

### **Discover Poland**

Explore the signature sites of Poland as you discover Gdansk, Warsaw and Krakow on private guided tours with an expert local guide. Poland today is on the "bucket list" of many travelers but does not have the over touristed experience you may see in other European countries. In addition to the wonderful culture and natural environment, you will find it budget friendly.





Poland has a proud national heritage and during its golden age in the sixteenth century, it was the largest nation in Europe. Begin your journey with the old city charm and facades of Gdansk, located on the coast of the Baltic Sea. With a private guide you'll uncover some of the prominent city architecture and also visit nearby town Sopot, where you can stroll out over the Baltic on Europe's longest wooden pier. From there, you'll head to the nation's capital, Warsaw. Tour the old city with a private guide and go through layers of influence from Napoleon, Nazi Germany, and communism to many historic periods in the centuries prior. Head to Krakow, former national capital with millennia of history, the city remains the spiritual heart of Poland. Relax in the city's famous cafes and enjoy the vibrant scene. A day tour to nearby Auschwitz Birkenau is an emotional and moving experience, as you learn about the horrifying tragedies that occurred at this now infamous Nazi extermination camp. Round out your discovery of Poland with a private guided visit of the renowned Wieliczka Salt Mine, and be dazzled by the chapels carved into the walls of the subterranean complex.

Please keep in mind that this is a SUGGESTED itinerary. You can add, delete or change any details to meet your expectations. Our amazing destination specialists along with the local team will be sure that your Gluten Free needs will be continually addressed. And, of course, we will choose hotels to meet your preferences and budget.

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## DAY BY DAY SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Day 1 Gdansk Get Settled

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- Airport with Meet & Greet Private Transfer
- Poland Welcome Package

Day 2 Gdansk Audacious Architecture

• City Tour with Oliwa Cathedral (6 hrs) – Private

Set out with your private guide and uncover the hidden gems of charming Gdansk. Experience the exquisite Oliwa Cathedral, a masterpiece of Baroque and Rococo architecture that dates back to the

13th century. Adorned with unparalleled splendor, the cathedral is home to one of the world's most impressive pipe organs, once the largest in the world after its completion in 1788. Marvel at the grandiose and enlightening exhibits at the Historical Museum, a repository of the city's rich history. Immerse yourself in the captivating ambiance of the famous Red Room - the principal council chamber of the city. Discover the aweinspiring St. Mary's Church, a Roman Catholic Church with a history dating back to the 14th century. Experience the stunning architectural design and the tranquil atmosphere that surrounds this impressive



The Great Organ

structure. Conclude your tour with a leisurely stroll along the longest wooden pier in Europe, the Sopot. Take in breathtaking panoramic views of the Baltic Sea and savor the peaceful ambiance that envelops you as you walk along this iconic landmark.



Day 3 Gdansk To Warsaw All Aboard!

- Train Station Transfer Private
- Train Gdansk Warsaw [3 hrs] High-speed Train 1st Class Ticket
- Train Station Transfer Private
- City Tour with Royal Castle (4 hrs) Private

Immerse yourself in the rich history and vibrant energy of Warsaw, Poland's dynamic capital. With a



Warsaw Castle Square

private guide, explore a city that has risen from the shadows of its tumultuous past—marked by wars, uprisings, and remarkable resilience—into a thriving cultural and commercial hub. Uncover stories of the valiant Warsaw Uprising, the intrigue of Polish royal elections, and the secrets hidden within Varsovian courtyards. Visit landmarks steeped in history, from the mausoleum of a Russian tsar to the site where the historic Warsaw Pact was signed. Conclude your journey at the majestic Royal Castle, a symbol of Polish statehood with a history dating back to the 13th century.

## Day 4 Warsaw Marching through the Museum

• A Thousand Years of History: POLIN Museum Experience (4 hrs) – Private

Begin a journey through the centuries at Warsaw's POLIN Museum, where the deep history of Polish Jewish life and culture is beautifully preserved. With your private guide, explore stunning exhibitions that span vibrant Jewish communities, groundbreaking contributions, and poignant moments of loss and survival. From interactive displays to authentic artifacts, each exhibit thoughtfully weaves together stories of heritage, tradition, and identity, culminating in a deeper understanding of both Poland's history and the enduring spirit of its Jewish community.



