













# DISCOVER POLAND SOUTHERN ADVENTURE

Warsaw, Czestochowa, Zakopane, Krakow, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Wieliczka Salt Mine, Lowicz and Warsaw

## Day 1 - Warsaw

Arrival in Warsaw and transfer to your hotel in the heart of the city. The afternoon is free. At 6:00PM, meet your guide and the rest of the group in the hotel lobby. Drive along the beautifully renovated Royal Route with its historical monuments and residences. Stop at Castle Square for a short walk through Old Town, and then join us for welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Your meal will include typical Polish dishes.

#### Day 2 - Warsaw (B,L)

Morning sightseeing tour includes the Old Town with the impressive Royal Castle. Here the Constitution of May 3rd was proclaimed in 1791, the second oldest constitution, after the US Constitution, in the world. After lunch served at a local restaurant in Old Town, we continue our tour with a drive to the area of the former Warsaw Ghetto. During your tour of Warsaw we invite you to the famous Warsaw chocolate factory "Wedel" to taste their delicious hot chocolate. This evening a piano recital featuring famous compositions of Chopin.

#### Day 3 - Warsaw - Czestochowa - Zakopane (B, L)

After breakfast, we depart for Zakopane – one of the most popular vacation resorts in the Tatra Mountains. En route, we stop in Czestochowa to visit the Jasna Gora Monastery and the Black Madonna Shrine with its miraculous icon. Evening arrival in Zakopane beautifully situated at the foot of the Tatra Mountains.

#### Day 4 - Zakopane (B, D)

Morning sightseeing tour of Zakopane will include the Jaszczurowka Chapel, a great example of wooden architecture in Zakopane, and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima at Krzeptowki, which was built by the people of Zakopane to thank the Lady of Fatima for saving the Pope after an attempt on his life. A cable car ride to the top of Gubalowka hill offers a breathtaking view of the Tatra Mountains. Free time to shop for highlander arts and crafts, Dinner tonight at a typical Highlanders' inn.

## Day 5 - Zakopane - Krakow (B, L)

Morning at leisure. Depart Zakopane for a spectacular rafting trip on the Dunajec River in Pieniny National Park. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we leave for the medieval city of Krakow.

#### Day - 6 Krakow (B, D)

Morning sightseeing includes Wawel Hill with Royal Castle, and Cathedral where Polish Kings were crowned and buried. Short break for coffee and cake at a famous Krakow café and then visit the Old Town with its Main Square, stop at St. Mary's Basilica to see the magnificent wooden altar by Wit Stwosz and then the Cloth Hall originally built before 1349, with many shopping stalls inside. The afternoon is at leisure. Dinner at a local restaurant in Old Town.

#### Day 7 - Krakow-auschwitz-wadowice-krakow (B, L)

After breakfast we drive to Auschwitz, the site of the former Nazi Concentration Camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, the infamous death factory. Today, a Museum, it is a silent witness to human tragedy. In the afternoon, we return to Krakow via Wadowice, the birthplace of John Paul II. Return to Krakow, rest of the day at your leisure.

#### Day 8 - Krakow-wieliczka-lowicz-warsaw (B, D)

This morning we drive to Wieliczka to see the underground world of the oldest salt mine in Europe. Admire the salt chambers, monuments all carved in salt by many generation of Polish miners. After lunch on your own, we depart for Warsaw. On the way, we will stop in Lowicz, a typical Mazovian town famous for folk art: especially colorful costumes and beautiful paper cut-outs. You will be invited for a home-hosted dinner by a local family, whose charming cottage is located at the foot of the former Lowicz Castle. After dinner, we continue to Warsaw for overnight.

#### Day 9 - Warsaw (B)

After breakfast transfer to the airport. End of tour.

# B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

#### **OFFER INCLUDES:**

- Airport transfers in Warsaw
- English-speaking tour escort assistance
- English-speaking local guides
- Private air-conditioned motor coach/minibus/ car (depending on the group size)
- Meals as per itinerary: $\boxtimes B$  = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner
- · Cake & coffee/tea at famous Warsaw cafe
- · Cake & coffee/tea at famous Krakow café
- Sightseeing & entrance fees as per itinerary
- Chopin concert.
- Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Hotel charges and taxes

### **HOTELS:**

- 3 nights at Warsaw Radisson Blu Centrum or similar
- 2 nights at Zakopane Grand Nosalowy Dwor or similar
- 3 nights at Krakow Hilton Garden Inn or similar

The First minute booking saving: If you book and pay in full at least 6 month before the departure you will save Cad\$100 per person on your land portion.

#### Please note:

The prices for your flight will be available about 10-12 month before your departure, so we will call you to get the lowest possible airfare. The total number of seats on this tour is limited.

