

- 22 Mar. Fri. Witamy w Polsce! Welcome to Poland! Arrive Krakow transfer on your own to the hotel. Meet Katie at 7:00 in the lobby.
- 23 Mar. Sat. After breakfast departure for the Wielicaka Salt Mine. This famous mine has been operating for over 700 years and is the largest working salt mine in Europe. The mine's historical importance and works of carved art has brought the mine under the protection of the Unesco World Cultural Heritage. Explore the three levels of underground galleries and chambers. Return to Krakow remainder of the day to explore Krakow. (B). **DINNER?**
- 24 Mar. Sun. After breakfast you will enjoy a morning guided tour of the medieval Krakow features the historic 16th century Wawel Royal Castle district with its impressive Royal Castle and **Wawel Royal Cathedral**. Continue to the old Jewish district, Kazimierz, where we will view the Old Synagogue, the Remuh.Cemetery, and Temple Synagogue. Continue the Old Town with its restored Main Square of magnificent houses and palaces and the Cloth Hall. Visit **St. Mary's Basilica** to admire the magnificent interior and wooden altar. Remainder of the day to explore this lovely medieval town. Enjoy dinner on your own at one Krakow's fabulous restaurants (B)
- 25 Mar. Mon. After breakfast drive along the Oder River to Wroclaw, a culturally diverse city, having absorbed Bohemian, Austrian, and Prussian influences. With its turbulent history, this city has been under occupation by many rulers, kings, and emperors. Stop to visit UNESCO **Swidnica Church of Peace**, 17th cen. the largest timber framed church in Europe. The Church of Peace represents to the quest for religious freedom and is a rare expression of Lutheran ideology. Arrival Wroclaw, check into your hotel. Meet your guide for an afternoon city tour of Wroclaw featuring the brightly colored facades of the noble mansions and the flower markets on the Plac Solny. Enjoy the Baroque splendor of the Rynek. Visit the Baroque Hall of Aula Leopoldina at Wroclaw University. Dinner is planned at the Piwnica Swinicka, the oldest restaurant/cellar in Poland, founded in 1273. (B, D)
- 26 Mar. Tue. After breakfast, we will depart for Lodz. Lodz is famous for its Art Nouveau architecture from the turn of the 20th century. The city tour includes the Market Square, Pasaz Rozy, Piotrkowska Street, and the Saint Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. The remainder of the day is free to explore Lodz. Perhaps enjoy dinner at one of Lodz's local Polish cuisine restaurants. (B)
- 27 Mar. Wed. After breakfast depart for the medieval walled city of Torun, the birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus and considered one of the most magnificent historic cities of Poland. Its Old Town is protected by UNESCO, due to its impressive 13th century Town Hall, superb churches and historic streets depicting Torun's past glory. Upon arrival enjoy a walking tour and taste Torun's famous gingerbread. Check into your hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure to explore this beautiful city. (B)
- 28 Mar. Thu. After breakfast departure for Gdansk. On our way we will visit the largest castle in the world, Malbork Castle. Built with 12-15 million bricks, it is even larger than Windsor Castle. UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to a museum with 40 thousand items including one of Europe's largest collections of medieval architectural elements, artistic amber wares, old weapons and military equipment, and coin collection from historic mints in Malbork. Tour continues to the 14th-century Palace of the Grand Master of the Teutonic Order of Knights and St. Mary's Church. Afternoon arrival Gdansk. Remainder of the day to explore Gdansk. (B)
- 29 Mar. Fri. After breakfast join our guide for a walking tour of Gdansk. Enjoy learning about the city's history and the development of the Mannerist Polish Architecture in 16th /17th century. Experience the Golden Gate, Golden House, Neptune Fountain as you walk the Royal Way. Continue to Main Town and the Artus Court meeting hall for the Hanseatic League. Visit St. **Mary's Basilica***, one of the most precious red-brick Gothic churches in Gdansk. Gdansk played a key role in WWII, so we'll also see the remains of WWII in the historic Old Town, such as Victoria Schulle, bunkers, and ruins from 1940s. Conclude the tour with the visit of the **Solidarity Museum***, devoted to the history of Solidariy, the Polish trade union and civil resistance movement, and other opposition movements of Communist Eastern Europe. The remainder of the day for the exploration of this picturesque city. (B) **Subject to hours due to Easter holidays.*
- 30 Mar. Sat. After breakfast we will visit **Westerplatte**, the place where WWII began. From 1926 to 1939 it was the location of the Polish Military Transit Depot, sanctioned within the territory of the Free City of Danzig. On September 1, 1939, the battleship Schleswig-Holstein opened fire on the Polish garrison. Seven days later, Major Henryk Sucharski surrendered due to lack of ammunition and supplies. Afternoon visit Sopot, the famous and fashionable seaside resort. See the oldest and longest wooden pier in Europe, and visit **Oliwa Cathedral****, famous for its one-of-a-kind pipe organ. Return to Gdansk with the rest of the day free to enjoy Easter festivities and explore this picturesque city on own. (B) **Subject to hours due to Easter holidays.*
- 31 Mar.Sun. After breakfast depart Gdansk for the airport for your homebound flight. Today is Easter Sunday, a national holiday in Poland. (B)