POLIN Museum



Day 5 Warsaw Sights and Insights

• Exploring Lazienki Park (4 hrs) - Private



Royal Lazienski Palace

Enjoy a private tour of Royal Łazienki Palace and Park, one of the most beautiful palace and park complexes in Europe. The park was founded at the initiative of King Stanisław August Poniatowski in 1774, initially in the French style, and then rearranged in the English style. Within the park is the Palace on the Island, also known as the Palace on the Water. This was originally a Baroque magnate's pavilion built by Tylman van Gameren, and from 1766 the royal summer residence, one of the most beautiful and most valuable examples of classical architecture in Poland. The palace has two stories and magnificent interiors: the most impressive are the

White Room, the portrait room, and the dining room. The palace, stripped, ruined, and prepared for blowing up after the Warsaw Uprising of 1944, was rebuilt and restored after the war. Other buildings include the Theatre on the Island, the Old Orangery, and the Belvedere. A monument to Chopin stands in Łazienki Park as well, where summer concerts of the great composer's music are held.

Day 6

Warsaw To Krakow

A Journey Back in Time

- Train Station Transfer Private
- Train Warsaw Krakow [2.5 hrs] 1st Class Train Ticket
- Train Station Transfer Private
- Krakow City Tour with Wawel Castle (4 hrs) Private Tour

Step into the heart of Poland's cultural and historical gem, Krakow, a city where medieval charm meets rich heritage.



Wawel Castle

With a private guide and driver, explore the city's vibrant Market Square, Europe's largest medieval plaza, featuring the iconic 13th-century Cloth Hall and the breathtaking Saint Mary's Basilica.

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Stroll through the Gothic arcades of Collegium Maius, a cornerstone of one of the world's oldest universities, and marvel at masterpieces, including works by Leonardo da Vinci, in the National Museum. Ascend Wawel Hill, the symbolic heart of Polish royalty, to visit the magnificent Wawel Castle and its treasures, including the renowned "Wawel Tapestries" and the regal Sigismund Chapel. Conclude your journey with a riverside walk to the legendary dragon's cave, immersing yourself in the myths and magic that define Krakow.

#### Day 7

Krakow

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## Auschwitz Museum Exhibit : Children's Shoes

In Remembrance - Auschwitz-Birkenau stands as a profound reminder of the atrocities of the Holocaust and serves as a site of reflection and remembrance. Established as part of the Nazi regime's systematic genocide, Auschwitz became a central location for the horrific implementation of the "final solution" during World War II. From 1942 to 1944, countless individuals were tragically transported to this camp from across Nazi-occupied Europe, making it the largest extermination camp in history. Today,



the site is thoughtfully preserved and includes the Holocaust Museum, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Today's tour offers a respectful visit to the brick barracks of Auschwitz I and the expansive grounds of Auschwitz II -Birkenau, inviting you to reflect on the lives lost and the enduring lessons of this tragic chapter in human history. Please note, your guide will provide private transfers and explanations about the history prior to entering the site. Due to local regulation, in Auschwitz -Birkenau you will be joining a shared group tour led by an Auschwitz guide.

Day 8 Krakow Nurtured by Nature Zakopane Adventure & Chocholow Thermal Baths (10 hrs) – Private

Nurtured by Nature - Escape to the scenic mountain town of Zakopane, where alpine charm and rejuvenation await in Poland's breathtaking Tatra region. Begin with a ride on the Gubalowka funicular, climbing to panoramic heights that offer stunning views of Zakopane and the surrounding peaks. Explore Zakopane's unique culture, from its distinctive wooden architecture to bustling market stalls filled with local crafts and delicacies. After taking in the fresh mountain air, unwind with up to three hours of pure relaxation at the Chocholow Thermal Baths. Known for their mineral-rich, geothermal waters, these thermal pools offer both indoor and outdoor baths with warm, soothing waters, complete with bubbling jets and tranquil mountain vistas.



Chocholaw Thermal Baths

Day 9 Krakow Audacious Architecture

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### • Wieliczka Salt Mine Tour (4 hrs) – Private



Wieliczka Salt Mine

Explore the mesmerizing depths of the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage site with origins dating back to the 13th century. This underground marvel spans over 186 miles of tunnels, with stunning saltsculpted chapels, spacious chambers, crystal-lined grottoes, and serene underground ponds, at an average depth of 820 feet. The tour requires a moderate level of physical fitness, covering 2 miles of walking and around 800 steps. Begin with a descent down the Danilowicz Shaft, 210 feet underground, and venture deeper through this remarkable feat of engineering before a mining elevator returns you to the surface. Please note: The Wieliczka Salt Mine tour involves navigating narrow

passageways, uneven surfaces, and approximately 800 steps. This tour may not be suitable for visitors with limited mobility or claustrophobia. An adapted route is available with advance notice.

Day 10 Krakow Until Next Time... Airport - Private Transfer Depart



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