

**Central Europe Caprice  
12 days – 11 nights  
Prague, Bratislava, Krakow, Wieliczka, Zakopane, Czestochowa, Warsaw  
Discovery, Culture, History**

**Day 1- Mon: Prague**

After arrival in Prague you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to rest and relax. In the evening enjoy dinner and overnight at your hotel. [B]

**Day 2 - Tue: Prague**

Prague, the city with a hundred spiers, is on the UNESCO World Heritage list and is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. In the Old City we have the famous Astronomical Clock at City Hall. The winding alleys of the Jewish Quarter, attractive cafés, shops, Charles Bridge, a splendid Gothic structure and St. Nicholas Church in the Malá Strana district, the most beautiful baroque church in Prague. The gardens of the palaces away from the tumults of the city, Petřín and its observation tower, little sister of the Eiffel Tower, or the Prague Castle ... Each district of Prague has a special atmosphere and a unique charm. Prague will seem like a changing city that likes to alternate styles. It is both romantic and hectic, old and modern, but it is mostly a cosmopolitan city, accustomed to welcoming foreigners. After breakfast will begin the sightseeing of the Czech capital including Prague Castle from the 9th century (houses the office of the President of the Czech Republic), "Golden Lane", stroll through "Mala Strana" and walk across Charles Bridge. Free time to continue discovering the city, relax at a side walk café or do some shopping. This evening enjoy dinner on a river cruise on the Vltava. Return to the hotel. [B/D]

**Day 3 - Wed: Prague, Bratislava**

In the morning, we'll complete the city tour visiting Wenceslas Square, Old Town Square, Old Town Hall and Prague's astronomical clock. Free time in Prague until we drive to Bratislava for dinner and overnight hotel. [B/D]

**Day 4 - Thu: Bratislava**

The history of Bratislava, known as the Pressburg in Germany and Poszony in Hungary, is six thousand years old. Located in the very heart of Europe, on the banks of the Danube River, Bratislava has become a crossroads of ancient trade routes and a center of several cultures such as Celts, Romans, Slavs, Germans and Hungarians who all reigned there. Bratislava became the political center of the country when its real renaissance began in 1536, at a time when much of Hungary was invaded by the Turks. During the reign of Empress Maria Theresa of Austria, Bratislava became the largest and most important city in Hungary. After the defeat of the Turks by the Habsburgs, most central administrations were transferred to Budin a satellite city located some 20 miles from Bratislava. Today's sightseeing of Slovakia's capital will include a stroll through the Old Town, Main Square, Old Town Hall, Bridge of the Slovak National Uprising. We end the tour with a cruise on Danube River. Then return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

**Day 5 - Fri: Bratislava, Krakow**

After breakfast in Bratislava we will drive to Krakow. After check-in you'll have some free time to venture into the city and start discovering by yourself. In the evening return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

**Day 6- Sat: Krakow.**

Krakow is the capital of Lesser Poland Voivodeship. Founded in the 7th century, the legend attributes its origin to the imaginary king Krakus. A testimony of the twelfth century, attributed to Vincent Kadlubek, bishop of Krakow, says that the ruler founded the city after killing a dragon whose cave was dug into the cliff of Wawel. The city still bears the name of its mythological founder. Krakow is one of the oldest cities in Poland and was its capital before Warsaw. Its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city of Pope John Paul II and astronomer Copernicus remains the cultural and

scientific center of the country. The second oldest university in Central Europe is there. Once freed from the yoke of the USSR and communism, the old people's democracy adapts to a free-trade economy. Krakow now hosts fifty multinational companies. Krakow is the second most visited city in Poland, behind Warsaw, the capital. Today will be fully dedicated a tour of the city visiting the Main Square, the Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Church, historic churches around the Old City, the Jagiellonian University, Collegium Maius, Wawel the Royal Castle and Wawel the Cathedral. Dinner in an authentic Krakow style restaurant and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

#### Day 7 - Sun: Krakow (Wieliczka)

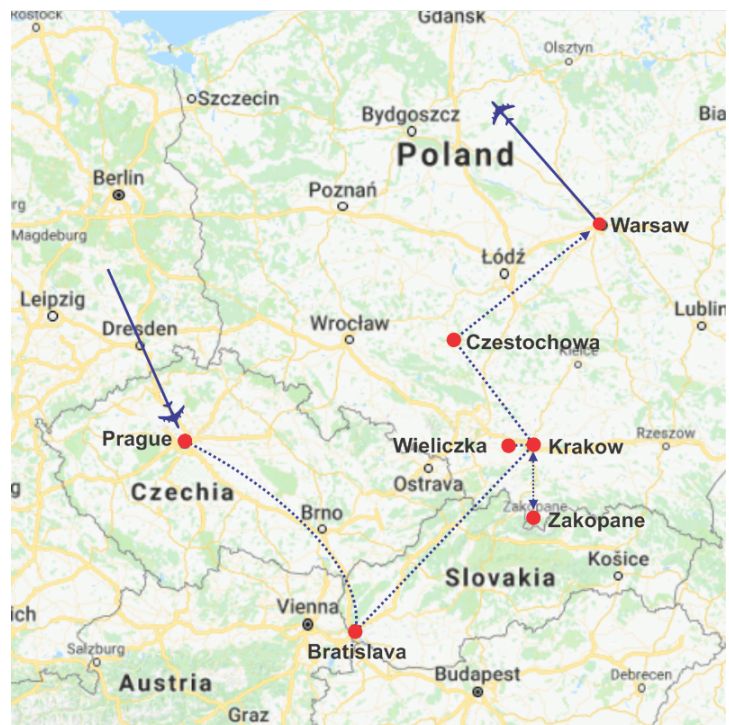
After breakfast we drive to Wieliczka best known for its cathedral carved in a salt mine. We visit the mine that has been operating continuously since the Middle Ages until 1996 and is one of the most visited tourist sites in Poland. This rock salt mine, whose formation dates back to a few million years ago, consists of a series of underground workings spread over nine levels, going up to 1,073 feet deep. It includes more than 185 miles of galleries and about 3000 rooms cut in salt deposits. But what makes it quite unique is that it was dug by miners whose job was handed down from generation to generation. And many of them were artists-sculptors. The mine is a work of art in itself and has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978. It is also a real city, where cultural events and exhibitions are held. Free time for you discover the city on your own before returning to Krakow for dinner and overnight at your hotel. [B/D]

