

Grand Tour of Poland

Explore the beauty of Poland on the itinerary which will inspire and enrich travelers of any age.

It includes **Warsaw**, synonymous with bravery and resilience, **Gdansk** renowned for its multi-colored amber and the shipyard that redefined Europe, **Wroclaw** with its magnificent contrasts, **Zakopane** - the center of a proud, Polish highlander tradition, and last but not least the majestic **Krakow**, where the past speaks at its best.

You will **enjoy the elegance of a Chopin polonaise**, embark on a **unique cruise on water and grass**, **meet locals** who will share their gourmet recipes with you, **learn glasswork secrets** from the Borowski family, world top glass artists, and this is just the beginning...

Discover Poland differently with StayPoland!

During the tour you will be accommodated only in luxury 4*/5* hotels.

Duration: 12 days

Availability: May 2024 -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
17/May/2024 - 28/May/2024	2567 EUR / per person	3220 EUR / per person
28/Jun/2024 - 9/Jul/2024	2567 EUR / per person	3220 EUR / per person
16/Aug/2024 - 27/Aug/2024	2567 EUR / per person	3220 EUR / per person
20/Sep/2024 - 1/Oct/2024	2439 EUR / per person	3060 EUR / per person

9/May/2025 - 20/May/2025	2834 EUR / per person	3518 EUR / per person
6/Jun/2025 - 17/Jun/2025	2834 EUR / per person	3518 EUR / per person
12/Sep/2025 - 23/Sep/2025	2834 EUR / per person	3518 EUR / per person

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- hotel accommodation as described or similar
- hotel breakfast
- transport per the itinerary (air-conditioned high-class motorcoach or minibus or van)
- experienced driver
- parking fees
- professional English speaking tour escort throughout
- 4 dinners and 2 lunches, all of them full 3-course meals with water /set menu
- Chopin piano concert with a glass of wine per person
- A guided city tour of Warsaw, no admission fees
- A guided city tour of Gdansk including organ concert ticket in Oliwa Cathedral
- A guided city tour of tour of Torun, no admission fees
- A guided city tour of tour of Wroclaw, no admission fees
- A guided city tour of Zakopane inc. cable car ride to Mt. Gubalowka and cemetery "Na Peksowym Brzyzku"
- A guided city tour of Krakow, inc. St. Mary's Basilica and Wawel Cathedral
- A guided tour of Malbork Castle, Church of Peace in Jawor, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Wieliczka Salt Mine, Black Madonna Shrine in Czestochowa
- Ticket for 2-hour cruise on the Ostroda-Elblag Canal
- Sopot pier ticket
- Visit to Borowski Glass Studio in Tomaszow Boleslawiecki
- Horse carriage ride in Zakopane
- Highlander show at dinner in Zakopane
- city tax where required
- information booklet
- tour organization and travel documents

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

- Tour headsets available upon request (cost: 9 PLN per person per day).
- airfare
- airport transfer
- travel insurance
- optional gratuity
- other services not mentioned in programme

ITINERARY

Day 1: Welcome day

Chopin's music, the quintessence of Polish romanticism *Morning:* Independent arrivals to Warsaw hotel. *Afternoon & Evening:* Approximately at 4pm meet and greet with your tour leader and the other travelers at the hotel lobby. Following a short introduction, you will have a walk to the Old Town. Painstakingly rebuilt from scratch after WW II; it enjoys its place on the UNESCO World Heritage List. On the way visit **the Church of the Holy Cross**. There, inside an urn lies **Chopin's heart**, brought home in

1849 by his sister. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also", reads the biblical passage inscribed on a pillar. **Welcome evening with Chopin's music.** Enter the world of Chopin's brilliant creations, which have earned for him his title of a Poet Of The Piano. Warsaw is where Chopin developed his talent for almost twenty years. Then, taste culinary goodies during welcome dinner.

Meals: welcome dinner

Overnight: Sofitel Victoria ***** (Warsaw)

Day 2: Visit the capital of Poland

Morning: Warsaw wears its epic history with pride. Many renowned film producers have made it their point of reference. A notable example of this is **"The Pianist" by Roman Polanski**, a WWII Holocaust drama about human resilience, and the beauty and power of music to overcome sheer adversity. It tells the true story of the eminent Polish-Jewish virtuoso concert pianist and composer **Wladyslaw Szpilman**, and his unlikely survival under German Nazi control in Warsaw. **The film won three Academy Awards in 2003.** A half-day guided city tour will cover **the very best of fascinating Warsaw:** the vibrant downtown, the historical Jewish Ghetto area, the elegant Royal Route and the Lazienki Park which never loses its appeal. The alleys of the city's fabulous green heart and legacy of the King Stanisław August, will take you to some picturesque buildings, ponds, the enchanting Palace on the Island and the Statue of Chopin featuring the composer sat by the willow tree form, with his hand reaching for the piano keys. ***Afternoon & Evening:*** The remainder of the day is free time to explore on your own. Your tour escort will be happy to offer suggestions. Overnight in Warsaw.

