



MANY FACES OF POLAND

PAT 6 - 2012

14 days/13 nights

TOUR PROGRAM

On Friday, depart U.S.A. for Warsaw.

2nd Day/Sat - WARSAW. After arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the heart of the city. Time free to unpack and rest. At 6:00PM, meet your guide and the rest of the group in the hotel lobby. Drive along the beautifully renovated Royal Route with its historical monuments. Stop for a short walk through Old Town, and then join us for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant with typical Polish dishes and famous Polish vodka, "Zubrowka". (Dinner)

3rd Day/Sun - WARSAW. This morning, we introduce you to the highlights of Warsaw. A half-day sightseeing tour includes Old Town, beautifully rebuilt after World War II with impressive Royal Castle, seat of Polish kings. Here the May 3 Constitution was proclaimed in 1791, the second oldest constitution in the world. Admire some of its 300 rooms: the Throne Room, the magnificent Knight's Hall and most impressive Ballroom. After lunch in a local restaurant in Old Town, continue your tour with a drive to the former Warsaw Ghetto. For coffee break we invite you to the famous Warsaw café, to taste a Polish doughnut, called "paczek". This evening, take a musical journey through the world famous compositions of Frederic Chopin, at a piano recital. A glass of sparkling wine will be served during intermission. (Breakfast, Lunch)

4th Day/Mon - WARSAW-Czestochowa-Auschwitz-KRAKOW. After breakfast, depart for Zakopane - one of the most popular vacation resorts in the Tatra Mountains. En route, stop in Czestochowa to visit the Jasna Gora Monastery and the Black Madonna Shrine with its miraculous icon. After lunch, drive to Auschwitz to visit the Martyrdom Museum of the former Nazi concentration camp, a grim reminder of the Holocaust. (Breakfast, Lunch)

5th Day/Tue - KRAKOW. This morning's city tour features Wawel Hill with the Royal Castle, home to three dynasties of Poland's monarchs. Its stately chambers are filled with priceless medieval treasures including fabulous 16th century Flemish tapestries. You will also visit the Wawel Cathedral, where 18 chapels are true architectural masterpieces. Here the Polish kings were crowned and buried. Following a short break for coffee and cake at the famous café, "Jama Michalika", a place designed by local artists, walk to the medieval Market Square, one of the largest in Europe. At St. Mary's Basilica see the largest wooden altar by Wit Stwosz and at the arcaded Cloth Hall, dating back to the 14th century, you can shop for souvenirs. Enjoy afternoon at leisure for souvenir shopping or just relaxing. Dinner in local restaurant in the old town. (Breakfast, Dinner)

6th Day/Wed - KRAKOW-Wieliczka-ZAKOPANE. This morning, drive to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, an unforgettable tourist attraction for a tour of 1.5 miles of underground chambers, grottoes, and chapels carved from salt. Continue to the resort of Zakopane beautifully situated at the foot of the Tatra Mountains. (Breakfast, Lunch)

7th Day/Thu - ZAKOPANE. In the morning, you will have a sightseeing tour of Zakopane, where wooden architecture blends with the natural landscapes. Visit the famous Jaszczurowka Chapel, a great example of wooden architecture and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, built by the local "Gorale" as a votive for saving the life of Pope John Paul II after an assassination attempt. Admire the breathtaking views of the Tatras from the top of Gubalowka Mountain and shop for souvenirs of arts and crafts of the Highlanders (Gorale) at a local bazaar. After lunch on your own time free. Tonight's dinner is in a typical Highlander's cottage with folk entertainment. (Breakfast, Dinner)

8th Day/Fri - ZAKOPANE-Wadowice-WROCLAW. Today depart for western Poland and the historic city of Wroclaw known as "Venice of the North" beautifully situated on the Odra River. En route, stop in Wadowice, the birthplace of Pope John Paul II. After lunch at a local restaurant continue to Wroclaw for overnight. (Breakfast, Lunch)

9th Day/Sat - WROCLAW-RYDZYNA. After breakfast, get acquainted with Wroclaw's Gothic monuments including viewing of the Panorama Raclawicka. This monumental diorama is displayed in its own building and presents the victorious battle of Raclawice in 1794 between the Polish insurgents led by T. Kosciuszko, and Russian imperial army. From here, drive to Rydzyna for dinner and overnight in the palace. (Breakfast, Dinner)

