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OPTIONAL TOURS

for participants or accompanying persons

CITY TOUR OF CRACOW
THE TRACES OF JEWISH CULTURE
WIELICZKA SALT MINE
DUNAJEC RIVER GORGE AND NIEDZICA CASTLE
ZAKOPANE - THE TATRA MOUNTAINS
AUSCHWITZ AND BIRKENAU MUSEUM

everyday
Wednesday and Sunday
everyday
Monday, Thursday
Wednesday, Saturday
everyday

1. CITY TOUR OF CRACOW (duration 4 hrs – morning tour)

Duration: 4 hours

Departure: 9.30 everyday

Return: 13.30

Price: EUR 30 ,- / per person



For over a thousand years, Krakow has been the centre of science, culture and art in Poland and our city sightseeing tour is a fine introduction to this historic city. The tour could begin with a short walk along the streets of the former Jewish district of Kazimierz. Next, Wawel Hill, crowned by Wawel Castle and Wawel Cathedral and the seat of royal power up till the 17 century. The Castle was home to many Polish kings and queens and the royal crypts in the Cathedral their final resting place, along with several other Polish heroes. A walk up Grodzka street leads you to the heart of Krakow, the Rynek Główny, or Main Market Square. There, the large, Gothic Cloth Hall is the perfect place for shopping for local souvenirs. Our last sightseeing stop is the twin-spired St. Mary's Church with its famous medieval altar by Wit Stwosz and where, every hour, the brave trumpeter of Krakow still calls out his warning.

Price includes: transportation, English speaking guide, entrance tickets to the Royal Castle, Royal Cathedral, St. Mary's Church.

2. The TRACES OF JEWISH CULTURE – (duration 4 hrs, morning tour)

Duration: 4 hours

Departure: 9.30 Wednesday and Sunday

Return: 13.30

Price: EUR 30 ,- / per person



Visit the historical centre for Poland's Jews on a tour of Kazimierz, the district where „Schindler's List” was filmed. Named after the king who invited Jews to Poland in the 14th century, Kazimierz became the flourishing centre of Jewish religion and culture. Due to the policy of religious tolerance that prevailed in Poland from the 15th century, Kazimierz became a safe haven for diverse groups of Jewish refugees from all over Europe. The tour aims to retrace this diversity which resulted in the construction of numerous synagogues (including the oldest of the preserved synagogues in Poland) and a very unique atmosphere which is still present there. Also, you might recognise some of the sights that appeared in the Oscar winning Schindler's list which was shot in this area. The tour ends with a visit to the monument commemorating the victims of the former Nazi concentration camp in Płaszów.

Price includes: English speaking guide, hotel pick up from selected hotels, admission to the Old Synagogue, Remuh Synagogue and Cemetery.

3. WIELICZKA SALT MINE – (duration 4 hrs, twice a day)

Duration: 4 hours

Departure: morning tour 9.30 or afternoon tour 15.15 - everyday

Return: 13.30 (morning tour) or 19.15 (afternoon tour)

Price: EUR 30,- / per person



Legend has it that the salt mines in Wieliczka were a part of the dowry of the Hungarian princess, Kinga, when she wed Bolesław the Chaste over 700 years ago, making the Wieliczka Salt Mine one of the oldest in all of Europe. Over the centuries, devout and superstitious, miners have carved fabulous figures, monuments and altarpieces out of its salt walls. These amazing works of art, in addition to the mine's historical importance, have earned the Wieliczka Salt Mine a place on the

UNESCO World Cultural Heritage list. Our route through the mine leads you through galleries and chambers on three levels, from 64 to 135 meters below the ground, including the unique and richly ornamented Chapel of the Blessed Kinga. The route is 2.5 km long and you have to walk down 400 steps all told. The last stop in the mine is the souvenir shop and snack bar. From here, a lift carries you back to the surface. (Lift down instead of walking down stairs - only on special request)

Price includes: transportation, English speaking guide, entrance fees.

