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The Kramarczuk Tour of Poland

September 22 – October 3, 2017

\$3,199

per person/double occupancy
including roundtrip air from Minneapolis



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"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only a page." ~ St. Augustine of Hippo

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Itinerary

Friday, September 22 ~ Warsaw

Depart Minneapolis and travel to Warsaw arriving the next day.

Saturday, September 23 ~ Warsaw

After arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the heart of the city. The afternoon is free. At 6:00 PM, meet your guide and the rest of the group in the hotel lobby. Drive along the beautifully renovated Royal Route with its historical monuments and residences. Stop at Castle Square for a short walk through Old Town, and then join us for welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Your meal will include typical Polish dishes and famous Polish vodka, "Zubrowka". (D)

Sunday, September 24 ~ Warsaw

This morning, we introduce you to the highlights of Warsaw. A half-day sightseeing tour includes Old Town, beautifully rebuilt after World War II, with the impressive ROYAL CASTLE, seat of the kings of Poland. Here the Constitution of May 3rd was proclaimed in 1791, the second oldest constitution in the world after the US Constitution. You will admire some of its 300 rooms and see the Canaletto Room with 23 of his paintings, the Throne Room, the magnificent Knight's Hall with six large paintings by Marcello Bacciarelli, the Marble room with its 22 portraits of Polish kings and the largest and most impressive of all the castle's chambers, the Ballroom. After lunch served at a local restaurant in Old Town, we continue our tour with a drive to the area of the former Warsaw Ghetto. En route, you will see the building of the National Opera House and Town Hall. During your tour of Warsaw we invite you to the famous Warsaw chocolate factory "Wedel" to taste the delicious hot chocolate at the "Wedel Old Fashioned Shop". This evening you will take an unforgettable musical journey through the world famous compositions of our greatest composer, Frederic Chopin, at a piano recital. A glass of sparkling wine will be served during intermission. (B,L)

Monday, September 25 ~ Warsaw – Czestochowa – Zakopane

After breakfast, we depart for Zakopane – one of the most popular vacation resorts in the Tatra Mountains. En route, we stop in Czestochowa to visit the JASNA GORA MONASTERY AND THE BLACK MADONNA SHRINE with its miraculous icon. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant in Czestochowa. In the evening we arrive in Zakopane beautifully situated at the foot of the Tatra Mountains, in the valley between Gubalowka and Giewont. It is the most popular resort in Poland and one of the most beautiful places in all of Poland, owing to its picturesque location. Once, a small mountain village, Zakopane became a fashionable artist's retreat at the beginning of the 20th century. (B, L)

Tuesday, September 26 ~ Zakopane – Krakow

In the morning, you will have a sightseeing tour of Zakopane, whose wooden architecture blends with the

natural landscapes. This architecture is copied in other parts of Poland and is known as Zakopianski Style. You will visit the Jaszczurowka Chapel, a great example of the wooden architecture in Zakopane, and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima at Krzeptowki, which was built by the people of Zakopane to thank the Lady of Fatima for saving Pope John Paul II after an attempt on his life. Admire the breathtaking views of the Tatras from the top of Gubalowka Mountain and shop for souvenirs of arts and crafts of the Highlanders (Gorale) in the local shops. After lunch on your own you will have a free time. Before we continue on to Krakow, take a spectacular RAFTING TRIP on the Dunajec River in Pieniny National Park. Tonight's dinner will be served at a local restaurant in Krakow's Old Town Market Square. (B, D)

Wednesday, September 27 ~ Krakow – Auschwitz – Krakow

The morning sightseeing tour will feature Wawel, the ROYAL CASTLE, home to three dynasties of Poland's monarchs. Its stately halls and exquisite chambers are filled with priceless art, valuable period furniture and rare ancient objects. The collection of monumental 16th century tapestries is matchless. You will also visit the WAWEL CATHEDRAL, the place of the cult of St. Stanislaw and St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland. Its 18 chapels are true architectural masterpieces. The giant bell, Zygmunt from 1520 ranks with the world's largest. This is the place where Polish kings were crowned and buried. Drive to Old Town with its restored Main Square of magnificent houses and palaces. There, you stop at ST. MARY'S BASILICAS to see the magnificent wooden altar by Wit Stwosz. In the middle of the square is Cloth Hall built before 1349, but renovated in the 16th century with many shopping stalls inside. After lunch we drive to AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU, one of the largest of the Nazi concentration camps and a solemn reminder of the Holocaust (B, L)

Thursday, September 28 ~ Krakow – Wielicka – Krakow

In the morning you will have time on your own then coffee and cake at a famous Krakow cafeteria. In the afternoon drive to the WIELICZKA SALT MINE, an unforgettable site with underground chambers, grottoes, and chapels carved from salt. Dinner with a folkloric show will be served at a local restaurant in Wieliczka, before we drive back to Krakow. (B,L)

