



Krakow & Auschwitz

Krakow is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Europe with one of the largest squares on the continent as its centerpiece, the beautiful Jewish quarter and the 1000 year old Wawel Castle are a few of the highlights. At night the city comes alive with one of the highest concentration of bars & clubs per square mile of any city in the world (more than 300 line the streets around old town). This trip gives you the opportunity to experience a unique "off the beaten path" destination in Europe, and one of the cheapest too!

Day to Day Itinerary

Thursday - Day 1 - Krakow Arrive on your own and check in to accommodations (from 3pm check in is available) for Meet Us There Package. Free night to relax or explore Krakow.

Evening options, and nightlife in Krakow, can include - wandering the narrow old town or Jewish Quarter streets and exploring the countless number of pubs, bars and clubs (Krakow has one of the highest concentration of bars anywhere in the world), to exploring the Polish vodka scene and doing vodka tasting, joining the optional pub crawl for an organised night out (includes a power hour, stops at multiple bars and ending at a club - great way to meet other travellers), or having a relaxing evening and taking in one of the many live classic music concerts offered in the city. The options are countless in this city at night. You will receive detailed evening options & recommendations (and any booking info for optional tours, excursions, concerts, pub crawls, events, etc.) by email with the day to day itinerary, & online e-guide you will be sent before the trip's start.

Friday - Day 2 - Krakow & Auschwitz Breakfast provided, followed by an early morning transfer to see the sobering Auschwitz-Berkinau concentration camps (film and guided tour included) - Auschwitz-Birkenau is the infamous Nazi concentration camp that became the world's worst spot of genocide with

the extermination of 1.5 million people: Jews, Poles, Gypsies, prisoners of war and many others were murdered in this camp. Late afternoon arrival back to Krakow and free evening.

Saturday - Day 3 - Krakow Breakfast provided, followed by a walking tour of Krakow's historic center including the Rynek Glowny main square market, St. Mary's basilica & the story of the famous trumpeters who watch over the city, Jagiellonian University (where the astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus and the late Pope John Paul II used to study), and ending at the Poland's most sacred spot, the Wawel Castle where all royalty are buried. After a break for lunch you'll meet the guide again for a tour of Krakow's Jewish Quarter, known as Kazimierz. On this portion of the tour you'll visit the Jewish Ghetto and where Steven Spielberg's iconic film, Schindler's List was filmed, you'll see Poland's oldest Synagogue, the Jewish Cemetery, the Holocaust Memorial and more. Free evening in Krakow.

Sunday - Day 4 Breakfast included. Free day and departure on your own (if you have a later departure you can leave your bags with reception).

**Trip Style - This is an independent trip ideal for groups of friends, family, couples, or even for an independent-minded solo traveler. It is designed as a travel & destination package, not solely as a "group trip". You will be on group tours/activities with other travelers and in a room with other travelers if you book the "shared dorm hostel" package (if you book the "private" room package then you of course will be in your own private room). You will however, have independent time between the guided group tours/activities to explore on your own and do as you please, and will receive a detailed info packet by email with numerous recommendations for additional group activities or tours (beyond what is included), sights/museums and food/drink/nightlife info, etc. It's a great balance between guided & included tours/activities and free time so that you have plenty of time on your own to do what you want.*

