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10 days / 9 nights

Discover Poland with this 10-day route that allows you to discover the rich history of Poland, its fantastic cities, fairytale, colourful towns and its impressive landscapes.



**Day
1**

> Warsaw



Warsaw Old Town — roofs



Warsaw — The Kubicki Arcades



Warsaw — Palace of Science and Culture



Warsaw



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Welcome to Poland !

Arrival to **Warsaw**. Transfer to the hotel and check-in.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Warsaw**.

Day 2	> Warsaw



Warsaw — Old Town



Warsaw — Chopin concert



Warsaw — Royal Castle



Warsaw – Lazienki Royal Park, Palace on the

Water

Breakfast at your hotel.

Visit **Warsaw** – the capital city of Poland. During this tour, we will visit the most important spots in the city and will have an opportunity to become acquainted with the sometimes tragic past of Warsaw and the history of Poland. We will start our tour by visiting the Old Town, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the New Town. We will continue our journey to Krasinski Palace, the Supreme Court building and the Warsaw Uprising Monument. After that, we will go to the Lazienki Royal Park where we will see the famous monument dedicated to Frederic Chopin where we will have an opportunity to relax in the beautiful rose garden and among the dazzling natural elements of the park. You will truly forget that you are in a major European Capital City.

Free time.

In the evening we invite you for a **Chopin Concert**. Nestled in the cobblestone streets of the Old Town of Warsaw stands a unique neoclassical concert hall with original “plaster stucco” walls, crystal mirrors, and stylish nineteenth century



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decorations. As you walk through the doors, you will step into the era of Chopin for a two-part ensemble of Chopin's greatest pieces played by internationally recognized pianists. During the intermission, you will be invited to a glass of sparkling wine, orange juice, or water. This concert is both a perfect start and/or finishing touch to a romantic evening in the Old Town. If you are starting your night with the concert, you may choose to end it in one of the many restaurants that our beautiful old town has to offer.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Warsaw**.

Day 3	> Warsaw > Bialowieza



Bialowieza National Park



Bialowieza National Park



Bialowieza National Park — bison



Bialowieza National Park

Breakfast at your hotel.

Collection of the rental car at the hotel. Departure towards **Bialowieza**.

Bialowieza National Park – The king of national parks in Poland and in Europe is Białowieża National Park. It is not only one of the oldest on the continent (created in 1932), but also the only place where the European bison lives in freedom (it currently has more than 300 copies) and where it is conserved, in strict reserve, the called primitive forest, part of the park that has not been altered for 400 years by human activity.

Entrance to the Natural History Museum of Bialowieza National Park.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Bialowieza**.





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> **Białowieża** > **Kruszyniany** > **Tykocin** > **Białystok**



Podlasie — Bohoniki Mosque



Podlasie — Tatar cuisine



Podlasie



Podlasie – Land of Open Shutters2

Breakfast at your hotel.

Departure in the direction of the **Podlasie** region.

A part of **the Podlasie** region is known as the Land of Open Shutters. The villages are inhabited by indigenous Podlasie people, mostly Orthodox, who identify themselves as a Belarusian minority. The inhabitants use the Podlasie dialect on a daily basis, which is slowly disappearing. This place is famous mainly for the ornamentation of wooden houses. The colorful shutters, richly decorated gables and gabled house corners, porches and manicured farmhouses, which are unique in other parts of the country, reflect the spatial arrangement of Queen Bona's times. All this is immersed in the silence and greenery of gardens with hollyhocks, asters and peonies.

Continue to **Kruszyniany**.

Kruszyniany is a town located on the Tatar Way. It is mainly characterized by the cultural and religious diversity of the inhabitants, but also by the beauty of the surroundings. Here is an opportunity to try unusual Tatar cuisine in a local restaurant. The main attractions of Kruszyniany are the mosque and the mizar, the Tatar cemetery. The mosque dates back to the 18th century, but its history dates back to King Jan III Sobieski. The building is preserved in excellent condition, you can also visit its interior.

Transfer to **Białystok** with stopover in **Tykocin**

Tykocin is, a charming city with a special atmosphere. Today it looks exactly like before World War II. One can still admire king's castle, 18th century monastery



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and church, astonishing 17th century synagogue as well as wooden houses more than 100 years old. The Jewish community was formed here in 16th century and it constituted a great cultural center, becoming one of the largest Jewish communities in Poland. The synagogue of Tykocin is the second largest synagogue in Poland after that one in Krakow.

Continue to **Bialystok**.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Bialystok**.

