

Simple Pleasures

Let us show you everyday Poland, its people and the lesser-known places which hold great charm for Poles. For connoisseurs who have already fallen in love with Poland.

Duration: 7 days

Availability: every day

Departures from: Krakow

Price per person

PRICING

No. of people

PRICE

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- hotel accommodation as above or with comparable standards
- transport (minibus or a comfortable limousine if 2 person booked)
- professional English-speaking tour manager/driver during the tour
- 12 diversified meals, including breakfasts and 6 three-course dinners
- all entrance fees (described in the programme)
- tickets for the cable car to Mt. Zar
- raft trip along the Dunajec river
- city tours of Zamosc, Lublin and Kazimierz Dolny (professional city guides)
- tour organization and travel documents
- all taxes

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Day 1: Impressive Beskid

Morning: After breakfast we set off from Krakow on our journey to the east of Poland. The first stop is **Mt. Zar**, where we take a cable car ride for a vista of the beautiful Beskid Maly landscape. *Afternoon:* The next stop is **Zywiec** and the **Brewery Museum** (opened in 2006), a very interesting place even for non-beer drinkers. You will see the modern process of beer production, a model of the brewery and old workshops. Beer tasting can be arranged. *Evening:* We arrive at **Lanckorona**, hidden in the Beskidy mountains and check-in at local hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2: Nowy Sacz & the ornamented village

Morning: First point is a walk in charming little village **Lanckorona**. Its local architecture has been kept since 19th century. We will visit local small museum and discover some very nice examples of wooden architecture. Later on we will leave the area of Beskid Maly and head further east to visit the **Nowy Sacz**

Etnographic Park that is famous for its wide range of regional folk architecture and their interiors.

Afternoon: We continue to one of the most homely spots in Poland - **the village of Zalipie**, where all the houses are painted in colourful floral motifs. We will visit local cultural centre and discover more interesting facts about Zalipie. *Evening:* We reach **Tarnow**, where we will stay for the next two nights. Dinner and free evening.

Day 3: Wooden church and picturesque raft trip

Morning: The first stop is in **Debno**, the site of an exquisite wooden church dating back to the 16th century (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). Next, we move on to the picturesque gothic **Niedzica castle** situated by Lake Czorsztyn. *Afternoon:* We continue our adventure with a **rafting trip (2.5 hrs.) down the scenic Dunajec river gorge**, meandering gently along the Polish-Slovak border through the Pieniny National Park. The rafts are comfortable and safe. Similar in design to a punt boat, the rafter propels the vessel forward with a long pole. Millions of years ago the river made its way through mighty limestone rocks. Visitors are drawn here by the spectacular views. After the trip, we visit a charming **Renaissance castle in Nowy Wisnicz**. *Evening:* We return to Tarnow for one more night to enjoy a lovely dinner and get some rest.

Day 4: A shot of vodka & Zamosc

Morning: We set off again in the easterly direction towards the famous **Renaissance palace in Lancut**. *Afternoon:* A visit of the splendid interiors of the 17th-century palace in Lancut. Another must-see is the museum located in **the local vodka distillery** next to the palace. We will learn more about the drink that has enjoyed a long historical presence in Polish culture. On the way to Zamość we will have a short stop in lovely small town **Lezajsk**, where you will find out a little bit about Jewish history in Poland at its most spiritual location in the country. *Evening:* We arrive at **Zamosc**, where we will stay for one night. We recommend taking a short walk around the famous market after the delicious dinner.

Day 5: Lublin - a perfect town & byzantine frescos

Morning: We start the day by sightseeing **Zamosc** (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). It was built as a private town with the design to embody the Renaissance concepts of perfect harmony of urban functions and proportions. After that, we head north towards Lublin and Kazimierz Dolny. *Afternoon:* We sightsee **Lublin**: a city whose history dates back to the 12th century with its magnificent Old Town, full of charming alleys and cafes. *Evening:* Arrival in **Kazimierz Dolny**, where we will stay for two nights.

Day 6: Kazimierz Dolny and Naleczow

Morning: After breakfast, we have a guided tour of the most artistic small town in Poland: **Kazimierz Dolny**. The town is picturesquely located on the Vistula River and features countless wonderfully preserved mediaeval sights. Most of the year it is a very quiet place, an ideal sanctuary for slowing down and savouring life. *Afternoon:* You have free time to enjoy the simple pleasures in Kazimierz Dolny. Alternatively, it is possible to take a trip to **Naleczow**, a well-known spa resort located 30 km from Kazimierz Dolny. *Evening:* Free time in Kazimierz and dinner.

Day 7: Return to Warsaw

Morning: After breakfast we start our trip towards Warsaw. After 30 minutes' drive we will visit a small town **Pulawy**, where a beautiful residential garden is located. The park was founded in 17th century by the aristocratic family of Czartoryski. The garden was also the location of the first museum and art gallery on Polish territory, which was opened in the building called Temple of the Sybil. *Afternoon:* Return to Warsaw is scheduled at approx. 16:00.

