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**Best of Poland** 



# Your itinerary



### Day 1 | Welcome to Warsaw



Connect with Warsaw's steadfast spirit – a city rebuilt from the ashes of World War II. After checking in this afternoon, relax and unwind or take a stroll through the city. This evening meet your fellow travellers and Travel Director at the hotel.

Meals: Welcome Reception

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Hub

### Day 2 | Discover Historic Warsaw



This morning, embark on an in-depth guided sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See the iconic and unexpected highlights of what has been the capital of Poland since the late 16<sup>th</sup> century. Gain a deeper understanding of how the city was rebuilt after the devastation of the Second World War. In your free time, you may consider an Optional Experience to Wilanów Palace.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Hub

### **Optional Experiences:**

Wilanow Palace - This splendid baroque palace was built in the late 17th century as a summer home for King Jan Sobieski III. On our visit, led by our Local Specialist, we'll see the collection of royal furniture, portraits and china that forms part of the National Museum.

Adult: **36.00 EUR** 

Warsaw Five Senses Tour - Journey to the bohemian district of Praga, voted among the 10 coolest neighbourhoods in Europe by the Independent, where our Local Specialist will show us Poland's first Vodka Museum. Experience a tantalising journey through the history of one of the world's most famous and noted tipples. To stimulate your senses, we'll sample local and national delicacies before a scenic drive enjoying the lights of Warsaw; one of Europe's least-known, but most spectacular and fascinating cities.

Adult: **69.00 EUR** 

### Day 3 | Onwards to Coastal Gdańsk



Journey to Gdańsk, the amber capital of the world and one of the oldest cities in Poland. Enjoy a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist, exploring the major attractions of this Baltic centre. Then, Dive Into Culture during a visit to the European Solidarity Centre which reveals the history of Solidarity, the Polish trade union and civil resistance movement. Tonight, dinner is served at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Radisson Hotel & Suites

### **Optional Experiences:**

Harbour Cruise and Westerplatte - Get the real feel of Poland's most-important sea port by taking a cruise with our Local Specialist. We'll also visit the Westerplatte peninsula, the site of the eponymous battle, which is known as the place where WWII began.

Adult: 37.00 EUR

### Day 4 | Gdańsk Your Way



Enjoy a full free day to explore Gdańsk on your terms. Admire the architecture in the historic Long Market and wander down Long Lane to Golden Gate, or consider joining an Optional Experience to visit Malbork Castle, founded by the Teutonic Order of Knights in 1274.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Radisson Hotel & Suites

### **Optional Experiences:**

Malbork Castle - Journey back in time with our Local Specialist to explore the breathtaking UNESCO-listed Malbork. Completed over 600 years ago as Europe's largest brick castle, it's now the World's biggest castle measured by land area. Resting on the Noget River, the fairy-tale setting and enchanting atmosphere of this beautifully-preserved medieval fortress and former headquarters of the Teutonic Knights Crusaders is an adventure not to be missed. Adult: **41.00 EUR** 

The Polish Riviera: Sopot & Oliwa - Travel to Poland's happy place, Sopot, where you can take in the sea air and relax on the longest wooden pier in Europe. We will also visit Oliwa, home to the twin-spired Cathedral that houses what was once the largest organ in the world.

Adult: 40.00 EUR

### Day 5 | Journey to Toruń and Cultural Wrocław



Stop in the medieval town of Toruń this morning, a UNESCO-listed World Heritage Site. You'll join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will reveal the city's Leaning Tower, the house of famed astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus and Toruń Castle, among other key attractions. Continue to Wrocław, a former European 'Capital of Culture'. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### **Optional Experiences:**

**Discover Old Wroclaw by Tram** - Join our Local Specialist to step back in time as we climb aboard our private tram to discover the 1000 year old Wroclaw. Learn about the 'Battle of Breslau', one of the major and most tragic actions of WWII. Admire the unbelievable work of reconstruction of a city that rose like Phoenix from the Ashes. Crossing the famous Oder river, we'll pass Wroclaw's islands, known as 'Polish Venice' and stroll through favourite illuminated alleys of the medieval quarter. A perfect introduction and great way to begin our adventures in this historic city! Adult: 43.00 EUR

# Day 6 | Explore Wrocław



This morning, join your Local Specialist on a guided tour of the city. Discover its complex history and see some of its most important sites, including Wrocław Cathedral, the Main Market Square, Old Town Hall and Salt Square, a former medieval marketplace and today, a flower market. Dive Into Culture and visit the Baroque ceremonial hall of Aula Leopoldina at Wrocław University. Stop at a local brewery for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Taste local beers all made from sustainable production and delicious zero waste nibbles. This afternoon, consider joining an Optional Experience to Książ Castle and UNESCO-listed Świdnica Church of Peace.

