

# Scenic Ukraine & Poland

# Escorted coach & rail tour - 11 days/10 nights

### **Inclusions**

- 10 nights accommodation with breakfast in 4-star hotels
- Meals 3 dinners 😵
- Arrival/departure transfers by car 3
- Transportation by A/C coach or minibus
- Economy class rail Kiev-Lviv and Lviv-Przemysl-Krakow
- Sightseeing as specified in **English with bilingual tour escort**
- **III** City tours of Kiev, Lviv, Krakow, Warsaw
- Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa, Kiev Cave Monastery ③, St. Sophia's Cathedral & National History Museum ③, Castles of Lviv ④, Wieliczka Salt Mine ③

#### **Your hotels**

- **Kiev** Park Inn Kviv
- Lviv Dnister
- Krakow Novotel Centrum
  Warsaw Mercure Centrum
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Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.

#### Day 1 Wed. Kiev

Arrive Kiev. You will be met and transferred to your hotel for a welcome meeting and drink. Overnight Kiev.

#### Day 2 Thu. Kiev

Founded in the 9th century, Kiev is one of the oldest cities in Europe and the cradle of Slavic civilisation and Orthodox Christianity. Your morning sightseeing tour include St. Vladimir's Cathedral, the Golden Gate, a cable car trip to St. Michael's Monastery and St. Andrew's Cathedral. This afternoon you visit the world famous Cave Monastery (Pecherskaya Lavra). Enjoy a relaxing dinner with folklore music at Opanas restaurant. Overnight Kiev. **BD** 

#### Day 3 Fri. Kiev

Your morning is free to explore, or take an optional tour to the Pirogovo Ethnographic Open-air Museum. This afternoon, visit the 11th century UNESCO-listed St. Sophia's Cathedral and the National History Museum. Overnight Kiev. **B** 

# Day 4 Sat. Kiev to Lviv

Early this morning you may take an optional visit to the Chernobyl Museum, dedicated to the 1986 Chernobyl Nuclear

disaster. This afternoon you will be transferred to the railway station to board your modern, high-speed train to Lviv. Overnight Lviv. **B** 

#### Day 5 Sun. Lviv

UNESCO-listed Lviv is the centre of West-Ukraine and its Central European charm reflects its history as part of the Habsburg Empire. Your morning tour takes you to the Old Town, a complex of buildings dating from the 14th-16th centuries. This afternoon's optional Lviv Beer Tour demonstrates how the beer is crafted and provides tasting opportunities. Overnight Lviv. **B** 

# Day 6 Mon. Lviv

After breakfast, you have a full day excursion exploring the castles around Lviv. Olesko Castle dates back to the 13th century and was the residence of the Polish kings. It features a magnificent collection of antique paintings and furniture. Zolochiv Palace, the jewel of defensive architecture, was built in the 17th century and served as a fortress and royal residence. This evening, farewell Ukraine with a Carpathian dinner at Restaurant Trout, Bread & Wine. Overnight Lviv. BD

# Day 7 Tue. Lviv to Krakow

This morning, you will be transferred to the rail station to board your modern intercity train to Przemysl, where you connect with your Krakow-bound train. The scenic trip takes you through the mountainous and forested Polish Sub-Carpathian province, arriving Krakow early afternoon. Overnight Krakow. **B** 

#### Day 8 Wed. Krakow

Your morning sightseeing of Krakow includes the Old Town and Wawel Castle and Cathedral. This afternoon, travel to the famous Wieliczka Salt Mine, 'the Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland', with its lakes, grottos and chapels carved from salt. Opened in the 13th century, the mine produced table salt continuously until 2007. Overnight Krakow. **B** 

#### Day 9 Thu. Krakow to Warsaw

After breakfast, depart for Czestochowa to visit the national shrine of the Jasna Gora

Monastery, housing the Black Madonna. The monastery has been a pilgrimage destination for hundreds of years. Continue on through the plains, arriving Warsaw early afternoon. Overnight Warsaw. **B** 

#### Day 10 Fri. Warsaw

This morning's city tour includes the reconstructed Old Town, Royal Castle and Cathedral and Barbican. Afternoon optional excursion to Royal Lazienki Park and Palace. Lazienki Park, the favoured residence of Polish royalty, was constructed in the 18th century. The Palace on the Water was constructed on an artificial island and is one of Warsaw's iconic symbols. Tonight's dinner, to farewell Poland and your fellow travellers, is at the Dawne Smaki restaurant. Overnight Warsaw. **BD** 

#### Day 11 Sat. Warsaw

Tour services end after breakfast with your departure transfer. **B** 

# Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Wednesday departures Jul-Aug 2020.

Departures	Twn	Sgl
1 Jul, 15 Jul, 22 Jul, 29 Jul, 5 Aug, 12 Aug	2548	3599

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