



**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007 - 12<sup>nd</sup> August 2007**

**Minimum Group Size: 20**

**All-Inclusive**

Today, at the onset of the 21st century, the distances are no longer calculated in miles. Ask anyone how far it is from Poland to America – and the answer you will most probably hear will be: "Eight hours. *Ish.*" Time has conquered space.

This is why MittelWest-Europa has tailored the package of "Poland in a Nutshell" especially for the Participants of the "Hearts of Darkness" Conference from all over the world. Having traveled enormous distances to contribute to the intellectual debate dedicated to the two giants of nautical literature, the Scholars should also be offered a chance to use the few days they will have left till the beginning of their academic years in order to get a fair glimpse of the country they honor with their arrival. Especially that Poland is uniquely graceful to visit: the sea and lake-lands; lowlands and wild mountains, mediaeval cities and modern metropolises – all of them within one's reach, on condition that time should conquer space...

**We have found a method. Here is how:**

#### **Day One: SZCZECIN-WARSZAWA**

After breakfast and check-out from your conference hotel the group will board a coach, which will transport participants to the airport in Goleniów and a brief 1.5 hour flight to Warsaw. Once the fast journey above the clouds comes to its end, the group will be welcomed by the Polish capital city - heroic Warsaw. In the airport, participants of the tour will be awaited by an English-speaking guide, who will take the participants to the hotel. After the check-in, the guide will offer the group a sightseeing tour of the city. In the course of bus trips and walking tours, participants will visit the Historic Old Town of Warsaw – The Castle Square, The Royal Castle, King Sigismundus' Column, The Old Town Square, The Barbican, The Walls of the Warsaw Ghetto, The Monument to the Heroes of the Ghetto, Umschlagplace, the Bunker at Miła Street, The Church of the Holy Rood, Royal Baths, The Palace on the Water and many other well-known monuments of historical and modern architecture of Warsaw. In the break of the of the visit, the organizers will invite the group to a traditional Polish meal (a substantial late lunch served in Poland as the main meal of the day). Afterward, the participants will have an opportunity to enjoy free time in the famous Old Town of Warsaw. In the evening, we will direct ourselves to the hotel for a delicious dinner.

#### **Day Two: WARSZAWA-KRAKÓW**

After breakfast, we will board the coach and will take a shuttle ride to the F. Chopin Airport in Warsaw, from where we will depart for the historical capital of Poland, the world-famous

mediaeval city of Krakow (Cracow). On arrival, the group will be transferred to the hotel, where, after check-in, we will have late lunch. After the meal, we will all embark upon a journey in time: we will visit one of the oldest quarters of Kraków, the well-known quarter of Kazimierz, which, a few centuries ago, was designated as a dwelling quarter for the Jewish diaspora. In the course of our visit we will have an opportunity to see magnificent synagogues, characteristic monuments of Jewish architecture, placed of religious worship and centers of lay culture, as well as excellent restaurants and cafes, well-known throughout Poland and abroad. We will end the evening in Kazimierz with a dinner in a Jewish restaurant, followed by a coach transfer to the hotel.



### **Day Three: THE ROYAL CRACOW**



After breakfast, we will invite everyone to join in the tour of the royal Cracow. We will begin our tour with the visit to the Wawel Hill and the magnificent Royal Castle towering over the old town, where the participants will have a rare opportunity of experiencing the wonders of the Royal Collections and the unmatched beauty of the Royal Cathedral. Leaving Wawel Hill, we will direct our steps to the world-famous old town of Cracow with its awe-inspiring historical buildings, such as the Cloth Hall, the St. Florian Gate by the City Walls, the Barbican, St.

Mary's Church, and one of the most popular meeting places in Poland, the monument of the national poet of Poland, Adam Mickiewicz. We will complete this part of our journey into the past with a scrumptious late lunch in one of many restaurants of the Old Town. After lunch, another unrepeatable attraction awaits the participants: a visit to the historical salt mines in Wieliczka. The enormous mines are a complex world-class monument included in the UNESCO list of the World Cultural Heritage: beyond doubt, Wieliczka is a must-see. Thrilled by the intensity of spiritual and esthetic experience of the mines, we will proceed to dinner served 150m below the ground level. After dinner, we will take a coach and return to the hotel to get some well-earned rest.



### **Day Four: FAREWELL TO CRACOW**

After breakfast, the whole group will have an opportunity of enjoying a few hours of free time. We will all reconverge for lunch, following which we will check out of the hotel and board our coach to continue our travel to Wrocław, the next charming city of Southern Poland on our itinerary. We will arrive in our hotel in the evening. After check-in and dinner, participants will be able to enjoy a free evening in the beautiful old town of Wrocław.

**Day Five: WROCLAW**

After breakfast, we will take a fascinating tour of the numerous historical monuments of Wrocław. Among others, we will visit The Ostrów Tumski Island (The Cathedral of John the Baptist, The Holy Rood Church, the watch tower), The Ostrów Piasek Island (The Church of the Holiest Virgin Mary with a historical Christ's Crib), The Old Market and its vicinities, The Historical Town Hall, The University of Wrocław (the Main Building, Aula Leopoldina, The Mathematical Tower), and the famous painting of "Panorama of Raławice."



After a late lunch in the Old Market Square, we will continue our journey to the Spreebogen Hotel in Berlin, where we will arrive ca. 20:00. **PLEASE, NOTE: Participants, who plan to depart home from the Szczecin Airport of Goleniów will be driven to Szczecin by out coach. The estimated time of arrival in Szczecin is midnight (24:00)**

**ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:**

- four overnights (including breakfasts) in \*\*\* and \*\*\*\* hotels
- five traditional Polish meals (rather large, served ca. 1PM) - no beverages included
- Four suppers (no beverages included)
- air tickets for the flights between Szczecin and Warsaw, and Warsaw and Kraków
- Coach and walking tours of the visited cities (Warsaw, Kraków, Wrocław)
- Local English-speaking tour guides in Warsaw, Kraków, Wieliczka and Wrocław
- Entry ticket for the Royal Castle in Warsaw
- Entry ticket for the Royal Baths
- Entry ticket for the Palace of Culture and Science in Warsaw
- Entry tickets for the Wawel Royal Castle and the Royal Cathedral in Cracow
- Entry ticket for St. Mary's Church
- Entry ticket for the Wieliczka Salt Mines
- Entry ticket for Aula Leopoldina in Wrocław
- Entry ticket to the Panorama Raławicka Exhibition Hall
- All coach transfers
- An English-speaking MWE pilot throughout the tour (Szczecin-Berlin-Szczecin)



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The price for the whole tour is complete, i.e.: it includes all local fees and the VAT tax

Special price per person in a double room: **849.00 Euro**

Special price per person in a single room: **941.00 Euro**

Extra bed in a double room **779.00 Euro**

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