

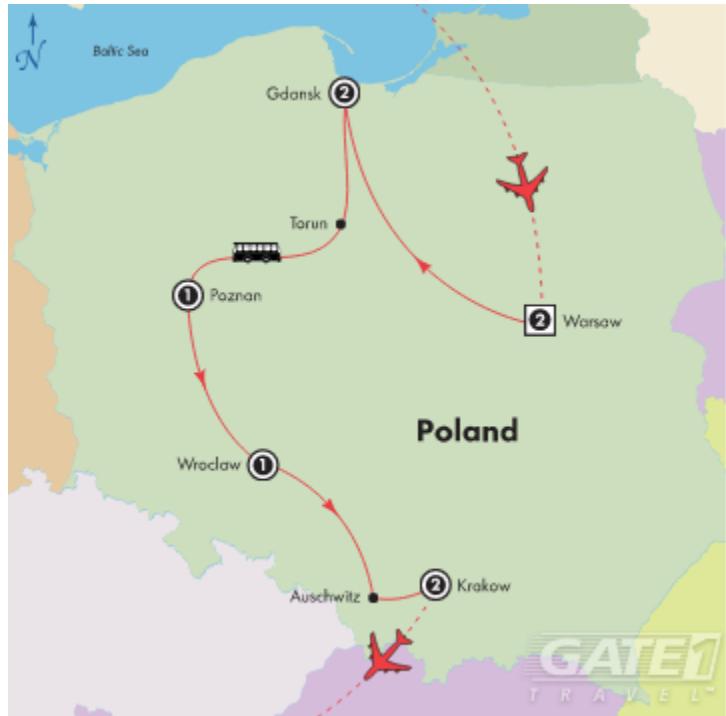
10 Day Classic Poland

September 28-October 07, 2017

\$2202 per person dbl. occ.

Escorted Package Includes

- Flights St Louis-Warsaw, Krakow-St Louis
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 8 nights First Class accommodations
 - 2 nights Warsaw
 - 2 nights Gdansk
 - 1 night Poznan
 - 1 night Wroclaw
 - 2 nights Krakow
- Hotel porterage
- All transfers
- 13 meals: 8 breakfasts, 5 dinners with wine
- Entrance fees per itinerary



Special Features

- Travel along the Royal Route, with its historic monuments and residences, Warsaw
- Visit Malbork Castle, one of the largest Gothic castles in the world, Malbork
- Discover the medieval town of Gdansk, with its gabled buildings and city gates
- View the house where world famous astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born, Torun
- Visit the Cathedral, on the island of Ostrow Tumski where several early Polish kings are buried, Poznan
- Enjoy a city tour of Wroclaw with its scenic waterways, attractive buildings and parks
- Tour Auschwitz-Birkenau, the infamous network of concentration camps from World War II
- Visit the 16th century Wawel Royal Castle, Krakow
- Tour the Jewish Quarter and view Oskar Schindler's factory, Krakow



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DAY 1, Thursday - Depart for Poland**DAY 2, Friday - Arrive in Warsaw**

Arrive in Warsaw, Poland's capital and cultural center of the country on the banks of the Vistula River and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Drink and orientation with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers, followed by dinner

DAY 3, Saturday - Warsaw City Tour

This morning, the tour of Warsaw includes both banks of the Vistula River. Visit Lazienki Park one of the jewels of the city, to view the Chopin Monument. Then travel along the Royal Route toward the Warsaw Ghetto. Stop at the inspiring Memorial that commemorates the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. View the Cathedral of St. John and the Royal Castle. Balance of the day is at leisure or, join the optional tour to Wilanow Palace. The tour of the palace makes Polish history come alive. Later in the afternoon, attend an optional Chopin concert, a highlight of the day. A piano recital of Chopin's most favorite works is performed in a stunning setting. Enjoy a glass of champagne during intermission

DAY 4, Sunday - Marienburg Castle, Drive to Gdansk

Today, travel north towards the Baltic Sea and enjoy the picturesque scenery. En route, stop in the town of Malbork, home to the imposing red brick Marienburg (Malbork) Castle, one of the largest Gothic castles in the world and a classic medieval fortress. It was founded in 1274 by the Knights of the Teutonic Order and is located on the bank of the river Nogat. Continue to Gdansk, Poland's principal seaport, renowned for its shipyards and industrial heritage. The city is the home of Solidarity, the worker's movement which started the breakaway of the country from the Soviet Union in the 1980s. Tonight after dinner, perhaps begin exploring the Old Town (Stare Miasto) with a leisurely stroll

DAY 5, Monday - Gdansk City Tour

This morning, during the city tour, learn of Gdansk's trading past as one of the great ports of the Hanseatic League and discover the medieval town and its gabled buildings and city gates. See the Main City Hall that now serves as a Museum of History, Neptune fountain and St. Mary's Church, the third largest brick church in the world. Balance of the day is at leisure to further explore the city on your own and shop for high quality Baltic Amber items and souvenirs. This evening, perhaps join the optional tour to the fascinating Kashubia region to enjoy a traditional meal.

DAY 6, Tuesday - Visit Medieval Torun, Travel to Poznan

Depart Gdansk for enchanting Torun, located on the Vistula River, one of the "Seven Wonders of Poland." Torun was founded by the Teutonic Knights and served as a trade centre for the Hanseatic League. The Old

Town, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is considered one of the best-preserved medieval towns in all of Europe. Continue your visit through the cobbled streets of the impressive Old Town (Starówka). Don't forget to taste Torun's famous pierniki (gingerbread). Afterwards, travel to Poznan, one of the oldest cities in Poland, destroyed in World War II but faithfully restored. Enjoy an orientation tour of Poznan with its 1,000 years of history, having briefly been the capital of Poland in the 13th century. Visit the Cathedral, located on Ostrów Tumski (Cathedral Island) on the Warta River, where several early Polish kings are buried. View the Golden Chapel that houses the sarcophagi of Poland's first rulers. Tonight, dinner is at the hotel

DAY 7, Wednesday - City Tour of Wroclaw

This morning travel to Wroclaw, a culturally diverse city, having absorbed Bohemian, Austrian and Prussian influences. The city with its turbulent history has been under occupation by many rulers, king and emperors. Today, Wroclaw is a flourishing city with scenic waterways, attractive buildings, bridges and parks. Take a guided tour of the city, known for its Market Square, one of the most beautiful squares in Poland. In the evening, perhaps check out Piwnica Swidnicka, Wroclaw's most famous beer cellar

DAY 8, Thursday - Auschwitz, Travel to Krakow

The sombre highlight of the day is a visit to Oswiecim, better known by its German name of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the infamous network of concentration camps from World War II. It has since been turned into a museum by the Polish government and is on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. After an introduction and historic film, the solemn visit includes a guided tour of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp Museum. Afterwards arrive in Krakow, former residence of the Polish kings for overnight. Tonight, perhaps join the optional festive dinner with a show of traditional Polish entertainment

DAY 9, Friday - Krakow City Tour

This morning, enjoy a tour of medieval Krakow, including a visit to the 16th century Wawel Royal Castle District. Visit the Jewish Quarter and view Oskar Schindler's factory. Continue to the Old Town and Market Square to view St. Mary's Church and the Renaissance Cloth Hall. Afternoon is at leisure to buy last minute souvenirs, or relax in a side walk café in the heart of the historic town. Perhaps, join the optional tour to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, one of the oldest in Europe. The mine's historical importance, as well as the amazing works of art carved into the walls by miners, have earned the Wieliczka Salt Mine a place on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage list. Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers

DAY 10, Saturday - Depart Poland