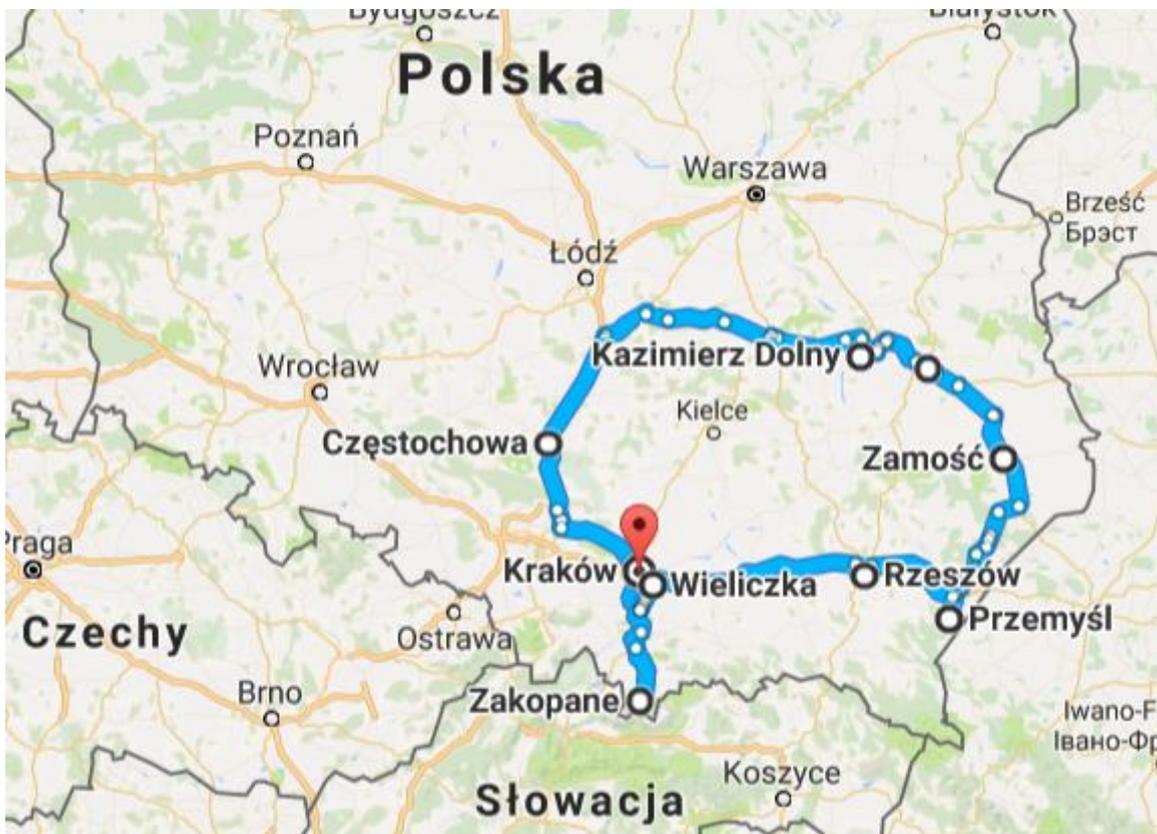


# Wonders of eastern Poland – 8 DAYS



## **PROGRAM VERSION 1:**

**Kraków – Częstochowa – Kielce – Kazimierz Dolny – Lublin – Chełm – Zamość – Przemysł – Rzeszów – Łańcut – Zakopane – Wieliczka - Kraków**

## **HOTELS**

Monday – Krakow  
 Tuesday - Lublin  
 Wednesday - Rzeszów  
 Thursday - Rzeszów  
 Friday - Zakopane  
 Saturday - Zakopane  
 Sunday - Krakow

*Offer without hotel reservations.*

## PROGRAM :

### Day 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Krakow 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 Krakow. Dinner at a local restaurant, return to your hotel, overnight in Krakow.

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

#### KRAKOW – CZĘSTOCHOWA – LUBLIN

After breakfast departure to Lublin with short sightseeing tours at Częstochowa, Kielce, Kazimierz Dolny, finally arrival to Lublin. After check-in to your hotel and afternoon short private tour with local guide, and a dinner at a restaurant, overnight at hotel in **Lublin**.

