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The History, Art and Culture of Poland

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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Poland has rewritten its narrative creating a virtual living museum. Within the UNESCO World Heritage-designated cities of Warsaw and Kraków, timeless traditions unfold against a mosaic of neoclassical palaces, Gothic churches and Renaissance castles. In the terra incognita of Poland’s rural heartlands, cultural pride and spiritual devotion unite and define a nation still evolving democratically and flourishing economically.

Exclusive culturally enriched excursions reveal Poland’s rich artistic legacy and traditions. Enjoy a specially arranged, private piano recital of Frédéric Chopin’s music at the neoclassical Łazienki Palace, view Poland’s most treasured artworks, including Leonardo da Vinci’s Lady with an Ermine at the Czartoryski Museum and paintings by Bernardo Belloto in the opulent Canaletto Room of Warsaw’s Royal Castle. Experience the sheer wonder and devotion inspired by the Black Madonna at the national shrine of Jasna Góra in Poland’s spiritual capital of Częstochowa and see, by special invitation, the medieval illuminated manuscripts and 18th-century frescoes of the Jasna Góra Library. Travel through Poland’s bucolic countryside to the UNESCO-designated Wieliczka Salt Mine, a subterranean labyrinth of ornately sculptured chapels and chambers, and visit pivotal sights of World War II history.

Join us in Warsaw’s colorful Old Town Market Square and in Kraków’s Rynek Główny (main square), where the magnificent Cloth Hall has housed a bustling market since the 14th century. Discover Kraków’s revitalized Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz. Learn more about Poland’s centuries-old culture and contemporary life during the exclusive Town & COUNTRY LIFE® FORUM with local Kraków residents. Experience quintessential Polish hospitality and regional cuisine while staying in elegant, deluxe hotels in the very heart of Warsaw and Kraków’s vibrant Old Towns.

This carefully curated, one-of-a-kind, small-group travel program is an exceptional value and the best way to immerse yourself in Poland’s epic history, cultural riches and remarkable spirit. I encourage you to book now while Early Booking Savings and space are still available.

Sincerely,

Amy Eichhorst
Executive Director

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View Poland’s extraordinary cultural treasures, including da Vinci’s Lady with an Ermine, one of the most important works of Western art.

Cover: Discover Mariacki (St. Mary’s) Basilica, the sublime centerpiece of Kraków’s medieval main Square, one of the finest urban designs of its kind.
Discover authentic Poland, its cultural rebirth, steadfast traditions and rhythms of daily life. Immerse yourself in the historic, artistic, social and religious legacies of UNESCO-inscribed Kraków and Warsaw, evident in restored Baroque, Gothic, neoclassical and Renaissance architecture grounded in the changing tides of history and evolving into the 21st century. Enjoy Poland’s national treasures during custom-designed culturally enriched excursions, including a visit to the revered Black Madonna and a viewing of Leonardo da Vinci’s Lady with an Ermine. Experience Poland’s unexplored countryside where, amidst rolling woodlands, green pastures and glistening lakes, a generations-old way of life holds sway in small villages dotted with shrines and chapels. Hear stories of historical triumph and endurance from locals during a specially arranged Town & Country Life® Forum. This exclusive program, of our popular Town & Country Life® series, engages you in an intimate, comprehensive travel experience at just the right pace and features ideally located accommodations, specially arranged meals and all excursions—an excellent value.
Warsaw, Poland

A thriving city, rich with architectural jewels and cultural treasures, Warsaw’s rebirth makes it one of the most interesting cities in Europe. The Historic Centre of Warsaw is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and includes the Stare Miasto (Old Town) which showcases a masterful recreation of Gothic and Baroque structures with exquisite period detailing. Timeless rituals echo through Old Town Market Square, the city’s heart and soul, where 17th-century merchant houses with decorative, multi-hued facades now contain acclaimed museums, wine cellars and restaurants. Cobblestone streets lead to the magnificent 14th-century St. John’s Archcathedral, a sublime Gothic reconstruction striking in its simplicity.

Castle Square is the nation’s historic stage for momentous events, including where, in 1997, former U.S. President Bill Clinton formally welcomed Poland as a member of NATO. Dominating the square, the monumental red-brick Royal Castle was a stronghold of the dukes of Mazovia in the 14th-century and became one of Europe’s most lavish royal palaces during the mid-17th-century. The Throne Room and Knight’s Hall brim with authentic period furniture, priceless antiques, tapestries and artistic masterpieces, including two paintings by Rembrandt, The Scholar at The Lectern and The Girl in a Picture Frame.

