2024

 We spend the whole day sightseeing the former capital of Poland. First we continue along the Royal-Route that ends at the Wawel Hill. Wawel Castle with its Cathedral is the place of coronation of most of the Polish kings.

After lunch we walk to the **Jewish district called Kazimierz**. That part of the city owes its unique character to over **five hundred years** of Jewish heritage.



Overnight: Cracow, 4* Hotel in a central location

DAY 3 May 29th, 2024 September 18th, 2024

 In the morning we have a trip to Auschwitz-Birkeanu – the largest of the German Nazi concentration camps and extermination centers during WW2.

After lunch on the way back to Kraków we stop in the town of **Wadowice**, where the Polish Pope – John Paul II was born. We visit a museum of Karol Wojtyla organized in his family home. Before we leave this charming town we must try a famous Pope's Cream Cake.



Overnight: Cracow, 4* Hotel in a central location

 We start the day with the famous salt mine - Wieliczka. 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 drive to Zakopane - the winter capital of Poland. At the main boardwalk, we can find great food to try in local cafes, restaurants, and bars accompanied by traditional folk music.



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

DAY 5 May 31th, 2024 September 20th, 2024

 Today we explore the Tatra mountains by climbing or using horse& buggy to reach the breathtaking mountain lake called Morskie Oko "Sea Eye" – located at the height of 1395 meters above the sea level.

When the trip is finished we have lunch served in a traditional highlander's restaurant. Next we leave Zakopane and move to Nowy Sącz where we stay for the night.



Overnight: Nowy Sacz, 3* hotel being a part of an open-air musuem

DAY 6 June 1st, 2024 September 21st, 2024

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In the suburbs of the city of **Nowy Sącz** we visit **an open-air museum** where on almost 20 hectares you can admire nearly **100 original houses**: both poor village cottages and the country estates. Most of them are **over 200 or 300 years old**.

We have lunch in Stary Sącz - where you can admire the original architecture from late 1800's. Later we drive to Tarnów where we explore that town for a while.



Overnight: Tarnów, 3* hotel in a central location

 After breakfast we continue exploring the medieval city of Tarnów where we also have a culinary workshop - you will learn how to make the real pierogi.

Afterwards we go to Rzeszów. Its original attraction is the Underground Tourist Route that leads up to 10 meters under the market square where one can find the relics of medieval walls, hidden passages and much more.



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

DAY 8 June 3rd, 2024 September 23rd, 2024

In the morning we can admire one of the most beautiful aristocratic residences in Poland - Łańcut Castle. It is famous for its excellent interiors and an extraordinary

 collection of horse-drawn carriages - the only of that kind in the world.

In the afternon we drive to a nearby village of Markowa to visit the The Ulma Family - Museum of Poles Saving Jews in World War II.

For the night we go back to Rzeszów.



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

DAY 9 June 4th, 2024 September 24th, 2024

Today we go back to Kraków, but on our way back, we stop

 in a charming little town of Wiśnicz where we see one more castle - The largest preserved Baroque fortified residence in Poland

Then we drive back to Krakow for a farewell lunch there. In the afternoon a shuttle to the airport will be provided unless you decide to spend a few more days in the charming city of Polish Kings.



Price:

2.475 USD

DOUBLE or TWIN room accommodation

440 USD SINGLE Supplement

Includes:

- Airport transfers in Cracow on arrival and departure days
- Comfortable air-conditioned transportation in a mini-bus
- English speaking tour leader throughout the itinerary
- 8 nights accomodation in TWIN or DBL room at 3- or 4-star hotels with buffet breakfasts
- 8 large Polish lunches & 1 welcome dinner
- Entrance fees to all tourist attractions and local tour-guides, as specified in the itinerary
- Genealogical support before and during the whole trip





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