

Poland's Best in 7 Days (escorted tour)

Experience the best of Poland in just 7 days! This tour offers an immersive journey into Poland's rich heritage and fascinating culture. Begin in **Warsaw**, where Chopin's legacy lives on in every note. Reflect on history at **Auschwitz & Birkenau**, the solemn reminders of the Holocaust. Next, explore **Krakow**, the majestic "City of Kings," and revel in its architectural splendor. Journey to **Zakopane**, nestled in the Tatra Mountains and home to the Polish highlanders (*górale*). Be awed by the intricate beauty of the **Wieliczka Salt Mine**, a subterranean wonderland crafted by ordinary miners.

Finally, visit the revered **National Shrine in Czestochowa**, a sanctuary of Polish heritage. Along the way, indulge in a soul-stirring evening of Chopin's music and savor Poland's iconic dishes - *pierogi*, *zurek*, and *oscypek*, made uniquely in the Tatra Mountains.

This tour is a celebration of Poland's spirit, offering unforgettable experiences and a deep connection to what makes this country so extraordinary.

Duration: 7 days

Availability: Apr 2025 - Sep 2025

Departures from: Warsaw

Friends & Family Saver

Book this tour for at least 4 people to receive a **10% discount for each participant**. [Terms & conditions](#)

Promotional pricing: If the tour is offered at a promotional price, only customers who have not previously booked the same tour are eligible for the discount.

Payment: deposit of 20% of the tour price, paid within 7 days of the reservation date. Final balance of 80% should be paid at least 65 days before the tour departure.

Cancellations: If you have to cancel your tour 66 days or earlier before the departure, we charge only a service fee of 50 EUR per person. Cancellations made 65-46 days before the tour departure result in 50% fee. The fee then grows to 100%.

Billing currency is Polish Zloty (PLN). Prices are shown for orientation purposes also in the preferred currencies of our customers: USD, CAD, GBP, AUD and EUR.

For **Double Occupancy**, you and your travel companion will share a hotel room. If you are traveling alone, we will pair you with another solo traveler of the same gender.

Single Occupancy: Experience the comfort and privacy of having your own hotel room.

Triple room - upon request.

PRICING

Tour Date	Double occupancy	Single occupancy
25/Apr/2025 - 1/May/2025	1422 EUR / per person	1754 EUR / per person
26/Sep/2025 - 2/Oct/2025	1422 EUR / per person	1754 EUR / per person

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- hotel accommodation as described or similar
- 6 breakfasts, 2 dinners (full 3-course meals with water /set

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

- Tour headsets available upon request (cost: 9 PLN per person per day).

menu)

- highlander cheese *oscypek* tasting
- transport per the itinerary (air-conditioned high-class motorcoach or minibus or van)
- experienced driver
- parking fees
- professional English speaking tour escort throughout
- Chopin piano concert with a glass of wine per person
- A guided city tour of Warsaw, no admission fees- 4hrs
- A guided city tour of Krakow, inc. St. Mary's Basilica and Wawel Cathedral - 4hrs /walk
- A guided city tour of Zakopane inc. cable car ride to Mt. Gubalowka
- A guided tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau,
- A guided tour of Wieliczka Salt Mine,
- A guided tour of Black Madonna Shrine at Czestochowa
- city tax where required
- information booklet
- tour organization and travel documents

- airfare
- airport transfer
- travel insurance
- optional gratuity
- other services not mentioned in programme

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Warsaw

Independent arrivals and check-in at the Warsaw hotel. *Afternoon & Evening:* At approximately 4:00 p.m., meet and greet your tour leader and fellow travelers in the hotel lobby. After a short introduction, take a **bus transfer to the Old Town**, which was painstakingly rebuilt from scratch after WWII and now enjoys its place on the UNESCO World Heritage List. On the way, visit the **Church of the Holy Cross**, where Chopin's heart lies inside an urn, brought home in 1849 by his sister. A biblical passage inscribed on a pillar reads, "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*" Warsaw is where Frederic Chopin developed his talent for almost twenty years. Enjoy an evening of **Chopin's music**, described by German composer Robert Schumann as "cannons hidden among blossoms," capturing the quintessence of Polish romanticism. Then, **savor culinary delights** during a welcome dinner. Return transfer to the hotel.

Meals: dinner

Overnight: Novotel Centrum **** (Warsaw)

Day 2: Indomitable Warsaw

Warsaw, in many ways, is an allegory of the Polish nation. **Its impressive history is second to none.** The city endured the trauma of World War II, but the inner strength of the nation led to the reconstruction

of its heritage on a scale unique in world history. Without this, Warsaw would not be the city it is today. Meet with one of the best local guides and explore **Warsaw's highlights**: the Royal Route, the Palace of Culture & Science, and the Ghetto Heroes Memorial. Follow in the footsteps of Polish royalty on a **tour of Lazienki Park**, the city's fabulous green heart, where you can see one of the symbols of Warsaw—the Frederic Chopin Monument. **Enjoy some free time**; your tour escort will be happy to offer suggestions. One of the options is Wilanow Palace, which escaped destruction during WWII. It represents the height of Polish Baroque and tells the great love story of Poland's King Jan III Sobieski and his French wife, Marysienka.

