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# **Flavours of Poland**



Trasa: Tricity + Masuria + Podlasie

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#### Day 1

- arrival at Gdansk Rębiechowo Airport
- transfer to the hotel and accommodation
- lodging



- breakfast
- sightseeing in Tricity
- Gdansk
  - Solidarity Square, Three Crosses Monument, famous gate to Gdaosk Shipyard where was the beginning of the end of communism in Poland and in Europe
  - Długie Pobrzeże (Long Wharf) with a characteristic Gdaosk Crane
  - Długi Targ (Long Market), a famous Neptune's Fountain, the Artus Court – a meeting place of merchants visiting Gdaosk in the times of Hanseatic League
  - City Hall and the Arsenal
  - the biggest brick temple in Europe St. Mary's Church with an astronomical clock
  - Mariacka Street a perfect place to buy some unique products made of the Baltic gold – amber
  - $\circ~$  dinner in a regional restaurant
- transfer to Gdynia Kościuszki Square sightseeing in Dar Pomorza (the Giftfromf Pomerania) – a museum ship walk through maritime boulevard
- supper
- lodging





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#### Day 3

- breakfast
- ship cruise to Westerplatte the spot where World War II begun
- dinner
- transfer to Oliwa, view of Lech Wałęsa's house
   the legendary leader of the Solidarity
   Movement short walk in Oliwa Park
- sightseeing in Oliwa Cathedral, organ concert
- evening supper, shanty, live music, sailor's plays
- lodging

- breakfast
- transfer to Masuria
  - the Castle in Malbork the biggest medieval Teutonic castle in Europe. Sightseeing in the Medium Castle with the headquarters of the great commander, guest chambers, knight's hall, the High Castle surrounded by a giant wall, with the capitulary hall, strong room, bedrooms, historical and military collections, works of art.
  - Gierłoż -there were some headquarters of the Third Reich's leaders in Europe. The majority of war quarters, like Wilczy Szaniec, were situated far away from big cities, in dense forest complexes surrounded by lakes and bogs. It facilitated hiding from the pilot's and prevented access from the land.
  - Olsztyn a trip with a tour guide to the Castle of the Warmia Chapter
  - dinner
  - Galindia the land of historical tribe of Galind's. It is located on the peninsula near the Krutynia River mouth. It occupied 20 hectares in the centre of Piska Primeval Forest in the Masurian Landscape Park
  - evening thematic party with live music food and drink, music, singing
- breakfast







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#### Day 5

- breakfast
- a daylong event in Galindia Galinds' attack, Galind ship cruise, fortune-telling, magic, rituals, search for amber
- dinner
- · fortune-telling, magic, rituals, search for amber
- supper
- lodging



- breakfast
- Mikołajki and Mrągowo nautical capitals of Masuria – the land of thousand lakes. Mikołajki attracts the attention of sailing and aquatic sports amateurs. Mikołajki and Mrągowo, where an annual country music festival is held, constitute the core of Masuria.
- sightseeing in the Ryn Castle which was the witness of tumultuous events in Masuria and former East Prussia. Among the attractions awaiting tourists are magnificent interiors, superbly preserved elements of Gothic portals and vaults, an impressive collection of original elements of armament typical of prominent eastern army and Slavonic army.
- dinner
- Święta Lipka a famous Marian sanctuary. The beginnings of the Marian Sanctuary dates back to the 14th century and we know it only from folk tales handed over by the word of mouth
- Kętrzyn the courtyard of the Teutonic Castle from the 14th century and the Church of St. George
- supper
- lodging







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- breakfast
- transfer to Podlasie Tatar route, Augustów Canal
- ship cruise on the Augustów Canal, Netta River

