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## **POLAND IN 8 DAYS: 7 nights and 5 sites inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO**

### *Poland for everybody*

*Cultural trip through Poland in 8 days. The programme includes mentioned places: Krakow, Kazimierz – the former Jewish district in Krakow, Wieliczka – The Salt Mine, Pieniny – rafting on The Dunajec River, Debno Podhalanskie, Wadowice – John Paul II home place, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Czestochowa, Wroclaw, Poznan, Gniezno, Warsaw.*

- 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Glowny), 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 Stwosz'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.
- 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 the front of The Schindler's Factory on the way to The Salt Mine in Wieliczka.
- 17.00      Transfer to Wieliczka.
- 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.

22.00 Return to the hotel and stay in Krakow.

**3<sup>rd</sup> day Krakow – Pieniny and Dunajec – Debno Podhalanskie – Wadowice – Kalwaria Zebrzydowska – Krakow**

7.30 Breakfast at the hotel.

8.00 Departure by coach for Sromowce Wyzne.

10.00 Rafting on the traditional rafts down the Dunajec River, across The Pieninski National Park. *[Attention: if because of the rain, there is no possibility to pursue rafting down The Dunajec River; a trip to the capital of The Polish Mountain: Zakopane. Visiting the town and ride on a cable and ground railway on Gubalowka with the beautiful view of The Tatra Mountains.]*

13.00 Lunch at the restaurant in Szczawnica (Wadowice or Zakopane, if there is no rafting).

14.00 Transfer to Debno Podhalanskie. Visiting the wooden Gothic church: one of the 6 wooden churches in the south of Poland inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO.

15.00 Transfer to Wadowice, where John Paul II was born in 1920.

17.00 Visiting Pope's home and to the church where he was baptized. Transfer to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska.

18.30 Visiting The Bernardine Monastery complex in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the most famous sanctuaries in Poland. All the mannerist complex (sanctuary, park) is inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO.

20.00 Dinner with the typical Polish food in one of the restaurants in Krakow. The last night in Krakow.

**4<sup>th</sup> day Krakow – Oswiecim (Auschwitz – Birkenau) – Czestochowa – Wroclaw**

7.30 Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel in Krakow.

8.00 Departure for The Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau.

10.00 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.

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.

18.00 Departure for Wroclaw.

21.00 Arrival to Wroclaw and check-in the hotel. Dinner at the hotel. Stay in Wroclaw.

**5<sup>th</sup> day Wroclaw – Poznan**

8.30 Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel in Wroclaw.

9.00 Guided tour of Wroclaw: Gothic Town Hall, The University, The Ostrow Tumski complex with the Cathedral, The Leopoldine Hall. Because of the bridges and islands on The Odra River, Wroclaw is called “Polish Venice”. The tour finishes at The Market Square.

13.00 Lunch at the restaurant in the centre of Wroclaw.

14.00 Free time.

17.00 Departure for Poznan.

20.00 Arrival to Poznan and check – in the hotel. Dinner at the restaurant in the old town or at the hotel. Stay in Poznan.

**6<sup>th</sup> day****Poznan – Gniezno – Warsaw**

- 8.00 Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel in Poznan.  
9.00 Visiting Poznan.  
13.00 Lunch at the restaurant in Poznan.  
14.30 Departure for Gniezno.  
16.00 Visiting Gniezno. Visiting The Cathedral, the place of crowning of the first Polish kings.  
17.30 Departure for Warsaw.  
20.00 Arrival to Warsaw and check - in the hotel. Dinner at the hotel. Stay in Warsaw. .

**7<sup>th</sup> 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 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).

**8<sup>th</sup> day****Departure from Poland.**

- x Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel in Warsaw.  
y Transfer to the airport. Departure from Poland.