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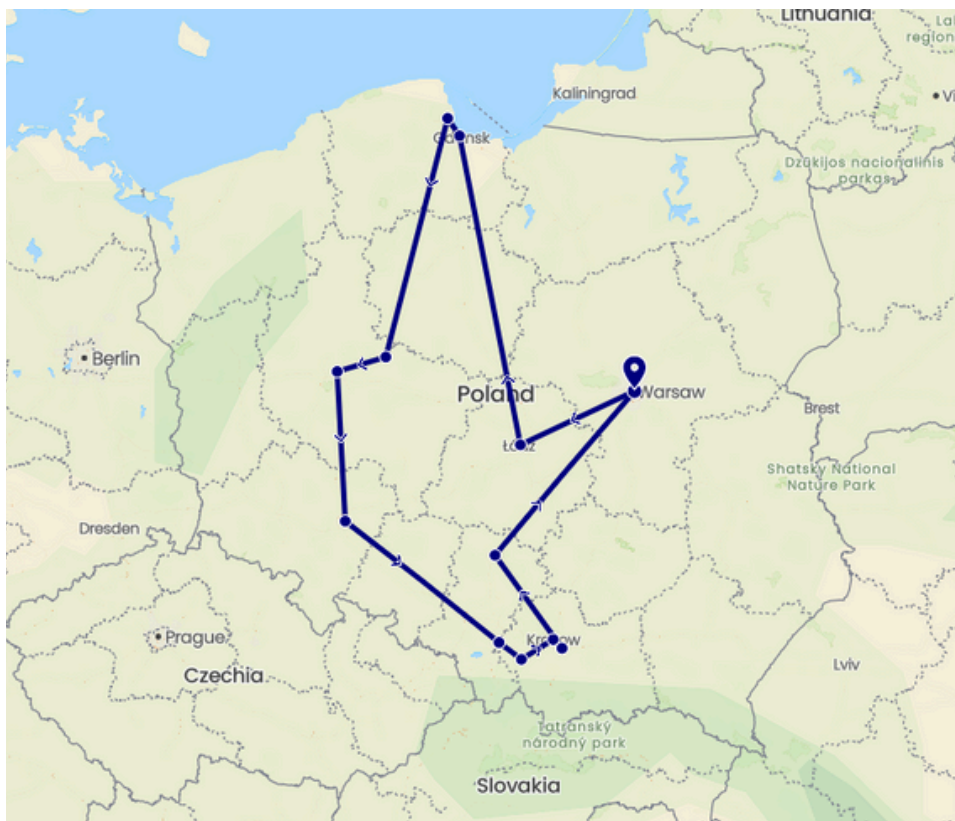
12-DAY TRIP

ARRIVAL: Warsaw **DEPARTURE:** Warsaw

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ESSENCE OF POLAND - POLISH TOUR



Dates:

Spring Edition: May 7th – May 18th, 2026

Fall Edition: Sept. 3rd – Sept. 14th, 2026

Based on our 15 years of experience creating meaningful, expertly paced journeys, we invite you to join a tour that reveals Poland's story from its royal beginnings to modern times.

- UNESCO cities & historic landmarks - Warsaw, Toruń, Gdańsk, Kraków, and Wieliczka
- Powerful history & multicultural heritage - stories of resilience, faith, migration, and cultural exchange
- Thoughtfully curated travel - small groups, expert guides, great hotels, and unforgettable experiences

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DAY 1 – 7 MAY 2026 / 3 SEPT, 2026

Arrive in Warsaw and settle into your hotel before heading out for an easy introduction to Poland's capital. Enjoy a walk through the beautifully rebuilt UNESCO-listed Old Town, then stroll along elegant Krakowskie Przedmieście. See the Presidential Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the peaceful Saxon Garden. In the evening, gather for a traditional Polish welcome dinner and a warm start to the journey.

