

Pride of Poland! ✈️

Planned by Judy Butters, Escorted by Merlea Schultz

Sept. 20-Sept. 29, 2021 (10 days)

From Gdansk's "Royal Way" to the longest pier in Europe; from the vibrant, historic capital of Warsaw to Kraków's charming Old Town with its Market Square and 16th-century Cloth Hall, you'll see it all. Visit historic castles, beautiful cathedrals sites of great religious significance. And journey to Auschwitz and the Kazimierz Jewish District to gain insight into a painful period in Polish History.

Day 1, Monday, September 20...

Meet the Northland Escort at the Des Moines Airport, Park and Fly, Hotel. Get to know the members of your travel group Overnight, Des Moines.

Day 2, Tuesday, September 21... Depart the USA

Depart the USA for your overnight flight to Gdansk, Poland.

Day 3, Wednesday, September 22... Gdansk, Poland

Upon arrival, you'll be met by a Tour representative and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free for you to relax or explore on your own. Tonight, join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for dinner. **Meal: D...**

Day 4, Thursday, September 23... Gdansk – Gdynia – Sopot

After breakfast begin a sightseeing tour of Gdansk. Walk along the "Royal Way", taking in major sights like the 17th-century Golden Gate, the Neptune Fountain situated in front of the Artus Court, and the City Hall, which dates back to the 14th and 15th centuries. One of the most interesting buildings in Old Gdansk is the largest Gothic church in Poland, St. Mary's Church, and the City Hall Tower offers spectacular views of the city. Later travel to Sopot and walk along the longest pier in Europe! Your journey continues to Gdynia, whose harbor is home to many ships open to the public. The destroyer Blyskawica is a national treasure and the only remaining ship built before World War II. And the Dar Pomorza is a Polish sailing frigate that is now preserved as a museum ship in Gdynia. Return to the hotel in Gdansk after a day of exploration. **Meal: B**

Day 5, Friday, September 24... Gdansk – Malbork – Warsaw

The day begins as you travel to Malbork to visit the Castle of the Teutonic Order of Knights. It is a mighty Polish Gothic fortress built in the 13th and 14th centuries and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. An outstanding example of medieval defensive and residential architecture. Continue on to Warsaw, the largest city in Poland. Dinner is included this evening. **Meals: B, D**

Day 6, Saturday, September 25... Warsaw

Steeped in history, Warsaw is one of the most strategic cities in Europe. Discover this capital city on an included full-day sightseeing excursion. As you stroll along the Royal Way, view sites in the Old Town and quaint Market Square. Visit Lazienki Park. A Highlight, is the statue of Frederic Chopin, built to honor Warsaw's favorite son. Enjoy a visit to Wilanow Palace and surrounding park.

After a full day of touring, the evening is yours to experience in Warsaw on your own. **Meal: B**

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**HURRY
FREE AIRFARE if
booked by
DECEMBER 31,
2020!**

****Book by January 20, 2021
for \$75 pp early
booking discount!**

**\$800 deposit per person due
at time of reservation**

**Final payment due by
June 10, 2021**

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:
Active, with a
moderate pace**

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Day 7, Sunday, September 26... Kraków and Częstochowa

After breakfast, depart for the charming town of **Kraków** for a three night stay. Along the way, lunch is included at a local restaurant. After lunch, stop at the famed Monastery of Jasna Góra in Częstochowa – the third largest Catholic pilgrimage site in the world and the national shrine of Poland. After checking into your hotel in **Krakow**, the evening is free to enjoy on your own.

Meal: B, L.

Day 8, Monday, September 27... Kraków

Kraków is known for many things throughout history, including being a former capital of Poland, the home of the late Pope John Paul II and the only major city in Poland to remain unscathed by World War II. The highlight of the Old Town is Market Square, the largest in Europe, and the 16th-century Gothic 'Cloth Hall' - the world's oldest "shopping mall." At exactly noon you'll hear the Kraków Hejnal (bugle call) played by the fireman trumpeter, who can be seen in a window of the highest tower of St. Mary's Church. As you visit Wawel Cathedral, get up close to the Sigismund Bell, the largest bell in Poland. This afternoon enjoy an included visit to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, another UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most famous attractions near Kraków. Walk through 20 chambers on three underground levels to explore the amazing grottoes of crystalline carvings, the subterranean lake with stunning colors and the Chapel of St. Kinga, an impressive 'cathedral' with every feature carved out of solid salt. You won't believe your eyes! **Meal: B**

Day 9, Tuesday, September 28... Kazimierz and Auschwitz

Today's journey takes you to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp Museum of Martyrdom which provides one of the most memorable lessons in modern European history. The Polish government preserved these grounds as a State Museum and in 1979 it also became a UNESCO World Heritage Site, symbolizing the horrors of the Holocaust. This afternoon, visit the Kazimierz District which showcases the historic center of Jewish culture since the 16th century. The main attraction of the district is Szeroka Street (where Schindler's List was filmed). This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner. **Meals: B, D**

Day 10, Wednesday, September 29... Kraków / USA

This morning, transfer to Kraków Airport for your flight home. All too soon your adventure comes to an end but you'll bring back memories of Poland's history, charm and beauty to last a lifetime.

Meal: B

\$3374/person
double rate

\$4174/person
single rate

Call for triple occupancy.
No quads.

***HURRY- book by
September 15, 2020 to guarantee
free airfare.**

***This trip is expected to sell out quickly.
Contact Rhonda to guarantee your reservation.**

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Your Travel Experience Includes:

- ~Round trip air fare +airport transfers.
- ~11 Meals
- ~2 nights in Gdansk
- ~Full-day sightseeing tour of Gdansk with visits to Saint Mary's Church & Sopot Pier
- ~Visit to the Castle of the Teutonic Order of Knights in Malbork
- ~2 nights in Warsaw
- ~Full-day sightseeing tour of Warsaw with visits to the Royal Castle & Wilanow Palace
- ~Visit to Czestochowa to visit Jasna Gora, the most important Marian shrine in Poland
- ~3 nights in Krakow
- ~Walking tour of Krakow with a local, English-speaking guide with visit to Wawel Cathedral & St. Mary's Church
- ~Included excursion to the Wieliczka Salt Mine
- ~Included excursion to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp Museum
- ~Visit to the Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz



PRO TIP:

Travel Insurance:
Available at a group rate for
this tour. Call for details &
pricing.



A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TRIP. IT MUST BE VALID FOR 6 MONTHS FROM RETURN.

Cancellation Penalty Terms:

From receipt of deposit to April 20 = \$100/person
 April 21 – June 16 = \$800/person
 June 17 – August 2 = 20% penalty
 August 3 – September 1 – 30% penalty
 September 2 – September 15 = 50% penalty
On or after September 16 = non-refundable



Please note: Activity level is a 4 out of 5 for this trip. There will be extensive walking on uneven surfaces.



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