Meals: breakfast

Overnight: Sofitel Victoria ***** (Warsaw)

Day 3: Boat cruise & Teutonic knights

Morning: Shortly after an early breakfast, we board our bus and head northwards to the Baltic Sea. We will travel through the Warmia region, stopping in the charming **Ilawa Lake District** to behold a spectacular marvel of 19th-century German engineering: **the Ostroda-Elblag Canal**. This extraordinary canal system, seamlessly integrated with a narrow-gauge railway, is not only a feat of historic engineering but also one of Poland's grandest attractions. Your boat cruise along this impressive waterway will allow you to immerse in the breathtaking convergence of natural beauty and technical prowess. ***Afternoon:*** A tour of **Malbork castle** a triumph of architecture and one of the biggest medieval castles in Europe. Between 1309-1459, it was the seat of the mighty Order of Teutonic Knights. Today, it is a UNESCO World Heritage

Site with meticulously restored interiors such as the great halls, magnificent high towers and even a central heating system. For dinner savour food with a story to tell. "The Small Dutchman", housed in an old, restored arcaded Mennonite House in Zelichowo, serves the cuisine that has been inspired by the intertwining histories of Slavs, Prussians, Teutonic Knights and Mennonites. Evening: Drive to **Gdansk**. Check in to a comfortable hotel.

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Overnight: Hanza **** (Gdansk)

Day 4: Gdansk city tour

Morning: **Gdansk** changed the world twice in the 20th c. The city of freedom and the capital of amber as it is nicknamed, Gdansk is bursting with color. This millennium-old city on Poland's Baltic Coast, one of the pearls of the Hanzeatic League, is renowned for its rich cultural diversity, iconic harborfronts and the Shipyard that shook the world. **A roller coaster of emotions.** From the first shots of the World War II in Europe, to Soladiryty, the symbol of a European peace revolution. On the way to **Oliwa**, a photo stop by the famous Gdansk (formerly Lenin) Shipyard, **the birthplace of the Solidarity** movement led by Lech Walesa. Then you will enjoy the grandeur of the organ in the beautiful 13th-century cathedral. Our tour ends in **the Old Town of Gdansk**, full of maritime atmosphere and packed with unique Hanzeatic-style architecture. During the sightseeing, you will see the St. Mary's Basilica (the largest Gothic church in Poland), the Neptune Fountain and the Artus Court. Afterwards, you will have a chance to learn how to **prepare delicious pierogi**, Polish national dish. A cooking class will be combined with lunch. Afternoon:& Evening: Free time. Your tour escort will be happy to offer suggestions.

Meals: breakfast, lunch

Overnight: Hanza **** (Gdansk)

Day 5: Europe's longest wooden pier & Torun - the city of Copernicus

Morning: Before we bid farewell to Gdansk and head south towards **Torun**, another red brick pearl, we will take a **leisurely walk on Europe's longest wooden pier in Sopot**. Sopot and its pier have been inseparable for 200 years. Afternoon: Lunch break followed by a tour of **Torun Old Town**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This delightful historical city is rich in original Gothic structures that survived numerous wars and invasions, including a magnificent town hall, medieval fortification walls, the Polish "leaning tower of Pisa", as well as the superb St. James' church. The town has always been famous for its **gingerbread**. Taste it in different shapes and sizes! The town may for many be the surprise hit of the

entire trip. Based on what our previous clients have said, it never fails to leave a lasting impression.

Evening: Free time. Overnight stay in Torun.

Meals: breakfast

Overnight: Hotel 1231 **** (Torun)

Day 6: Wroclaw city tour

Morning: We will travel to **Wroclaw**, the historic capital of Lower Silesia, which celebrated its Millennium in the year 2000. Renowned for its remarkable Gothic architecture, and scenic canals, Wroclaw is often referred to as the "Venice of the North". Afternoon We will have a guided walk through **the Old Town** of Wroclaw and **the Ostrow Tumski**, a treat for lovers of Gothic architecture. The city's iconic attraction is a legion of dwarfs dotting doorways, alleyways and street corners; constantly underfoot but only seen by the observant. Evening: Have a relaxing remainder of the day. Overnight stay in Wroclaw.

Meals: breakfast

Overnight: Radisson BLU Wroclaw *****

Day 7: The Church of Peace & one-of-a-kind world-class glass art

Morning: This day will immerse you in local communities, offering opportunities for **discovery, learning, and inspiration**. In **Tomaszów Bolesławiecki**, you will celebrate the myriad talents of Polish artists - the Borowski Family. They masterfully craft glass into **fabulous indoor and outdoor objects**. Their unique style, passion for color, and superb design have gained international acclaim. Stanislaw Borowski, a prominent figure in the European studio glass movement of the late 1970s, founded the company and has passed this artistic legacy to his three sons. You will gain insights into each step of the glass-crafting process **and will see glass artists at work**. Subsequently, you will explore **the UNESCO-listed Church of Peace** in Jawor. Afternoon: For lunch, savor flavorful, healthy, locally sourced cuisine at the Villa Greta guesthouse. The enchanting village of **Dobków**, where it is situated, was honored with the European Award for Rural Development and Village Renewal in 2017. Here, life moves at a leisurely pace, allowing you to truly unwind. Adding to its allure, Dobków lies in the heart of Poland's astonishing, lesser-known Land of the Dormant Volcanoes. Evening: Free time. Overnight stay in Wroclaw.