 **Overnight:** Warsaw, 3* or 4* Hotel in a central location.



DAY 2 – 8 MAY 2026 / 4 SEPT, 2026

Continue discovering Warsaw, beginning with a visit to the Royal Castle, a symbol of Poland's royal past. For lunch, enjoy classic pierogi at a local favorite. In the afternoon, visit the Chopin Museum, followed by a walk through Warsaw's largest park, created by Poland's last king. Landscaped gardens, palaces, and monuments offer a relaxing and elegant end to the day.

 **Overnight:** Warsaw, 3* or 4* Hotel in a central location.



DAY 3 – 9 MAY 2026 / 5 SEPT, 2026

Visit the powerful Warsaw Uprising Museum, honoring those who fought for freedom in 1944. Driving through today's modern business district, once the site of the Jewish Ghetto, we gradually leave the capital behind. Stop for lunch in Łódź, a city shaped by 19th-century industrial growth and rich cultural contrasts. Continue north to Toruń, where medieval charm awaits.

 **Overnight:** Toruń, centrally located 3* Hotel.



DAY 4 – 10 MAY 2026 / 6 SEPT, 2026

Spend the day in Toruń, birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus and one of Poland's best-preserved medieval towns. Its Gothic architecture and historic streets have earned it UNESCO World Heritage status. Don't miss tasting the city's famous gingerbread. After lunch, travel north to Gdańsk and enjoy an evening walk through the beautifully restored Main Town by the Baltic Sea.

 **Overnight:** Gdańsk, 3* or 4* hotel in the center.

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DAY 5 – 11 MAY 2026 / 7 SEPT, 2026

Begin the day at the European Solidarity Centre, telling the story of the Solidarity movement and the fall of communism in Europe. Continue to Westerplatte, where World War II began with the first shots of 1939. The afternoon is dedicated to discovering Gdańsk, a city shaped by maritime trade, resilience, and a unique blend of cultures along the Baltic coast.

 **Overnight:** Gdańsk, 3* or 4* hotel in the center.



DAY 6 – 12 MAY 2026 / 8 SEPT, 2026

Start in Gdynia at the Emigration Museum, documenting the powerful stories of Polish emigration around the world. Then travel south to Gniezno, Poland's first capital. Visit Lech Hill and its magnificent cathedral, one of the country's oldest sacred monuments. Learn about the beginnings of the Polish state before continuing to Poznań for the night.

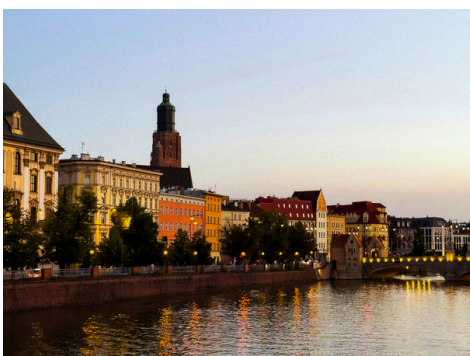
 **Overnight:** Poznań, 3* or 4* hotel in a central location



DAY 7 – 13 MAY 2026 / 9 SEPT, 2026

Focus on Poznań, known for its colorful Renaissance Old Town and Ostrów Tumski, the birthplace of Poland. Explore the interactive Poznań Gate museum, which brings early Polish history vividly to life. In the afternoon, travel south to Wrocław, a city of bridges, islands, and layered history, also known by its German name, Breslau.

 **Overnight:** Wrocław, 4* hotel in the center of the city.



DAY 8 – 14 MAY 2026 / 10 SEPT, 2026

Explore Wrocław's lively Market Square, one of the most beautiful in Poland, surrounded by historic townhouses. Continue to Ostrów Tumski, the city's oldest area, once an island of early settlement. Walk among churches, seminaries, and the cathedral, where Wrocław's spiritual and architectural roots come together in a peaceful, atmospheric setting.