**Częstochowa:** *Jasna Gora Monastery and the Black Madonna Shrine with its icon that is associated with alleged miracles.*

**Kielce:** *lively city with a surprisingly elegant core, centred on the cathedral, the remarkable Palace of the Kraków Bishops, and a pretty expanse of parkland surrounding both of them.*

**Kazimierz Dolny:** *is a small town in eastern Poland, on the right (eastern) bank of the Vistula river. Nestle on a forested hill overlooking the Vistula, it was a home to the Jewish people for centuries. Jews lived mostly in the Small Marketplace and were mostly engaged in trading and crafts, but some of them were also ferrymen on Vistula, guides and surgeons.*

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

#### LUBLIN – CHEŁM – ZAMOŚĆ - RZESZÓW

Breakfast, and sightseeing tour. Most of Lublin's main attractions are located in the Śródmieście (downtown) district of the city. However, there are several points of interest that are out of the city core and worth attention, Lublin Castle and the Old Town, Po Farze Square, Crown Tribunal, Jeszywas Chachmej Synagogue, and New and Old Jewish Cemetery, Archcathedral of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, Dominican Basilica and Monastery of St – One. After lunch on the way you will visit Chełm and Zamość. Hotel check-in, dinner and overnight in **Rzeszów**.

**Chełm:** *Small Synagogue, Cemetery*

**Zamość:** *Old Town, Synagogue.*

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

### RZESZÓW – ŁAŃCUT – LEŻAJSK - PRZEMYŚL – RZESZÓW

After breakfast sightseeing tour. History of **Rzeszow** as a fortified settlement on the Wislok river started in 14th century, but for centuries it was just a small village until 1944 when it became a provincial capital and began to bloom very fast. During our city tour you will see Old City center 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. We will also visit **Old Town Synagogue** from the turn of 17th century and **New Town Synagogue**, both reconstructed after World War 2. Lunch in a restaurant, and departure for sightseeing tour in the Galicia Region.

**Łańcut:** *a charming town marked with Jewish culture. You will find there probably the most beautiful synagogue in Poland. It was built in a baroque style, richly decorated. We strongly recommend visiting a magnificent aristocratic residence which is located just a few steps from the synagogue.*

**Leżajsk:** *once a typical Galician shtetl town and one of the centres of Hasidism. This is where the famous zaddik Elimelech is buried. An ohel built over his grave is visited every year by thousands of Chassids and other people interested in Jewish culture.*

**Przemyśl:** *provinces's capital and an important city, is one of the most attractive center in the south-eastern of Poland in terms of tourism and economy. It is location 12 km frm Polish- Ukrainians border crossing Medyka at the gateway to The Bieszczady Mountains has directed its development strategy towards the town becoming a trade center and a tourist center. the Market Square, the Greek Catholic Cathedral, the Roman Catholic Cathedral, the Royal Casimir Castle, baroque churches, the Museum of Bells and Pipes, visiting one of the forts of Przemyśl Fortress.*

Back to Rzeszów, overnight in the hotel.

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

### RZESZÓW - ZAKOPANE

After breakfast departure to Zakopane.

Today we would like to you to get acquainted with the local traditions and life of highlanders. We will show you beautiful landscapes, drink local drinks and eat local food. Enjoy your stay!

**Optional:** *Hotel spa offer, making Polish food, meeting local people, extreme sports (eg. hiking), folklore music lessons.*

Dinner, overnight in Zakopane.

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

### ZAKOPANE

After breakfast, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Zakopane. The city's wooden architecture blends with the natural landscape. This style is copied in other parts of Poland and is known as Zakopianski Style. You will visit the Jaszczurowka Chapel, a great example of the wooden architecture in Zakopane. Later, we drive to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima at Krzeptowki, which was built by the people of Zakopane in appreciation to the Lady of Fatima for saving the Pope's life after an assassination attempt. Admire the breathtaking views of the Tatras from the top of Gubalowka Hill and shop for souvenirs, arts and crafts of the Highlanders (Gorale) in the local shops. After lunch, you will have free time.

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

### ZAKOPANE - KRAKOW

Breakfast and departure to **Krakow**. On your way stop to drive a spectacular rafting trip on the Dunajec River in Pieniny National Park. Visit **Wieliczka Salt Mine**. The salt mine set in XIII century was one of the world's oldest operating salt mines till 2007, when an official output was closed. Now, the Museum attracts over 1 million tourists every year, and is also listed at the UNESCO World Heritage List. The tourist route is a complex of about 20 chambers, narrow tunnels, galleries, chapels and lakes. Arrival in Krakow, after check – in 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!