

Pearls Of The East

An ideal trip for everyone interested in discovering different part of Poland – with multicultural history, beautiful wild nature and hospitable inhabitants. It is a perfect continuation of our classic tours - [Grand Tour of Poland](#) and [Polish Dream tour](#). Feel the magic of Eastern Poland!

Duration: 13 days

Availability: June & September 2019

Departures from: Warsaw

Reduced prices are available only for new bookings made from 19th Nov to 25th Nov.

PRICING

Tour Date	Double occupancy	Single occupancy
7/Jun/2019 - 19/Jun/2019	2009 EUR / per person	2438 EUR / per person
13/Sep/2019 - 25/Sep/2019	2009 EUR / per person	2438 EUR / per person

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- hotel accommodation as described or similar
- transport (air-conditioned high-class motorcoach)
- experienced driver
- professional English-speaking escort guide while on tour
- 17 diversified meals, including breakfasts and five three-course dinners
- city tours of Warsaw, Bialystok, Lublin, Rzeszow and Krakow with licensed guides
- sightseeing of Wolf's Lair, Swieta Lipka, Tykocin, Branicki Palace, Underground Lublin, Kozlowka palace, palace and distillery museum in Lancut, Zalipie, Bobowa, Lipnica Murowana, Church of the Virgin Mary, Wawel hill and Krakow Underground Museum
- private visit with vodka tasting in Polish Vodka Museum
- entrance to private Chopin piano concert
- boat trip on the Krutynia river
- half-day tour in Bialowieza National Park including forest museum and Bison Show Reserve
- tasting in Polish winery on the outskirts of Krakow
- information booklet
- tour organization and travel documents

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

- airfares
- airport transfers
- gratuity
- travel insurance

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival day

Individual arrivals to hotel. *Evening* Meeting at the hotel's lobby with tourguide and office representative. This will be continue by a delicious welcome dinner.

Day 2: Warsaw - the city that never sleeps

Morning Explore the very best of fascinating Warsaw: **the Old Town** almost completely rebuilt after the destruction of World War II; the area of the former Jewish ghetto; the living city centre and the stylish Royal Route connected with the Lazienki Royal Gardens and its Palace on the Water, the former residence of the Polish King Stanislaw August Poniatowski. *Afternoon* Visit the **Polish Vodka Museum**, a brand new place devoted to Polish vodka, a national tradition of more than 500 years and one of our best-known product exports. *Evening* A classic Polish dinner in one of the best restaurants located in the Old Town area. We will finish this day with an **exclusive piano concert** with a music of Frederic Chopin, the best known Polish composer and pianist of 19th century who made an incredible impact on the music world.

Day 3: Great Masurian Lakes

Morning We will start a day travelling to Masuria, a region in northern Poland famous for impressive natural beauty with almost 3,000 lakes, dense forests, organic farms and charming resort towns. The first attraction of the trip will be a stop at the **Krutynia river** to enjoy a traditional boat trip, through one of the most spectacular nature landscapes in Poland. *Afternoon* We arrive to **Gizycko**, the biggest yacht harbor in Masurian area. During free time don't forget to admire a former Prussian Boyen Fortress, Water Tower, the unusual swing bridge and charming historic houses. *Evening* Dinner and overnight stay in the 14th-century Teutonic castle converted into an elegant hotel.

Day 4: Gierloz & Swieta Lipka

Morning Our sightseeing starts in the heart of the Masurian forests where was **Adolf Hitler's first Eastern Front military headquarters** in World War II. This was also the site of the famous assassination attempt in 1944 as a part of Operation Valkyrie, a covert plan to take control in the German Reich following Hitler's death. *Afternoon* Our next step is **Swieta Lipka**, known from the Sanctuary of St. Mary, an important pilgrimage shrine, a masterpiece of Baroque architecture. *Evening* Free time. Second overnight stay in Gizycko.

Day 5: Biebrza National Park, Tykocin and Bialystok

Morning We will travel through **Biebrza National Park** famous for the largest area of marshes in Central Europe. Then we will go to **Tykocin**, a charming small city being one of the largest Jewish communities in Poland. The major point of the visit is XVII century synagogue and majestic Baroque church of the Holy Trinity. *Afternoon* Arrival to **Bialystok**, the biggest city in the north-eastern Poland, region famous from wild nature and multicultural traditions. After check in, take part of a short city tour. Feel like a nobleman in the Branicki Palace, beautiful aristocratic residence called "The Polish Versailles", relax in the main square with Town Hall, feel the magic atmosphere of Orthodox Church of St Nicholas from 19th century and Church of St Roch, Monument of Poland's Regained Independence. Overnight stay in Bialystok.

