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**Duration:** 12 days

**Dates:** June 12 – June 23, 2023

**Dates:** Sept 11 – Sept 22, 2023

**Total Distance:** 792 miles

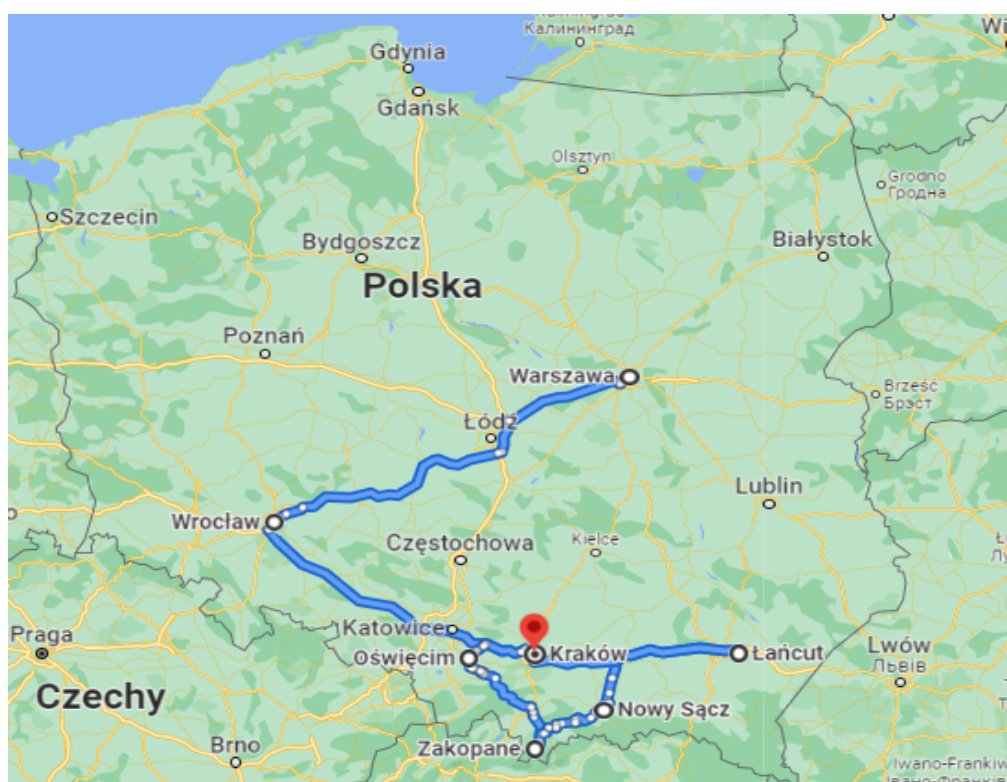
**Arrival:** Warsaw

**Departure:** Cracow

**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 (2 nights), Wrocław (2 nights), Cracow (4 nights), Zakopane (1 night), Nowy Sącz (1 night), Łańcut (1 night)**



## DAY 1

- 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

- We start with **the Warsaw Rising Museum** – a tribute to those who fought and died for the freedom of Poland in 1944. At the exhibition, we can feel the struggle of everyday life and the horror of occupation. On the way to the museum, we have a short bus tour around the area of **the former Jewish Ghetto**. After **traditional Polish lunch**, we head for **Łódź** – once a small settlement that experienced extremely rapid growth in the 19th century. Afterwards we drive to **Wrocław** for overnight.



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

#### DAY 4

- In the morning we visit the beautiful **Old Town of Wrocław** with the famous Market Square. We find out more about the history of the city and its role over the centuries. After lunch, we have a tour at **the Ostrów Tumski**, the oldest part of the city, an island between the branches of the Odra river. The first wooden church was built there already in the 10th century. Today this place is full of old buildings – churches, seminary buildings, and a cathedral where you can feel an exceptional atmosphere.



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

#### DAY 5

- After breakfast, we admire the painting in **Panorama Racławicka** - a monumental cycloramic masterpiece depicting the Battle of Racławice during Kosciuszko uprising (April 4, 1794). We leave Wrocław and drive for about 3 hours to Kraków – the city of Polish kings and former capital of Poland. After checking in, we stretch our legs walking around the biggest **Market Square** in Europe and we visit the museum dedicated to the beginnings of the city. This exceptional place is located just underneath the Market Square.



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

#### DAY 6

- We spend the whole day sightseeing the former capital of Poland. Kraków is an outstanding example of mediaeval architecture. We start at the gothic entrance gate (Barbakan) and follow so-called “**Royal Route**” that ends at the foot of **the Royal Wawel Castle** – the most important residence of Polish kings.  
After lunch we walk to the Jewish district called **Kazimierz**. That part of the city owes its really unique character to over **five hundred years of Jewish heritage**.



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



## DAY 7

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

The rest of the day is more optimistic. On the way back to Krakow we stop in the town of **Wadowice**. This place is especially famous for being the birthplace of **the Polish Pope – John Paul II**. 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:** Kraków, 3\* or 4\* hotel in the center of the city.

## DAY 8

Today we leave Krakow and travel further south. Our destination is **Zakopane**, a popular mountain resort also known as the winter capital of Poland. The town is located at the foot

- of the Tatra mountains. There are many traditional, wooden houses typical for this region. At the main boardwalk, we can find great food to try in **local cafes, restaurants, and bars** accompanied by traditional folk music. From the nearby Gubalowka hill, we can admire the breathtaking panorama view of **the Tatra mountain range**.

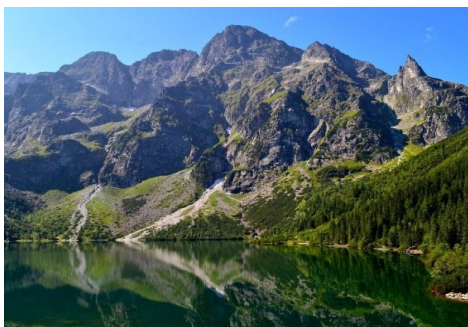


**Overnight:** Zakopane, 3\* or 4\* hotel in the center of the city.

## DAY 9

We continue the exploration of the Zakopane region. We take a

- horse carriage trip to the breathtaking mountain lake called **Morskie Oko** "Sea Eye" – located at the height of 1395 meters above the sea level, in **Tatra National Park**. The peaks that surround the lake rise about even 1,000 meters above its surface creating a splendid view. When the trip is finished we have lunch served in the traditional highlander's restaurant. Next, we leave **Zakopane** and move to **Nowy Sącz**, where we stay for the night.



**Overnight:** Nowy Sącz, 3\* hotel

## DAY 10

- 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. Afternoon, we drive toward **Łańcut** – our destination for today. On the way, we have a break in **Gorlice**, a town where **the kerosene lamp** was invented. That area was one of the first places in the world where oil was extracted. We also pay a visit to **the local museum of Oil**.



**Overnight:** Łańcut, 3\* or 4\* hotel located near the castle.

## DAY 11

- We start the day visiting **the Łańcut Castle**. It is one of the most beautiful aristocratic residences in Poland famous for its excellent interiors and an extraordinary collection of horse-drawn carriages. Next to the castle, we visit a rare surviving example of a **Baroque synagogue**. For lunch we go to **Rzeszów**. Its original attraction is the Underground Tourist Route that leads up to 10 meters under the market square. By following the route you can find the relics of medieval walls, hidden passages and much more. Early evening we arrive in **Krakow**.



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

## DAY 12

- Final day in **Kraków**. The last glance at the city, 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
- 11 nights accommodation in TWIN or DBL room at 3- or 4-star hotels with buffet breakfasts
- 1 'welcome dinner' and 11 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