

Overview

A Poland/Czech Republic private tour offers a culturally compelling snapshot of two contrasting Eastern European countries. Though we enjoy Warsaw, we fully admit that Krakow is our favorite, engaging city in Poland. In addition to being a lively walking-city, there is the haunting and sobering Auschwitz Concentration Camp. A half-day visit here is an unforgettable experience, and most instructive of the horrors of the Holocaust.

While Paris is perhaps our favorite city on the European continent, Prague remains our most well-like city in Central Europe; think of a more Bohemian, less ____ version of Paris. Similar to Paris, Prague was heavily undamaged in WWII and offers views of striking Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture. We enthusiastically recommend a full-day excursion to beautiful Cesky Krumlov, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and considered by many to be Bohemia’s prettiest city.

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| <p>POLAND Temperature Range Highs: Mid 70’s Lows: Mid 50’s Area 312,685 SQ KM 120,728 SQ MILES Population 38.3 Million Language Polish Capital Warsaw Currency Polish Zloty</p> | <p>CZECH REPUBLIC Temperature Range Highs: Low 70’s Lows: Low 50’s Area 78,866 SQ KM 30,450 SQ MILES Population 10.4 Million Language Czech Capital Prague Currency Koruna</p> |
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Day 1

Fly to Warsaw

Through our sister company, premium air provider TRAVNET, we may assisted with your international airfare, as well as with mileage points conversion.

Day 2

Arrive Warsaw + Transfer to Port-en-Bessin

Upon arrival in Warsaw, you will be privately transferred to the Warsaw Chopin Airport.

Mamaison Hotel le Regina

Opened in 2004, the 61-room boutique 5-star Mamaison Hotel Le Regina has been our favorite luxury property in Warsaw for quite some time. Close to the Old Town in a nice quiet area of the city, the hotel is actually a restored 18th century palace. We particularly like the rooms’ Italian-made custom furniture and the

marble floor bathrooms – please note the bathrooms come with a tub/shower as one unit. Nice indoor swimming pool.

Meals: --

Accommodations: La Chateau Cheneviere

Day 3

Warsaw Private Tour

Ravaged by World War II and restored thereafter, your tour will begin in Warsaw's Old Town. Aside from Warsaw's unique architecture, you will continue to the Jewish ghetto, the largest of all Jewish ghettos during Nazi-occupied Europe. In the afternoon, you will continue to the baroque style Wilanow Palace & Gardens. With many World War II historical sites, we may suggest many sobering experience from the History of Polish Jews and Exhibition on the Warsaw Ghetto, among others.

Meals: --

Accommodations: Mamaison Hotel Le Regina

Day 4

Warsaw/Czestochowa/Krakow

Following breakfast, you will be privately driven to Krakow. For several reasons we feel Krakow to be perhaps a more engaging, interesting city than Warsaw. Up until 1596, Krakow was the capital of Poland and has maintained its role as one of the leading centers of Polish cultural life. You may stop at the Jasna Gora Pauline Monastery, the holiest site in all of Poland.

Sheraton Krakow Hotel

Although we have used the smaller Hotel Copernicus and Hotel Stry, we prefer the Sheraton Krakow, as it is the only international class hotel in the city. The Sheraton folks rate this hotel as 5-star; we more judicially rate this property as mid 4-star. We particularly like the Sheraton's location near the Wawel Royal Castle, on the banks of the Wisla River.

This evening, we have arranged for you to eat at Tetmajerowska Hawelka Restaurant, a traditional Polish restaurant situated on Market Square. Enjoy Polish classics, like fillet of pork cooked in the style favored by the goodly King Stas. The roast duck is a favorite.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Sheraton Krakow Hotel

Day 5

Krakow

Following breakfast, you will journey to the district of Kasimierz, the city's historic Jewish Quarter and once the political/social center for Jews in all of Europe. Museums, restaurants, and artisanal shops abound, you will have your choice of sites to visit. Of special note Oskar Schindler's Factory and now museum, that tells the story of the Jewish people during Nazi occupation.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: Sheraton Krakow Hotel

Day 6

Auschwitz Berkenau Concentration Camp

Following breakfast, you will be driven to the haunting and infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp, the most notorious site of the Third Reich, for all day touring. The camp was preserved as a memorial to the millions who perished (among 28 nationalities). Despite the history of this place, we feel a visit to Auschwitz is most instructive of the horrors of the Holocaust.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: Sheraton Krakow Hotel

Day 7

Free Day Krakow

Enjoy Krakow at your leisure!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Sheraton Krakow Hotel

Day 8

Krakow/Prague

After breakfast, you will be privately driven to Prague, where you will be checked-in to the Aria Hotel.

Aria Hotel (RL)

Although we use Four Seasons properties throughout the world, many of our clients prefer more historical, unique, boutique 5-star hotels, if possible. In the case of Prague, we feel the smaller, luxury Augustine and Aria Hotels offer a more enriching high-end overnight experience when staying in Prague. This sleek, modern 51-room luxury boutique property is located in the quaint Mala Strana (Little Quarter) area, near the Charles Bridge, Prague Castle, and Old Town Square. We prefer the contemporary-designed deluxe rooms, with views of either St. Nicholas Church or the winter garden atrium. We very much enjoyed the rooftop restaurant during our stay here (weather permitting!)

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Aria Hotel

Day 9

Prague Private Tour

Following breakfast at the Aria, meet your local guide for a full day private tour of Prague, including a walking tour of the Old Town. In the afternoon, you may continue to Prague's Castle District. Visits include Hradcany Castle, the seat of Bohemian kings and Holy Roman emperors, Cathedral of St. Vitus, one of the finest and most richly endowed in central Europe, and the Basilica of St. George which was founded in 905.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Aria Hotel

Day 10

Troja Palace

After breakfast at the hotel of your choice, you will enjoy a half day private tour to Troja Palace, the 16th century summer residence of the Counts of Sternberg, set amidst formal gardens. We feel the lush gardens here are among the most beautiful in Central Europe.

Day 11

Fly Prague/U.S.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: --