TRIP TO POLAND
27th-30th of SEPTEMBER 2017
CRACOW – city of treasure

Cracow, a city wrapped in a legend, where time flows differently, and where every moment becomes a moment of history. For centuries Cracow was the capital of Poland, the seat of kings, drawing great scholars and artists from the whole world. It is their talents and imagination we must thank for the city's rich legacy of unique historical relics, which reflect the most important trends in European culture.

The renaissance Royal Castle at Wawel, the gothic St Mary’s Basilica, the historical trade pavilions of the Cloth Hall, the former separate Jewish city of Kazimierz, and even the Nowa Huta district, absorbed by Krakow together with its socialist-realist, industrial architecture, are all places which make a visit to Cracow extremely worthwhile.

Although the city no longer plays such an important administrative role, for many people, thanks to its rich history, Cracow nevertheless represents a synthesis of all Polish things, connecting tradition with modernity. In the special atmosphere of the beautiful and mysterious streets of the Old Town and Kazimierz you will find everything you need to allow you to escape from everyday life. Galleries full of exhibitions, cafes, pubs and restaurants: all of this is an integral part of any visit to Cracow.
WIELICZKA salt mine

The Salt Mine Wieliczka is the oldest salt enterprise on Polish land dating back to the Middle Ages. For centuries it was the source of the country’s wealth and the material foundation of its culture. Today it is the most popular Polish tourist attraction. Several hundreds of years of rock salt exploitation have shaped the spatial arrangement of its excavated structure. Lying on nine levels, concealed under the town, the mine reaches down to the depth of 327 metres. Subterranean Wieliczka consists of nearly 300 kilometres of corridors and almost 3,000 chambers. Magnificent chapels, captivating underground lakes, original tools and equipment, traces of mining works allow us to understand the human struggle against the elements, their work, their passion and their beliefs. The Wieliczka miners have left behind many salt carvings and murals. At present, the underground tourist route is visited annually by over 1,000,000 tourists.
AUSCHWITZ concentration camp

Auschwitz concentration camp was a network of German Nazi concentration camps and extermination camps built and operated by the Nazi Germany during World War II. It consisted of Auschwitz I (the original camp), Auschwitz II–Birkenau (a combination concentration/extermination camp), Auschwitz III–Monowitz (a labor camp to staff an IG Farben factory), and 45 satellite camps. Auschwitz I was first constructed to hold Polish political prisoners, who began to arrive in May 1940. The first extermination of prisoners took place in September 1941, and Auschwitz II–Birkenau went on to become a major site of the Nazi Final Solution to the Jewish Question. From early 1942 until late 1944, transport trains delivered Jews to the camp's gas chambers from all over German-occupied Europe, where they were killed with the pesticide Zyklon B. At least 1.1 million prisoners died at Auschwitz, around 90 percent of them Jewish; approximately 1 in 6 Jews killed in the Holocaust died at the camp. Others deported to Auschwitz included 150,000 Poles, 23,000 Romani and Sinti, 15,000 Soviet prisoners of war, 400 Jehovah's Witnesses, and tens of thousands of others of diverse nationalities, including an unknown number of homosexuals. Many of those not killed in the gas chambers died of starvation, forced labor, infectious diseases, individual executions, and medical experiments.
WROCŁAW - city of bridges

Wroclaw is the chief city of the historical region of Lower Silesia in south-western Poland, situated on the Oder river. Over the centuries the city has been part of Poland, Bohemia, Austria, Prussia, and Germany. In 1945, the city became part of Poland once more following the Potsdam Agreement. The city of Wroclaw originated in Lower Silesia as a Bohemian stronghold at the intersection of two trade routes, the Via Regia and the Amber Road. The city was first recorded in the tenth century as Vratislav, possibly derived from the name of a Bohemian duke Vratislav I. Main sights in the city: Market Square with the fourteenth century Town Hall, „Peoples’ Hall”, "Cathedral Island" with Wroclaw Cathedral, „Raclawice Panorama”, "Grunwald Square", named for the Battle of Grunwald, "St. Elisabeth's Church", Wroclaw Palace.
PROGRAM PROPOSAL
DAY 1/ SEPTEMBER 27th/ WEDNESDAY/ CRACOW