Meals: breakfast, lunch

Overnight: Radisson BLU Wroclaw *****

Day 8: Auschwitz-Birkenau & Zakopane

Morning: Today's journey leads us towards a profoundly different kind of experience. In eastern Silesia, on the outskirts of Oswiecim, stand two somber reminders of the former German Nazi death camps: **Auschwitz I** (now a museum) and **II Birkenau**. These sites, now part of the Holocaust Memorial, are preserved so that humanity never forgets one of the darkest chapters in its history. Our visit will provide a solemn reflection on these events. ***Afternoon:*** After a respectful pause and lunch, we continue south to **Zakopane**, the premier Polish mountain resort nestled at the base of the majestic **Carpathian Mountains**. ***Evening:*** In Zakopane, we transition to a different aspect of Polish culture with a **horse carriage ride** to one of the best local restaurants. Here, you will enjoy a **lively highlander show featuring live music and dance**, offering a glimpse into the folk customs still thriving in this region. You'll also get to taste local cuisine and the robust 'highlander tea'. The day concludes with an overnight stay at a Zakopane hotel.

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Overnight: Bachleda Hotel Kasprowy **** (Zakopane)

Day 9: Polish mountains

Morning: We explore the exquisite **local wooden architecture** in Zakopane before hopping onto the funicular railway to **Mt. Gubalowka**, one of the most beautiful peaks in the Tatra Mountains, to take in the breathtaking scenery. The tour would be incomplete without visiting one of the most famous Polish cemeteries, "**Na Pekowym Brzyzku**," where several notable figures in culture, science, and art are buried, along with a range of individuals who significantly contributed to Zakopane and the Tatra Mountains. The local tombstones and crosses are an amalgamation of folk traditions and art trends that dominated the 19th and 20th centuries. ***Afternoon:*** After lunch, there will be time for some **souvenir hunting along Krupowki Street** in Zakopane. Next, we check out and depart from Zakopane. ***Evening:*** Arrival in **Krakow**. Overnight stay in the beautiful Old Town hotel.

Meals: breakfast

Overnight: Radisson BLU Hotel Krakow *****

Day 10: Wieliczka Salt Mine & free time in Krakow

Morning: Descent into the underground chambers of the **Wieliczka Salt Mines** for an unparalleled and eerie tour of the medieval galleries, chapels and halls carved out of rock and salt deposits. All you've

heard about this place is true: there is nothing like it in the world. Afternoon & evening: Free time. Take this advantage for personal independent exploraton to see and do what interests you most. Your tour escort will be happy to offer suggestions. Overnight stay in Krakow.

Meals: breakfast

Overnight: Radisson BLU Hotel Krakow *****

Day 11: All flavors of Krakow

Morning: Krakow, ranking among Europe's most impressive destinations, captivates with its ancient core. This city tour, a sensory feast, encompasses: the medieval quarter with **Europe's largest main town square**; the fascinating churches showcasing diverse architectural styles; and the most picturesque streets exuding old-world charm. We will witness the unveiling of **the world's largest wooden altar**, carved by Veit Stoss between 1477-1489, in the Church of the Virgin Mary. From one of its twin towers, the **Hejnał Mariacki**, a haunting trumpet call, is played each hour, famously ending mid-note. Our tour also includes a comfortable walking exploration of the legendary Wawel Castle, covering the Cathedral and the Belfry. Afternoon: Take a lunch break and enjoy some free time to independently explore the charming streets of the Old Town. Evening: Relish the memories of the past few days over a **flavorful farewell dinner**. Overnight stay in Krakow.

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Overnight: Radisson BLU Hotel Krakow *****

Day 12: Black Madonna Shrine & return to Warsaw

Morning: Breakfast is followed by the last highlight of our tour -**Czestochowa**. Along with Rome, Fatima in Portugal and Lourdes in France, the **Jasna Gora Monastery** of Czestochowa belongs to the most important and inspiring pilgrimage points in Christendom. **According to St. Pope John Paul II - the heart of the nations beats here.** We will see not only the famous Black Madonna but also the monastery premises on a tour led by a resident Pauline monk. Afternoon & evening: **Arrival in Warsaw** at approx. 18.00. Drop-off possible at: the Chopin Airport, Hotel Novotel Airport, Hotel Airport Okecie and Hotel SOFITEL Victoria. To meet your needs fully, we can arrange an extended stay in Warsaw.

Meals: breakfast

We can provide the best rates for an extended stay or arrange a continuation of the tour.

Favourite private extensions include:

- Lublin, once called Poland's Jerusalem
- Kazimierz Dolny, an untouched renaissance trading town
- Poznan, one of Poland's most historic and dynamic cities
- Bialowieza forest, the last unspoilt forest in Europe with its renowned bison or a spa hotels break

