



HAPPY TIMES TOURS & EXPERIENCES



FALL IN LOVE WITH POLAND (POLAND)

Trip Includes:

- ❖ Roundtrip motorcoach transfers from Milwaukee to Chicago
- ❖ Roundtrip air flights from Chicago to Warsaw, Poland.
- ❖ Meet and Greet Services upon arrival in Warsaw.
- ❖ Exclusive transportation by luxury motorcoach throughout
- ❖ Our Local Polish Tour Guide, Kuba, will be with you throughout the tour in Poland to make the fascinating history, art and culture of Poland come alive for you.
- ❖ Sightseeing and entrance fees, as per the itinerary. Use of Whisper Headsets to make your tour more enjoyable.
- ❖ Professional coach tour driver throughout the tour
- ❖ 10 nights at centrally located first class hotels (or similar): 3 Nights – Hotel Nyx in Warsaw 3 Nights – Golden Tulip Hotel in Krakow 1 Night – Heron Live Hotel in Sienna 2 Nights – Hotel Art in Wroclaw 1 Night – Novotel City Hotel in Poznan
- ❖ 23 Meals - 10 full breakfasts; 6 lunches; 6 dinners PLUS Wedel Cake Café
- ❖ Porterage of one piece of luggage per person & taxes/fees.
- ❖ All tips for driver, tour guide & local guides
- ❖ Pre-travel assistance through ELJO Travel Concierge Services
- ❖ Final group document distribution and Q/A get-together
- ❖ Customized documents and tour kit information packet
- ❖ Escorted & Hosted by: Jeffrey Kuderski, Executive Director Polish Heritage Alliance, Inc.
- ❖ A Small, Friendly Group of 24-28 travelers
- ❖ Guaranteed Land Price when you lock in with your deposit

DEPARTURE FROM:
MILWAUKEE MITCHELL AIRPORT
OR
DETROIT WAYNE COUNTY AIRPORT



Hosted by Jeffrey Kuderski, Executive Director of the Polish Heritage Alliance, Inc.

12 Days: September 21 – October 2, 2024

Poland:

A country that was invaded, divided and conquered many times throughout history. Yet Poland has come through it all, leaving multitudes in the way of history and culture to celebrate. Step back in time with castles and palaces. Then step forward into quaint countryside cabins and modern cities. Experience a unique European escape that will reflect the right pace to wander through our chosen region. Be inspired by this romantic country, if not in its museums, then in its streets, mountainsides and forests. Then, of course, to also be fortified by the unique and hearty cuisine Polish chefs have to offer.

Come ~ Explore with us. As we return to Poland!

ITINERARY

September 21—Day 1: DEPART FROM UNITED STATES

Join **ELJO Travel & the Polish Center of Wisconsin** on this pilgrimage journey to the beautiful land of Poland. Your trip will originate with a motorcoach ride to Chicago O'Hare. Then check in for your overnight flights to Warsaw, Poland. Enjoy in-flight meals and entertainment. (I)

September 22—Day 2: WARSAW (Welcome to Warsaw!)

Upon arrival in Warsaw, you will be met by your fabulous Tour Manager – Kuba. Enjoy a half day sightseeing tour including Old Town, beautifully rebuilt after World War II with the impressive Royal Castle, seat of Polish kings. Here the May 3rd Constitution was proclaimed in 1791, the second oldest constitution in the world. After lunch in a local restaurant, continue your tour with a drive to the former Warsaw Ghetto. Check in to our hotel. This evening enjoy a Welcome dinner with a toast of Polish Vodka.

Overnight: Warsaw (L,D)

September 23—Day 3: WARSAW

After breakfast, your day will take you to the beautiful Royal Castle, then a stop at the famous Chocolate café, "Wedel" to taste the delicious hot chocolate and cake, A visit to the Uprising Museum and finally finish your tour with trying your hand at making Pierogis. The balance of the evening is free to explore a bit of the nightlife in Warsaw.