Arrival to Cracow airport (own arrangement)*

Individual transfers to the hotel

Check-in the hotel

Meeting with English speaking guide in the hotel lobby in the evening

Welcome dinner in Cracow restaurant in the Old Town where you will have a chance to try Polish cuisine

Nightlife in Cracow (own arrangement)

Overnight

*Blue Sky may help to organize the flight from your home city to Cracow and back
DAY 2/ SEPTEMBER 28th/ THURSDAY/ CRACOW

Breakfast at the hotel

Cracow sightseeing with English speaking guide
In the morning we will take you on a sightseeing tour of the Old Town during which you will discover the beauty of magical Cracow. As you walk along the Royal Way you will observe how Polish culture has been shaped over long centuries.

Retro tour
a unique sightseeing experience in the vintage retro vehicles or genuine Trabants

Vistula cruise
Cruising provides unique experiences and unforgettable views of Krakow and its vicinity; It is also possible to organize the night cruise

Lunch in dumpling place to try Polish style dumplings

Further Cracow sightseeing
In the afternoon we will continue to Wawel Castle, which houses one of the largest collections of tapestries in Europe, is also an interesting example of Renaissance architecture. The Cathedral was the coronation place of many Polish kings, and also their final resting place.

Dinner

Overnight in Cracow
DAY 3/ SEPTEMBER 29th/ FRIDAY/OSWIECIM, WIELICZKA

Breakfast at the hotel

Check-out

Transfer to Wieliczka Salt Mine (around 30 minutes)

Mine sightseeing
This incredible place is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most famous attractions in the Kraków area. Major curiosities include the underground lake with its stunning colours and the beautiful St. Kinga’s Chapel

Lunch in Wieliczka

Transfer to Oswiecim (around 1 hour)

Visit in Auschwitz-Birkenau – Museum of Martyrdom
Experience one of the most memorable lessons of modern European history.

Transfer to Wroclaw (around 3 hours)

Check-in the hotel, time to refresh and rest

Wroclaw Multimedia Fountain show
The Wroclaw Fountain is located in the historic Wroclaw exhibition ground. Built in 2009, it is currently the largest fountain in Poland and one of the largest operating fountains in Europe.

Dinner

Overnight in Wroclaw
Breakfast at the hotel

Check out

Wrocław sightseeing
Today we will take you on a tour of Wrocław - the main city of Lower Silesia in the south-west Poland. The city uniqueness lies in its canals and more than a hundred bridges which have earned the name “the Polish Venice”. You will also visit Ostrów Tumki Island - the oldest part of Wroclaw. The Old Market Square and its Gothic City Hall form a wonderful heart to the city, and the splendid facades of former burgher houses make the whole area an interesting architectural attraction and focal point of artistic life.

The Raclawice Panorama painting show
Panorama of The Battle of Raclawice in Wroclaw is an impressive relic of 19th century century mass culture, is one of only few examples of this genre preserved in Europe. The large painting (15x114m) 'transfers' the viewer into an altogether different time, a reality of its own. Panorama of the Battle of Raclawice is the oldest and only extant example of panorama painting in Poland.

Lunch in traditional local restaurant

Transfer to Polanica Zdroj (around 2 hours)
THE PRICE OF THE PRESENTED PROGRAM IS 2325PLN*

* The price is based on the participation of 10 people; in case of the participants number change, the price may vary

The price includes:
- BB accommodation in the 3 star hotels in the single rooms – 2 nights in Cracow & 1 night in Wroclaw
- Transfers according to the program
- Sightseeing regarding to the programm with English speaking guide
- Lunches & dinners
- Retro tour in Cracow
- Vistula cruise in Cracow
- Wieliczka Salt mine entry tickets
- Auschwitz-Birkenau museum entry tickets
- Raclavice Panorama painting show
- English speaking tour leader assistance during the whole trip
- Insurance

The price does NOT include:
- Services other than mentioned above
- Flight to and from Cracow
- Individual transfer from the airport to the hotel in Cracow
- Drinks to the meals
- Extra paid hotel services
- Participants’ personal expenses
- Tips

The deadline to register for the trip is 31/08/2017.

In case of the interest in our offer, please contact us:
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The minimum participants number required to organize the trip is 10 people