



BEST OF POLAND

PAT 12 - 2012

9 days/8 nights

TOUR PROGRAM

On Thursday depart U.S.A. for Gdansk.

2nd Day/Fri - GDANSK. Upon arrival at the Lech Walesa Airport you will be transferred to the hotel conveniently located in the heart of the city. Time to rest, change money and catch a first glimpse of this historic city on your own. In the evening, a welcome dinner in local restaurant with a Polish vodka toast. *(Dinner)*

3rd Day/Sat - GDANSK-Gdynia-Sopot. This morning tour the beautiful city of Gdansk beautifully restored to its former glory when it was one of the most prosperous ports of Europe. Walk through the "Długi Targ" promenade with Artus Court and Neptun Fountain to St. Mary's Church, largest Gothic church in Poland which can accommodate 25 thousand faithful. Continue to the Oliwa Cathedral where you will hear an organ concert played on the magnificent Rococo organ with moving angels. In Sopot resort you will walk on the longest Pier on the Baltic and admire deluxe spa-hotels along the beach. Return to Gdansk via Lenin's Shipyard, the birthplace of Solidarity. Afternoon is free to shop for amber souvenirs in abundance here. *(Breakfast, Lunch)*

4th Day/Sun - GDANSK-Malbork-TORUN. After breakfast, depart for medieval city of Torun. En route stop in Malbork to visit the largest fortified castle in Europe seat of powerful Teutonic Knights in the 15th century. Overnight in Torun best known as a birthplace of the greatest Polish astronomer, N. Copernicus. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

5th Day/Mon - TORUN-WARSAW. Start the day with a short tour of the gothic monuments of Torun, its 13th century Town Hall, the "Leaning Tower", St. John's Gothic Cathedral where Copernicus was baptised. You will taste the traditional gingerbread prepared according to the centuries-old secret recipe. In the afternoon, journey South to the Polish capital of Warsaw for overnight. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

6th Day/Tue - WARSAW. After buffet breakfast you will get acquainted with this heroic city largely destroyed during WWII. Your city tour includes the colorful Old Town with fashionable restaurants, shops and cozy cafes, the Royal Castle Square, St John's Cathedral, oldest church in Warsaw. Stop for coffee and best Polish doughnuts "paczki" at the famous Warsaw cafe. Via Royal Route continue to beautiful Lazienki Park built by last monarch of Poland with Chopin's monument where summer concerts are held. Balance of day is free to walk around the old town and Nowy Swiat Street - Polish Fifth Avenue. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

7th Day/Wed - WARSAW-Czestochowa-Wadowice-ZAKOPANE. This morning journey to Czestochowa, pilgrimage center of Poland with Jasna Gora Monastery where the miraculous icon of the Black Madonna is venerated. Pauline Father will introduce you to the turbulent history of the shrine and its treasures. After lunch in a local restaurant, continue via Wadowice, birthplace of Pope John Paul II, to the resort of Zakopane hidden in the majestic Tatra Mountains. You may spend an evening in a typical highlanders cottage enjoying local specialties and folk band. *(Breakfast, Lunch)*

8th Day/Thu - ZAKOPANE-KRAKOW. Spend a relaxing day in this charming town with unique folklore and architecture. Guided tour includes its best known sites ending at the foot of the Gubalowka Mountain where a funicular will take you up the hill for breathtaking views. Here you can browse the local bazaar for arts and crafts of the local mountaineers. After lunch on your own, depart for Krakow and check-in at your hotel in the Old Town within walking distance to most tourist attractions. Evening is free to experience the medieval atmosphere of the city. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

9th Day/Fri - KRAKOW-Wieliczka-KRAKOW. Today you will spend discovering medieval treasures of Krakow including the St. Mary's Church with the biggest Gothic wooden altar and the imposing Wawel Hill with the Coronation Cathedral from where Polish kings ruled for four centuries. In the afternoon depart for Wieliczka Salt Mine to discover its underground wonders of grottoes, chapels, sculptures on a 1.5 mile tourist route. In the evening farewell dinner in a fine restaurant in the old town. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

10th Day/Sat - KRAKOW. After breakfast, termination of tour services. Transfer to the airport and fly home. *(Breakfast)*

For only \$80 more per person you can stay one more night in Krakow and take an excursion to Auschwitz (about \$40 per person) and return home on Sunday.

TOUR COST PER PERSON:

\$1,690 dbl occupancy

\$480 single supplement

Airfare not included. Contact us for lowest fare from your city.

2012 TOUR DATES

Starts in GDANSK on Fridays:

May 25 - June 2

June 29 - July 7

August 17 - August 25

September 14 - September 22

Tour Cost Includes:

- Accommodations in first class hotels
- Two meals daily as specified
- Transfers on arrival and departure
- Air conditioned coach
- Sightseeing tours as specified
- English speaking escort throughout
- Baggage handling, one piece per person
- All entrance fees to sites specified in the tour program
- Hotel charges and taxes

YOUR HOTELS:

GDANSK - Novotel Centrum, 3 star

TORUN - Filmar, 4 star

WARSAW - Novotel Centrum, 4 star

ZAKOPANE - Czarny Potok, 3 star

KRAKOW - Alexander I, 3 star

For reservations call: 1-800-388-0988



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Tour Conditions and Reservation Form on page 2.

About Poland . . .

POLAND is situated in a very central part of Europe and covers an area of 121,733 square miles - comparable to that of the state of New Mexico. It is the seventh largest country in Europe. Administratively the country is divided into 16 voivodships(states) and has a population of about 38 million.

