

Panorama of Poland

PROGRAM

Day 1 Warsaw

After arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the heart of the city. Drive along the beautifully renovated Royal Route with its historical monuments and residences. Stop at the Castle Square for a short walk through the Old Town. Next, a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Your meal will include traditional Polish dishes and famous Polish vodka, "Zubrowka". Overnight in Warsaw. (D)

Day 2, Warsaw

This morning, we introduce you to the highlights of Warsaw. A half-day sightseeing tour includes the Old Town, beautifully rebuilt after World War II, with the impressive Royal Castle, seat of the kings of Poland. Here, the May 3rd Constitution was proclaimed in 1791, the second oldest constitution in the world, after the USA constitution. You will admire some of its 300 rooms and visit the Canaletto Room with 23 of his paintings, the Throne Room, the magnificent Knight's Hall with six large paintings by Marcello Bacciarelli, the Marble Room with its 22 portraits of Polish kings and the largest and most impressive of the castle's chambers, the Ballroom. After lunch served at a local restaurant in the Old Town, we continue our tour with a drive to the area of the site of the former Warsaw Ghetto. En route, you will see the building of the National Opera House and the Town Hall. During your tour of Warsaw, we will invite you to the famous Warsaw chocolate factory "Wedel", to taste the delicious hot chocolate at the "Wedel Old Fashioned Shop". In the evening, you will take an unforgettable musical journey through the world famous compositions of Poland's famous composer, Frederic Chopin, at a piano recital. A glass of sparkling wine will be served during the intermission. Overnight in Warsaw. (B, L)

Day 3, Warsaw – Masury region – Mikolajki

Transfer to Mikolajki the most famous Masurian village with a beautiful marina; visit to the Luknajno Lake Reserve often called the Swan Lake (UNESCO Biosphere Reserve); boat trip on Sniardwy Lake - the biggest lake in Poland; Overnight in Mikolajki. (B, L, D)

Day 4, Elbląg - Malbork - Gdansk

Elbląg: totally unique experience - half day boat trip to Maldyty up the Elbląg - Ostroda canal, the main attraction of the region and the only one in the world this kind of canal with technical devices from mid of XIX century and still functioning without electricity, the system of slipways carries the ships on the land up and down and helps them overcome almost 100 m difference of water levels "sailing" on the land.

In the afternoon, we drive to the 14th century Teutonic Knights Castle in Malbork. It is the largest brick castle in Europe and one of Poland's greatest tourist attractions. Overnight in Gdansk. (B, L, D)

Day 5, Gdansk – Gdynia – Sopot – Gdansk

Today, we start the tour of Gdansk at the Upland Gate, a fragment of the city's former fortifications and one of its main gates. Just behind it, we pass by a baked brick construction consisting of the Prison Tower and the Torture



House, relics of the 15th century Gothic defensive walls. The Golden Gate, situated next to the Prison Tower, opens onto Long Market, a magnificent street with late Renaissance and Baroque grand houses and palaces. It is here that the richest burghers of Gdansk once lived. The Artus Court was the site of important Hanseatic League meetings. It is considered the most beautiful court among all of Europe's Hanseatic cities. Just behind it is the tower of St. Mary's Basilica, a part of the most precious and largest red brick Gothic church in Gdansk. On our way back, we pass by Mariacka Street with its gabled terraced houses and elegant boutiques. Now we drive to Gdynia, the youngest in the tri-city complex. After lunch, at a local restaurant, we continue our drive to Sopot, the famous and fashionable seaside resort. Here, you can see the oldest and the longest wooden pier in Europe. On our way back to Gdansk, a stop at Oliwa Cathedral to enjoy its monumental 18th century organ and listen to a Baroque music concert. The rest of the day is free for shopping for Baltic arts and crafts, and of course, unique amber jewellery which, in itself, is a major tourist attraction Overnight in Gdansk. (B, L, D)

Day 6, Gdansk – Torun - Warsaw

In the morning, drive to Torun. The city is the birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus, and it is considered one of the most magnificent historic cities of Poland. Its Old Town is included on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage list for its impressive 13th century Town Hall, superb churches and historic streets preserving Torun's past glory. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant in Torun. In the afternoon we drive to Warsaw.

Day 7, Warsaw

After breakfast, departure transfer to airport in Warsaw