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Bison and beaver – two Polish symbols

National parks of green Poland

Trip through green Poland in 11 days. The programme includes mentioned places: Warsaw, Bialowieza (Bialowieski Park), Hajnowka, Narewka, Kruszyniany (Kruszynski Forest), Krynki, Kopna Gora, Bialystok, Kurowo (Narew Park), Pentowo, Tykocin, Kiermusy (Biebrzanski Park), Goniadz, Augustow, Gizycko, Gierloz, Olsztyn, Torun, Malbork, Gdansk

1st day

Arrival to Warsaw

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

2nd 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, The Warsaw Ghetto, 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, The Old Town (inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO). The St. John's Cathedral. The Old Town was completely 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 city centre.

14.00

Leisure.

16.00

Departure for Bialowieza.

20.00

Arrival to Bialowieza and check-in the hotel. Dinner. After dinner participating in the fancy work workshop.

3rd day

Bialowieza

morning

Breakfast at the hotel. Visiting The Museum of Nature in Bialowieza. 3 hour walking through the park. Lunch at the hotel.

afternoon

Visit to The ZOO of Bialowieza with European bison. On the way to the hotel visiting the orthodox and catholic church. Dinner at the restaurant in Bialowieza.

4th day

Bialowieza

morning

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time. Optionally: cycling 3 hours or carriage tour.

all the day

Departure for Narewka.

evening

A traditional dinner with barbecue.

- 5th day**
morning
all the day
Bialowieza – Narewka – Kruszyniany – Krynki – Kopna Gora – Bialystok
 Breakfast at the hotel.
 Trip to Narewka and short visit. Departure for Kruszyniany and visiting the traditional settlement located on the top of The Sokolskie Hills (a mosque and Islamic cemetery – mizar). Transfer to Krynki and visiting synagogues and Jewish cemetery – kirkut with about 3 thousands tombstones – macew). The Orthodox church near The Knyszynska Forest. Walking to Arboretum between Krynki and Bialystok. Lunch (lunch box).
- evening*
 Arrival to Bialystok. Check-in the hotel. Dinner.
- 6th day**
morning
all the day
Bialystok – Kurowo (Parco di Narew) – Pentowo – Tykocin – Kiermusy
 Breakfast at the hotel.
 Departure for Kurowo and visiting The Narwianski National Park. Because of its history and shape it is called “Polish Amazonia”. Here you can see circa 200 types of birds and 154 of them have got their nests in this place. Departure per Pentowo and visiting the storks' village. Lunch (lunch box). Transfer to Tykocin. Visiting the village and check-in the pension in Kiermusy.
- evening*
 Dinner. Stay in Kiermusy.
- 7th day**
morning
all the day
Kiermusy – Goniadz (Augustow)
 Breakfast at the hotel.
 Departure for Goniadz along The River Narew and Biebrza with its beautiful views. Arrival to Goniadz and visiting the town and the Russian fortifications Osowiec. Lunch (lunch box). Visiting The National Biebrzynski Park – the biggest national park in Poland created to protect the biosphere and maintain it at the primary level. It is an ideal place for the photo tour with the camera and microphone.
- evening*
 Arrival to Goniadz and check-in. Dinner.
- 8th day**
morning
afternoon
evening
Goniadz (Augustow) – Gizycko – Gierloz – Olsztyn
 Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for Gizycko and boat cruise on The Lake Dobskie and visiting the island of cormorants. Lunch (lunch box).
 Visiting the fortifications Wilczy Szaniec in Gierloz – the place where Hitler had its refuge during The II World War. Departure for Olsztyn. Visiting the town and the castle.
 Arrival to Olsztyn. Check-in the hotel. Dinner.
- 9th day**
morning
afternoon
evening
Olsztyn – Torun – Malbork – Danzica
 Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for Torun. Guided tour of Torun: medieval town inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO. Visiting the house of Copernicus, the most famous Polish astronomer. Visiting the cathedral built in the years 1250-1500 and the fortified walls with The Leaning Tower. Departure for Malbork. Lunch in Malbork.
 Visiting Malbork Castle Museum. The Teutonic Order started to build it in the year 1380. This monument is inscribed on The List of Human Heritage of The UNESCO.
 Departure for Gdansk.
 Arrival to Gdansk. Check-in the hotel. Dinner at the hotel or at the restaurant.
- 10th day**
 8.00
 9.00
Gdansk and Solidarnosc
 Breakfast at the hotel.
 Guided tour of Gdansk, one of the richest cities in the XVII century. In the programme: The Cathedral of Oliwa (entrance) with the famous organ. Concert of the organ music, The Main Town Hall, The Fish Market, The Old Harbour, The Saint

Mary's Church (entrance) The Long Market with The Neptune Fountain, The Artus Court.

13.00 Lunch at one of the restaurants in the centre of Gdansk.

14.30 "Solidarnosc": visiting The Museum of Solidarnosc in The Gdansk Shipyard and the Monument of The Fallen Gdansk Shipyard Workers in the year 1970. Transfer to Sopot and walk along the pier of Sopot: the capital of the Polish sea. (If there is free time left, transfer to Westerplatte, where on the 1st of September of 1939 The II World War began).

18.00 Leisure in the centre of Gdansk.

20.00 Dinner at the restaurant.

22.00 The last night in Gdansk.

11th day
morning

Gdansk – (Warsaw) – departure from Poland

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by airplane from Gdansk or Warsaw airport.