 **Overnight:** Wrocław, 4* hotel in the center of the city.

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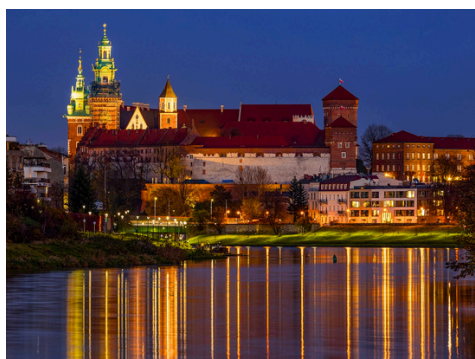
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DAY 9 – 15 MAY 2026 / 11 SEPT, 2026

Leave Wrocław and travel toward Kraków, stopping at Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and extermination camp. Those who wish may take part in a guided visit for reflection and remembrance. Continue to Wadowice, birthplace of Pope John Paul II. In the evening, arrive in Kraków and enjoy a walk along the historic Royal Route.

 **Overnight:** Cracow, 4* hotel in the center of the city.



DAY 10 – 16 MAY 2026 / 12 SEPT, 2026

Spend the day exploring Kraków, Poland's former royal capital. Walk across Europe's largest medieval market square, then follow the Royal Route to Wawel Hill. Visit Wawel Castle and Cathedral, the coronation site of Polish kings. After lunch, explore Kazimierz, the historic Jewish district, where over 500 years of Jewish heritage remain visible today.

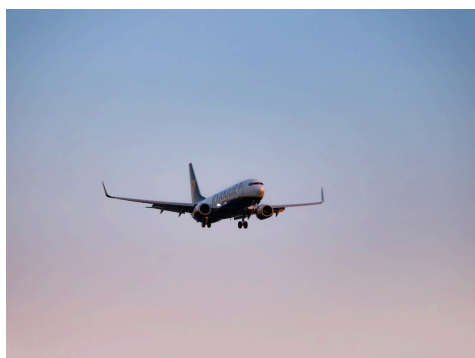
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DAY 11 – 17 MAY 2026 / 13 SEPT, 2026

Begin the day at the remarkable Wieliczka Salt Mine, an underground world of corridors, chapels, and lakes carved entirely from salt over centuries. After lunch, continue to Częstochowa, Poland's most important pilgrimage site. Visit Jasna Góra Monastery, home to the revered Black Madonna. In the evening, return to Warsaw for your final overnight stay.

 **Overnight:** Warsaw, 3* hotel in the center of the city.



DAY 12 – 18 MAY 2026 / 14 SEPT, 2026

Enjoy a relaxed final day in Poland. Take time for packing, last-minute shopping, or a quiet coffee while reflecting on the journey. As you prepare to depart, take home not only souvenirs but lasting memories and a deeper connection to Poland's history and culture. Airport transfer is included. If you wish to extend your stay or customize additional destinations, we will be happy to assist.

Don't Just Take our Word For It...

See what our clients say about us!

COLEEN

"I would highly recommend Genealogy Tours. Adam was very good about making sure I had tours that included IJ Paderewski as well as other family members. With the help of Adam I had amazing tours guides that are very informative about the history of the cities I toured. All of my guides spoke English and I could clearly understand everything. All my guides helped me including when my phone service shut down. The guides will go the extra length to help out."

LINDA

"I went on the 2024 Christmas Market Tour with Tom and Adam, and it was fabulous! How to put into words the whole experience is difficult but the whole Christmas atmosphere and the wonderful food and drink was just amazing. The concert, the bonfire in the mountains and bauble factory tour were special treats! And the history, incredible buildings, museums, palace and castles are unlike anything one can experience in the US. All this and my fun traveling companions made it a fantastic experience!"

DONNA

"We have just returned from a great tour arranged by Adam and his team. My family was able to visit the home areas where my grandparents were born and married in Poland. With Adam as our guide we nearly drove Poland from north to south. Every aspect of our trip was planned with the utmost professionalism. We loved seeing the churches where they were married and experiencing the countryside as we drove from town to town. Everyday had a stop planned by Adam that educated us on Poland and our heritage."