

# TOURING POLAND

For centuries it has been a bridge between the West and East. Poland's rich history is recounted by its imposing castles, charming old town squares, scars of WWII, and the imposing communist regime. All have influenced the enduring character of the country and its people.

From the spectacular mountain ranges of the south, past woodland and lakes to white sandy beaches on it's northern Baltic coast. There are villages that seem to have missed the 20<sup>th</sup> Century alongside reminders of the best and worst of human experience of the same period.



### **Kayak tour**

Czarna Hancza River 9 days NZD 950 pp  
Tent accommodation – English speaking guides –  
includes min. all meals – 2 person kayaks

### **Cycle tours**

2 star hotels – English speaking guides – includes two  
meals each day – transport of luggage  
Masuria lake district 9 days NZD 1,300 pp  
Unique landscape with over 3000 lakes – full of  
wildlife – picturesque towns and gothic castles  
Biatowieza Forest 9 days NZD 1,750 pp  
Poland's oldest national park rich in bison –  
UNESCO listed area - includes a kayak trip

### **City Breaks**

2 night weekend packages from NZD 200 per room  
3 night weekend packages from NZD 280 per room  
Selections for 19 cities, including Warsaw,  
Gdansk, and Cracow

### **Regal Lodgings**

How about staying at a former castle or palace?  
A 15<sup>th</sup> century bishop's palace? A castle of the Teutonic  
Knights? Over 6 places to chose from.  
From only NZD 150 per double room per night.

### **Escorted coach tour**

3 and 4 star hotels – English speaking guides –  
includes min. two meals each day  
In addition to staying at least one night in these cities and  
towns, there is ample sightseeing in between.

Castles and Palaces 11 days NZD 2,300pp  
Warsaw, Pultusk, Malbork, Rydzyna,  
Czestochowa, Cracow, Lancut  
Eastern Journey 14 days NZD 2,600pp  
Warsaw, Lublin, Zakopane, Cracow,  
Czestochowa  
Panorama of Poland 14 days NZD 2,600pp  
Warsaw, Cracow, Zakopane, Wroclaw,  
Rydzyna, Torun, Gdynia/Gdansk  
Northern Poland Gems 7 days NZD 1,300  
Warsaw, Torun, Gdynia/Gdansk, Olsztyn  
Poland's Best 7 days NZD 1,400  
Warsaw, Zakopane, Cracow



### **Independent Travel**

We can also assist with arrangements for independent travel, including:  
accommodation, car hire, rail,  
transfers, sightseeing excursions.

*Information and rates based on information as at November 2004.  
NZD Rates are a guide only, and are subject to tariff and exchange variance.*

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## Polands Best – escorted coach tour

*A great way to experience the highlights of Poland. Meals, sightseeing and visits included as per the programme. Warsaw contrasts an historical city centre reconstructed post WWII and recovery from the former communist regime; a city of spirit blending the old and the new. Cracow – once the royal capital it ranks with Vienna and Prague as an architectural gem of Europe. Zakopane – a resort on the fringe of the Tatra mountain range.*

### ITINERARY

<b>1<sup>st</sup> day</b>	<b>Warsaw</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join the tour group. Dinner with folk show at a local restaurant.</li> </ul>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> day</b>	<b>Warsaw</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City tour of Warsaw. Visit to Royal Castle. Breakfast, lunch.</li> </ul>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> day</b>	<b>Warsaw - Częstochowa - Zakopane</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the morning drive to Zakopane via Częstochowa; visit to Jasna Góra Monastery, lunch, overnight in Zakopane. Breakfast, lunch.</li> </ul>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> day</b>	<b>Zakopane - Cracow</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tour of Zakopane, including cable ride to Mt. Gubałówka, lunch. Drive to Cracow via Auschwitz Birkenau former Nazi concentration camp. Overnight in Cracow. Breakfast, lunch.</li> </ul>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> day</b>	<b>Cracow</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City tour of Cracow including Wawel Castle, in the afternoon excursion to Wieliczka Salt Mine. Dinner at local restaurant. Breakfast, dinner.</li> </ul>	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> day</b>	<b>Cracow - Warsaw</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After breakfast departure for Warsaw, lunch at Orbis hotel. Breakfast, lunch.</li> </ul>	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> day</b>	<b>Warsaw</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After breakfast end of the tour.</li> </ul>	