PLEASE NOTE: The tour is not recommended for people with claustrophobia.

4. DUNAJEC RIVER GORGE AND NIEDZICA CASTLE (duration 8 hrs)

Duration: 8 hours

Departure: morning tour 8.00 Monday, Thursday

Return: 16.00

Price: EUR 57,- / per person



The raft trip down the Dunajec River through the Pieniny Gorge and along the Polish-Slovak border is one of the greatest tourist attractions in Poland. The towering cliffs and the limestone rock formations of the gorge itself plus the picturesque mountain scenery, the surrounding forest and the colourful river guides make for a wonderful day in a pristine and wild environment. For many centuries, the Dunajec valley formed an important trade route to Hungary and so Czorsztyn Castle (13th c.) and Niedzica Castle (14th c.) were built as strategic strongholds high on the cliffs on either side. Czorsztyn Castle was destroyed in a peasant uprising, but it has been partially restored and its ruins make for an adventurous visit. Niedzica Castle, in a delightful counterpoint, is in perfect condition. In fact, today, it is actually a working hotel in addition to housing a fine museum. Our trip begins at Niedzica Castle, then continues to the raft wharf in Sromowce Nizne and ends 15-km later in Szczawnica. It lasts two or three hours, depending on the water level of the river. While on the raft, you will enjoy excellent view of the high summits of Trzy Korony and Mt. Sokolica.

Price includes: transportation, English speaking tour escort, English speaking guide, rafting, ticket to the castle. Duration 8 hrs.

PLEASE NOTE: Tour is guaranteed for minimum 4 people! Meals not included in the price.

5. ZAKOPANE - THE TATRA MOUNTAINS (duration 8 hrs)

Duration: 8 hours

Departure: morning tour 8.00 Wednesday, Saturday

Return: 16.00

Price: EUR 57,- / per person



Zakopane and the Tatra Mountains Travel to Zakopane, a mountain resort nestled at the foot of the Tatra mountains and boasting breathtaking views of Poland's countryside. Zakopane is the winter capital of Poland, thanks to its splendid natural scenery, its pistes and hiking trails, and a rich folk culture. You will begin your exploration of the area by taking the funicular railway to the top of Mount Gubałówka for views over the granite and limestone peaks of the Tatra Mountains. Having returned to the oldest part of Zakopane, we will visit the charming wooden old parish church and the most unique cemetery in Poland. To complete your experience, you have a chance to visit the enormous regional market and enjoy lunch in a regional restaurant serving local specialities. If you wish to find out more about this unusual region you can visit the Tatra Museum or the village of Chochołów (famous for its 150-year-old wooden log cabins and a serene atmosphere).
PLEASE NOTE: Tour is guaranteed for minimum 4 people! Meals not included in the price

6. AUSCHWITZ AND BIRKENAU MUSEUM – (duration 6 hrs, twice a day)

Duration: 4 hours

Departure: morning tour 9.30 or afternoon tour 15.15 everyday

Return: 15.30 (morning tour) or 21.15 (afternoon tour)

Price: EUR 30.-/per person



The most well know cemetery and place of genocide in the world. Started in 1940 as a concentration camp for Polish political prisoners, Auschwitz became the centre for extermination of European Jews in 1942. During 1940-1945, the Nazis killed about 1,500,000 people here, mainly Jews, but also Poles, Gypsies, Russians POWs and members of other nationalities. Our tour begins with a 15-minute documentary film about the liberation of the camp, then a museum-guide shows you the exhibitions in some of the surviving prison blocks, the gas chamber, and the crematorium. After a short break, we continue to Birkenau, where we go up the watchtower above the entrance gate to see the view of this largest of all Nazi extermination camps.

Price includes: transportation, English speaking guide, entrance tickets to the museum.

PLEASE NOTE: Meals not included in the price. There is only one 15-minute break during the tour.

NOTE:

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