



TASTE POLAND

PAT 8 - 2012

9 days/8 nights

TOUR PROGRAM

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

2nd Day/Sat - WARSAW. Upon arrival, we meet you and take you to your hotel in city center. After check-in, relax and work up an appetite for this evening's Gala Welcome Dinner. A piano recital of the favorite Chopin's music starts the evening. For dinner we welcome you in the traditional Polish way, with a loaf of bread and salt and sampling of traditional dishes from the Polish kitchen ending with a vodka tasting ceremony. You will learn how vodka is produced, then sample more than twenty different brands. *(Welcome Dinner)*

3rd Day/Sun - WARSAW. This morning we introduce you to the highlights of Warsaw with a walk through the reconstructed Old Town. Stops include the Barbican, St. John's Cathedral, the Ghetto Memorial, the Monument of the Warsaw Uprising and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Drive along the Royal Route and a visit to the Royal Castle. Dinner tonight includes not just a delicious meal but a cooking lesson in the making of "pierogi". After dinner, a visit to a typical beer restaurant with live music, more irresistible food and lots of beer. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

4th Day/Mon - WARSAW-Torun-GNIEW. After breakfast depart for Northern Poland to Gniew. En route stop in Torun, a town associated with Copernicus, the great astronomer. Our tour of Torun highlights also includes a stop at a gingerbread factory with generous sampling of this special treat. A medieval treasure, Gniew boasts among its must-see attractions, Ordensburg Castle and medieval Old Town with a 14th century Gothic church. Tonight a festive dinner of Polish delicacies is served by waiters dressed as ancient Knights of Gniew and accompanied by a parade of historical costumes and old fighting traditions. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

5th Day/Tue - GNIEW-Malbork-GDANSK. We bid "good bye" to Gniew and drive to Gdansk. On the way, you are treated to one of the tourist highlights of Poland, Malbork, site of the famous fortress of the Teutonic Knights. A comprehensive tour takes you through the complex of draw bridges, moats and the three-part castle. It belongs on UNESCO's Heritage Sites. Upon arrival in Gdansk, walk through fascinating Old Town and then drive to nearby Sopot, the fashionable seaside resort. Walk along the wooden pier, the longest on the Baltic coast. Dinner this evening is accompanied by famous "Danziger Goldwasser" and traditional Polish sea shanties. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

6th Day/Wed - GDANSK. Today, explore Gdansk in depth, starting at the city's former fortification, Prison Tower and Torture House, Golden Gate and Long Market, lined with magnificent Renaissance and Baroque merchant houses, Town Hall, Artus Court, St. Mary's Basilica and Long Wharf on the Motlawa, with the renowned Gdansk Crane. A special treat is a visit to a manufacturer of amber jewelry and a tour of the Amber Museum, situated in Gdansk's House of Torture. Few floors are dedicated to the multimedia exhibition and display of amber in all its uses and artistic creations. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

7th Day/Thu - GDANSK-Kartuzy-Chmielno-Wdzydze-POZNAN. After breakfast we depart for Poznan, with stopovers at some tourist attractions. First stop is made in the Kashubian Regional Museum, an introduction to the area's cultural and religious traditions presented through folk songs and unique language. In nearby Chmielno, see the one hundred year-old potter's workshop and the Museum of Kashubian Pottery. Another highlight is Wdzydze Kiszewskie, Poland's oldest open-air, ethnographic museum. Here enjoy lunch of local specialties and folklore entertainment and an opportunity to purchase original works of embroidery and wicker articles. Continue to Poznan for overnight. *(Breakfast, Lunch)*

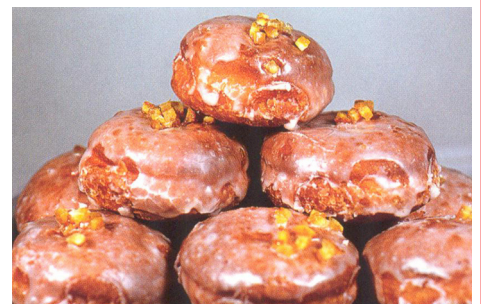
8th Day/Fri - POZNAN. Today's sightseeing tour of Poznan boasts a fascinating Old Town and a renowned Renaissance Town Hall. Ostrow Tumski houses the oldest part of Poznan, with the historic Gothic cathedral, dating from the 10th century, with its magnificent Gold Chapel, containing tombs of the first Polish kings. Food and drink have an honored heritage in Poznan. Among them, you will remember "rogale marcinskie" with poppy seeds and nuts, as well as flavorful and unpasteurized brands of beer. They are an indispensable accompaniment to your dinner in Poznan. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

9th Day/Sat - POZNAN-Lowicz-WARSAW. This morning we return to the Polish capital. En route, stop in Lowicz, a small town known for cultivating the folk traditions, colorful costumes and paper cutouts. An old Polish saying goes "Guest in home, God in home". In keeping with this tradition, we invite you to a home hosted lunch prepared by a local family in their charming house. You will also have a chance to sample typical home-made jams and preserves. See a demonstration of typical Lowicz paper cutouts and try to create some yourself. Dessert will be served in a beautiful garden. *(Breakfast, Lunch)*

10th Day/Sun - WARSAW. After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for return flight home. *(Breakfast)*

YOUR HOTELS:

WARSAW - Novotel Centrum, 4 star
GNIEW - Marysienka (next to the castle)
GDANSK - Scandic, 4 star
POZNAN - Novotel Centrum, 4 star
WARSAW - Novotel Centrum, 4 star



TOUR COST PER PERSON:

\$2,199 dbl occupancy

\$399 single supplement

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

2012 TOUR DATES

Starts in Warsaw on Saturdays:

July 28 - August 5

August 25 - September 2

Tour Cost Includes:

- Accommodations in 1st class hotels
- Two meals daily as specified
- Dinner with folk entertainment in Zakopane
- Home-hosted dinner in Lowicz
- Chopin concert with glass of wine
- Vodka tasting, beer tasting, cooking lesson as specified in tour program
- Transfers on arrival and departure
- Air conditioned coach/mini-van
- 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

For reservations call: 1-800-388-0988



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For Tour Conditions and Reservation Form see 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 discounts: Children 7 - 11 years old receive 20% discount of the total tour price when 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.

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: TASTE POLAND

Enclosed is my deposit check \$ _____ (\$200 per person) payable to PAT TOURS to reserve _____ seat(s) on the TASTE POLAND 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
Mr/Mrs/Ms			
Mr/Mrs/Ms			

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

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ e-mail: _____

ROOM OCCUPANCY: Double room: One bed _____; Two beds _____

Single room _____; Need roommate _____

Sharing with: _____ Signature _____

Have you been in Poland before? _____ if Yes, when? _____

I have read and accepted the Tour Conditions on behalf of the above persons:

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