

Tour of Southern Poland
Sept. 27 - Oct. 8, 2024



Duration: 11 days

Dates:

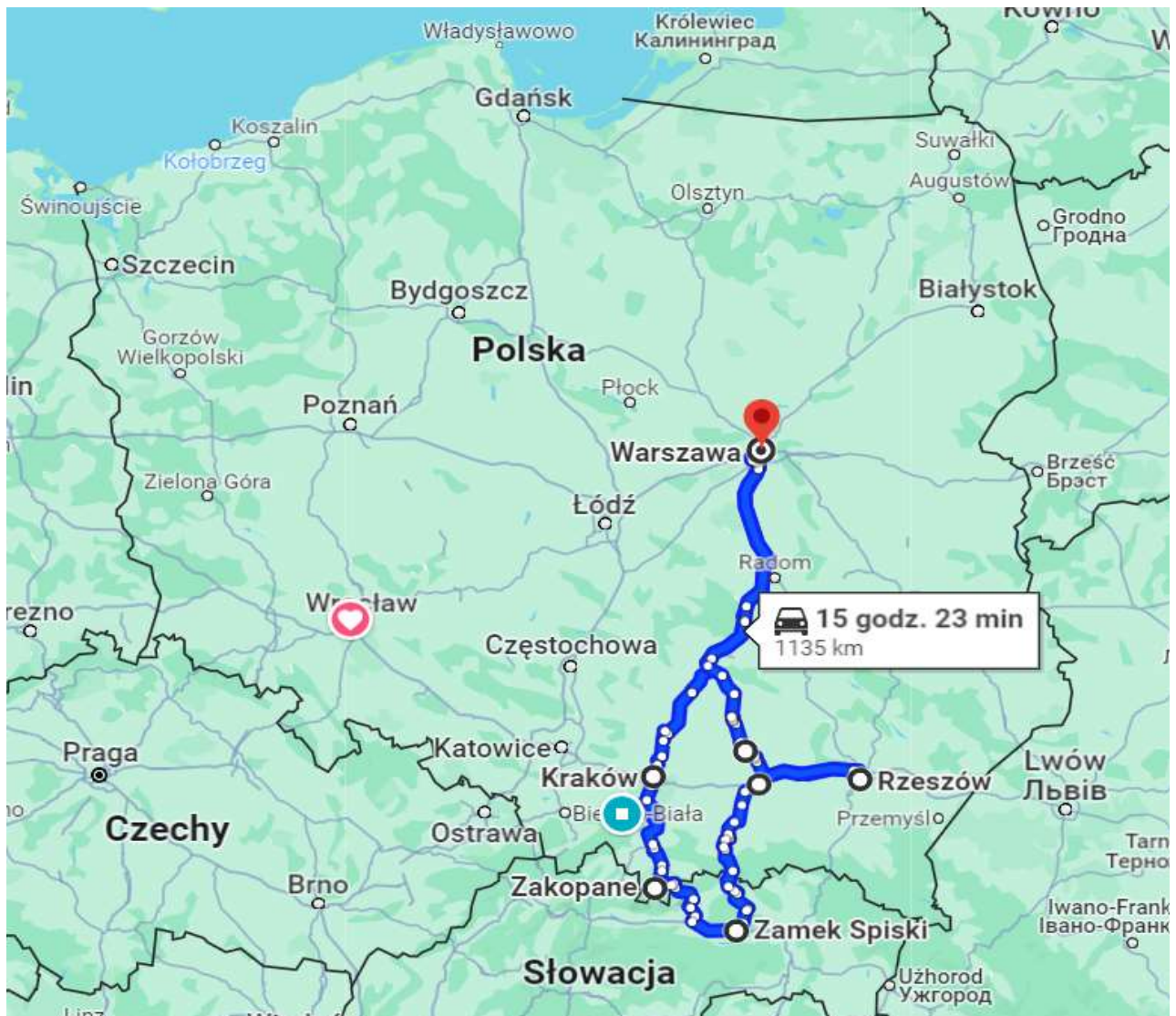
Total Distance: 700 miles

Arrival: Warsaw

Departure: Warsaw

We offer you an unforgettable tour to the central and southern part of Poland, that includes:

10 nights in the most beautiful cities in Poland: Krakow (5 nights); Zakopane (2nights), Tarnow (2 nights), Warszawa (1 night)



DAY 0

September 27th, 2024

Friday

- Flights to Poland.

You can choose one of the departure places:

New York, John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)

or

Chicago, O'Hare International Airport (ORD)

We offer a direct flight operated by a Polish carrier LOT



DAY 1

September 28th, 2024

Saturday

- Welcome to Warsaw, Poland.
After arrival, the bus will take us from the airport to Krakow. On the way, we will stop for a traditional Polish lunch. We will then continue our journey to Krakow, the former capital of Poland. After checking-in we invite you for a short walk around the Old Town where a welcome dinner will be served.



