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SKIING IN ZAKOPANE

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Besides skiing in the capital city of Polish mountains – Zakopane, you have an occasion to visit: Krakow, Kazimierz – the former Jewish district in Krakow, Wieliczka – The Salt Mine, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Czestochowa, Warsaw.

1st day **Arrival to Krakow**

x Arrival to Krakow by plane or coach. Meeting with the tour leader from Ernesto Travel and transfer by coach to the hotel in Krakow. Check-in the hotel. Dinner at the hotel or at the restaurant in the centre of Krakow (depends on the arrival time). [There is a possibility to begin the programme in Warsaw, Katowice or another city according to the flights schedule]. Stay in Krakow.

2nd day **Krakow – the heart of Poland, Kazimierz – Jewish district and Wieliczka – The Salt Mine**

8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.

9.00 Krakow's guided tour. Wawel Hill with the castle (optional entrance) and its beautiful yard and The Cathedral (entrance). Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture of The Old Town (Stare Miasto), the biggest Market Square in Europe (Rynek Główny), The Town Hall, Collegium Maius – the ancient building of The Jagiellonian University, The Cloth Hall (Sukiennice), Saint Mary's Church (Kosciol Mariacki – entrance) with the famous Wit Stwoszcz's altar. Walking to the antique walls of The Old Town with Florianska Gate and The Barbican. The Czartoryski Museum with The Lady with The Ermine. During the sightseeing: multimedia presentation about the story of amber called Polish Gold. In the year 1978 Krakow was inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO.

13.30 Lunch at the restaurant in Krakow.

15.00 Visiting the former Jewish district – Kazimierz. This part of Krakow was a centre of religious and social life of the Jewish community in Krakow until the deportations during the Nazi occupation (entrance to 1 or 2 synagogues). Short stop in front of The Schindler's Factory on the way to The Salt Mine in Wieliczka.

17.00 Transfer to Wieliczka. 10 km from Krakow.

17.30 Guided tour in Wieliczka Salt Mine – one of the oldest salt mines in the world. There are many famous people who visited the place such as Mikolaj Kopernik, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Dmitrij Mendeleev, Boleslaw Prus, Ignacy Paderewski, Karol Wojtyla, etc. In 1978 year, Wieliczka Salt Mine was inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO.

20.00 Dinner at the traditional Polish restaurant in Wieliczka – the concert of the folklore music. Return to the hotel and the night in Krakow.

- 3rd day** **Krakow – Zakopane**
- 8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9.00 Departure for Zakopane.
- 12.00 Arrival to Zakopane, check-in the hotel. Lunch.
- 15.00 Tour by cable cart on the top of Gubalowka Mount (if there is a good weather).
- 17.00 Zakopane's sightseeing: Jaszczurowka, Peksowy Brzyzek, Villa Atma, Krzeptowki – The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, Krupowki street. Free time. *Optionally – sleigh ride in Tatra's valley.*
- 20.00 Dinner at the antique restaurant in Zakopane with the concert of the traditional mountaineer's music.
- 22.00 Return to the hotel. Stay in Zakopane.
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- 4th day** **Zakopane**
- 8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9.00 Departure for ski lift.
- 18.00 Return to the hotel. Free time.
- 20.00 Dinner. Stay in Zakopane.
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- 5th day** **Zakopane**
- 8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9.00 Departure for ski lift.
- 18.00 Return to the hotel. Free time.
- 20.00 Dinner. Stay in Zakopane.
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- 6th day** **Zakopane**
- 8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9.00 Departure for ski lift.
- 18.00 Return to the hotel. Free time.
- 20.00 Dinner. Stay in Zakopane.
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- 7th day** **Zakopane**
- 8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9.00 Departure for ski lift.
- 18.00 Return to the hotel. Free time.
- 20.00 Dinner. Stay in Zakopane.
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- 8th day** **Zakopane – Auschwitz-Birkenau (Oswiecim-Brzezinka) – Czestochowa – Warsaw**
- 7.00 Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8.00 Departure for Auschwitz.
- 10.30 Guided tour of the area of ex-concentration camp in Auschwitz-Birkenau. This camp was built by Nazis during the Nazi occupation of Poland. Today this place is a part of The World Heritage of The UNESCO.
- 13.00 Lunch at the restaurant in Oswiecim.
- 14.00 Departure for Czestochowa.
- 16.00 Guided tour of the most important pilgrimage place in Poland – the monastery in Czestochowa: Jasna Gora with miraculous icon of Virgin Mary – The Black Madonna.
- 17.30 Departure for Warsaw.
- 21.30 Arrival to Warsaw. Check-in the hotel. Dinner.

9th day**Warsaw – the capital city of Poland***8.00*

Breakfast at the hotel.

9.00

Guided tour of Warsaw: Lazienkowski Park with the monument of Frederic Chopin, Warsaw Ghetto and Umschlagplatz – from here thousands of the Jews were deported to the concentration camps, The Tomb of The Unknown Soldier, Palace of Culture and Science, Krakowskie Przedmiescie Street, Old Town (inscribed to The World Heritage List of The UNESCO). The St. John's Cathedral. The Old Town was fully destroyed during The II World War and reconstructed thanks to the commitment of the whole Polish nation.

13.00

Lunch at one of the restaurants in the centre of Warsaw.

14.30

Visiting the Royal Castle (entrance).

16.30

Leisure in the centre of Warsaw.

20.00

Dinner with the music concert at one of the local restaurants (optional). The last night in Warsaw.

10th day**Departure from Poland.***x*

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel in Warsaw.

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Transfer to the airport. Departure from Poland.