Day 6: Bialowieza

Morning Depart to **Bialowieza National Park**, famous for its unique virgin forest and European bison (called "żubr" in Polish). During a half-day tour we will show you a forest museum with many precious scientific collections and the European Bison Show Reserve where you will admire these big mammals and other wild animals like a wolf and lynx. *Late afternoon* Depart to Lublin for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 7: Lublin, the city of inspirations

First part of the day is dedicated to the city sightseeing. Our route leads to the most interesting monuments of the Lublin Old Town: Castle Hill with the Lublin Castle, Grodzka Gate, Dominican Church, Market Square with the Crown Tribunal, the Cathedral with its Acoustic Sacristy Chamber and Treasury, 14th century Krakow Gate and New Town Hall. The tour ends ... 280 metres running beneath the Market Square! A tour through the Old City cellars, allows visitors to discover Lublin's historical past. Free afternoon and evening.

Day 8:

Morning Departure from Lublin to Rzeszow. Visit beautifully preserved Palace of the celebrated Polish aristocratic family of Zamoyski in **Kozlowka**. The Palace boasts a splendid intact interior in the style of the Second Empire. See also the **Socialist Art Gallery** in a nearby park where one can find monuments of nowadays unpopular heroes of the Communist era, dismantled and relocated from their original sites. Arrive to Rzeszow in late afternoon.

Day 9: Rzeszow and Lancut

Morning City tour of **Rzeszow**, the biggest city of Podkarpackie Province. During the walking tour you will visit the Old City with Main Market and Town Hall from the late 19th century as well as dominant building of the Gothic Church of St. Stanislaw and Wojciech and remains of the Old Castle of Ligez family. After we will see 17th century Old Town Synagogue and New Town Synagogue, both reconstructed after World War 2. After the lunch break we will travel to **Lancut** to visit the **Castle Museum** - another aristocratic palace with splendid interiors decorated in different styles with unique 18th century court theatre and Carriage House with 140 horse-drawn carriages of manifold purposes. In the afternoon visit the **Lancut Distillery Museum** and sample their delicious liquors.

Day 10: Zalipie, Bobowa and Lipnica Murowana

On our way to Krakow we will visit the **Painted Village of Zalipie**, a charming community with cottages painted with decorative floral motifs. Then we go to **Bobowa** to see wooden architecture of typical shtetl (a pre-WW2 Jewish settlement, synagogue, Jewish cemetery) and **Lipnica Murowana** with its 15th century wooden church of St. Leonard - UNESCO site.

Day 11: Magic Krakow

This morning we will enjoy the beauty of Krakow. This city tour promises to be a feast for the senses and includes: exploring the medieval section of the town, the largest market square in Europe, the fascinating

churches with different architectural styles; and the beautiful streets brimming with old world charm. The world's biggest wooden altar (carved by Veit Stoss between 1477-1489) opens its wings in the Church of the Virgin Mary each day and we will be there to witness the magical moment. From one of its twin towers we can hear the Hejnal every hour, the haunting alarm-call played by a trumpeter. The tour also included a comfortable walking tour of the legendary Royal Wawel Hill, covering the Royal Cathedral and the Belfry.

Day 12: Culinary Krakow

Morning We will visit the centrally-located **Underground Museum** to explore the medieval history of the city. *Afternoon* Free time or **excursion to a Polish winery** with a possibility to taste Polish wines in a charming setting overlooking the Vistula River. *Evening* A horse-drawn carriage ride around the old town after which we invite you to farewell dinner in an excellent local restaurant combined with **pierogi (filled dumplings) workshop**.

Day 13: Departure

Last day in Krakow. Depending on your flight/train schedule, independent transfers to the airport in Kraków or to the railway station. If you plan to continue to other destinations to extend your tour, we will be glad to assist with further arrangements. We can help in arranging the following extra excursions:

- To Auschwitz- Birkenau Museum
- To Wieliczka Salt Mines
- To The Eagles' Nests trail (Szlak Orlich Gniazd)
- To Dunajec Raft Trip
- Zakopane mountain resort
- Jasna Gora (Black Madonna) Monastery
- Brewery in Tychy

