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Conference tours

1/ KRAKOW – Kazimierz district on 29.06.2009



For over a thousand years, Krakow has been the centre of science, culture and art in Poland and our city sightseeing tour is a fine introduction to this historic city.

Kazimierz, the south-east quarter of Krakow, was the historical centre of Krakow's Jewish religious and social life. Originally a separate town named after King Casimir the Great, it was incorporated into Krakow in the 18th century. This tour of Kazimierz takes you to the most important monuments in the area – the Museum of history and traditions of Polish Jews, located in the Old Synagogue, Remuh Synagogue & Cemetery, the museum in the Pharmacy Under the Eagle ("Apteka Pod Orłem") and also the sites which Steven Spielberg used for his location shots of the Oscar-winning "Schindler's List".

Price: 35 EURO per person (minimum 15 persons is required).

Price includes: bus transportation, Orbis Travel guide, entrances, Jewish style dessert in one of the restaurants (cake, water, coffee or tea).

2/ ROYAL KRAKOW on 30.06.2009



The tour begins with a short bus transfer with a stop near Wawel Hill, then a walk up the Hill. On its summit is the Royal Castle and the 14th century Royal Cathedral, which hosted nearly all the Polish monarchy's coronations and funerals. The beautifully decorated Castle was home to many Polish kings and queens.

After visiting Wawel Hill, we walk up Grodzka street, which leads us to the heart of Krakow along the Royal Route and on to the Rynek Główny (Main Market Square). There, the large, Gothic Cloth Hall is the perfect place to shop for local souvenirs. Just across the square we stop in the twin-spired St. Mary's Church with its famous medieval altar, made by Wit Stwosz and where, every hour, the brave trumpeter of Krakow still calls out his warning of imminent attack. For a short rest, we invite you to the cozy interior of Wedel's Chocolate Lounge, after which we continue our walk along Floriańska street to the Medieval defence walls.

Price: 40 EURO per person (minimum 15 persons is required).

Price includes: one way bus transportation, Orbis Travel guide, entrance tickets to the Royal Cathedral, Royal Castle, St. Mary's Church, dessert in Wedel's Chocolate Lounge (ice cream, coffee or tea).

3/Tour to Lanckorona, Wadowice, Wygiełzów on 01.07.2009

LANCKORONA



Located on the western edge of the Wielickie piedmont area, Lanckorona has a beautiful collection of wooden buildings that are more than 120 years old, representing a typical small town from the Małopolska region of Poland at the end of the 19th century.

WADOWICE



Wadowice – “the place where it all began”, as Pope John Paul II referred to his hometown in 1999 during his visit here. We will see the places dearest to Karol Wojtyła during his childhood and adolescence, including the parish church where he was baptized and the house where he was born. Our journey to Wadowice also gives you a chance to take in the peaks of the Beskidy mountains.

WYGIEŁZÓW



This is a small heritage park with some relics of 19th century wooden folk buildings from the Orawski region. The main building is an old hut built in 1806, a skeleton construction covered with shingled half-top roof with squint windows and arcades supported by poles in the front. Inside will be found furniture, agricultural tools and some other tools used in the 19th century. In the heritage park's restaurant a lunch will be served. Price: 50 EURO per person (minimum 15 persons is required).

Price includes: bus transportation, Orbis Travel guide, entrance tickets to Museum in Lanckorona and Wygiełzów, lunch in Wygiełzów (soup, main dish, dessert, water).

4/ WIELICZKA SALT MINE 02.07.2009



Legend has it that the salt mines in Wieliczka were part of the dowry of the Hungarian princess, Kinga, when she wed Bolesław the Shy over 700 years ago, making the Wieliczka Salt Mine one of the oldest in all of Europe. Over the centuries, devout and superstitious miners have carved fabulous figures, monuments and altarpieces out of its salt walls. These amazing works of art, in addition to the mine's historical importance, have earned the Wieliczka Salt Mine a place on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage list. Our route through the mine leads you through galleries and chambers on three levels, from 64 to 135 meters below the ground, including the unique and richly ornamented Chapel of St. Kinga. The route is 2.5 km long and you have to walk down 360 steps. The last stop in the mine is the souvenir shop. From here, a lift carries you back to the surface.

Price: 35 EURO per person (minimum 15 persons is required).

Price includes: bus transportation, Orbis Travel guide, special guide and entrance tickets to the Salt Mine, and a souvenir - a small bag of salt.

PLEASE NOTE:

The tour is not recommended for people with claustrophobia.

Temperature in the Mine is 14 C/57 F, and constant all year round.

5/ AUSCHWITZ AND BIRKENAU MUSEUM on 03.07.2009



The most well-known cemetery and infamous site of genocide in the world. Having first been used as a concentration camp for Polish political prisoners, Auschwitz became the centre for the extermination of European Jews in 1942. From 1940-1945, the Nazis killed about 1,500,000 here, mainly Jews, but also Poles, Gypsies, Russian POWs and members of other nationalities. Our tour begins with a 15-minute documentary film about the liberation of the camp, then a museum-guide shows you the exhibitions in some of the surviving prison blocks, the gas chamber, and the crematorium. After a short break, we continue to Birkenau, where we climb the watchtower above the entrance gate to see from above this largest of all Nazi extermination camps.

Price: 35 EURO per person (a minimum of 15 persons is required).

Price includes: bus transportation, Orbis Travel guide, special guide and entrance tickets to the Museum.