

TREASURES OF POLAND

PAT 10 -11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS

2024 TOUR DATES

Starts in Warsaw on Saturdays:

May 11 - May 21

June 8 - June 18

July 13 - July 23

August 17 - August 27

September 7 - September 17

October 5 - October 15

TOUR COST PER PERSON:

\$2,399 in double room

Single room supplement: \$565

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

Tour Cost Includes:

- Accommodations in first class hotels
- Breakfast daily, 5 lunches, 2 dinners
- Chopin concert
- Air conditioned coach
- Sightseeing tours with local guides
- English speaking tour escort
- All entrance fees to sites as specified
- Hotel charges and taxes

Entrance fees included:

Czestochowa Monastery, Funicular to Gubalowka Mountain in Zakopane, Krakow Royal Cathedral and Auschwitz.

YOUR HOTELS:

WARSAW - Novotel Warsaw Centrum
 ZAKOPANE - Bacheda Kasprowy
 KRAKOW - Novotel Krakow City West
 TORUN - Mercure Torun Centrum
 GDANSK - Sadova
 WARSAW - Novotel Warsaw Centrum



For reservations, call PAT TOURS:
 1-800-388-0988



WARSAW - Royal Castle

TOUR PROGRAM

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

2nd Day/Sat - WARSAW. After arrival, check into your hotel in city center. Time free to unpack and rest. At 6:00 PM, 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 last Polish kings. Continue your tour with a drive to the former Warsaw Ghetto, National Opera House Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Balance of the day is at leisure. This evening, take a musical journey through the world famous compositions of Frederick Chopin, at a piano recital. *[Breakfast, Lunch]*

4th Day/Mon - WARSAW-Czestochowa-ZAKOPANE. After breakfast, depart for Zakopane - one of the most popular vacation resorts in the majestic Tatra Mountains. En route, stop in Czestochowa, Polish National Shrine. Tour the Jasna Gora (Bright Mountain) Monastery and the Black Madonna Shrine with its miraculous icon. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant. In the evening arrive in your beautiful hotel in Zakopane overlooking the Tatra Mountains. *[Breakfast, Lunch]*

5th Day/Tue - ZAKOPANE-KRAKOW. Start the day with a sightseeing tour of Zakopane, whose 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". Admire the breathtaking views of the Tatras from the top of Gubalowka Mountain and shop for souvenirs of arts and crafts of the Highlanders at a local bazaar. After lunch on your own depart for Krakow via Pieniny National Park where you will enjoy a spectacular rafting trip on the Dunajec River (*weather permitting*). Arrive Krakow for dinner and overnight. *[Breakfast, Dinner]*

6th Day/Wed - KRAKOW-Auschwitz-KRAKOW. This morning is reserved for Auschwitz-Birkenau, former Nazi concentration camp, a grim reminder of the Holocaust. Return to Krakow and visit the Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz established in 1335. Soon it became one of the European centers of Jewish culture with its own Town Hall, sacral places and market square lined with multitude of small businesses and restaurants. *[Breakfast, Light lunch]*

7th Day/Thu - KRAKOW. After breakfast meet a local guide who will introduce you this medieval gem. Start with the Wawel Hill where the Royal Castle was the home to three dynasties of Poland's monarchs. In the Wawel Cathedral the Polish kings were

crowned and buried. Walk to the medieval Market Square, one of the largest in Europe. At St. Mary's Basilica admire the largest wooden altar in Europe. In the Cloth Hall (*Sukiennice*), dating back to the 14th century, you can shop for souvenirs in every budget. After lunch in a local restaurant balance of the day is free. You may take an optional excursion to the renowned Wieliczka salt mine (45 min.). On a 2 mile tourist route you will discover underground wonders carved from salt by generations of miners. *Advance reservations are recommended.*

[Breakfast, Lunch]

8th Day/Fri - KRAKOW-Lowicz-TORUN. After breakfast, your motor coach journeys to Northern Poland to another medieval city of Torun. En route stop in the village of Lowicz for a home-hosted dinner by 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. Arrive Torun and relax in your hotel for overnight. *[Breakfast, Lunch]*

9th Day/Sat - TORUN-GDANSK. This morning see the highlights of Torun considered one of the most magnificent historic cities of Poland. It is best known as the birthplace of greatest Polish astronomer, Nicolaus Copernicus. Its Old Town has been included in UNESCO's list for its impressive 13th century Town Hall, Gothic churches and historic streets preserving Torun's past glory. After lunch on your own, depart for the Baltic Coast. *[Breakfast]*

10th Day/Sun - GDANSK Start the day with a tour of medieval Gdansk in depth. From the city's former fortifications passing through the Prison Tower and the Torture House we enter a "Długi 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 and the Neptun's Fountain. St. Mary's Basilica is the largest brick Gothic church in Poland. It can accommodate 25,000 faithful. Afternoon is free to shop for beautiful amber souvenirs in abundance here. You may take a Pirate ship on the Motlawa River to the Westerplatte Peninsula where first shots of WWII were fired or an excursion to the incredible Malbork castle, the largest brick castle in Europe and a UNESCO site. *[Breakfast]*

11th Day/Mon - GDANSK-Gdynia-Sopot-Oliwa-WARSAW. After breakfast, continue sightseeing of the Baltic Coast area with a visit to Gdynia, youngest of the tri-city complex and Sopot, a fashionable seaside resort with beautiful SPA hotels and the longest wooden pier on the Baltic. In Oliwa you will visit the Gothic Cathedral famous for magnificent pipe organ. After lunch in a local restaurant, you coach heads back to Warsaw for overnight. Dinner on your own. *[Breakfast, Lunch]*

12th Day/Tue - WARSAW. After breakfast, termination of tour services. *[Breakfast]*

We are the foremost authority on travel to Poland

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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 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 night-clubs. 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. 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. No refund is given for late arrivals or if you miss your flight.

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 and climb stairs. We regret we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member for walking, 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 55 - 35 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 web site.

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:

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2024 TOUR RESERVATION FORM: TREASURES OF POLAND

Enclosed is my deposit check \$ _____ (\$250 per person) payable to PAT TOURS to reserve _____ seat(s) on this 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 (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: _____

Special requests: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Optional excursion to WIELICZKA salt mine: _____ Yes; _____ No

Cost depends on number of participants. *(from \$70 per person)*

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.*