   Necko Lake Klonownica River Białe Lake sluice in Przewięź Studzieniczne Lake.
   Augustów Canal is a moving monument which is 101 km. It has 18 sluices which help ships force their way through the different levels of the canal
- dinner
- sightseeing in Białystok
  - 18th century Branicki Palace its splendour refers to baroque palaces of French kings. That is why it is frequently called the Polish Versailles, the Versailles of Podlasie, the Versailles of the North. Today it is the place of residence of a Medical School.
  - a City Hall
  - a Parich Church
  - St. Roch's Church
  - Saint Nicholas the Miracle Worker Russian Orthodox Church -the Eastern Orthodox Church built between 1843-1846. It is a classicistic building applied to a Greek cruciform plan. Over its crossing a cupola ascends. A bit higher, over the porch, there is a bell tower where we can find seven bells. The interior is narrow. The church can hold only 600 people.
- banquet evening supper and lodging in Sioło Budy in a place called Budy situated 8 km from the capital of Białowieża in the very centre of the primeval forest. Here, on a two-hectare lot there is a unique complex available all the year round which has 60 beds, a heritage park, and a tavern for 200 revellers. Next to the tavern there is a heritage park which is the last authentic borderland farm from the first half of the 19th century
- lodging





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- breakfast
- Hajnówka sightseeing in the Orthodox Church Cathedral in Hajnówka -- a delightful place appreciated by all tourists. It is the pride of the city. It has a slender construction which seems to be hanged between the sky and earth. It harmoniously combines modernity with tradition – the two thousand tradition of the Orthodox Church and its one thousand existence in these lands. Moreover, it is simply gorgeous.
- Białowieża (the wildlife reserve of European bison) – here one can find animals inhabiting Białowieża Forests: European bison, deer, moose, wild boars, wolves, Polish primitive horses, and a hybrid of European bison and domestic cattle called żubroo.
- dinner
- transfer to Warszawa
- accommodation in the hotel
- relaxation in spa
- supper
- lodging







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- breakfast
- sightseeing in Warszawa
  - the Royal Castle the present shape of the building refers to 6th and 7th century. The western wing of the castle is dominated by the Royal Sigismund Bell with a clock. The castle was totally destroyed after the collapse of the Warsaw Uprising in 1944. Its reconstruction was officially completed in 1984 but pre-war exhibits are gathered up to this day. Since May 3rd 1995 everyday at 11.15 am a Warsaw bugle-call is played from the tower of the castle. The melody is played tree times to reflect three values: God. Honour, and Homeland. It commemorates the first bombing during which hands of the clock stopped on 11.15 am only to start after a few dozen years.
  - the Sigismund Column it was erected to commemorate King Sigismund III Vasa in 1644 on the order of his son and successor King Władysław IV who wanted to strengthen his own image as a monarch who had deserving ancestors.
  - St. John's Cathedral
  - $\circ\,$  the Old Town Market Square, Barbican
- dinner
  - Wilanów it is situated around 10 km from the centre of Warszawa and closes the historical Royal Route. The Wilanów palace was build by a renowned royal architect Augustyn Locci and became the royal residence of John III Sobieski.
- supper
- lodging





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#### Day 10

- breakfast
- sightseeing in Warszawa
  - Powązki Cemetery a place of particular importance not only for the residents of Warszawa, but also for every Pole. In the Heroes' Hill there are graves of Polish patriots, national heroes, and eminent sons of Poland.
  - Warsaw Uprising Monument
  - Warsaw Rising Museum an exceptional museum on a European scale which offers multimedia elements, traditional exhibits, and historical objects from the times of Uprising which are more telling thanks to sound effects and videos.
- dinner
  - the Palace of Culture and Science the greatest competitor of Warsaw Mermaid for the name of the symbol of Warszawa. It is the highest building in Poland, it is 234,5 m high. It is an example of a controversial architectural style. Some think it is a masterpiece, some consider it to be the extreme of kitsch.
  - Piłsudski Square it is a place where parades are organised and every hour one can observe the change of guard by the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- supper
- lodging

#### Day 11

- breakfast
- relaxation in spa
- transfer to Warszawa Okęcie Airport





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