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## 5<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL FAM TRIP CONGRESS BUY POLSKA – BUY KRAKOW

**KRAKOW, POLAND OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

### **31 Oct Thu Day 1. Arrivals to Krakow**

*all day* Arrivals to Krakow. Check-in at Plus Q 4\*\*\*\* hotel, Wygrana 9, tel. 0048 12 333 40 20, centrally located. Free time. Overnight in Krakow. No dinner included.

#### **How to get to the hotel?**

- 1. taxi.**
- 2. city bus nr 300: departs from the airport and arrives to the gate of the hotel (the last stop), departures every 30 minutes from Krakow airport from 5.32 till 22.52.**

### **1 Nov Fri Day 2. Krakow – visit and conference**

*8.00* Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

*9.00* Visit of Krakow with a local guide: meeting at the reception. The old capital of the Polish Kingdom, one of the Europe's biggest empires in the Middle Ages: we will walk up the Wawel Hill to see the Royal Castle and the Cathedral – the place of coronation and last resting of many Polish kings. We will then continue to the Old Town with its lively Main Market Square Rynek – the biggest medieval market square in Europe, embellished by many monuments, including the Cloth Hall Sukiennice and the Saint Mary Church with its fine wooden altar carved by the medieval master, Wit Stwosz. Krakow Old Town was declared the World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1978. We will also visit places related to Karol Wojtyla, the archbishop of Krakow, such as the Franciscan Church, the „Papal Window” at the Archbishop's Palace and other places.

*13.00* Lunch in the hotel for all participants of all languages.

*15.00-19.00* Conference in English (with coffee breaks).

*19.30* Departure for dinner.

*20.00* Dinner in the restaurant with a klezmer music concert.

### **2 Nov Sat Day 3. Krakow – Auschwitz-Birkenau – Czestochowa – Krakow**

*7.30* Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

*8.15* Transfer to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

*10.00* Guided tour at the former German Nazi concentration camp in Auschwitz-Birkenau. The camp was built by the Germans during the German occupation of Poland. More than a million people from different nationalities were killed in this place, the majority of Jewish origin. Today this place is listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

*13.00* Lunch at the restaurant.

*14.00* Departure to Czestochowa.

- 16.00 Visit of the sanctuary of Black Madonna with its famous painting (said to be the work of St John) is a symbolic place for all the Poles. Along many, sometimes difficult, centuries of the Polish country, the Polish would come and still come here to ask for help of the Blessed Virgin. The Mother of God was pronounced the Queen of Poland by the King John Casimirus in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. It is one of the main European pilgrimage destinations, receiving between 3 and 4 million of pilgrims every year. The Sanctuary is also a fortress, an interesting architectural complex.
- 19.00 Dinner in a restaurant.
- 20.00 Return to Krakow. Overnight in Krakow.

### 3 Nov Sun Day 4. Krakow – Wadowice – Wieliczka – Krakow

- 8.00 Buffet breakfast at the hotel.
- 9.00 Departure to Wadowice.
- 11.00 Visit to the Parish church of Wadowice where Karol Wojtyla was baptised. Continue to the museum of John Paul II, recently renovated and reopened, a place that tells the story of the Greatest of the Poles, from his early years in small multicultural town of Wadowice until his last days as a bishop of Rome.
- 13.00 Lunch at the restaurant.
- 15.00 Transfer to Wieliczka.
- 17.00 We visit Wieliczka to see the oldest salt mine in Europe. Wieliczka is a unique place where many generations of Polish miners have created an underground world of tunnels and underground salt lakes with a rich interior of decorated chapels including the famous Saint Kunegunda Chapel, plus other galleries and works made of salt. Wieliczka is one the most beautiful places listed by UNESCO in Poland.
- 20.00 Final dinner with a folclore music concert in the restaurant. Return to the hotel. Overnight in Krakow.

### 4 Nov Mon Day 5. Krakow: departures

*morning* Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Check out. Departures by your own.

#### How to get to the airport?

1. taxi.
2. city bus nr 300: departs form the bus stop just at the gate of the hotel and arrives to the airport (the last stop), departures: at 4.56; 5.26; 5.56; and from 6.23 every 30 minutes.

#### Participation fee:

Price per person in a twin, double or triple room: 300 Eur.

Price per person in a sgl room: 400 Eur.

#### Ernesto Travel services:

1. Accommodation: 4 nights with buffet breakfast.
2. Full board from the breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day until the breakfast on the last day. Every lunch and dinner includes: 1<sup>st</sup> meal, 2<sup>nd</sup> meal, dessert. Water and bread for the meals included.
3. Tour-leaders during the trips.
4. Transport service for the days 3-4 November.
5. Visits as follows:
  - **Krakow** with a local guide,
  - Museum of the Former Nazi German Concentration Camp of **Auschwitz-Birneka**u in Oswiecim with a local guide, earphones included, free entrance;
  - **Czestochowa Shrine** with a local guide included;
  - **Wadowice** with a local guide, entrance at the John Paul II museum included, free entrance to the Parish church in Wadowice;

- **Wieliczka Salt Mine** with a local guide, entrance included.

**Not included:**

1. Alcoholic beverages; coffee and tea;
2. 1<sup>st</sup> dinner on the 31<sup>st</sup> October; last lunch on the 4<sup>th</sup> November;
3. Flight tickets;
4. Luggage service;
5. Tips and pocket money;
6. Health insurance and travel insurance;
7. Transfers from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport.
8. Other services that are not mentioned in this programme.