Meals: breakfast

Overnight: Novotel Centrum **** (Warsaw)

Day 3: A day of remembrance at Auschwitz-Birkenau

During a **moving visit to Auschwitz & Birkenau**, unveil its somber history. As the largest extermination camp, it was where the German Nazis killed about 1,500,000 people, mainly Jews, but also Poles, Romani, and members of other nationalities. Now a memorial and museum included on the UNESCO World Heritage list, Auschwitz stands as a stark reminder of humanity's capacity for both depravity and heroism. One example of such heroism is **Witold Pilecki**, an Auschwitz volunteer whose firsthand account of the Holocaust was a principal source of intelligence regarding Auschwitz for the Western Allies. Thousands of other heroes could be named as well. **Arrive in Krakow** in the late afternoon and enjoy a relaxing remainder of the day.

Meals: breakfast

Overnight: Kossak (Krakow) ****

Day 4: A day in Krakow's heart

Krakow, the first European city inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List, is the heart of Polish culture. It is where time seems to have stood still. Accompanied by the most professional local guide, **admire its historical brilliance from the magical Old Town up to the Castle and Cathedral on Wawel Hill**, a testament to the golden times in the "City of Kings." Following the **Royal Route**, you will see the ancient areas of **Jagiellonian University** and walk through the **largest medieval square in Europe**, whose surroundings have remained unchanged for almost 700 years. While there, stop to visit the oldest shopping mall, **Sukiennice**, and the **Basilica of the Virgin Mary with its magnificent wooden altarpiece by Veit Stoss**, one of the world's greatest Gothic sculptors. The tour finishes at the **fortified**

city walls next to the Barbican Gate. While strolling on cobblestone streets, you can pick up Krakow's popular snack, *obwarzanek*. Traditionally sold from street carts, it is a parboiled dough ring, sprinkled with salt, poppy, or sesame seeds. The *obwarzanek* has the status of a regional food, with protected geographical indication. The rest of the day is yours to **explore the sights on your own**. You can go for a stroll in Krakow's Jewish quarter, Kazimierz, a bustling, bohemian neighborhood well-known for its associations with Schindler, Spielberg, and Helena Rubinstein, the legendary cosmetics entrepreneur, famous for her phrase, "Beauty is Power." Your tour escort will be happy to offer suggestions.

Meals: breakfast

Overnight: Kossak (Krakow) ****

Day 5: Scenic views and tastes of the Tatras

Approximately 100 km south of Krakow lies the country's capital of winter sports. Upon arrival in **Zakopane**, you will take a **funicular to the top of Gubalowka Hill** for stunning views of the Tatra Mountains, the most spectacular and highest mountain range in Poland. Then, the guide will take you through the center of Zakopane along the 'wooden trail.' You will also taste the symbol of the Tatras - *oscypek* - spindle-shaped smoked sheep's milk cheese, granted Protected Designation of Origin by the EU. A dash of cranberry jam makes the perfect pairing! During your free time, we recommend a **walk along Krupowki Street**, lined with hundreds of local craftsmen. This area has numerous restaurants and souvenir shops, which are a delight to explore, with Goral music playing everywhere. Return to Krakow.

Meals: breakfast and tasting of the *oscypek* cheese

Overnight: Kossak (Krakow) ****

Day 6: Salt Wonderland

The Wieliczka Salt Mine (UNESCO) is not to be missed. It is a place where the word "unique" truly applies. The original galleries, carved statues, and underground salt lakes make for an interesting pilgrimage into the past. **The Chapel of St. Kinga** is the crown jewel of the miners' achievements. Return to Krakow for some leisure time. In the evening, relish the memories of the past few days over a **flavorful farewell dinner**. Enjoy an overnight stay in Krakow.

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Overnight: Kossak (Krakow) ****

Day 7: Journey through faith: visiting the world-famous Black Madonna

In the morning, a return bus transfer from Krakow to Warsaw with a stop in Czestochowa. **The Monastery of Jasna Gora** is home to the miraculous “Black Madonna” icon, which tradition says was painted by St. Luke. This image has made Czestochowa one of the most important pilgrimage destinations in the world, alongside Rome, Lourdes, and Fatima. The tour includes visits to the **Miraculous Picture Chapel** and the **Basilica**. According to St. Pope John Paul II, the heart of the nation beats here. **Arrival in Warsaw** is expected at approximately 18:00. Drop-off is possible at Chopin Airport, Hotel Airport Okęcie, and Hotel Novotel Centrum. To fully meet your needs, we can arrange an extended stay in Warsaw.

Meals: breakfast