One of the finest examples of neoclassical architecture in Poland, Łazienki Palace, or the “Palace on the Isle,” is the crowning jewel of Łazienki Park. The park was acquired by King Stanisław August Poniatowski in 1764 and landscaped over centuries with romantic English-style gardens and French-style manicured lawns, surrounding palaces, museums and monuments, including the art nouveau Chopin Monument, sculpted by Wacław Szymanowski, which depicts Warsaw’s favorite son.

Cultural Enrichments:
Visit the immersive Warsaw Uprising Museum outlining the history of Poland’s Uprising starting in 1944. Tour the architecturally striking POLIN Museum, the only museum in the world to illustrate, in quite extraordinary detail, Jewish history from the Middle Ages to the present day.

Admire the lavish interiors and splendid grounds of Warsaw’s Łazienki Palace.

Trace Kraków’s Jewish history from the 12th century to the present day in Kraków’s evocative Kazimierz quarter. Experience the palpable aura of veneration that surrounds the Black Madonna of Częstochowa.
Admire the Royal Castle’s magnificent Canaletto Room’s lauded paintings by Bernardo Belloto (better known in Poland as Canaletto).

Enjoy a specially arranged, private piano recital of Chopin’s music in Łazienki Palace.

Monastery of Jasna Góra (Częstochowa)
Częstochowa was established as Poland’s spiritual capital in 1382 when the Hungarian Paulite order erected the hill-top Jasna Góra (Bright Hill) Monastery. Today, the monastery’s original Gothic chapel preserves Poland’s national shrine of the Black Madonna, an important Catholic pilgrimage site.

Cultural Enrichments: View the unveiling of the Black Madonna, famous for over 600 years as a miracle worker and guarantor of Poland’s very existence; throughout history, each of Poland’s non-Catholic enemies have attempted to destroy Jasna Góra and failed.

Enjoy a specially arranged private visit to the Częstochowa’s ornate Jasna Góra Library to see 18th-century frescoes, medieval illuminated manuscripts and rare artifacts from the Jagiellonian dynasty.

Kraków
For more than one thousand years, Kraków has reigned as the academic, artistic and trading capital of Poland. Kraków emerged from World War II relatively unscathed, and its Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage site whose unique treasures have been nearly perfectly preserved.

Lively Rynek Główny (Main Square) is a remarkable public space ringed by 800-year-old nobleman’s houses and towering spires. Dominating the square, the beautiful Cloth Hall was the epicenter of Kraków’s medieval clothing trade and today its arcaded galleries are home to craft shops and art exhibitions. The 14th-century Mariacki (St. Mary’s) Basilica, one of the finest Gothic structures in Poland, is lauded for its extraordinary triptych high altar (1477–89) by Wit Stwosz. From the tower, a lone trumpeter’s haunting call every hour on the hour commemorates the warning of an impending attack by the Tatars in medieval times. Kraków is eternally linked with its beloved son, Pope John Pau I, who lived here for 40 years before he assumed the papacy.

Cultural Enrichment: Enjoy a walking tour of the historic Kazimierz district, known for its Jewish community which thrived from the 14th century until March 1943, now a fashionable enclave of museums, cafés and workshops.

Visit sublime Czartoryski Museum to see da Vinci’s Lady with an Ermine—one of only four portraits of women painted by da Vinci.

Follow in the footsteps of Balzac, Copernicus and Goethe and discover the unique salt mine carvings of Wieliczka.
Wawel Royal Castle
Overlooking the Vistula River, Wawel Royal Castle has become a cherished national symbol and the nation's most storied castle complex. For more than 500 years, the castle formed the axis of secular and ecclesiastical power and stood as the home of Polish royalty, where all of Poland's kings were crowned and buried. The Cathedral of Saints Stanislaus and Wenceslaus is known for its crypt where 45 Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque royal tombs and side chapels showcase a timeline of European artistic movements.

Cultural Enrichment:
Discover the richly ornamented chambers of Poland's Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage site open to visitors since 1772. A prized commodity during the Middle Ages, salt provided the finance for much of Kraków's architectural splendor. The Chapel of St. Kinga, where stairs, banisters, altar, chandeliers and intricate sculptures are entirely carved from salt, is extraordinary. The chapel's famed acoustics have provided a concert venue for visiting dignitaries, including the late, former U.S. President George H.W. Bush.

Hotel Bristol, Warsaw
A landmark on the city skyline, the legendary, Five-Star Hotel Bristol has been restored to its former glory. Elegant art nouveau interiors have retained their historic character and the comfortable rooms are the most luxurious in Poland. Since its grand unveiling in 1901, the Bristol has played an integral role in Warsaw life, hosting visiting dignitaries and heads of royal families. Located at the heart of the historical Old Town, the hotel provides attentive service, a welcoming ambiance and Five-Star amenities.