Friday, September 29 ~ Krakow – Lowicz – Torun

After breakfast, we leave for Torun. On the way, we will stop in Lowicz, a typical Mazovian town famous for folk art: colorful costumes and beautiful paper cut-outs. You will be invited for a home-hosted lunch by a local family, whose charming cottage is located at the foot of the former Lowicz Castle. You will be welcomed in a typical Polish way, with bread & salt, and enjoy your meal served by the young married couple in their lovely house. You will have time to talk about their day to day life and have your dessert in a beautiful garden. We continue to Torun, where the balance of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

Saturday, September 30 ~ Torun – Gdansk

In the morning, we see the highlights of Torun. It is the birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus and considered one of the most magnificent historic cities of Poland. Its Old Town has been included in UNESCO's list for its impressive 13th century Town Hall, superb churches and historic streets preserving Torun's past glory. A visit to the COPERNICUS MUSEUM is included in your itinerary. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant in Torun. In the afternoon, we drive to Gdansk. Upon arrival, we take a brief walk through the Old Town. (B, L)

Sunday, October 1 ~ Gdansk – Malbork – Gdansk

Today, we tour Gdansk in depth. We start from the Upland Gate - a fragment of the city's former fortifications and one of its main gates. Just behind it, we pass by a baked-brick construction consisting of the Prison Tower and the Torture House - relics of the 15th century Gothic defense walls. The Golden Gate, situated next to the Prison Tower, opens onto Long Market - a magnificent street, with grand mansions decorated with late Renaissance and Baroque facades. A real feast for the eyes!!! It is here that the richest burghers of Gdansk once lived. Next, we come upon the Main Town and the Artus Court - a building used for Hanseatic League meetings. It is renowned as the most beautiful court among all of Europe's Hanseatic cities. Just behind it stands the tower of St. Mary's Basilica, a part of the most precious and largest red-brick Gothic church in Gdansk. On our way back we pass by Mariacka Street, with its gabled terraced houses and elegant boutiques. We continue to Malbork for lunch and visiting the TEUTONIC KNIGHTS CASTLE. It is the largest brick building in Europe and one of Poland's greatest attractions. After returning to Gdansk the balance of the day is free to give you time for shopping Baltic arts and crafts, including unique amber jewelry and trinkets. (B, L)

Monday, October 2 ~ Tricity – Oliwa – Warsaw

After breakfast we drive to Gdynia, youngest of the tri-city complex, which also includes Sopot the famous and fashionable seaside resort. Here you can still see the oldest and longest wooden pier in Europe. We will also visit Oliwa Cathedral famous for its one-of-a-kind pipe organ, to enjoy a CONCERT. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant. In the afternoon we drive for Warsaw. A farewell dinner will be served at local restaurant in Warsaw this evening. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, October 3 ~ Warsaw

After breakfast this morning, we transfer you to the airport for the return flight home. (B)

Some highlights of the tour...

- ~ Warsaw's Old Town Square
- ~ Jasna Gora monastery at Czestochowa
- ~ Krakow's Wawel Hill and Old Town
- ~ The unique architecture of Zakopane
- ~ Wieliczka Salt Mine

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per person/double occupancy
add \$425 for single occupancy

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ~Roundtrip international airfare
- ~ Airport transfers
- ~Selected class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- ~English-speaking tour escort assistance
- ~Obligatory local guides
- ~Private air-conditioned motor coach or minibus
- ~Meals as per itinerary:
 breakfast daily,
 7 x lunch served at the local restaurants
 4 x dinner (including one dinner with folkloric show in Wieliczka)
- ~Cake & coffee/tea at famous Warsaw cafeteria
- ~Cake & coffee/tea at famous Krakow cafeteria
- ~Sightseeing tours as per itinerary
- ~Entrance fees as indicated in itinerary
- ~Chopin concert with a glass of sparkling wine
- ~Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- ~Hotel charges and taxes

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- ~Passport fees (a passport valid six months after re-entry to the United States is required)
- ~Optional trip cancellation insurance
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- ~Extra services not part of the tour program, such as laundry, bar services, internet etc.
- ~Charges for excess baggage
- ~Gratuities to hotel staff and porters
- ~Gratuities to tour director, local guides and driver

Hotels:

- 3 nights at 4-star hotel in Warsaw**
 Novotel Warszawa Centrum or similar
- 1 night at 3-star hotel in Zakopane**
 Mercure Kasprowy or similar
- 3 nights at 4-star hotel in Krakow**
 Novotel Krakow City West or similar
- 1 night at 3-star hotel in Torun**
 Mercure Torun Centrum or similar
- 2 nights at 4-star hotel in Gdansk**
 Mercure Gdansk Old Town or similar



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cancellation date	penalty
before July 24, 2017	\$100
before August 14, 2017	10% of tour cost
before September 7, 2017	40% of tour cost
before September 14, 2017	80% of tour cost
after September 15	100% of tour cost

Airfare is non-refundable and non-transferable once ticketed.

**Registrations due by March 1, 2017 to
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