holidayswithdowntown.com

1-855-55-TOURS

# Central and Southern Poland 7 days – 6 nights Warsaw, Czestochowa, Krakow, Auschwitz, Wieliczka, Zakopane Discovery, Culture, History

## Day 1 - Mon: Warsaw

After your arrival at Chopin Airport in Warsaw, you will be met by our representative and escorted to your hotel. Dinner will be served at the hotel. [D]

# Day 2 - Tue: Warsaw

Following breakfast, you will join a full-day sightseeing tour: the Old City, the Main Square, the Cathedral, the Royal Castle, the Warsaw Barbican and defensive wall, Miodowa Street, Krakowskie Przedmieście Street – the representative street of the city, Warsaw Uprising Monument, the Ghetto Heroes Monument, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Royal Łazienki Museum, and the Warsaw Rising Museum. Dinner in a local restaurant. Return to the hotel. [B/D]

# Day 3 - Wed: Warsaw, Czestochowa, Krakow

Departure will be made from Warsaw to Częstochowa after breakfast. At Częstochowa, the check-in will be at the hotel. This afternoon start the visit to the Sanctuary of the Black Virgin Mary of Jasna Gora. Millions of pilgrims from all over the world come to Częstochowa to see it. The city of Czestochowa is an important religious sanctuary connected with the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, better known as the Black Madonna. There have been reports for centuries of miraculous events occurring to those who made a pilgrimage to the unique portrait. While the portrait is what the pilgrims mostly focus on, also the votive offerings collected in the monastery given to the Black Madonna over the centuries are worth seeing. Gifts range from swords and scepters to rosaries made of dried bread in concentration camps. Visit the Sanctuary including the Treasury Museum and the ancient weapons' collection. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

## Day 4 - Thu: Krakow

All-day sightseeing tour in Kraków: Market Square, St. Mary's Church, Cloth Hall, a walk along the Royal Route to the Wawel Castle - visiting the chambers and Armor room. In the afternoon a walk in the Jewish district in Kazimierz. Dinner in a local restaurant. [B/D]

# Day 5 - Fri: Krakow (Auschwitz, Wieliczka)

After breakfast we leave for the former Nazi Concentration Camp from World War 2 in Auschwitz-Birkenau. The Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum – which is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List – makes an unforgettable impression on every visitor. Every year, millions of visitors walk through the gate with the cynic motto "Arbeit macht frei" (Work will set you free). The tour begins with a 15-minute documentary movie about the history of the camp. Then, the guide will lead you through Konzentrationslager Auschwitz I, showing the surviving prison blocks, the gas chamber and the crematorium. The second part of your visit will cover the Auschwitz II Birkenau camp, where you can ascend the watchtower above the entrance gate to catch a view over the whole area of both concentration camps. The next stop will be the Wielieczka Salt Mine - one of the most valuable monuments of culture in Poland. Its underground itinerary tunnels are 2.2 miles long. Visit the Chapel of St. Kinga located 330 ft. below ground with crystal salt chandeliers and grey salt sculptures. The miraculous image of Merciful Jesus painted by Adolf Hyła is placed above the side altar on the left side of the chapel. The altar was blessed by Father Józef Andrasz, SJ (Sister Faustina's spiritual director) on 16 April 1944, on the first Sunday after Easter. Copies and reproductions of the image have spread throughout the world, thereby fulfilling the words of Jesus spoken to Sister Faustina at the first of His revelations: "I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world" (Diary 47). Back to the hotel in Krakow for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

# Day 6 - Sat: Krakow (Zakopane)

After breakfast leave for Zakopane a city in with about 30 thousand inhabitants surrounded by the

#### holidayswithdowntown.com

# 1-855-55-TOURS

Tatras mountains (the most important mountain range in Poland). This is the capital of winter sports and also a meeting place for hikers in the summer. As you walk through the city you will be surprised by the traditional houses that have a particular charm, and in the summer, you can attend the festival organized by the city on the theme of mountain folklore. Spend all day in the Tatra Mountains taking the ski-lift to Gubałówka, walk in the town, visit the Tatra Museum and a local market, your last chance to get some souvenirs. Back to your hotel in Krakow for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

# Day 7 - Sun: Krakow, USA

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel. At the appointed time you'll be picked-up and driven to the airport to board your flight back to the USA. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner



#### You Tour Includes:

- Airfare USA-Warsaw//Krakow-USA
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 6 nights' accommodation:
  - o Warsaw 2 nights
  - o Krakow 4 nights
- Meals:
  - o Breakfast daily
  - o 6 dinners
- English speaking driver/assistant throughout the tour
- English speaking local guides
- Entrance fees in
  - o Warsaw

- o Czestochowa
- o Krakow
- o Auschwitz
- o Wieliczka
- Hotel taxes

# Your Tour does not include:

- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Travel insurance
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

#### Hotels in your Tour:

| <u> </u>    |                     |             |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| City        | Hotel Name          | Tripadvisor |
| First Class |                     |             |
| Warsaw      | Mercure City Center | 4           |
| Krakow      | Mercure Old Town    | 5           |
| Deluxe      |                     |             |
| Warsaw      | Intercontinental    | 4.5         |
| Krakow      | Holiday Inn         | 4.5         |

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

holidayswithdowntown.com

1-855-55-TOURS

#### **Tour Prices:**

# From: \$1,499 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

This program can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

#### Airfare

We also be glad to adjust the airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

## Program

You may add or remove;

- o Trip days
- o Cities and sites
- o Meals

# Other options

- o The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- o If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

# Quotation

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

#### Tour Code: PI 01WAW21PI

# **Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Private arrival and/or departure transfer

## **Group Quotations**

- The options suggested in the itinerary will be quoted at time of booking
- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the lad journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.