Sheraton Grand Kraków Hotel
Set along the Vistula River, at the foot of Wawel Castle, the deluxe Sheraton Grand Kraków is the perfect, centrally located base from which to explore the city's cultural treasures. Extremely comfortable rooms are modern, spacious and well-appointed, and the personable staff provide warm and attentive service. Amenities include restaurants/bars, an indoor pool, fitness center and sauna. The rooftop terrace provides memorable views over Wawel Castle.

Oświęcim/Auschwitz-Birkenau
Auschwitz-Birkenau has become the foremost symbol of the Holocaust. On July 2, 1947, it was preserved by the Polish government as the Memorial and Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau and a testament to this epic human tragedy; in 1979 UNESCO designated it a World Heritage site.

Cultural Enrichment:
Enter through the main gate and tour the museum's exhibits.

Bear witness to the tragedy of the Holocaust at the Memorial and Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau.
Included Features

In Warsaw
◆ Three nights in the ideally located, Five-Star Hotel Bristol.
◆ Breakfast each morning and two dinners.
◆ Private Welcome Reception in the hotel.
◆ City tour of Warsaw, featuring the Jewish Ghetto, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Palace of Culture and Sciences.
◆ Walking tour of Warsaw’s UNESCO-inscribed Stare Miasto (Old Town).
◆ Excursion to Lazienki Park to see the neoclassical Belvedere Palace and tour 17th-century Lazienki Palace.

In Kraków
◆ Four nights in the deluxe, centrally located Sheraton Grand Kraków Hotel with breakfast each morning.
◆ Farewell Reception in the hotel.
◆ Walking tour of Old Town Kraków, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with dinner.
◆ Walking tour of the grounds of Wawel Hill to see the Royal Castle and the 14th-century Cathedral of Saints Stanislaus and Wenceslaus.

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments
◆ Visit to the emotive Warsaw Uprising Museum.
◆ Visit to Warsaw’s POLIN Museum, which traces 1000 years of Jewish history.
◆ Specially arranged, private piano recital of Frédéric Chopin’s music, in Lazienka Palace.
◆ Excursion to the pilgrimage site of Jasna Góra Monastery, in Częstochowa to see the unveiling of the revered Black Madonna, with lunch.
◆ Visit to the 14th-century Mariacki (St. Mary’s) Basilica.
◆ Visit to the Czartoryski Museum to see Leonardo da Vinci’s Lady with an Ermine.
◆ Walking tour of the Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz.
◆ Tour of Warsaw’s lavishly appointed Royal Castle, featuring priceless artworks in the Canaletto Room.
◆ Excursion to the salt-hewn chambers of the UNESCO-designated Wieliczka Salt Mine, with lunch.
◆ Guided excursion of poignant Memorial and Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
◆ Town and Country Life® Forum with local residents.
◆ Specially arranged meals featuring distinctive Polish flavors.

Always Included
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for all included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water provided on motorcoaches during excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotels.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Program Director at your service.
◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Pre-Program Option
Northern Poland forms an essential piece in the nation’s history. Gdańsk’s Stare Miasto (Old Town) overflows with architectural remnants of Poland’s Hanseatic Golden Age while 13th-century Malbork Castle—the largest castle in the world—reveals the Gothic legacy of the medieval Teutonic Order. Visit Gdańsk’s European Solidarity Center which expounds the founding of Lech Wałęsa’s Solidarity movement and tour UNESCO-designated Toruń, a perfectly preserved Gothic complex and a rich cultural center where Nicolaus Copernicus, “the man who stopped the Earth and moved the Sun,” was born. Accommodations are for three nights in the centrally located, deluxe Radisson Blu Gdańsk.

Undiscovered Wrocław
Post-Program Option
Forward-looking Wrocław provides a soul-stirring finale to your Poland sojourn. A magnificent architectural timeline spanning Bohemian, Austrian and Prussian influences unfurls along the idyllic banks of the River Oder, where serene islands have earned the city its sobriquet, Poland’s “Venice of the North.” Visit the opulent, 13th-century Pszczyna Castle and gain ethnographic insight in Nikiszowiec, a self-sufficient, 20th-century community created for miners. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe, centrally located AC Hotel by Marriott Wrocław.

Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be included with your reservation confirmation.

Discover Gdańsk, the Hanseatic trading hub of the Teutonic Knights, symbolized in the 15th-century Gdańsk crane.

The Cradle of Solidarity
Gdańsk ♦ Malbork Castle ♦ Toruń

Fall under the spell of Wrocław’s magnificent Rynek (market square) one of the largest in all of Europe.
Visit Warsaw’s POLIN Museum, where exhibits include a community-led reconstruction of the timber roof structure and polychrome wooden ceiling of the lost 17th-century wooden synagogue of Gwoździec.

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