

CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF POLAND



Hosted by John Gora
Dec 5- 16, 2022



Warsaw ▪ Wroclaw ▪ Boleslawiec Zakopane ▪ Krakow

MON, DEC 5 OVERNIGHT TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT TO WARSAW (NOT INCLUDED IN THE LAND TOUR PRICE)

TUE, DEC 6 **WARSAW** (Welcome dinner)

Our flight arrivals will vary throughout the afternoon, so please take the opportunity to relax or explore on your own. In the evening we will meet for welcome dinner and the chance to meet the rest of the tour group.

Overnight in Warsaw at the Sofitel Victoria, ul. Krolewska 11, tel: 48 22 657 8011

WED, DEC 7 **WARSAW** (Breakfast)

After breakfast join our walking tour of the Old Town to visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Castle Square, and Old Town Square. Free time to visit the market stalls lo near the Barbakan and in the Castle Square and try some local delicacies for lunch.

In the late afternoon, continue our city sight-seeing by bus driving through the lovely illuminated streets, passing the the Palace of Science and Culture, the former Warsaw Ghetto and National Opera House, Lazienki Park with its famous statue of Chopin and finally arriving at Wilanow Palace to visit the Royal Garden Lights Festival. After the tour we return to our hotel.

Overnight in Warsaw at the Sofitel Victoria, ul. Krolewska 11, tel: 48 22 657 8011

THU, DEC 8 **WARSAW – WROCLAW** (Breakfast)

We leave Warsaw and drive to Wroclaw. After settling in to our hotel please join us for a stroll to the market square to savour the magical sights and sounds of Poland's largest Christmas market - the evening is at your leisure.

Overnight in Wroclaw at the PURO Wroclaw Old Town, ul. Pawla Wlodkowica 6, tel: 48 71 772 5100

FRI, DEC 9 **WROCLAW** (Breakfast, Dinner)

Wroclaw, the city of bridges - built on 12 islands and connected by 112 bridges! We begin our city walk with the oldest part of the city "Ostrow Tumski" (Cathedral Island), one of the most beautiful and perfectly preserved sacral architecture complexes in Europe.

We cross "lover's bridge" and visit the colorful market hall before arriving at the Old Town Market Square where we end our tour. Please remember that Wroclaw is famous for its little "gnomes", so be careful where you step! Dinner at a local restaurant.

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SAT, DEC 10 **WROCLAW - BOLESLAWIEC – WROCLAW** (Breakfast)

A full-day excursion to Boleslawiec, famous for its lovely blue ceramics. We will visit and tour one of the ceramic factories and then the rest of the day is at your leisure to explore the many ceramic shops in this charming town. Return to Wroclaw late afternoon.

Overnight in Wroclaw at the PURO Wroclaw Old Town, ul. Pawla Wlodkowica 6, tel: 48 71 772 5100

SUN, DEC 11 **WROCLAW - ZAKOPANE** (Breakfast, Dinner)

After breakfast we leave Wroclaw and drive towards the Tatra Mountains in the southern most part of the country.

In the late afternoon we arrive Zakopane which is a colorful and unique place to visit at any time of the year, but during the Christmas season the Highlander atmosphere is especially delightful. Dinner tonight will be at our hotel.

Overnight in Zakopane at Aries Hotel & Spa, ul. M. Zaruskiego 5, tel: 48 185 44 44 44

MON, DEC 12 **ZAKOPANE** (Breakfast, Dinner with folklore)

Zakopane is known for its wooden architecture and you will see many examples as we take a drive around Zakopane on a short tour this morning stopping in to visit the quaint wooden chapel at Jaszczurowka and the village of Chocholow. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Make sure to have your Christmas shopping list handy as Zakopane is a great place to pick up unique gifts!

Tonight we enjoy dinner at a local Inn with highlander music and folklore.

Overnight in Zakopane at Aries Hotel & Spa, ul. M. Zaruskiego 5, tel: 48 185 44 44 44

TUE, DEC 13 ZAKOPANE – KRAKOW (Breakfast, Lunch)

Today we leave Zakopane in the late morning and travel north to Krakow, the cultural capital of Poland. We will enjoy lunch and then continue to our hotel. After checking in you can join us for a walk to the market square and a visit to the Krakow Historical Museum to view the stunning exhibit of Krakow's Traditional Christmas Creches, or "Szopki", one of Europe's most unique Christmas traditions. Spend the rest of the day enjoying Krakow's magical atmosphere.

Overnight in Krakow at the Andel's Hotel, ul. Pawia 3, tel: +48 12 660 0288

WED, DEC 14 KRAKOW (Breakfast)

Morning walking tour of Krakow includes the Florian's Gate, the Barbican, Royal Wawel Hill, and the Old Town area with its Market Square, the Cloth Hall, and St. Mary's Church. After our tour you are free to explore further at your leisure.

Suggestions : Wieliczka Salt Mine / Krakow Underground Museum / Schindler's Factory / Wawel Royal Castle

Overnight in Krakow at the Andel's Hotel, ul. Pawia 3, tel: +48 12 660 0288

THU, DEC 15 KRAKOW – BEBLO (CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT FACTORY) – KRAKOW (Breakfast, Farewell Dinner)

After breakfast we will visit the Armar Glass Factory outside of Krakow. We will be given a tour of the factory and see how these delicate creations are made. You will also have a chance to be creative and decorate your own ornament at the workshop.

Return to Krakow and enjoy the last day in Krakow at your leisure shopping for last minute gifts or just relaxing and enjoying the festive atmosphere. In the evening we invite you to dinner at one of Krakow's fine restaurants for our farewell dinner.

