The Cradle of Solidarity

Pre-Program Option

July 15 to 19, 2020

Wrapped with the history of Teutonic knights, Hanseatic traders and Solidarity unions, Northern Poland forms a compelling prelude to your cultural journey along the timeline of this flourishing nation.

A city whose virtues remain pleasingly undiscovered, Gdańsk forms an essential piece in the nation’s historic puzzle. Occupying a strategic position at the intersection of the Wisla and the Baltic and historically forged by centuries of Prussian and Hanseatic influence, Gdańsk recalls the elegant romance and storybook charms of Amsterdam.

Enjoy a walking tour of the evocative Stare Miasto (Old Town), which overflows with architectural remnants of Poland’s Hanseatic Golden Age and the Gothic legacy of the medieval Teutonic Order. Stroll the cobblestones of photogenic Mariacka Street lined with meticulously reconstructed gabled terraced houses wrapped with arabesques of wrought iron and embellished with gargoyles unearthed from the debris of World War II. Continue to the city’s most imposing edifice, the Gothic Kościół Mariacki (St. Mary’s Church), reputedly the largest brick church in the world.

Discover where crusading knights established their stronghold at 13th-century Malbork Castle,
Poland’s most famous castle which evocatively conjures up the epic battles between Poles and Germans during the Teutonic era. Tour the Grandmaster’s Palace and wander through labyrinthine chambers filled with displays of ceramics, paintings, sculptures and the prized Baltic amber which formed the backbone of the order’s wealth.

Looming large over the city are the cranes of the famous stockyards, the crucible of political struggle during the 1980s and the place where, in many ways, contemporary Poland began to take shape. See the iconic 15th-century Gdańsk Crane, a throwback to the city’s great trading days, and tour the European Solidarity Center, a fascinating museum and library which elucidates the formation of Solidarity—the first independent trade union in the Soviet bloc—by shipyard workers led by Lech Wałęsa.

Enjoy a walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage city of Toruń, a perfectly preserved Gothic complex and a rich cultural center. Stroll through the city’s medieval gates and discover the Rynek, Toruń’s heart and soul, dominated by the Gothic Town Hall which preserves an exquisite collection of medieval artefacts, including fine sculptures and intricate stained glass work. See the house where Toruń’s beloved son, Nicolaus Copernicus, was born. The famed astronomer and archetypal precursor of the Renaissance man, Copernicus is famed for having “stopped the sun and moved the earth.”

Visit the 14th-century Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist and admire masterpieces of sacred art, the baptismal font where Copernicus was baptized in 1473 and the magnificent Tuba Dei bell (God’s Trumpet) which weighs over seven tons.

Accommodations are for three nights in the centrally located, Deluxe RADISSON BLU GDANSK.

**Day 1** Depart U.S.
**Day 2** Gdańsk, Poland
**Day 3** Gdańsk
**Day 4** Gdańsk/Malbork Castle/Gdańsk
**Day 5** Gdańsk/Toruń/Warsaw

**Included Features:**
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Accommodations for three nights in the Deluxe RADISSON BLU GDANSK, inclusive of taxes and service.
- Breakfast each morning, two lunches and one dinner.
- Guided city tour of Gdańsk featuring its emblematic crane, historic Neptune’s Fountain, monumental St Mary’s Basilica, grandiose Artus Court and picture-perfect Mariacka Street.
- Tour of the UNESCO-designated Malbork Castle, a Teutonic stronghold built in the 13th century.
- Visit to the European Solidarity Center in Gdańsk.
- Walking tour of medieval Toruń, including the Leaning Tower Gate and the House of Nicolaus Copernicus.
- Visit to Toruń’s Town Hall Museum, a showcase for the city’s legendary artists and craftsmen, and the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist.
- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
- Complimentary bottled water provided on motor coaches during excursions.
- Hospitality desk in the hotel.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Program Director at your service.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.

$1145 USD per person, double occupancy.
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A bewitching land of undulating hills, wooded valleys and fir-clad mountains scattered with castles and ducal palaces, the Silesia region is a fascinating cultural amalgam—these lands formed part of Germany for centuries until the end of World War II—and the perfect finale of your Poland sojourn.

A forward-looking city experiencing a renaissance, the historic Silesian capital of Wrocław boasts a magnificent architectural legacy, aesthetically defined by Bohemian, Austrian and Prussian influences. An impressive cache of ecclesiastical edifices unfurl along the idyllic banks of the River Oder, where serene islands connected by bridges have earned the city its sobriquet, “Venice of the North.”

Enjoy a walking tour of the Stare Miasto (Old Town), where the vast Rynek (Market Square) competes with the very best squares in Eastern Europe with its lively ambience and stately edifices, including the magnificent Town Hall, a symbol of the city for seven centuries. See the striking Narodwe Musical Forum, a postmodern music venue built in 2015 as a proud symbol of Wrocław’s cultural panache.

Walk through the handsome Hala Targowa (Market Hall), brimming with regional delicacies, and then stroll through the University Quarter to the Aula Leopoldinum, the main assembly hall of the university’s Collegium Maximum, founded in 1702 by Emperor Leopold I. Hailed as one of the greatest secular interiors of the Baroque Age, the Aula is an unforgettable fusion of sublime architecture, artworks and ornamentation that reaches a crescendo with breathtaking ceiling frescoes.

Visit Pszczyna Castle, a 13th-century fortification transformed over centuries into a stunning Baroque palace, replete with antiques and period furnishings from the 18th and 19th centuries. Gain ethnographic insight into industrial life in Upper Silesia in Nikiszowiec, a unique, self-sufficient estate created for miners in the early 20th century and now transformed into a charming bohemian quarter.

Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT WROCLAW.

Day 1  Kraków/Pszczyna/Wrocław
Day 2  Wrocław
Day 3  Wrocław/Return to U.S.

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- Accommodations for two nights in the deluxe AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT WROCLAW inclusive of taxes and service.
- Breakfast each morning and one lunch.
- One exclusively arranged Dinner at a local restaurant.
- Walking tour of Wrocław Old Town to see the Rynek (Market Square), Hala Targowa (Market Hall), Narodwe Musical Forum and Plac Wolnosci.
- Visit to the Wrocław’s Cathedral of John the Baptist and the spectacular Aula Leopoldinum at the University of Wrocław.
- Visit to the opulent Pszczyna Castle.
- Walking tour of the fascinating miners’ village of Nikiszowiec.
- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
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**Please note:** Each Pre-Program Option and/or Post-Program Option is sold as a separate package; individual services and/or Included Features of the Pre-Program Option and/or Post-Program Option cannot be purchased individually.

**Pre-Program Option and Post-Program Option Cancellation and Refund Policy**

In the event you have to cancel your reservation, cancellation policies as outlined in your travel program brochure apply. **These policies are strictly enforced.** Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until they are received **in writing** in the offices of Gohagan & Company.

*A minimum of 15 participants per program is required for the The Cradle of Solidarity Pre-Program and The Undiscovered Treasures of Silesia and Wroclaw Post-Program Options to operate.*
Please Note: If you have already sent a deposit for the Pre- and/or Post-Program Options with your main program brochure reservation form, please disregard this form. Confirmation will appear on the enclosed Reservation Confirmation. Final payment is due in the offices of Gohagan & Company April 14, 2020.

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The Pre- and Post-Program Options may be paid by check or wire transfer.

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