## Bicycle Tour Through Masuria (escorted)

*The landscape of Mazurian lake district is a unique landscape dotted with 3000 bigger and countless number of smaller lakes which are partly connected by channels. There is also the largest continuous virgin forest area in Europe. The varied natural landscape gives a magnificent place of residence for a host of animals and plants. Old oaks, limetrees, poplars, aspens, yew-trees and ash-trees are represented there. Rare wild animals like aurochs, elks, wolves, lynxes, wild horses and otters still exist in this area or they have been newly settled. If you are lucky you will be able to watch the golden eagle, the osprey, the common eagle, white and black storks, cranes and kingfisher. Numerous natural reserves were organised in order to protect nature.*

### ITINERARY

<b>1<sup>st</sup> day</b>	<b>Warsaw – Krutyń (coach transfer - ca 200 km)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>guided morning tour of Warsaw: usually the following places are visited: the Old Town, the Royal Park Łazienki, the city centre, the Royal Route, the Memorial of Ghetto Heroes, the Memorial of Warsaw Uprising etc.</li> <li>departure by coach to Krutyń (200 km), overnight in Krutyń.</li> </ul>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> day</b>	<b>Krutyń – Masurian Landscape Park (ca 45 km)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>bike trip in the area of Piska Forest among other through the nature preserves</li> <li>possibility of visiting the monastery in Wojnowo – a village settled by Philipons (who did not accept reforms of the Russian-Orthodox Church in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, so they had to leave Russia and came to Masuria). Overnight in Krutyń.</li> </ul>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> day</b>	<b>Krutyń - Masurian Landscape Park – Mrągowo (ca 40 km)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>in the morning: kayaking on Krutynia river – the most beautiful Masurian river,</li> <li>in the afternoon: bike tour to Mrągowo along forests and beautiful lakes; visiting the birth place of the poet Ernst Wichert.</li> <li>overnight in Mrągowo, a town settled in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.</li> </ul>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> day</b>	<b>Mrągowo (ca 50 km)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>this day should be called “Back to the Past”. There are still silent and empty areas in Masuria. Overnight in Mrągowo,</li> </ul>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> day</b>	<b>Mrągowo - Święta Lipka/Holy Linden – Kętrzyn (ca 45 km)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>coming to Święta Lipka, a big and beautiful pilgrim church - the most interesting baroque church in Masuria. You will visit it and listen to an organ concert. In Kętrzyn you can admire the former castle of Teutonic Order and a church, both built in the Gothic brick style of the Middle Ages. Overnight in Kętrzyn.</li> </ul>	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> day</b>	<b>Kętrzyn (ca 25 km)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>in the morning: by bike to the Hitler’s former headquarters “Wolfschanze” (“Wolf’s Lair”).</li> <li>in the afternoon: a walking tour of Kętrzyn – a district city, set in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Possibly learn about everyday life during the time at your free disposal. Overnight in Kętrzyn.</li> </ul>	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> day</b>	<b>Kętrzyn - Giżycko – Mateuszek / Mikołajki (ca 55 km)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>bike trip to Giżycko – the capital city of Masuria. On the way you visit Count von Lehndorff’s palace and the palace park.</li> <li>boat cruise from Giżycko to Mikołajki on seven lakes, then a short bike tour to Mateuszek. Overnight in Mateuszek / Mikołajki</li> </ul>	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> day</b>	<b>Mateuszek - Mikołajki – Masurian Landscape Park (ca 65 km)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a whole day bike excursion in the area of Mikołajki and Masurian Landscape Park. You will admire the Łuknajno lake and there it will be possible to observe wild boars in the nature preserve. In the picturesque town Mikołajki, also known as “Masurian Venice” you will have some free time.</li> <li>In the afternoon coming back to Mikołajki / Mateuszek. Overnight in Mateuszek / Mikołajki</li> </ul>	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> day</b>	<b>Mateuszek – Warsaw (Coach transfer ca 240km)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return to Warsaw.</li> </ul>	