

BEST OF POLAND

From the Sea to the Mountains!

PAT 12 - 11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

2024 TOUR DATES

Starts in GDANSK on Fridays:

July 5 - July 14

September 6 - September 15

TOUR COST PER PERSON:

\$2,250 in double room

Single room supplement: \$560

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

Tour Cost Includes:

- Accommodations in first class hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily, 4 dinners, 3 lunches.
- Coffee break in Warsaw's famous cafe
- Pierogi making demonstration in Gdansk
- Dinner with folklore entertainment
- Air conditioned motor coach
- Sightseeing tours with local guides
- English speaking tour escort
- All entrance fees to sites specified
- Hotel charges and taxes

Included entrance fees: Organ concert in Oliwa, Malbork Castle, Gingerbread museum in Torun, Czestochowa Monastery, Funicular to Gubalowka Mountain in Zakopane, Wieliczka salt mine, Krakow Royal Cathedral.

YOUR HOTELS: (all centrally located)

GDANSK - Mercure Stare Miasto

TORUN - Filmar

WARSAW - Mercure Centrum

ZAKOPANE - Aquarion

KRAKOW - Mercure Stare Miasto

Additional departures can be arranged on request with a minimum 15 passengers.



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



TOUR PROGRAM

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

2nd Day/Fri - GDANSK. Upon arrival check into your 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 a local restaurant with a Polish vodka toast. [Dinner]

3rd Day/Sat - GDANSK-Gdynia-Sopot. This morning tour the magnificent city of Gdansk beautifully restored to its former glory when it was one of the most prosperous ports of Europe in the 15th century. Walk through the "Długi Targ" where richest merchants once lived to St. Mary's Church, largest Gothic church in Poland. Continue to the Oliwa Cathedral for an organ concert played on the magnificent Rocco organ. In Sopot resort 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. For lunch you are invited to a local restaurant to try your pierogi making skills. Balance of the day 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, a UNESCO site. 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, Nicolaus Copernicus. 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 prosperous past. [Breakfast, Dinner]

5th Day/Mon - TORUN-WARSAW. Start the day with a tour of the gothic monuments of Torun, its 13th century Town Hall, the "Leaning Tower", St. John's Gothic Cathedral where Copernicus was baptized. Have fun in the Gingerbread Museum and make your own sweet treat, Torun's centuries old tradition. In the afternoon, journey South to Warsaw for overnight. [Breakfast, Dinner]

6th Day/Tue - WARSAW. After buffet breakfast get acquainted with this heroic city largely destroyed during WWII. Your city tour includes a walk through the colorful Old Town with remnants of defense walls, fine restaurants, shops and cozy cafes, Royal Castle Square and St John's Cathedral. Drive to the former Warsaw Ghetto and via Royal Route to the beautiful Lazienki Park built by last monarch of Poland with Chopin's monument where summer concerts are held. For a coffee break we invite you for a Polish doughnuts "paczki" at a famous cafe. Balance of the day is free to spend in the old town. [Breakfast]

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

8th Day/Thu - ZAKOPANE. Today climb the Gubalowka Mountain by a funicular for spectacular views of the Tatras. You will have time to browse through the bazaar with native crafts. Then on to Pieniny National Park to enjoy a scenic raft ride on the Dunajec River. Return to Zakopane for evening at leisure. [Breakfast]

9th Day/Fri - ZAKOPANE-Wieliczka-KRAKOW. Leaving the natural wonders behind your motor coach heads for the medieval city of Krakow. En route stop in Wieliczka Salt mines to visit the fascinating underground world. On a 1.3 mile tourist route admire the underground wonders carved from rock salt. After lunch continue to Krakow for a city tour of its medieval treasures. Start at the Wawel Hill where Polish kings ruled for four centuries and are buried in the magnificent Royal Cathedral. Walk to the Market Square, one of largest in Europe with St. Mary's Basilica where you will find the biggest Gothic wooden altar carved in the 15th century. In the Cloth Hall you can shop for souvenirs of every budget in the multitude of stalls. Evening is free to relax as you please. [Breakfast, Lunch]