#### Day 8 - Mon: Krakow (Zakopane)

Departure to Zakopane, the capital of Poland's Tatra Mountain region. We'll reach the mountains by ski-lift to Gubałowka. Walk in the city with free time. Zakopane is the capital of the Polish Carpathians, famous for its original folklore and for the beauty of its landscapes appreciated by all, sportsmen and artists included since several hundred years. In the summer many hiking trails crisscross the Tatra National Park (Tatrzański Park Narodowy). The most traveled path is the one leading to Mount Giewont. For more tranquility, you will have to sink deeper or avoid periods of greater affluence. In the winter you have Zakopane's 17 miles of slopes spread over 10 ski areas. On their program: Downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing. Many rental shops offer all the necessary equipment. Late afternoon we go back to Krakow for dinner and accommodation at your hotel. [B/D]

#### Day 9 - Tue: Krakow, Czestochowa, Warsaw

After breakfast we leave Krakow on our way to Czestachowa to visit the Jasna Góra Monastery. In 1382, a group of Paulians came to Czestochowa, taking possession of a small wooden church in Jasna Góra. Władysław Jagiełło asked to build a monastery and place the image of Our Lady of Czestochowa, restored, already famous for her grace. This made the pilgrimage grow in the sanctuary. King Władysław IV in the 17th century made Jasna Góra a fortress. The basilica, in its present form, with the monastery was built in the seventeenth century. Inside is an altar made of ebony and silver and the famous Jasna Gora icon. The image of the Virgin Mary, called the Black Madonna, famous for miracles, according to legend, was painted by Saint Luke. With short breaks, the painting is in the Jasna Gora Monastery for over 600 years, being the object of worship and the goal of millions of pilgrims from around the



world. Then, we continue to Warsaw for check-in and some free time to explore. Return to your hotel for dinner and accommodation. [B/D]

**Day 10 - Wed: Warsaw**

Following breakfast, you will join a full-day sightseeing tour to visit the Old City, Main Square, Cathedral, Royal Castle, 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 11 - Thu: Warsaw (Wilanow)**

The history of Wilanow Palace began on April 23, 1677 when the village of Milanów, becomes the property of the Polish king Jean III Sobieski. Shortly after, a new name is proposed: That of Villa Nova to refer to the traditions of yesteryear, then modified in Wilanów, sounding much more Polish. The residence built there is relatively small in size, since the architect of the royal court, Augustyn Locci, is given a project of a manor without 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, a layout typical for the time in the Republic of Poland. However, the military successes of the Polish monarch and the resulting renown contribute to a considerable extension of the original project, especially during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter on the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Wilanów Palace is one of the few historical monuments in Warsaw that survived the disasters caused by the Second World War. The park is an integral part of the architectural ensemble of Wilanów Palace and Gardens. Free time for shopping at the mall and return to the hotel in Warsaw for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

**Day 12 - Fri: Warsaw, USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and free time depending on your flight schedule. At the appointed time you'll be picked-up and transferred to the airport to board you flight back home. [B]

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

**Your Tour includes:**

- Airfare USA-Prague//Warsaw-USA
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 11 nights' accommodation:
  - Prague - 2 nights
  - Bratislava = 2 nights
  - Cracow - 4 nights
  - Warsaw – 3
- Meals:
  - Breakfast daily
  - 11 dinners
- Visits in:
  - Prague
  - Bratislava
  - Krakow
  - Wieliczka
  - Zakopane
  - Czestochowa

- Warsaw
- Vilanow
- Entrance fees and local guides
- English speaking Driver/Assistant throughout the tour
- Local guides for visits
- Transportation by A/C vehicle
- 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:**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Prague	Park Inn by Radisson	3.5
Bratislava	Hotel Devin	4.5
Krakow	Hotel Mercure Old Town	5
Warsaw	Hotel Mercure City Center	4

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

**Tour Prices:****From: \$3,815 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;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

**• Other options**

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- 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:** PL06PRG21PI

**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 land 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.