# **Pre- and Post-Congress Tours**

Sunday, September 11, 2005, 9:30 - 17:00

## A TRAIL OF EAGLES' NESTS and ORGAN CONCERT IN TYNIEC

Price per person: 60 EUR

Past grandeur is still palpable in this ring of ruins which formerly protected Poland's southern border. One of the many fortresses

constructed in the 14th century still stands - Pieskowa Skala. The visitors may admire the grandeur of the scenery, white rocks topped with ruins of once magnificent strongholds, and deep gorges with refreshing greenery at the bottom that cut through this picturesque land. At the end the visit to Benedictine Abbey in Tyniec and organ concert. Lunch included.



Sunday, September 11, 2005, 13:00 - 17:00

#### **AUSCHWITZ**

Price per person: 25 EUR

The death camp at Oświecim, known as Konzetrationslager

Auschwitz, was in fact a complex of camps, the largest Nazi death factory, where more than two million people, mostly Jews, perished. The Auschwitz camp consisted of several units, including the largest one at Brzezinka (Birkenau).

Of the millions of people brought there in the period between 1940 and 1944, only 60 to 70 thousand utterly emaciated victims were alive at the time of liberation of the camp - at present, the National Museum of Oświęcim is situated on the site of the former camp.



## THE KAZIMIERZ DISTRICT AND "SCHINDLER'S LIST" TOUR

Price per person: 55 EUR

In the past, Kazimierz was a distinct town with its own Market Square and Town Hall, as well as thriving culture, which blossomed in the 16th century. That period witnessed the foundation of Poland's oldest Judaic shrine, the Old Synagogue now with the exhibition, which shows the history and culture of the Jewish community of Cracow, and then the Remu'h Synagogue with the adjoining Renaissance cemetery. The dramatic history of the Jewish community, exterminated by the Nazis, was presented by Steven Spielberg, who directed the movie "Schindler's List" in the actual setting. Dinner included.



#### Wednesday, September 14, 2005, 14:00 - 19:00

#### **WIELICZKA SALT MINE**

Price per person: 50 EUR

A visit to the Wieliczka Salt Mine - a world class tourist attraction. Over 700 years, many generations of Polish miners created the underground world, exceptional in its beauty, with the rich interior decoration of the chapels - including the most beautiful of Blessed Kinga, the original linings of the galleries and workings, and the underground salt lakes. We can see



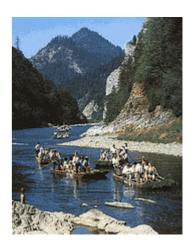
up to 20 excavated chambers on 3 levels - of those the main one is located 130 meters below the ground level. The chambers are decorated with beautiful statues sculpted in salt. The Wieliczka Salt Mine is on the UNESCO list of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Lunch included.

#### Thursday, September 15, 2005, 09:00 - 18:00

## RAFT RUN DOWN THE DUNAJEC RIVER AND ZAKOPANE

Price per person: 80 EUR

Rafting down the Dunajec river through the Pieniny Gorge on highlanders' raft, is believed to be one of the greatest attractions of Poland. While on a raft navigated by two highlanders, you can admire one of the most beautiful river gorges in Europe. After the raft run, the tour moves on to Zakopane - the mountain capital of Poland - located at the foot of the Tatras, the highest mountain range in Poland. Lunch is served in the famous regional restaurant "Bąkowo Zohylina". The last point of the program is a ride by a cable car to the top of Gubałówka Mountain to admire the splendid panorama of the Tatras.



# Thursday-Sunday, September 15-18, 2005

#### THE BEST OF POLAND

Price per person: 450 EUR; single room supplement 135 EUR; includes motor coach transport service, English-speaking tour guide services, meals as noted above, all entrance (museum) fees, VAT, 3 overnights in Warsaw at four stars hotel.



# <u>Day 1, September 15 - Depart Cracow for Częstochowa and Warsaw</u> (Lunch and Dinner)

Morning, drive to Wieliczka to visit the oldest salt mine in Europe and admire its beautiful chambers, caves and chapels with statues sculptured from salt by many generations of Polish miners. Continue your drive to Częstochowa, the spiritual and religious capital of Poland and a place of many

pilgrimages from all over the world. Lunch at a local restaurant. Visit the Jasna Góra Monastery with its world famous Black Madonna Shrine and the Treasury. Continue your drive to Warsaw. After arrival in Warsaw, accommodation at your hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant.

# Day 2, September 16 - Warsaw, Żelazowa Wola (Breakfast and Dinner)

Guided city sightseeing tour of Warsaw, capital of Poland. Take pleasure in drive along the Royal Route with its beautiful palaces, aristocratic residences, famous statues and historic churches. See the Old Town, intricately reconstructed after World Word II, and movie: "Warsaw Remains" at the Warsaw History Museum. unch on your own at the Old Town.



Afternoon, leave Warsaw to reach nearby Żelazowa Wola and visit an old charming Polish manor, the birthplace of composer and national hero - Frederic Chopin. Evening Chopin's concert, then enjoy Polish dinner. You have opportunity to try Polish food.

## Day 3, September 17 -Warsaw (Breakfast, Lunch)

Morning visit at the Wilanów Palace baroque residence of Jan III Sobieski king of Poland, personality of 17<sup>th</sup> century Poland and Łazienki Royal Complex. Lunch at the restaurant. Free afternoon.

<u>Day 4, September 18 -Warsaw (Breakfast)</u> Breakfast at the hotel. The end of services.

All rates are per person, including all services and VAT. Tour will be operated at min. 10 participants