10th Day/Sat - KRAKOW. Your last day is free to discover Krakow's treasures on your own. Visit some of the world class museums or shop for souvenirs. You may take an optional excursion to Auschwitz, former Nazi concentration camp, a grim reminder of the Holocaust. For a farewell dinner you are invited to a fine restaurant with folklore entertainment. [Breakfast, Dinner]

11th Day/Sun - KRAKOW. After breakfast, termination of services. [Breakfast]



We are the foremost authority on travel to Poland

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 36 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. Weather is extremely unpredictable. Always check weather predictions one week before departure.

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 4 zloty.

It is suggested you take mostly cash to exchange in places called KANTOR. Also 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: VISA, Master Charge and American Express credit cards are accepted in major shops, restaurants, hotels and nightclubs. Discover card is not accepted. Also AX card is 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. On Sundays, most stores and malls are closed except for souvenir shops. (subject to change)

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

TOUR CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS/PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$250 per person is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 60 days before departure.

TOUR COST: Tour price is based on currency exchange levels in effect in 2023. 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 motor coach 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 requested. Triple rooms are not available except for children under 11 yrs.

Unused hotel nights 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. No refund is given for late arrivals or missed flights.

Each tour member must be able to get on and off the motor coach unaided and not require walking devices or wheelchairs. Due to strict traffic regulations, motor coaches are not able to drop tourists directly at the site to be visited. Many streets are pedestrian only with often uneven surfaces. You must be prepared to walk up the hill and climb stairs. We regret we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member for walking, baggage handling or getting on/off motor coaches.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST: Transfers on arrival and departure, baggage handling, beverages with meals, cost of passports, items of a personal nature; laundry, travel insurance, gratuities to escorts and drivers.

BAGGAGE: One piece of luggage per person is allowed. Make sure your airfare includes one piece of luggage not exceeding 50 lbs. and 62 in. (sum of three sides). One carry-on bag is free of charge.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: A valid U.S. or foreign passport is required. To apply for passport, contact your local U.S. Post Office. Your passport must be valid for at least three months after your return date.

VACCINATIONS: No vaccinations are required.

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be made in writing to PAT TOURS. Full refund of LAND tour will be made for cancellations received up to 55 days prior to departure less a \$25 administrative fee. Between 54 - 36 days before departure, 50% of the tour cost 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. After completion of the tour, claims for refund must be made in writing within 30 days.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel insurance with coverage for (trip cancellation, emergency medical, baggage delay, and trip delay) is recommended and will be offered to all tour participants with confirmation. If you have a pre-existing condition, insurance must be purchased at the time of deposit. Insurance premium is non-refundable once purchased. Cost of insurance premium depends on age and coverage chosen. Call us to apply or visit our website.

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agency PAT TOURS, 1446 Riverdale St., W. Springfield, MA 01089, act only as an agent for tour operator in Poland who makes 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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To make reservation, complete the form below and return with a copy of your passport* to:

PAT TOURS

1446 Riverdale St., West Springfield, MA 01089

Tel: (413) 747-7702

1-800-388-0988; Fax: 413-747-8114

e-mail: info@pattours.com

2024 TOUR RESERVATION FORM: BEST OF POLAND

Enclosed is my deposit check \$ _____ (\$250 per person) payable to PAT TOURS to reserve _____ seat(s) on this tour starting in GDANSK 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 (VI, MC, DS, AX) # _____ Exp. Date _____

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME (as appear in your passport)

Tel: Home: _____ Cell: _____

e-mail: _____

Have you been in Poland before: Yes _____; No _____

Address: _____

I/We are interested in optional excursion to Auschwitz on Day 10:

Yes _____. No _____. Approximate cost: from \$70 per person depending on number of participants.

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Special requests: _____

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

Single room _____; Need roommate _____.

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

Sharing with: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

If requesting a roommate, please advise if smoking or non.

**If you applied for your passport, complete this form and provide a copy of your new passport when available.*