

# GRAND TOUR OF POLAND HOSTED BY JOHN GORA & EDDIE BIEGAJ

## July 4 – 17 , 2023

**Warsaw ▪ Malbork ▪ Gdansk ▪ Torun ▪ Czestochowa ▪ Wadowice ▪ Zakopane ▪ Krakow**



**JUL 04 - TUE DEPART CANADA / USA ON TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT - ASK US ABOUT YOUR FLIGHT OPTIONS.**

**JUL 05 - WED Arrive Warsaw (Welcome Dinner)**

Arrive Warsaw and transfer to our hotel. (Transfer included only if time coincides with group arrival)  
Welcome dinner tonight will be at our hotel – join us for a casual get-together to meet the group.

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

**JUL 06 - THU Warsaw (Breakfast, Lunch)**

Our walking tour of the Old Town includes the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Castle Square, and Old Town Square. We then continue by coach for a driving tour that takes us past the Palace of Science and Culture, the former Warsaw Ghetto and National Opera House. Stopping at Lazienki Park we visit the famous Chopin Monument and then stroll through this wonderful green space in the heart of Warsaw to see the Palace on the Water. After lunch, the rest of the day is at your leisure. Suggestions for your free time: The Chopin Museum, POLIN Museum of Polish Jews, or the 1944 Uprising Museum.

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**JUL 07 - FRI Warsaw - Wilanow Palace (Breakfast)**

A short drive this morning along the Royal Route leading from the Royal Castle in Warsaw will take us to the wonderful baroque Royal Residence of King John Sobieski III in Wilanow. The Palace boasts an extensive art collection as well as beautifully manicured gardens. After our visit we return to our hotel and the rest of the day is at your leisure.

In the evening we invite you to enjoy us for a spectacular sound and light display at the Multimedia Fountain Park.

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**JUL 08 - SAT Warsaw - Malbork Castle - Gdansk (Breakfast, Dinner)**

After breakfast we leave Warsaw and drive to Malbork Castle which was built in 1406 by the Teutonic Knights, a German Roman Catholic religious order of crusaders. Malbork is the largest castle in the world as well as the largest brick building in Europe. Afterwards, we continue north to Gdansk. Join us tonight for dinner at a local Kashubian restaurant with folklore.

***Overnight at PURO Hotel Gdansk Old Town, Stagiewna 26, tel: +48 58 563 5000***

**JUL 09- SUN Gdansk (Breakfast)**

After breakfast, you have the opportunity to attend mass at St. Bridget's Church, best known as a sanctuary for the leaders of Solidarity Movement under Martial Law. The church is also known for its remarkable amber altar. In the late morning we will meet our local guide to explore Gdansk. Our walking tour of Gdansk will highlight the main sights such as the Golden Gate, the Long Market with its grand mansions decorated with late Renaissance and Baroque facades, the Artus Court, St. Mary's Basilica, and Mariacka Street, with its gabled terraced houses and elegant boutiques, a great place for shopping!

We then take a short drive to the Solidarity Monument and the European Solidarity Centre, which is a museum devoted to the history of Solidarity, the Polish trade union and civil resistance movement, and other opposition movements of Communist Eastern Europe. The museum is located next to the entrance to the famous Gdansk shipyard. You can stay and visit the Museum on your own after the tour or perhaps visit the World War II Museum. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

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**JUL 10 - MON Gdansk - Sopot - Gdansk (Breakfast, Dinner)**

The morning is yours to explore on your own. Suggestion: Museum of Amber.

In the afternoon we sail \* from Gdansk to Sopot where we disembark on the longest & oldest wooden pier in Europe.

\* *subject to weather and water conditions, if unfavorable we will drive to Sopot.* Free time to stroll the pier and explore the fashionable seaside resort. Don't miss the pedestrian street "Monte Cassino" with its many restaurants and cafes as well as the famous Crooked House. In the evening join us for a casual dinner at "Bulaj" restaurant by the seaside in Sopot.

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**JUL 11 - TUE Gdansk - Torun - Czestochowa (Breakfast, Dinner)**

Morning departure from Gdansk, driving south we will stop in Torun for a walking tour of this medieval town where Nicolaus Copernicus was born. Torun has long been famous as a center of gingerbread and is truly one of the most magnificent historic cities of Poland, its Old Town has been included on the UNESCO list. After our tour you will have free time for lunch and shopping before we continue to Czestochowa. Early evening arrival in Czestochowa for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight at Hotel Palac Czarny Las, Czarny Las 8, Woźniki near Czestochowa, tel: +48 34 357 3078**

**JUL 12 - WED Czestochowa - Wadowice - Zakopane (Breakfast, Dinner)**

In the morning we will visit the Jasna Gora Monastery, Poland's most important shrine with the Black Madonna. After our visit we drive south to Wadowice, the birthplace of St John Paul II. We will visit the church where the young Karol Wojtyla was christened and later served as altar boy and then continue to Zakopane for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight in Zakopane at Bachleda Resort, ul.Tetmajera 16, tel +48 18 202 3100**

**JUL 13 - THU Zakopane (Breakfast, Dinner)**

After breakfast see the highlights of Zakopane including the wooden chapel at Jaszczurowka, the ski-jump hill, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Our tour will end with a cable car (funicular) ride to the top of Gubalowka Mountain for a great view of the Tatra Mountains. After descending from Gubalowka you have free time to shop the colorful open market place where you will find leather goods, sheepskin items, local cheese, and all kinds of wonderful gifts and souvenirs for yourself and for friends at home. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure. In the evening we will meet again for dinner.

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**JUL 14 - FRI Zakopane – Dunajec River Rafting – Krakow (Breakfast, Lunch)**

After breakfast we leave Zakopane. Get ready to enjoy a relaxing and picturesque river rafting experience on the Dunajec River. Winding through the spectacular scenery of the Pieniny National Park we will be zig-zagging back and forth across the Polish and Slovak border. Lunch at a local inn and then we continue to Krakow. Enjoy the evening in Krakow at your leisure.

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

**JUL 15 - SAT Krakow (Breakfast)**

Our morning walking tour of Krakow will get you acquainted with this lovely medieval town. We will visit Wawel Hill, Florianska Gate, and the Barbican. This 13th-century merchants' town has Europe's largest Market Square, with the Cloth Hall as its centrepiece as well as St. Mary's Church. After our tour you are free to continue exploring Krakow at your own pace.

\**This afternoon you may choose to join our optional excursion (\$) to Wieliczka Salt Mine – please advise at time of booking.*

Other suggestions for exploring on your own: Rynek Underground Museum, Schindler's Factory,

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**JUL 16 - SUN Krakow (Breakfast, Farewell Dinner)**

Today the day is yours to enjoy as you wish. Shop for last minute gifts and souvenirs or further explore Krakow on your own

\**An optional excursion (\$) to Auschwitz/Birkenau is possible - please advise at time of booking if you would like to participate.*

In the evening we meet for our Farewell Dinner.

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**JUL 17 - MON Krakow (Breakfast) End of tour - after breakfast transfer to Krakow airport.**

*(itinerary is subject to minor changes that may be required due to unforeseen circumstances)*

❖ Full details coming soon ❖

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