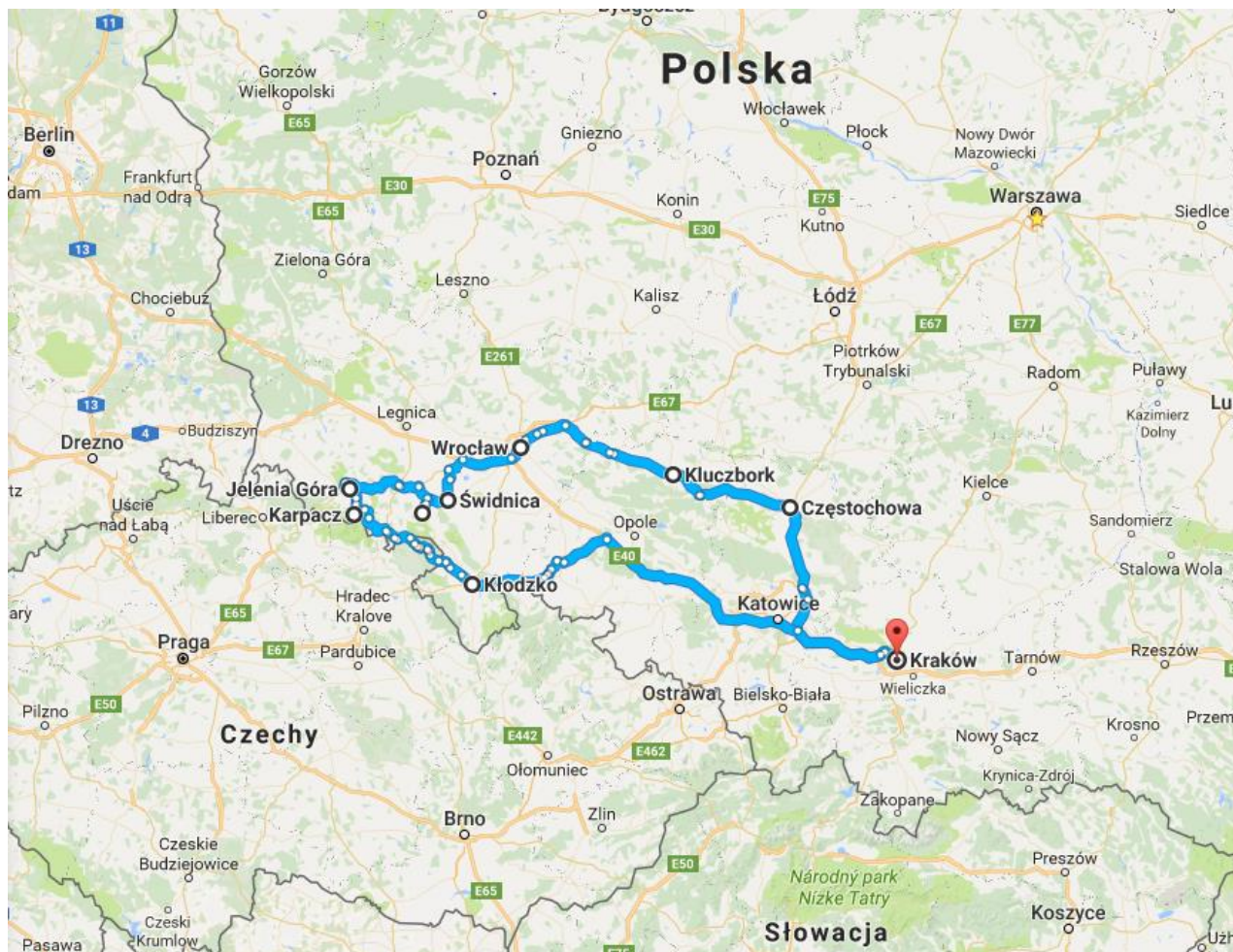


# Wonders of western Poland – 8 DAYS



## PROGRAM VERSION 2:

**Kraków – Częstochowa – Kluczbork – Wrocław – Świdnica – Jawor - Wałbrzych – Jelenia Góra – Szklarska Poręba – Karpacz – Kotlina Kłodzka - Kraków**

## HOTELS

Monday - Krakow

Tuesday – Wrocław

Wednesday – Wrocław

Thursday – Hotel Mercure Skalny Karpacz/ Pałac Wojanów

Friday - Hotel Mercure Skalny Karpacz/ Pałac Wojanów

Saturday - Hotel Mercure Skalny Karpacz/ Pałac Wojanów

Sunday - Krakow

Offer without hotel reservations.

## PROGRAM :

### Day 1st MONDAY

#### KRAKOW

Your arrival to the **Krakow** airport, where you are welcomed by our guide. Transfer to the centrally located hotel. Later this afternoon a guided HD tour will give you an overall impression of the most significant Cracow sights. Discover the Wawel Hill, a former seat of Polish dukes and kings, Wawel Cathedral – Gothic basilica, where royal coronations took place and where kings and other distinguished Poles have been buried. You will also visit the largest Market Square in Europe with Cloth Hall and St. Mary Basilica. During a stroll through Planty Park you can admire the Barbican and St. Florian Gate, precious examples of medieval defensive architecture encircling Krakow. Innumerable pubs and restaurants, often with live music create a magical and unforgettable atmosphere of Cracow. Dinner at a local restaurant, return to your hotel.