Day 5	> Bialystok > Masuria region
	 
	

Breakfast at your hotel.

Bialystok is the largest city in the region of north-eastern Poland. It is surrounded by a beautiful natural area called the Green Lungs of Poland which is full of tourist attractions. The location nearby Lithuania and Belarus had a significant influence on the historical and present functioning of the city itself and the entire Podlasie region. Many different cultures, religions and nationalities have lived here for centuries. During a sightseeing you could have a chance to see Branicki Palace , the most valuable monument of Bialystok, also known as the Versailles of Podlasie, the Old Market area and the Town Hall.

Depart to **Masurian** region.

Beautiful **Masuria** region is boasting of more than 2600 lakes and beautiful nature. Wind and wild aquatic birds make more of a ruckus here than people. This is a perfect place for your rest.



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Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in one of **the Masurian** cities.

Day 6	> Masuria region



Gierloz — Wolf's Lair



Gierloz — Wolf's Lair



Gizycko



— Boyen Fortress

Gierloz – Wolf's Lair

Breakfast at your hotel.

Free day to discover the beautiful region of the lakes.

Wolf's Lair was the Adolf Hitler's Headquarters built in 1941 in the middle of Masurian forest to facilitate planned German invasion on Russian Soviet Union and coordinate warfare on new eastern front. It was the place where many important strategic decisions were made by German dictator and his top generals. Here in 1944 famous, failed assassination attempt on Hitler, carried out by Claus von Stauffenberg took place. Wolf's Lair complex which consisted of barracks, airports, railway station, power station etc, was destructed in 1945 but its impressive ruins are today available for sightseeing. It is a perfect tour for those who want to learn more about the history of World War 2 and experience something unique.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in one of **the Masurian** cities.

Day 7 – Gdansk – Malbork – Gdansk



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Malbork — Knight tournament



Malbork —



panorama Malbork Castle

Breakfast at your hotel.

Depart for **Malbork**.

Malbork Castle is the medieval capital of the Teutonic Order in Eastern Europe. You will have a guided visit to the biggest red brick gothic castle in the world which earned it the title of being a “UNESCO World Heritage Site”. This is not only your chance to admire beautiful architecture, but also to experience what life was like in the past, see their technology, and an antique collection of arms. The Castle’s cellars also host the “History of Amber” exhibition presenting an astounding collection of Baltic Sea amber including jewelry, and other products made out of amber.

Continue to **Gdansk**.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Gdansk**.

Day 8	> Gdansk > Gdynia > Sopot > Gdansk



Gdańsk — Old Crane



Sopot — Crooked house



Gdansk



— Old Town Gdynia – Dar Pomorza sailship

Breakfast at your hotel.

The charm of Old Town **Gdansk** attracts millions of tourists each year. We will start by taking a walk down Długa Street, which is one of the most beautiful



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European markets that is nestled around a dazzling selection of renaissance buildings. It leaves from the Golden Gate and passes by the Town Hall, Neptune fountain, Arthur's Court and finishes by the Green Gate overlooking the Motława River. On a way you may visit The Museum of Arthur's Court and the Amber Chamber at which point, you will see an amber polishing demonstration with a short lecture on amber. The tour continues to the Old Crane, which happens to be one of the most popular symbols of the city. After that, the tour finishes at the church of St Mary, Europe's biggest gothic brick church.

Later you can visit Oliwa Cathedral, the longest Cistercian church in the world, which is famous for its organs and organ concert. Transfer to **Gdynia** harbor and visit the sail powered ship "Dar Pomorza" and transfer to **Sopot** seaside resort. Once we arrive, you can walk along the longest wooden pier in Europe.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Gdansk**.

**Day
9**

> **Gdansk** > **Torun** > **Warsaw**



Torun



Torun — gingerbread



Torun



Torun

Breakfast at your hotel.

Departure in the direction of **Torun**.

Visit **Torun**, the best example of medieval gothic town (UNESCO Heritage) and birthplace of great Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus who made a crucial discovery that the Earth is not the centre of universe. During the walk along the Old Town we would visit the Copernicus House and the Cathedral with a bell tower offering a splendid view over the city. Time for a souvenir hunt could be a



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chance to try gingerbread – a speciality the city is famous for, that is baked according to old recipes and methods dating back to the 16th century.

Continue to **Warsaw**.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Warsaw**.

Day 10	> Warsaw



Warsaw — panorama



Warsaw — city centre



Warsaw — city centre



Torun

Breakfast at your hotel.

Transfer to the airport in **Warsaw**.

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