

Day 1 – May 16, 2017 (Tuesday) - depart the USA, times to be determined

Day 2 – May 17, 2017 - Arrive **Warsaw** - transfer to the hotel - check in - evening on your own

Day 3 – May 18, 2017 – WAW – Today we will meet up with people from Warsaw who will give us some history of the city of Warsaw, the way the city was destroyed by the Nazis, and the city under the communist control until 1989. We intend to find a local person who speaks English and can walk us through the changes in Poland over the last 100 years.

Day 4 – May 19, 2017 - WAW - breakfast at the hotel - Depart hotel for a walking tour of the **Jewish Ghetto** where we will see what's left of the "wall" that once surrounded the ghetto. We will continue to see highlights of the ghetto including the **Monument to the Heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto** and the Jewish cemetery. ending at the new **Museum of the History of the Polish Jews**. You will have several hours to visit the museum. This afternoon we will visit "**old town**." The city of Warsaw was leveled during WWII but with photos and drawings the "old town" was rebuilt to look as it did pre-1939 complete with the old walls and buildings. This evening we will be suggesting several restaurants for you to visit and you will want to try some of the authentic polish food including the pirogues.

Day 5 – May 20, 2017 – WAW - this morning we plan to start with a visit to the **Warsaw Uprising Museum**. This museum is very well done and shows how Warsaw was before 1930 up through the take over by the Nazis and the uprising of the ghetto Jews. After this museum, we will be walking to the **Pawiak Prison Museum** where we will see photos and data relating to this prison from it's founding in the 1830's to the Nazi take over in the 1940's. Although the Nazis in their retreat leveled most of the prison, it was restored and now houses photos, prisoner belongings, and reconstructed cells. We plan to have the afternoon free for you to discover other sights of Warsaw. You can spend some time in "old town" or visit the Palace of Culture and Science, Lazienki Park or Chopin Museum just to name a few things to do.

Day 6 – May 21, 2017 – WAW / CRA -Today we will be taking the

train to **Kraków**. We expect to depart in mid morning arriving in Kraków in the later afternoon. We will check into the hotel and have the afternoon and evening to discover Kraków. It's a beautiful city and so active in the evening.

Day 7 – May 22, 2017 – CRA – This day will be spent visiting the interesting city of **Chmielnik** where we will discover how a city that was 80% Jewish before WWII had a 0% Jewish population after the war. We will work with a local person to give us the history and details on this interesting city.

Day 8 – May 23, 2017 – CRA - We will start with a visit to the fascinating **Wieliczka Salt Mine** where we will go underground and walk the trails of the mine. You will see amazing sculptures in salt. We will depart in the late morning for **Auschwitz**. This camp was built out of brick and it still stands today as it did in 1945 when it was liberated. This camp was the home of the infamous Dr Mengele - the angel of death. We will have a professional tour guide lead us through the camp where artifacts and photos will explain about life in the camps. As sad as the story is surrounding this camp, you will find the tour fascinating. We will depart the Auschwitz camp arriving next at Auschwitz II also know as **Birkenau** where the entrance still greets new arrivals with Arbeit Macht Frei - work will set you free. The train tracks are still in place. We will go through the entrance and have time to go to one of the re-constructed barracks and a rail car. We will then proceed to where the crematoriums once stood. The Nazis completely destroyed them but the remnants are still there. We will plan to be back in Kraków in the early evening.

Day 9 – May 24, 2017 – CRA - This morning we will start the day with a visit to the famous "**Schlinder Factory**" which for the most part still remains as it did in 1945. We will visit Oscar Schlinder's office and the shop floor where he was able to save over 1,000 Jews by paying the Nazis for his workers. The photos and artifacts will bring it to life for you. As we depart the factory, we will go to the **Kazimierz District** - the Jewish ghetto where most of the Jews of Kraków lived. We will take a walking tour of the area visiting several synagogues and the Jewish cemetery. This afternoon we will go to the **Wawel Royal Castle** on the banks of the river Vistula. The castle was built in the 1300's and for the most part looks today as it did in medieval times. After our visit to the castle you will have free time to enjoy historic

Kraków.

Day 10 – May 25, 2017 – CRA / WAW – Today we will have a meeting with a local person from Krakow who can tell us how life is today in Krakow and how it has changed since the end of WWII. This evening we will depart by train for Warsaw. Arriving in Warsaw, we will have a last evening in this city.

Day 11 – May 26, 2017 – WAW – Fly home

Price per person is \$ 3,795.00. Price includes air from Grand Rapids, all hotels, transfers, and tours as described. Meals are not included with the exception of some breakfasts. *Price without air is \$ \$2595 per person.* We expect the tour to have no more than 20 people.

**Price assumes 10 people minimum. We are pricing this as 2 per room. The single price – add \$ 500. Initial deposit of \$ 350 per person is due August 1, 2016. Balance due Feb 24, 2017. All payments are non-refundable. Travel Insurance is available. Please make checks out to Airport Tour and Travel – 3494 Peninsula Dr – Muskegon, Mi 49444 – call (231)-830-8116 or 1-800-644-5056.**

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