Overnight in Krakow at the Andel's Hotel, ul. Pawia 3, tel: +48 12 660 0288

FRI, DEC 16 KRAKOW (Breakfast) -- END TOUR

****Itinerary is subject to minor changes that may be required due to unforeseen circumstances & COVID restrictions****

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Cost of the land tour is \$ 2799 CAD / \$ 2399 USD / per person based on double occupancy

Single room supplement add \$ 700 CAD / \$ 600 USD

Land only tour starts in Warsaw on Dec 6th , 2022

Please ask about airfares from your departure city.



A few pictures from our 2021 Christmas Market Tour

For further information or to book this tour please contact:

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CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF POLAND 2022 REGISTRATION FORM

Land only price is \$ 2799 CAD / \$ 2399 USD per person based on double occupancy.

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Land only tour starts in Warsaw on Dec 6, 2022 and ends in Krakow on Dec 16, 2022

Air & Land packages from your gateway available upon request - please contact Wanda for info & pricing

- Yes, I would like to register for the tour on a double basis, Land cost \$ 2799 CAD / \$ 2399 USD
- I wish to pay the supplement for single occupancy \$ 700 CAD / \$ 600 USD
- Please check airfares for me departing from :
- I will make my own flight arrangements.
- I am interested in getting more info about:
Wieliczka Salt Mine / Krakow Underground Museum / Schindler's Factory / Wawel Royal Castle / other
- Special requests / misc. info : dietary restrictions / allergies / mobility issues / frequent flyer#
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Registration fee of \$100 per person - check enclosed, or I authorize you to charge my credit card:

VISA / MASTERCARD # EXP /

in the amount of \$ Signature :

Name as per passport : Date of birth Citizenship Passport # & expiry date:

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Address:

tel # home: cell: e-mail:

Terms and Conditions

*****TRAVELLING IN THE TIME OF COVID19*** HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN EFFECT. THE SITUATION IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING AS ARE THE GUIDELINES AND LOCAL REGULATIONS. YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS THAT WILL BE IN FORCE DURING THE TOUR, IE MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING, ETC. AT PRESENT PROOF OF VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19 WITH A VACCINE AUTHORISED IN THE EUROPEAN UNION MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE BORDER GUARD OFFICER TO AVOID QUARANTINE. UP TO DATE COVID ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR POLAND CAN BE FOUND AT: <https://www.strazgraniczna.pl/pl/cudzoziemcy/covid-epidemia-koronawi/8578,Outbreak-of-coronavirus-rules-of-entry-and-stay-on-the-territory-of-the-Republic.html>**

LAND TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- All transportation within Poland by motorcoach or mini - bus (Mercedes Sprinter) depending on size of group
- Land tour starts in Warsaw on December 6, 2022 at the hotel. If arrival / departure times do not coincide with rest of the group, transfers to / from airport may be arranged at additional cost.
- Meals: buffet breakfast daily at hotel, 5 dinners, 1 lunch
- Visit to the Krakow Historical Museum to view the stunning exhibit of Krakow's Traditional Christmas Creches
- Visit to the Armar Glass factory & Workshop
- Hotels: All rooms with private bath or shower, based on two person sharing a room. A limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement . Chopin Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category, when and if necessary.

NAMES: At time of registration please ensure that name is provided EXACTLY as it appears in passport as well as date of birth.

DEPOSIT: A non-refundable registration fee of \$ 100 per person is required with the registration form to confirm the reservation. This may be by Check, Visa or Mastercard. Please make checks payable to: Chopin Express Tours.

FINAL PAYMENT: Is due by Sep 06, 2022. If reservation is made after Sep 6 full payment will be due at time of booking. If we do not receive final payment, by this date, we reserve the right to cancel the reservation. Payment may be made by Check, VISA or Mastercard. Please make checks payable to: Chopin Express Tours.

IN THE EVENT YOU ARE FORCED TO CANCEL YOUR TRIP THE FOLLOWING CANCELLATION PENALTIES WILL APPLY:

Cancellation up to Sep 6, 2022 : \$ 100 non-refundable (per person)

Cancellation after Sep 7, 2022 : NO REFUND

All cancellations must be received in writing (or by email). The above conditions apply to all cancellations/absences regardless of cause. We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation & interruption insurance to cover the cost of your investment. It is the traveler's responsibility to purchase travel insurance. Please consult the insurance company you normally deal with or call us for recommendations (see also paragraph about travel insurance below).

CANCELLATION BY TOUR OPERATOR: The tour operator reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. In the event of such a cancellations, you will be offered a different tour on the same day, the same tour at a later date, or a full refund of all monies paid less the \$ 100 registration fee which can be transferred to a future tour.

BAGGAGE: Due to limitation of space for baggage, one average-size suitcase per person + carry on is permitted throughout the tour. All baggage is carried at owner's risk. Every care will be taken to protect your luggage but the tour operator can accept no responsibility for loss or damage to baggage or belongings. Small items must be entirely in the care of the owner.

SIGHTSEEING: Complete sightseeing program as shown in itinerary, the services of an English-speaking guide and entrance fees to places visited as per itinerary.

TOUR ESCORTS: English-speaking escort will be provided throughout tour.

TIPS AND TAXES: Service charges and taxes imposed by government authorities are included. Standard tips to restaurant staff are included for meals that are listed in itinerary. Tips for any additional services are not included.

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR: Excess baggage charges, insurance of any kind, wine, liquors, mineral water, coffee or tea, food or beverages not on the regular menus of the included meals. Items of personal nature such as: laundry, telephone calls, tips.

VISAS AND PASSPORTS: All passengers are required to have a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond travel date. Canadian & US citizens do not require any visas for this tour. For other nationalities and destinations please check requirements.

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