### Day 2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY

#### KRAKOW – CZĘSTOCHOWA – WROCLAW

After breakfast departure to **Wroclaw** with stop in Częstochowa. This city lies among the picturesque Jurassic rocks, topped with the ruins of Medieval castles. But for the majority of Poles, Czestochowa is associated with the Jasna Gora Monastery and the icon of the Black Madonna, credited with many miracles. The sanctuary is famous as one of the world's greatest places of pilgrimage, but its imposing architecture also lures many tourists. After lunch departure to **Kluczbork**, small town with picturesque Old Town, and impressive churches, and finally arrival to Wroclaw. Check-in to your hotel, a dinner at a restaurant. Overnight at hotel in Wroclaw.

### Day 3<sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAY

#### WROCLAW

After breakfast sightseeing tour in Wroclaw. Of all the cities in Poland, Wroclaw possesses perhaps the most convoluted and turbulent history of them all. Known under dozens of different names as it was passed repeatedly between four countries (and the numerous kingdoms that preceded them), Wroclaw was one of the most culturally and architecturally diverse cities in Central Europe. The first obviously place to visit is the Old Town, with the marvellously restored Market Square at its centre and its maze of cobbled streets, canals, bridges and church spires. Essentially bound by the Odra River to the north and the Fosa Miejska – or city moat – to the south, this area that was once encircled by the city's medieval defensive walls is where you'll find the bulk of Wroclaw's historical monuments and museums, as well as many beautiful University buildings, soaring churches, and the city's infamous gnomes. The Old Town also includes the 'District of Mutual Respect' – a unique neighbourhood southwest of the market square which includes almost side by side the places of worship of four different denominations, including the city's only surviving Jewish synagogue.

The Old Town may be the heart of Wrocław, but its soul is in Ostrów Tumski. This 'Cathedral Island' within easy walking distance northeast of the market square was the first part of Wrocław to be settled by Slavic tribes in the 9th century. Since a bishopric was built there in 1000AD it has remained an important place of royal and religious significance, and home to the city's most important Cathedral.

Finally, no visit to Wrocław is complete without a trip east of the Old Town to Centennial Hall, the city's only UNESCO World Heritage site. This outstanding piece of architecture turned 100 in 2013 and is surrounded by beautiful parks and gardens, including Wrocław's Zoo and a spectacular multimedia fountain. After the city tour free time. Overnight in hotel in Wrocław.

## Day 4<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY

### WROCLAW – ŚWIDNICA – JAWOR – KSIAZ CASTLE – JELENIA GÓRA

After breakfast departure to the Valley of Garden and Palaces. On the way you will visit the marvelous Church of Peace in Swidnica, rightly earning its place on the UNESCO World Heritage site.

you will visit the Ksiaz Castle, one of the largest castles in Europe, the third largest castle in Poland.

The history of the castle is very interesting, colorful and full of unsolved mysteries. Lying in Ksiaz Landscape Park and being an essential element of the Piast Castles Trail, Ksiaz offers visitors numerous attractions, in addition to the majestic Castle and its impressive, richly decorated halls and parlors.

Lunch at the local restaurant, departure to Swidnica and Jawor, where you will visit the Evangelical Churches of Peace, a UNESCO Heritage site. Departure to Karpacz. Check – in and dinner at the hotel, overnight in Karpacz.

*Optional – accommodation in Mercure Hotel Jelenia Góra or Wojanow Castle*

<http://www.palac-wojanow.pl/en>

<http://www.mercure.com/qb/hotel-3408-hotel-mercure-jelenia-gora/index.shtml>

## Day 5<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY

### KARPACZ - PIECHOWICE - SZKLARSKA PORĘBA - ŚWIERADÓW – KARPACZ

After breakfast guided bus tour to **Piechowice**, Julia Glassworks, where tourist route leads through numerous departments, among others places where experienced glass blowers blow and form hot glass mass and literally conjure up crystal glass products for visitors to see. During a thematic tour of the glassworks entitled "The secrets of glass" a guide talks about history, technology and interesting facts related to crystal glass and its production process.

In **Jagniatkow** you will visit House of Gerhard Hauptmann (a German novelist), in **Szklarska Poreba** Szklarki Waterfall, and in **Swieradow Zdroj** you will visit Kurpark, and go up to the top of the mountains with the cable car to see the beautiful panorama of Sudety. Overnight in Karpacz.

## Day 6<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY

After breakfast optional programs:

**1. Sightseeing tour to Kowary** with Miniature Park – perfectly made models of castles, palaces, monasteries and city – halls from the region, and to the former uranium mine (walking tour).

**2. Guided walking tour to Wang church and Samotnia**

Take a Chairlift to Śnieżka 1601 m the highest mountain in Karkonosze Range. On the way back visit to local highlight - the wooden Wang Chapel, originally built in the first half of 13th century in Norway., and one of the oldest mountain huts in Poland – Samotnia.

**3. Sightseeing tour to Boleslawiec**

A tour of one of several pottery making factories. It still prides itself in hand-crafted products using sponge stamps and brushes to apply unique patterns to each piece. After experiencing the actual process of making ceramic artefacts you will have the opportunity to get yourself a piece or two from a large variety of the factory products offered at discount prices at a local store.

**4. Day spa at the hotel**

**5. Hiking and sport activities**

## Day 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY

### KARPACZ – KLODZKO – ZLOTY STOK - KRAKOW

Breakfast and departure to **Krakow**. On your way to Klodzko a special stop can be made to view the impressive 18th-century military fortress overlooking Klodzko's Old Town. In **Zloty Stok** you will enjoy visit in the Underground Tourist Route with underground waterfall in the old Gold Minen, meeting with the gnome on the Death Pavement.

Arrival in Krakow, after check – in folklore farewell dinner at a restaurant at the Old Town Square, night at hotel.

## Day 8<sup>th</sup> MONDAY

Breakfast and transfer from hotel to the **Krakow** airport for your return flight.

Your Poland tour ends here. We hope to see you soon again!