CLIMATE: Poland is situated in a zone of moderate climate with a considerable influence of sea climate along the Baltic seacoast belt. The climate resembles that of New England. Normal seasonal clothing is adequate but a warmer garment should be included. Comfortable shoes are a must.

CURRENCY: There is no limit to the amount of foreign currency that may be brought into the country. Polish monetary unit is Zloty divided into 100 groszy. 1 dollar = about 3 zloty.

It is suggested you take mostly cash as travelers checks are not accepted in currency exchange places called (KANTOR). ATM machines are available in major cities.

ELECTRICITY: 220v/50 cycles. All-purpose transformer and 2-prong adapter is required for U.S. appliances.

TIME: Six hours ahead of U.S. Eastern Daylight Time. The 24-hour clock is used.

CREDIT CARDS: AX, Diners Club, VISA, Master Charge, Carte Blanche credit cards are accepted in major shops, restaurants, hotels and nightclubs. Discover card is not accepted. Also AX not widely used.

STORE HOURS: With the exception of food stores, shops are open between 10/11:00 am and 6/7:00 pm. Grocery stores between 8:00 am-7:00 pm. On Saturdays, most shops are opened until 2:00 pm except department stores which usually close at 7:00 pm.

TIPPING: Not obligatory, but appreciated. Cab drivers and waiters accept between 10-15%. There is also a nominal charge for use of cloak rooms and public rest rooms.

On tour, recommended tipping is \$3.00 per person for the tour guide and \$2.00 per person for the motorcoach driver.

TOUR CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS/PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$200 per person is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 45 days before departure.

TOUR COST: Tour price is based on currency exchange levels in effect at the time of printing. It is subject to adjustment in the event of significant changes.

Children discount: Children 7-11 years old receive 20% discount of the total tour price if sharing room with parents. Children under the age of seven are not accepted on motorcoach tours.

TOUR/AIR ARRANGEMENTS: Every effort will be made to provide lowest possible airfare available at the time of booking.

Hotel accommodations will be provided in twin bedded rooms with private bath or shower. Single rooms are available at the supplement shown. While every effort will be made to provide sharing of accommodations for persons booking alone, when requested, it cannot be guaranteed and single supplement must be paid before departure when billed. Triple rooms are not available except for children under 11 yrs. Hotels specified can be changed within the same category.

Unused hotel accommodations or any other unused features of this tour are not refundable nor exchangeable for other services. The right is reserved to substitute hotels and sightseeing features if it becomes necessary. Each tour member must be able to get on and off the motorcoach unaided and not require walking devices or wheelchairs. Smoking on motorcoaches is not permitted.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST: Cost of passports, items of a personal nature; phone calls, laundry, optional insurance, gratuities to escorts and drivers.

BAGGAGE: Free baggage allowance on transatlantic flights is one suitcase per person not exceeding 50 lbs and 62 in. (sum of three sides).

NO VACCINATIONS are required by law.

DOCUMENTS: A valid U.S. or foreign passport is required. To apply for passport, contact your local U.S. Post Office. Check the validity of your passport and be sure it is valid for at least three months after your return date.

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be made in writing to PAT TOURS. Full refund of LAND tour will be made for cancellations received up to 46 days prior to departure less a \$25 administrative fee. Between 45 - 36 days before departure,

\$200 deposit is non refundable. No refund will be made for cancellations received less than 35 days prior to departure. AIRLINE TICKETS, when issued, are subject to the airline cancellation policy applicable to the airfare used. After completion of the tour, claims for refund must be made in writing within 30 days.

INSURANCE: All inclusive insurance (cancellation, accident/health, baggage, delays) is strongly recommended and will be offered to all tour participants with confirmation. *If you have a pre-existing condition, insurance must be purchased within 7 days of deposit. Call PAT TOURS to request insurance application.*

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agency and the tour operator, PAT TOURS, 1285 Riverdale St, W. Springfield, MA 01089, act only as an agent in making arrangements for hotels, sightseeing tours, and transportation or any other service in connection with the itineraries of individual tour members who by acceptance thereof, acknowledge that the sponsoring organization and/or its agents and suppliers shall not be liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity, liability or expense to person or property due to act or default of any hotel, carrier or other company or person providing or rendering of services included in the tours. Further, the sponsoring organization and/or its agents accept no responsibility for any sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, government restraints, wars, whether declared or not, riots, theft, weather condition, defect in any vehicle of transportation or for any misadventure or casualty or any other causes beyond their control. PAT TOURS reserves the right to cancel, change, substitute any service and to decline to accept or retain any tour member at any time for any reason including insufficient number of participants.

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2012 Tour Reservation Form: BEST OF POLAND

Enclosed is my deposit check \$ _____ (\$200 per person) payable to PAT TOURS to reserve _____ seat(s) on the BEST OF POLAND TOUR starting in Gdansk on _____ and ending in Krakow. *Please reserve additional night in Krakow on Saturday.*

Flight reservation: Need round trip flights departing on _____ from _____ returning on _____. Preferred airline (if any) _____.

Please charge the amount of \$ _____ to my (Visa, Master Card, Discover, AX) # _____ Exp. Date _____

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME (as appear in your passport *)	Date of Birth	Passport #	Exp. Date
Mr/Mrs/Ms			
Mr/Mrs/Ms			

Address: _____ Tel: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ e-mail: _____

ROOM OCCUPANCY: Double room: One bed _____; Two beds _____ Have you been in Poland before? _____ if Yes, when? _____

Single room _____; Need roommate _____ I have read and accepted the Tour Conditions on behalf of the above persons:

Sharing with: _____ Signature _____

***Make sure your name matches your PASSPORT. Name changes on airline tickets are not permitted.**