10th Day/Sun - RYDZYNA-Poznan-TORUN. This morning we depart for Torun with a brief stop for sightseeing tour in the historic city of Poznan, cradle of the Polish nation. The landmark of the city is the Renaissance Town Hall adorned by the medieval clock where every noon two metal goats butt their heads 12 times. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue to Torun. (Breakfast, Lunch)

11th Day/Mon - TORUN-GDANSK. This morning, you will see the highlights of Torun, birthplace of Polish astronomer, Nicolaus Copernicus, considered one of the most magnificent historic cities of Poland. Its Old Town has been included in UNESCO's list for its impressive 13th century Town Hall, superb churches and historic streets preserving Torun's past glory. After lunch in a local restaurant drive to Gdansk. Upon arrival, catch a first glimpse of the Old Town on a short walk. (Breakfast, Lunch)

12th Day/Tue - GDANSK-Gdynia-Sopot. Start the day with a tour of medieval Gdansk in depth. From the city's former fortifications and one of its main gates, walk to a "Dlugi Targ - Long Market", magnificent street with late Renaissance and Baroque facades where the richest burghers once lived in city's prosperous past. It's famous landmark is the Artus Court where the Hanseatic League met and the Neptun's Fountain. St. Mary's Basilica is the largest brick Gothic church in Gdansk. From here drive to Gdynia, youngest port, and visit Oliwa Cathedral to hear a concert on the famous pipe organ. After lunch in a local restaurant, continue to Sopot, the fashionable seaside resort with longest wooden pier on the Baltic. The balance of the day is free for shopping for amber souvenirs in abundance here. (Breakfast, Lunch)

13th Day/Wed - GDANSK-Malbork-OLSZTYN. After breakfast, your coach journeys to Olsztyn. En route, stop at the Teutonic Knights Castle in Malbork, the largest fortified castle in Europe built in 13th century. After lunch in local restaurant, continue to Olsztyn, a town located in a region of lakes and forests. In the evening, enjoy a picnic-style dinner with a folklore entertainment in Gietrzwald. (Breakfast, Lunch, Picnic)

14th Day/Thu - OLSZTYN-Olsztynek-Lowicz-WARSAW. Today on a way to Warsaw, visit the Ethnographic Park in Olsztynek, site of the an open-air Museum of Folk Architecture. The museum contains many examples of folk architecture, including houses, barns, windmills and other traditional buildings of the 19th century village. For lunch you are invited to a home of a young couple. You will be welcomed in a typical Polish way, with bread and salt, experience Polish hospitality and talk about their daily life. Overnight in Warsaw. (Breakfast, Dinner)

15th Day/Fri - WARSAW. After breakfast, termination of tour services. Transfer to the airport for the return flight home. (Breakfast)

TOUR COST PER PERSON:

\$2,459 dbl occupancy

\$699 single supplement

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

2012 TOUR DATES

Starts in Warsaw on Saturdays:

August 18 - August 31

September 8 - September 21

Tour Cost Includes:

- Accommodations in first class hotels
- Two meals daily as specified
- Two dinners with a folklore show in Zakopane and in Gietrzwald
- Home-hosted dinner in Lowicz
- Chopin concert with a glass of wine
- Transfers on arrival and departure
- Air conditioned coach
- Sightseeing tours with local guides
- English speaking tour escort throughout
- Baggage handling, one piece per person
- All entrance fees to sites specified in the tour program
- Hotel charges and taxes hotel taxes

YOUR HOTELS:

WARSAW - Novotel Centrumm, 4 star

KRAKOW - Novotel Bronowice, 4 star

ZAKOPANE - Nosalowy Dwor, 3 star or similar

WROCLAW - Park Plaza, 3 star or similar

RYDZYNA - Palace

TORUN - Mercure Helios, 3 star

GDANSK - Scandic, 4 star

OLSZTYN - Omega, 3 star



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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 i 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 - 35 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: MANY FACES OF POLAND

Enclosed is my deposit check \$ _____ (\$200 per person) payable to PAT TOURS to reserve _____ seat(s) on MANY FACES OF POLAND TOUR starting in Warsaw on _____ . *Deposit can also be made by credit card.*

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 |
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| 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.**