

Poland & Hungary

8 Nights/10 Days



DAY 1

Warsaw



Departure via scheduled airline service to Warsaw, Poland

DAY 2

Warsaw



Arrive in Warsaw

Meet your Q Events Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach for a panoramic tour of Warsaw's highlights. Take a tour of the Royal Castle, seat of kings of Poland. It was here that the Third of May Constitution was promulgated in 1791, the second constitution in the world, next to the US Constitution. The interior (300 rooms!) was carefully restored to look as it did centuries ago. Continue on to the historic Rynek (Market Square) for time at leisure. Late afternoon hotel check-in. Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight.



Warsaw, the capital of recently-liberated Poland, was 75% destroyed by Hitler's armies in 1944, and it was rebuilt in the "functional" communist styles of the 1950s and 60s. The reconstructed areas of the city — the historic Old Town area, rebuilt brick by brick in the 1950s; the Royal Castle, the Ujazdowski Palace — are moving tributes to the Poles' ability to survive and preserve their history and traditions. Since liberation, Warsaw is quickly changing into a modern, cosmopolitan, major European capital.

DAY 3

Warsaw



Breakfast at the hotel

Half-day sightseeing includes visits of the Cathedral of St. John, the Łazienki Park and Palace (the "Palace on the Water"), also see the Monument to the Heroes of the Ghetto (erected in 1948 when the city was still in ruins), and the Monument to the 1944 Warsaw Uprising. Lunch on own. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Evening dinner and overnight.

DAY 4

Warsaw /
Częstochowa
/ Krakow



Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Krakow

Stop en route for a guided tour in Częstochowa that includes entrance to the Monastery of Jasna Góra. There, a monk will guide your visit to the Basilica of the Holy Cross and the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, which holds the Black Madonna, the monastery's most precious treasure. Also see the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin, Knight's Hall, Treasury, and Arsenal. Lunch on own. Continue to Krakow for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5

Krakow



Breakfast at the hotel

A guided sightseeing tour of this ancient capital of Poland, a royal city on the Vistula, lying at the foot of Wawel, a limestone hill on whose peak rises a splendid royal palace and the Cathedral of Sts. Stanislaw and Waclaw. Start with the Royal Castle and Cathedral on the Wawel Hill, which was remodeled according to the new Renaissance taste in the beginning of the 16th century. It is the place where Polish kings were crowned and buried. Lunch on own.

Afterwards, drive to the Old Town with the Main Market Square and its magnificent houses and palaces. In the middle of the square is the Cloth Hall, built before 1349 but altered in the 16th century, with many shopping stalls inside. Also visit the Church of St. Mary, located on the Main Market Square. Evening dinner and overnight.



Krakow, seat of Poland's oldest university and once the nation's capital (before relinquishing the honor to Warsaw in 1611) is one of the few Polish cities that escaped devastation during World War II. Listed by UNESCO in 1978 as one of the 12 great historic cities of the world, Krakow represents a great repository of Polish history, art and architecture.

DAY 6

Krakow / Wieliczka



Breakfast at the hotel

Excursion to Wieliczka to see the underground world of the oldest Salt Mine in Europe. Admire the gorgeous underground world of salt lakes, galleries and chapels created by many generations of Polish miners. See up to 20 excavated chambers on 3 levels, full of beautiful statues carved from salt as well as the Salt Works Museum

Lunch on own

Return to Krakow for an afternoon at your leisure in the Old Market Square

Evening dinner and overnight

DAY 7

Krakow / Zakopane / Budapest



Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Budapest via Zakopane - the winter capital of Poland and one of the most picturesque places in the country

Lunch on own

Evening Dinner and overnight



Budapest, the modern combination of Pest (the larger city, sprawling on the Great Hungarian Plain) and Buda (Castle Hill) is considered one of Europe's greatest cities. Two opera houses, five concert halls, numerous theaters are only the beginning of the dazzling entertainment in this beautiful city

DAY 8

Budapest



Breakfast at the hotel

A morning guided tour of Budapest includes the Parliament, Chain Bridge, Royal Castle Hill (for an incredible view of the city), St. Stephen's Cathedral, Matthias Church, the National Gallery, and entrance to the Fisherman's Bastion (which occupies the site of Buda's old defensive walls and a medieval square where fish was once sold)

Walk the grounds of Vajdahunyad Castle and visit the picturesque streets of Tánácsis Mihály utca, Uri utca and Fortuna utca

Lunch on own

Evening Dinner and overnight

DAY 9

Budapest / Hungarian Puszta



Breakfast at the hotel

Full-day excursion to the Hungarian Puszta, the great Hungarian plain stretching from the Danube to the country's eastern border, including a typical Hungarian Gypsy lunch, horse riding shows, and carriage ride

Lunch on own

Return to Budapest in the late afternoon

Evening Farewell Dinner Cruise on the Danube

DAY 10

Depart for home



Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Amsterdam's airport for return flight