Meals: Breakfast

### **Optional Experiences:**

Ksiaz Castle and Church of Peace - You won't believe your eyes viewing Ksiaz Castle as it defies gravity, perched majestically atop a cliff. Testimony to its craftsmanship, the 13th-century castle has stood the test of time. With its breathtaking scenery and sumptuous interiors, it's witnessed amazing events, including preparations to become Hitler's headquarters. With our Local Specialist, we'll also see the UNESCO-listed Swidnica Church of Peace, the largest timber-framed religious building in Europe. Refreshments in a local restaurant are included.

This optional involves reservations and entrance prepayments. Should you decide to cancel the optional, a 50% cancellation fee will be incurred.

Adult: **59.00 EUR** 

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### Day 7 | Off to the Tatra Mountains and Zakopane



Your journey today takes you towards the foot of the Tatra Mountains, the highest mountain range of the Carpathians, which stretch across Central Europe. Spend some free time enjoying the town or consider taking an Optional Experience through lush countryside to explore the mountains and valleys for which this region is so famous. Break bread with a local Polish family at the foothills of the Tatra Mountains in Zakopane. You'll Connect With Locals and gain insights into their way of life in the Polish Highlands, while enjoying a homecooked dinner featuring local specialities at this memorable Be My Guest experience. Tonight, you'll warm up at your Stays With Stories accommodation, the Hotel Nosalowy Dwór, nestled right next to the stunning high peaks of the Tatra Mountains. You'll soon discover why the resort is said to be the perfect place to rest and recharge as you soak up the breath-taking mountain views and a direct neighbour to the Tatra National Park.

Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest

**Hotel:** Nosalowy Dwór

### **Optional Experiences:**

Zakopane Treasures & Adventure - Hear legends of Zakopane from our Local Specialist and immerse yourself in Goral culture. Discover the most famous examples of the traditional wooden architecture and craftsmanship of the 'Zakopane Style', invented by Stanislaw Witkiewicz, during a visit to the beautiful nineteenth century Villa Koliba, as well as the nearby meritorious cemetery with its sorrowful Jesus and wooden statues. Pass by Zakopane's ski jumping arena which hosts the best athletes from around the world every year during the World Cup and finally travel into the mountain forests of Tatra National Park and visit the famous Jaszczurowka Chapel. Adult: 40.00 EUR

### Day 8 | Continue to Kraków



Travel to Kraków where you will enjoy views of the Royal Castle and Cathedral on Wawel Hill during your tour with a Local Specialist. Your walking tour through the Old Town includes a visit to the Cloth Hall and St. Mary's Church. This evening, perhaps sample some lively Polish entertainment with dinner.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: Qubus

### **Optional Experiences:**

Farmhouse Dinner And Polka Party - Tonight, you'll have a chance to enjoy the typical Polka music and traditional dance of Poland's rich culture, while savoring a delicious meal of Polish specialties and beverages at our specially-

selected venue. Adult: **63.00 EUR** 

### Day 9 | Kraków Your Way



Consider joining an Optional Experience to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, renowned as the Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland and home to an entire chapel carved from rock salt, as well as dozens of sculptures. The rest of the day is yours to explore the sights on your own. Enjoy a slice of Polish Sernik Babci on the Old Town Square, visit a traditional milk bar or enjoy an evening of Polish folklore.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: Qubus

### **Optional Experiences:**

From Iron Curtains to Ghetto Walls - Step back in time to journey into Poland's communist past. Nowa Huta is an entire city built during the communism period. We'll hear amazing communist stories from our Local Specialist and sample a few flavours of the era. Later, we'll stroll through Szeroka Street in the Kazimierz district to see synagogues and the birthplace of Helena Rubinstein, before driving through the former ghetto of Podgorze. Kazimierz is steeped in history and its streets were used in several scenes in the film "Schindler's List". Adult: 48.00 EUR

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Wieliczka Salt Mine Exploration - With our Local Specialist, we'll visit this amazing UNESCO World Heritage-listed site just outside Krakow and marvel at the unique sculptures and setting of this 800-year old salt mine. See chambers, chapels and even salt chandeliers as we follow our guide 135 m (440 ft) underground. Adult: **56.00 EUR** 

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### Day 10 | Venture to Auschwitz and Return to Warsaw



Our journey this morning takes us to the former concentration camp at Auschwitz, a poignant reminder of the horrors perpetrated during the Holocaust. Travelling to Jasna Góra Monastery, we rub shoulders with Catholic pilgrims, who have journeyed to the famous shrine for centuries. We'll Dive Into Culture and see the iconic Black Madonna of Częstochowa. This evening, we arrive in Warsaw, where we enjoy a Farewell Dinner with newfound friends.

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Hub

## **Optional Experiences:**

**Chopin's Warsaw** - The spirit of Warsaw and the music of Chopin go hand in hand. This exclusive private recital of his music, performed for you by a celebrated Polish pianist in one of Warsaw's historic buildings, is one of the unforgettable memories of this trip. Sparkling wine will be served during the intermission. Adult: **46.00 EUR** 

# Day 11 | Farewell Warsaw



Say farewell to your travel companions and Travel Director at the end of a wonderful holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

Meals: Breakfast