Overnight: Krakow

walking distance: 1 mile

DAY 2

September 29th, 2024

Sunday

- We spend the whole day exploring 'the City of Polish Kings'. We enter the Old Town through the gothic entrance gate (Barbakan) where so-called "Royal Route" starts. It takes us to Europe's largest Market Square, where we also visit the Underground Museum which tells us the story of medieval Kraków. After lunch we continue along the Royal-Route that ends at Wawel Hill. Wawel Castle & its Cathedral was the place of coronation of Polish kings.



Overnight: Krakow

walking distance: 4 miles

DAY 3

September 30th, 2024

Monday

- In the morning we visit Kraków's Jewish district, Kazimierz which is special for its rich historical significance, vibrant cultural atmosphere, and well-preserved synagogues. After lunch we drive to Wieliczka Salt Mine - a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its underground chambers, chapels, and sculptures carved entirely from salt. Let us take you for a fascinating journey through centuries of mining history.



Overnight: Krakow

walking distance: 2 miles

DAY 4

October 1st, 2024

Tuesday

- We leave Krakow for the entire day. Our first stop is Wadowice - the place of birth of the Polish Pope - John Paul II. We visit a great museum organized in his family home. Before we leave this charming town we must try a famous Pope's Cream Cake. After lunch we continue our trip and visit Auschwitz-Birkeanu – the largest Nazi-German concentration and extermination camp. We get back to Krakow in the evening where you can enjoy the night at the romantic Old Town.



Overnight: Krakow

walking distance: 3 miles

DAY 5

October 2nd, 2024

Wednesday

- We leave Krakow and head to Zakopane - the winter capital of Poland. We take a cable car trip to Kasprowy Wierch, where panoramic views of the Tatra mountains awaits. Later we enjoy lunch served in the traditional highlander's restaurant and spend the rest of the day exploring the charming wooden architecture of Zakopane including the famous wooden church of Jaszczurówka. In the evening you may enjoy a concert of a local folk music.



Overnight: Zakopane

walking distance: 2 miles

DAY 6

October 3rd, 2024

Thursday

- Begin your day with a visit to Krupówki Street, immersing yourself in the lively atmosphere of local markets and shops. Later we cross the Slovakian border and visit the town of Poprad. We explore its historical center, St. Egidius Basilica, and the medieval Spis Castle nearby. In the late afternoon we come back to Zakopane to enjoy the blend of traditional highland culture and picturesque landscapes.



Overnight: Zakopane

walking distance: 2 miles

DAY 7

October 4th, 2024

Friday

- Enjoy the last moments in Zakopane before we hit the road and drive towards the city of Tarnów. On our way, we stop in the well-preserved medieval town called Stary Sącz and admire its historic market square and Gothic architecture. Later, we get to Tarnów for 'pierogi workshop'. We prepared a unique hands-on experience where you can learn the art of making traditional Polish dumplings. Afterwards, we take a walk around this charming city.



Overnight: Tarnow

walking distance: 2 miles

DAY 8

October 5th, 2024

Saturday

Today we have a day-trip to Rzeszow. We follow the Underground Tourist Route where one can find the relics of medieval walls, hidden passages and much more. Next we

- visit the beautiful Łańcut Castle famous for its excellent interiors and an extraordinary collection of horse-drawn carriages. In the afternoon we visit The Ulma Family - Museum of Poles Saving Jews in World War II. For the night, we go back to Tarnów.



Overnight: Tarnow

walking distance: 2 miles

DAY 9

October 6th, 2024

Sunday

Today we explore the town of Gorlice and start with a local

- museum, which recounts the significant Battle of Gorlice during WWI, a pivotal moment in the Eastern Front. Then we learn about Gorlice's famous resident - Ignacy Łukasiewicz - a Polish inventor who established the world's first oil refinery in Gorlice. This marked a revolutionary moment in history, as it laid the foundation for the modern petroleum industry. For the night we get back to Kraków.



Overnight: Krakow

walking distance: 1 mile

DAY 10

October 7th, 2024

Monday

Enjoy your free time in Kraków this morning. We meet for

- lunch and then drive to Zalipie, known as the 'Painted Village'. It is a unique destination renowned for its tradition of hand-painted floral motifs adorning nearly every building. We visit the Open-Air museum, featuring decorated cottages, a testament to the village's rich folk art heritage. For the night, we drive to Warsaw where a farewell dinner is provided.



Overnight: Warszawa

walking distance: 1 mile

DAY 11

October 8th, 2024

Tuesday

The trip is about to finish. On the final day just stroll through

- Warsaw's streets, if needed do some more souvenir shopping, relax and reflect on the diverse experiences and cultural treasures discovered during your memorable tour of southern Poland. You may also use that time and start planning your next visit for more unforgettable moments. Transfer to the airport will be provided.



