



# WONDERS OF POLAND

**PAT 2 - 2012**

**15 days/14 nights**

## TOUR PROGRAM

*On Saturday, depart U.S.A. for Warsaw.*

**2nd Day/Sun - WARSAW.** Upon arrival in Warsaw, you will be transferred to the hotel in city center. Time free to rest and unpack. At 6:00 pm meet other tour participants and your guide at the lobby, and depart for a welcome dinner. On a way admire illuminated Warsaw's monuments. *(Dinner)*

**3rd Day/Mon - WARSAW.** After buffet breakfast the city sightseeing of Warsaw will introduce you to Polish capital's major sites including the reconstructed Old Town, tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Via Royal Route drive to the Lazienki Park and Palace built by last king of Poland in the 18th century. Stop for a sweet treat at the famous Warsaw cafe. Included is a visit to the Uprising Museum documenting the horrific attempt to liberate Warsaw from the Nazis in 1944. Balance of day at leisure for your own activities. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

**4th Day/Tue - WARSAW-Kadzidlo-OLSZTYN.** This morning depart for peaceful Mazurian Lakes. En route stop in Kadzidlo village to get acquainted with Kurpie folklore and its art of paper cutouts. This evening have fun at the "Mazurian wedding" party or a country fair. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

**5th Day/Wed - OLSZTYN.** Today you will spend a leisurely day discovering the attractions of this popular vacation area. See the Sw. Lipka, most beautiful sanctuary of the area with miraculous icon, and "Wolf's Lair" - Hitler's bunker where attempt on his life took place in 1944. Stop at the unique Elblag Canal and watch this engineering marvel, the only one in the world. Overnight in Olsztyn. *(Breakfast, Lunch)*

**6th Day/Thu - OLSZTYN-Malbork-GDANSK.** After breakfast depart for the Baltic Coast. En route stop in Malbork and tour the fascinating 15th century castle of the mighty Teutonic Knights. It is the largest brick castle in Europe built according to the most modern defensive methods of the time. After lunch continue to the Baltic Coast for overnight. *(Breakfast, Lunch)*

**7th Day/Fri - GDANSK-Gdynia-Sopot.** After breakfast orientation tour of this major maritime center of Poland, birthplace of Solidarity movement. Walk through Gdansk's old town beautifully restored to its medieval splendor. Then on to Sopot with its deluxe hotels on the beach and longest Pier on the Baltic. Continue to Oliwa cathedral for a concert on the magnificent pipe organ, one of its kind in Europe. Afternoon at leisure to spend in Gdansk's Old Town or as you please. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

**8th Day/Sat - GDANSK-TORUN.** This morning depart for Torun, birthplace of Polish astronomer, N. Copernicus, considered one of the most magnificent 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 city tour you will have time on your own. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

**9th Day/Sun - TORN-POZNAN.** After breakfast depart for Poznan, cradle of the Polish nation. City tour includes the old town square with beautiful Renaissance Town Hall and magnificent Poznan Cathedral with tombs of first Polish kings of Piast Dynasty in the 10th century. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

**10th Day/Mon - POZNAN/Boleslawiec/WROCLAW.** Your motor coach departs today for Western Poland and the town of Boleslawiec, famous for ceramic works. Visit the workshop and the factory store and buy some souvenirs at great prices. You will also visit the Borowski Glass Works where you will see the incredible glass creations being made. Overnight in Wroclaw *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

**11th Day/Tue - WROCLAW.** After breakfast meet your guide for a tour of this historic city on the Odra River. See the beautifully renovated Market Square, one of the largest in Europe, the 13th century Town Hall and university with stunning Leopoldine Hall. The highlight of your tour is viewing of the awesome "Panorama Racławicka", a huge diorama depicting the battle of T. Kosciuszko against the imperial Russian army fought in 1794. Balance of day at leisure. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

**12th Day/Wed - WROCLAW/Czestochowa/Wadowice/KRAKOW.** This morning depart for Poland's pilgrimage center, the Monastery of Jasna Gora (the Bright Mountain). See the shrine of the Black Madonna and the treasury with priceless gifts given to the Monastery throughout the centuries. Continue to Krakow via Wadowice, birthplace of blessed Pope John Paul II. After lunch, briefly stop at the parish church where Karol Wojtyla was baptised. Overnight in Zakopane, popular resort hidden in the majestic Tatra Mountains with unique architecture, traditions and lifestyle *(Breakfast, Lunch)*

**13th Day/Thu - ZAKOPANE.** Spend a leisurely day in Pieniny National Park where you will enjoy a scenic raft ride on the Dunajec River *(weather permitting)*. Return to Zakopane to climb the Gubalowka Mountain by a funicular for spectacular views. You will have time to browse through the bazaar of native arts and crafts. Tonight's dinner is in a typical Highlanders' cottage where you will taste local specialties and be entertained by folk band. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

**14th Day/Fri - ZAKOPANE-Wieliczka-KRAKOW.** After breakfast depart for Krakow. En route stop in Wieliczka Salt mines to visit the fascinating underground world. On a 1.5 mile tourist route admire the salt formed grottoes, lakes, chapels, sculptures and magnificent St. Kinga Cathedral. After lunch continue to Krakow for time at leisure. *(Breakfast, Lunch)*

**15th Day/Sat - KRAKOW.** Start the day with a city tour of this charming medieval city which until the 14th century was Poland's capital. Highlights include: the Old Town Square, Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Church, courtyard of the Jagiellonian University and magnificent Wawel Royal castle and Cathedral where Polish kings were crowned and ruled for four centuries. In the Castle chambers admire the priceless collection of tapestries and other medieval treasures. In the afternoon there is time for an optional excursion to Auschwitz to visit the martyrdom Museum of the former Nazi concentration camp. Our farewell dinner in a fine restaurant in the old town. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

**16th Day/Sun - KRAKOW.** After breakfast termination of tour services. Transfer to the airport and fly home. *(Breakfast)*

*We recommend to stay another day in Krakow and discover more of its treasures.*

### TOUR COST PER PERSON:

**\$2,660 dbl occupancy**

**\$690 single supplement**

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

### 2012 TOUR DATES

**Starts in Warsaw on Sundays:**

**July 29 - August 12**

**September 23 - October 7**

### Tour Cost Includes:

- Accommodations in first class hotels
- Transfers on arrival and departure
- Two meals daily as specified
- Mazurian "wedding" party
- Folklore evening in Zakopane
- Air conditioned coach
- Sightseeing tours with local guides
- English speaking escort throughout
- Baggage handling, one piece per person
- All entrance fees to sites visited as specified in tour program

### YOUR HOTELS:

WARSAW - Novotel Centrum, 4 star  
 OLSZTYN - Park, 3 star  
 GDANSK - Novotel Centrum, 3 star  
 TORUN - Filmar, 3 star  
 POZNAN - Park, 4 star  
 WROCLAW - Park, 3 star  
 ZAKOPANE - Czarny Potok, 3 star  
 KRAKOW - Alexander I, 3 star

**For reservations call: 1-800-388-0988**



*We are the foremost authority on travel to Poland*

*For Reservation Form and Tour Conditions 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 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: WONDERS OF POLAND

Enclosed is my deposit check \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$200 per person) payable to PAT TOURS to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on the WONDERS OF POLAND TOUR starting in Warsaw on \_\_\_\_\_ and terminating in Krakow. *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.**