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Polish mountains and The South of Poland

Trekking in Tatras and Pieniny

14 day trekking trip through The Southern part of Poland. The programme includes mentioned places: Krakow, Kazimierz – the former Jewish district in Krakow, Wieliczka – The Salt Mine, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, Wadowice – John Paul II home place, Zakopane, Chocholowska Valley, Tatras Mountains, Spis, Pieniny – rafting on The Dunajec River, Debno Podhalanskie, Krakow, czestochowa, Warsaw.

1st day **Arrival to Krakow**

x Arrival to Krakow by plane or coach. Meeting with the tour leader from Ernesto Travel and transfer by coach to the hotel in Krakow. Check-in the hotel. Dinner at the hotel or at the restaurant in the centre of Krakow (depends on the arrival time). [There is a possibility to begin the programme in Warsaw, Katowice or another city according to the flights schedule]. Stay in Krakow.

2nd day **Krakow – the heart of Poland, Kazimierz – Jewish district and Wieliczka – The Salt Mine**

8.00 Breakfast at the hotel.

9.00 Krakow's guided tour. Wawel Hill with the castle (optional entrance) and its beautiful yard and The Cathedral (entrance). Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture of The Old Town (Stare Miasto), the biggest Market Square in Europe (Rynek Główny), The Town Hall, Collegium Maius – the ancient building of The Jagiellonian University, The Cloth Hall (Sukiennice), Saint Mary's Church (Kosciol Mariacki – entrance) with the famous Wit Stwosz's altar. Walking to the antique walls of The Old Town with Florianska Gate and The Barbican. During the sightseeing: multimedia presentation about the story of amber called Polish Gold. In the year 1978 Krakow was inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO.

13.30 Lunch at the restaurant in Krakow.

15.00 Visiting the former Jewish district – Kazimierz. This part of Krakow was a centre of religious and social life of the Jewish community in Krakow until the deportations during the Nazi occupation (entrance to 1 or 2 synagogues). Short stop in front of The Schindler's Factory on the way to The Salt Mine in Wieliczka.

17.00 Transfer to Wieliczka. 10 km from Krakow.

17.30 Guided tour in Wieliczka Salt Mine – one of the oldest salt mines in the world. There are many famous people who visited the place such as Mikolaj Kopernik, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Dmitrij Mendeleev, Boleslaw Prus, Ignacy Paderewski, Karol Wojtyla, etc. In 1978 year, Wieliczka Salt Mine was inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO.

20.00 Dinner at the traditional Polish restaurant in Wieliczka – the concert of the folklore

music. Return to the hotel and the night in Krakow.

- 3rd day** **Krakow – Oswiecim (Auschwitz-Birkenau) – Krakow**
7.30 Breakfast at the hotel.
8.00 Departure for The Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau.
10.00 Guided tour of the area of ex-concentration camp in Auschwitz-Birkenau. This camp was built by Nazis during the Nazi occupation of Poland. Today this place is a part of The World Heritage of The UNESCO.
13.00 Lunch at the restaurant.
14.00 Departure for Krakow.
15.00 Free time.
20.00 Dinner at the restaurant in Krakow.
21.00 Check-in the hotel. Dinner. Stay in Wroclaw.
- 4th day** **Krakow – Zakopane – Chocholowska Valley.**
9.00 Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel. Free time in Krakow.
12.00 Lunch in the restaurant.
14.00 Arrival to Zakopane and appointment with the guide. Zakopane's sightseeing: Jaszczurowka, Peksowy Brzyzek, Villa Atma, Krzeptowki – The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, Krupowki street.
17.00 Transfer to The Chocholowska Valley.
18.00 Walking towards the refuge.
21.00 Arrival to the refuge. Dinner. Stay in the refuge.
- 5th day** **The Tatras Mountains and surroundings**
all the day Breakfast at the refuge. Excursion to The Tatras Mountains. Lunch (lunch box).
evening Return to the refuge and dinner.
- 6th day** **The Tatras Mountains: Chocholowska Valley – Zakopane – Polish and Slovak Spis – Zakopane**
all the day Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the refuge. Departure by coach for Spis in Slovakia. In the programme visiting: Kismark Town, Spiska Sobota, Stara Lubojna. Lunch (lunch box).
evening Arrival to Zakopane e check-in the hotel or refuge.
- 7th day** **Zakopane – The Tatra Mountains – Zakopne**
all the day Breakfast at the hotel or refuge.
Excursion to the mountains. Lunch (lunch box).
evening Return to te hotel or to the refuge in Zakopne. Dinner.
- 8th day** **Zakopane – The Tatra Mountains – Zakopne**
all the day Breakfast at the hotel or refuge.
Excursion to the mountains. Lunch (lunch box).
evening Return to te hotel or to the refuge in Zakopne. Dinner.
- 9th day** **The Tatras Mountains – The Pieniny Mountains**
8.00 Breakfast at the hotel or refuge. Check-out the hotel or refuge.
8.30 Departure for Sromowce Wyzne.
10.00 Rafting on the traditional rafts down The Dunajec River, across The Pieninski National Park.
13.00 Lunch at the restaurant in Szczawnica.

<i>afternoon</i> 20.00	Check-in the refuge/hostel in Szczawnica. Dinner. Stay in Szczawnica.
10th day <i>all the day</i> <i>evening</i>	The Pieniny Mountains Breakfast. Daylong excursion to The Pieniny Mountains. Lunch (lunch box). Dinner. Stay in Szczawnica.
11th day 8.00 9.00	The Pieniny Mountains – Krakow Breakfast and check-out the refuge/hostel. Departure for Krakow. On the way short stop and visiting the castle in Czorsztyn and the the wooden Gothic church: one of the 6 wooden churches in the south of Poland inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO.
<i>afternoon</i> 20.00	Arrival to Krakow and check-in the hotel. Leisure. Dinner. Stay in Krakow.
12th day 8.00 9.00 14.00 14.30 19.30 20.00	Krakow – Czestochowa – Warsaw Breakfast and check-out the hotel. Departure for Warszawa Lunch at the traditional restaurant. Departure from Czestochowa for Warsaw. Arrival to Warsaw and check-in the hotel. Dinner. Stay in Warsaw.
13th day 8.00 9.00	Warsaw – the capital city of Poland Breakfast at the hotel. Guided tour of Warsaw: Lazienkowski Park with the monument of Frederic Chopin, The Warsaw Ghetto, Umschlagplatz – from here thousands of the Jews were deported to the concentration camps, The Tomb of The Unknown Soldier, Palace of Culture and Science, Krakowskie Przedmiescie Street, The Old Town (inscribed on The World Heritage List of The UNESCO). The St. John’s Cathedral. The Old Town was completely destroyed during The II World War and reconstructed thanks to the commitment of the whole Polish nation.
13.00 14.30 16.30 20.00	Lunch at one of the restaurants in the city centre. Visiting The Warsaw Rising Museum. <i>Optionally: The Royal Castle (entrance).</i> Leisure in the city centre. Dinner with the music concert at one of the local restaurants (optionally). The last night in Warsaw.
14th day x y	Departure from Warsaw and from Poland Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out the hotel. Transfer to the airport.