

GEMS OF POLAND

6 days
5 nights

1
countries

10
objects

travel type
Cultural

DESCRIPTION

● Day 1, Warsaw (D)

Arrival to Warsaw, the capital of Poland. Bus transfer to the hotel. Afternoon City tour, including Castle Square, the southern gateway to Warsaw's Old Town, where there is a monument to Sigismund III Vasa, the King who moved the capital from Krakow to Warsaw, the interior of the splendid baroque Royal Castle, St John's Cathedral, Warsaw's oldest church, the picturesque Old Town Square that combines elements of Renaissance, baroque, Gothic and neoclassical design as well as the imposing Barbican and city walls. Welcome dinner and overnight in Warsaw.

● Day 2, Warsaw (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel. Morning tour to Wilanow Palace & Park, often called "small Versailles", the summer residence of King John Sobieski, the one who defeated Turks at the gate of Vienna in the 17th century. Magnificent interiors include furniture and china from the period, and a gallery of Polish portraits. Palace is surrounded by beautiful park with a variety of landscapes: English park, Italian Baroque garden and rose garden. Lunch. Afternoon visit The Fryderyk Chopin Museum. Overnight in Warsaw.

● Day 3, Warsaw - Krakow (B, D)

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to train station and board High speed train to Krakow (about 330 km, 2.15 h). Lunch after arrival. Afternoon Krakow City tour. You will start by going up to the Castle and Cathedral on the Wawel hill. Sticking to the Royal Route, you go down Kanonicza and Grodzka Streets to see the Jagiellonian university areas, and then a walk through the largest mediaeval square in Europe. While there, you will visit the oldest shopping mall, the Sukiennice cloth hall, and then the Church of the Virgin Mary (including the magnificent Gothic wooden altar by Wit Stwosz). The tour finishes at the fortified city walls beside the Barbican Gate. Overnight in Warsaw.

● Day 4, Krakow – Czestochowa – Auschwitz – Krakow (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel. Departure to Czestochowa, visit Jasna Góra Monastery with the miraculous Black Madonna Shrine. Lunch at restaurant in Czestochowa. Further drive to Auschwitz, visit to the former Nazi concentration camp. Drive back to Krakow. Overnight in Krakow.

● Day 5, Krakow (B, D)

Breakfast at hotel. Morning tour of Wieliczka salt mine (15 km from Krakow), Europe's oldest salt mine, recognised by UNESCO as the World Heritage Monument. A 2,5 km walk with an expert guide through the chambers and corridors decorated with sculptures and figures, is an unforgettable attraction. Magnificent chapels, captivating underground lakes, original tools and equipment and traces of mining works allow us to understand the human struggle against the elements, the miners' work, their passion and their beliefs. Transfer back to Krakow. Farewell

dinner and overnight in Krakow

● Day 8, Krakow (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport. Departure.