



A Taste of Poland in Mazovia and Warsaw

Itinerary

Day 1 – Sunday

We meet in the lobby of designated hotel in Warsaw at 10:00 a.m. for a group transfer by VIP mini-bus to the romantic Lochow Palace & Estate in the Mazovian countryside, our home for the next four days. Lochow Palace and Park complex dates back to the 19th century and it has been owned by several aristocratic Polish families. In addition to its interesting history and beautiful location, the palace offers elegant guest rooms, dining rooms, ballrooms, a spa, and warm hospitality. But before leaving Warsaw for Lochow Palace, we stop at the Royal Bath Park to hear Chopin's live music performed near his monument. We also enjoy a sumptuous Sunday brunch at the famous Belvedere restaurant. In late afternoon, we resume our journey to Lochow. After settling at Lochow Palace & Estate, we take a short tour of this romantic palace and estate, relax in the spa, or go for a leisurely walk around the grounds. This evening we gather for a festive Welcome Dinner in the Lochow Palace & Estate restaurant and dine on regional specialties.

Day 2 – Monday

Today, we travel to nearby village to cook with local women. On the menu is one of the undisputed Polish favorites, Bigos – Hunter's Stew, and a few other regional dishes like: pyzuchy-gwizduchy, potato pancakes with carrots or onions, cold soups and herb teas. This afternoon we travel to the historic Krzesk Vodka Distillery, founded in 1896 for a tour. Krzesk Distillery produces the world-famous Chopin vodka, which we will sample the vodka. To celebrate our second day in beautiful Mazovia, we'll dine on local specialties at the Krzesk distillery enjoying Chopin vodkas. Na zdrowie! – Cheers!

Day 3 – Tuesday

In the morning, we travel to Kurpie open-air ethnographic museum in the village of Kadzidlo. While there, we get acquainted with Kurpie folklore, regional cuisine, and the art of paper cutting. We may also hear live music and watch dance performances. In the afternoon we explore the cultural trail of Liwiec Valley. We may visit a 17th-century Palace in Stara Wies, the Kruszewski Brothers Bell Foundry, the Muzeum of Folk Weaving, and other regional attractions. This evening enjoy free time and dinner on your own upon our return to the Palace & Estate. Relax, go for a walk or take a bike ride on Palace & Estate's beautiful grounds.

Day 4 – Wednesday

This morning, we travel to "Mazovian Venice" – Pultusk, a historic town on an island with the longest marketplace in Europe. We'll be cooking with the talented chefs of Polonia House, located in the former bishop's castle. Polonia House is noted for its great entertainment, exceptional Polish cuisine, and gondola rides over the Narew River. After our cooking class we tour the Old Town in Pultusk. Tonight, for our final meal in the Mazovian countryside, we dine on delicious Old Polish cuisine in the Tavern restaurant in Polonia House. In a rustic atmosphere, we can watch chefs prepare delicious food as we enjoy a beautiful view of the Narew River.

Day 5 – Thursday

After an early breakfast, we travel back to Warsaw, the capital of Poland. We check into the luxurious, 4-star Polonia Palace Hotel, located near Warsaw's famous Palace of Culture & Science. Here we stay for the next two days. After check-in we take a guided, walking tour of the city, to the Old Town, Barbican, Palace Square, and the Royal Castle. We also get a panoramic view of Warsaw from atop the Palace of Culture and Science. There is also an option to visit the Frederic Chopin Museum in Ostrogskich Castle. During a short break from our sightseeing we stop at one of Wedel's Chocolate Lounges. Wedel is Poland's oldest chocolate brand and was created in Warsaw. Tonight we dine on traditional Polish cuisine at Polka restaurant, located in Warsaw's Old Town. The restaurant is famous for welcoming its clients with legendary Polish hospitality and using top-quality ingredients in all recipes.

Day 6 – Friday

After breakfast, we head out to our last cooking class, where we learn how to prepare a typical Polish meal with a local Warsaw chef. After our cooking class, you are free to enjoy the sights and shops of Warsaw on your own. Later, we tour the famous 17th-century Wilanow Palace Museum and Park, the former residence of Kings Jan III Sobieski and August II and the most distinguished aristocratic families of Poland. The Park covers 106 acres and surrounds the Palace with various styles of artistic gardening: Baroque, English, English-Chinese, and Neo-Renaissance. After visiting Wilanow Palace, we have time for some shopping at Cepelia store, which has a great selection of Polish folk handicrafts. We may also visit Hala Mirowska, a historic, fresh-food shopping center which until 1944 was the largest shopping center in all of Warsaw. Our Farewell Dinner is at an incredible, Michelin guide recommended restaurant, Ale Gloria, specializing in Polish cuisine.

Day 7 – Saturday

Depart for your home country after breakfast, or make your own arrangements to stay longer in Poland's capital.



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