

# Poland – Medieval Churches, Castles and Palaces

Tour Code PL

We discover Poland's historic highlights on this comprehensive tour that concentrates on its wonderful historical and cultural attractions as well as beautiful countryside, dotted with medieval towns, castles and villages. This tour includes three nights in Krakow's beautiful old town, as well as exploring the magnificently rich architectural well-preserved gems of Poznan and Wroclaw. Poignant visits to the former Auschwitz concentration camp and the Oskar Schindler factory in Krakow are also included in the tour



Old Town square, Warsaw

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### Day 1 Fly to Warsaw

Afternoon departure for our direct British Airways flight from London Heathrow to Warsaw. On arrival we transfer to the central 4\* Polonia Palace hotel for two nights. A welcome dinner has been arranged at a local restaurant (D)

### Day 2 In Warsaw

Morning tour of the old town, which was successfully rebuilt after its complete devastation during the Warsaw uprising. View the old town square, city walls and Cathedral of St John. Afternoon tour to the 16th-century royal castle to see the ornate staterooms of the imperial residence. Dinner at a traditional restaurant (B,D)

### Day 3 Drive to Krakow

Morning drive south from the capital into Lesser Poland, stopping to visit Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa, the biggest pilgrimage site in Poland. Founded in the 14th century, visitors are attracted to the monastery to view the icon of the Black Madonna. We stay three nights at the 4\* Senacki hotel in central Krakow. Dinner at a traditional restaurant (B,D)

### Day 4 In Krakow

Morning tour of the ancient capital of Poland. View Rynek Glowny, the medieval square considered one of the best preserved examples in Europe, the Church of St Mary, the Cathedral of Saints Stanislaw and Waclaw and tour the Oskar Schindler factory. Afternoon visit to the salt mines of Wieliczka. A Unesco world heritage site, it is one of the oldest operational mines in Europe dating back more than 700 years. Inside are galleries, chambers and buildings that have been carved from salt (B)

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### **Day 5 In Krakow**

We have a morning tour of Wawel royal castle, one of the most magnificent Renaissance palaces in Europe. The afternoon is left to enjoy this architectural gem with its array of cobbled streets, medieval churches and photogenic squares at one's own pace. (B)

### **Day 6 Drive to Wroclaw. Visit Auschwitz**

Morning drive to Wroclaw, stopping en route to visit the former concentration camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau for a sobering reminder of one of the tragedies of the Second World War. Transfer to the Best Western Prima hotel for two nights. Dinner at a traditional restaurant (B,D)

### **Day 7 In Wroclaw**

Morning walking tour of Wroclaw, which is known as the 'city of 100 bridges'. Visit Ostrow Tumski island, which is the oldest part of the city, and the old market square with its gothic city hall surrounded by burgher houses. Continue to the rotunda to view the Panorama of Raclawice, which depicts the 18th-century battle of Raclawice. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner at a traditional restaurant (B,D)

### **Day 8 Drive to Torun. Visit Poznan**

Morning drive from Wroclaw to Torun via Poznan to view the cathedral and the old town quarter, including the market square and town hall. A farewell dinner has been arranged at a quality local restaurant. One night stay at the Spichrz Hotel (B,D)

### **Day 9 Visit Torun. Fly to London**

Morning tour to explore the medieval town of Torun. Founded by the Teutonic knights, it is renowned for its gothic architecture. Afternoon drive to Warsaw airport for our evening flight to London Heathrow with British Airways (B)

**Cost £1395.00** per person in a twin room (excluding international flights)

Single supplement charge £195.00



#### **Price includes -**

- ▶ Tour accompanied from London by Patrick Syder
- ▶ A specialist Polish guide throughout the tour
- ▶ All transportation in private a/c coach
- ▶ Full sightseeing programme including entrance fees
- ▶ Quality four star hotels on BB basis
- ▶ Six quality restaurant dinners
- ▶ All airport transfers
- ▶ Porter, hotel and restaurant staff gratuities

Not included – travel insurance, lunches and non-specified dinners, drinks, guide and driver gratuities and British Airways international flights