Overnight: Warsaw (B,Sweets,D)

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September 24—Day 4: WARSAW – CZESTOCHOWA - KRAKOW

After breakfast, depart for Krakow. En route, stop in Czestochowa, the Polish National Shrine, to visit the Jasna Gora (Bright Mountain) Monastery and the Black Madonna Shrine with its miraculous icon. After lunch, continue on to Krakow to check into the hotel. Time to freshen up before dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Krakow (B, L, D)

September 25—Day 5: KRAKOW

Today's tour features Schindler's Factory Tour, then a walk in the Kazimierz District – Numerous cozy art cafes, galleries and antique shops, paved street and monuments of Jewish culture draw tourists with a magnetic force. Lunch on your own before visiting the former Jewish town starting at the Jewish Cultural Centre and leading to the New Jewish Cemetery. Return to your hotel where the balance of the evening is free for dining on your own. **Overnight: Krakow (B)**

September 26—Day 6: KRAKOW

Today your tour takes you to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, an unforgettable tourist attraction with 1.5 miles of underground chambers, grottoes, and chapels carved from salt by many generations of miners. Enjoy an included lunch before a visit to Wawel Hill with the Royal Castle, home to three dynasties of Poland's monarchs, along with the Royal Tombs and the Sigismund Bell Tower. This afternoon you will have some free time in the Market Square. A special dinner and great folklore entertainment is planned.

Overnight: Krakow (B,L,D)

September 27—Day 7: KRAKOW– COUNTRYSIDE

After **breakfast**, depart Krakow heading toward the pretty town of Nowy Wisnicz, which is renowned for its Italianate fortified castle which dominates the skyline. Of course, you will visit the castle before enjoying the wonderful Sadecki Ethnographic open-air museum, which you will explore around 70 buildings of homesteads, 17th century mansions, churches and many more reconstructed historic buildings of interest. After lunch, you will be whisked away to one of the most beautiful places in Poland – The Heron Live Hotel. This 5-star deluxe hotel's philosophy is: *'Heron' is not only a hotel that meets five-star standards, but it's a way of life, according to which, what you do really matters. If you look - you'll see more. If you try new flavors - you will not be disappointed. If you touch - you will feel that you are really alive. If you listen - you will immerse yourself in the sounds. All thanks to carefully thought-out LIVE philosophy, which are the most important for your senses.* Once you are checked into the hotel you will have time to enjoy the resort before your included dinner in one of their exquisite restaurants. **Overnight: Sienna, Poland (B, L, D)**

September 28—Day 8: Heron Hotel - Auschwitz – Birkenau - WROCLAW

Enjoy breakfast this morning before leaving this fabulous hotel. Today you will make your way to Oswiecim Main Market Square for an included lunch. An **OPTIONAL TOUR** to the former Nazi concentration camp, Aucschwitz-Birkenau, is available. Those that do not wish to go to Auschwitz will stay in the Market Square area to do some exploring or relaxing. Continue your journey to the town of Wroclaw to check into your hotel. This evening a walk to the Medieval Market and Old Town where you will enjoy time for exploring and dinner on your own. **Overnight: Wroclaw (B,L)**

September 29th—Day 9: – WROCLAW – BOLESLAWEIC - WROCLAW

Today you will visit the majestic Kaisz Castle, which is the third largest castle in Poland and lies in a beautiful protected park. After our visit here, it's time to head to Boleslaweic to shop for pottery and enjoy lunch. As some of you may know, Boleslaweic Pottery is among the finest and most valuable types of pottery. Before making our way back to Wroclaw we will drive to Silesia to visit the UNESCO Site of The Church of Peace in Jawor. After your visit here return to Wroclaw to enjoy dinner on your own and explore the city. **Overnight: Wroclaw (B,L)**

Here is what you will see and do on our Exclusive Poland Tour:

- ❖ Uprising Museum Warsaw
- ❖ Royal Palace Warsaw
- ❖ Pierogi Cooking Class
- ❖ Jasno Gora Shrine
- ❖ Wawel Castle & Cathedral
- ❖ Royal Tombs
- ❖ Sigismundus Clock
- ❖ Shindler Factory Tour
- ❖ Wieliczka Salt Mine
- ❖ Polish Dinner w/Folklore Experience
- ❖ Nowy Wisnicz Castle
- ❖ Jawor Peace Church
- ❖ Auschwitz Birkenau
- Boleslaweic Pottery Shopping
- ❖ Ksiaz Castle
- ❖ Vodka Tasting
- ❖ Polish Open-Air Museum
- ❖ Historic Warsaw Walking Tour
- ❖ Historic Krakow Walking Tour
- ❖ Warsaw Ghetto Walk
- ❖ Krakow Old Town
- ❖ The Heron 5 Star Resort experience



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September 30—Day 10: WROCLAW - POZNAN

This morning your tour takes you to Poznan. Poland's original capital, Poznan boasts centuries of rich history and culture. You will venture into the pretty Old Town area of Poznan for lunch on your own, before heading to Cathedral Island. The Arch Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul in Poznań is one of the oldest churches in Poland and the oldest Polish cathedral, dating from the 10th century. It stands on the island of Ostrów Tumski north-east of the city centre. After visiting the cathedral, check into your hotel. Evening to explore and dine on your own. **Overnight: Poznan (B)**

October 1—Day 11: POZNAN - WARSAW

Leisurely breakfast this morning before driving to Warsaw. The morning and afternoon are yours to explore museums, visit some sites or do some last-minute shopping for those people you left home. Tonight, enjoy a fabulous Farewell to Poland Dinner. **Overnight: WARSAW (B,D)**

October 2 —Day 12: WARSAW - USA

After breakfast, transfer to the Warsaw airport for the return flight to Chicago, followed by a motorcoach to Milwaukee. (B,I)



Price of Tour: This tour price is based on a minimum participation of 24 persons and includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of June 1, 2023. In the event of a marked increase or decrease in foreign currency or in tariff rates, the cost is subject to revision. Your land rate is guaranteed once deposit has been paid for our space. Air fare is subject to change due to airfare tariff increases. This is a customized package tour in which land tour costs and special group airfares have been combined in the most advantageous way. Should you wish to take the land tour only or deviate from the package tour by changing your departure and / or return dates of travel, this will eliminate the advantages of the package tour price and special group airfares. There will be a service charge of \$100 per person for altering the airline itinerary, plus any additional charges assessed by the airlines.

****CREDIT CARDS:** The tour price is a check / cash price. If you wish to use a credit card to pay your vacation a 3.5% fee will be added to the cost of your tour to cover the Credit Card processing fees. Credit cards accepted are MasterCard, Visa & Discover.

Tour price does not include: Trip cancellation, baggage, health and medical insurance, meals or excursions not listed on the tour package flyer, items of a personal nature and any items not listed on flyer, gratuity to driver & guide is not included, passport fees.

Cancellations and Refunds: (per person) If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there will be a charge of \$100 per person up to 110 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 109 and 85 days prior to departure, there will be a cancellation charge of \$400 per person. For cancellation 84 days or less of departure, tour is non-refundable.

Passenger's Responsibilities: Passengers must check in at the appointed motorcoach pickup no less and 30 minutes prior to departure & the airline ticket counter no less than 2 hours prior to departure. In addition, you should be in the departure gate area no less than 50 minutes prior to flight time. Failure to comply could result in the loss of your seat to a standby passenger. Passengers are not permitted to alter their group ticket route, city of origin, or flight schedules. All passengers must have a passport which is valid for six (6) months after the return date of this tour.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDITIONS: I/We have thoroughly read the terms and conditions listed. We understand and agree to abide by all the stated cancellation, deposit, installment payment and travel conditions. We acknowledge that Travel Insurance protection options have been offered.

PER PERSON RATES:

Double Occupancy \$4040

Single Occupancy \$4690

Full Payment Due: 6/3/2024

Optional Travel Protection Plan

Per Person Rate: \$332

VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED – MUST BE VALID FOR UP TO 6 MONTHS AFER THE RETURN DATE OF THIS TOUR!

*Gratuities for the tour director and driver are not included in the price and are at the passenger's discretion. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change due to COVID restrictions that may be enforced without notice. We highly recommend purchasing the optional travel protection plan.



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