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**YOUR TOUR CREATOR**

**TOURS WITH PASSION THROUGH EUROPE**

# ROYAL RESIDENCES

## VIENNA – KRAKOW – WARSAW



### HIGHLIGHTS

Visit to the Museum of Art History and the Kunstammer Vienna  
Schönbrunn Palace  
UNESCO-listed Kromeriz Castle and gardens  
Extended visit to Wawel Castle in Krakow  
Wieliczka saltmines in Krakow  
The Black Madonna in Czestochowa  
Lazienki Park in Warsaw  
one Strauss concert, one Chopin concert  
The opportunity to taste the traditional food from the area

#### **DAY 1**                      **Vienna**                      **D**

Arrivals in Vienna during the day: individual transfers (not included) to your centrally located \*\*\*\* hotel. Meeting for a first orientation walk and a little aperitif before enjoying your welcome dinner in a local restaurant with typical Viennese food.

#### **DAY 2**                      **Vienna**                      **B**

After breakfast our local guide awaits you to take you on a walk through the narrow streets of the city-centre of Vienna: St. Stephen’s Cathedral, the Mozarthaus, the old university, the former Jewish Quarter, Am Hof, the Hofburg, the State Opera House. The afternoon is reserved for a visit to the Museum of Art History – one of the biggest art galleries in the world with masterpieces from Rubens, Rembrandt, Raphael and the world’s most important collection of paintings of Pieter Bruegel the elder. Don’t miss the Kunstammer – art, curiosities and natural wonders collected during the Renaissance and baroque periods. Coffee break in one of the famous coffee houses of Vienna.

#### **DAY 3**                      **Vienna**                      **B**

After breakfast we travel by public transport to Schönbrunn for a tour (with audio guides) of the magnificent summer palace of the Habsburgs. There will be enough time to stroll also through the beautiful gardens and to enjoy the view from the Gloriette. On our way back to the city centre we will visit one of the most beautiful markets of Vienna – the Naschmarkt, where there will be also time for our little daily snack together. In the later afternoon it is time for a short coach-tour to follow the Ringstrasse and see the more modern sights of Vienna such as the Hundertwasserhaus and the United Nations buildings. In the evening we attend a concert of works from Strauss and Mozart.

#### **DAY 4**                      **Olomouc**                      **B**

Today we travel north to Moravia. Our first stop will be Kromeriz where we visit the castle and its beautiful gardens – both on the list of the UNESCO World Heritage sites. After our lunch-break (at own expense) we coach to Olomouc – historically one of the most important cities in the Czech Republic. We check-in to our centrally located hotel. After a small refreshment our local guide awaits us to show us the sights of this delicate little city: the Gothic Town Hall, St. Wenceslas Cathedral, the Romanesque Bishop’s Palace and the Holy Trinity Column which is also listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

#### **DAY 5**                      **Krakow**                      **B, D**

After breakfast we coach further north to our next destination Krakow which we will reach around noon and check-in to our centrally located \*\*\*\* hotel. After a short lunch break we will meet our local guide on the impressive Grand Square /Rynek. On our walk we see the Cloth Hall, the beautiful St. Mary’s Church with the altar built by Veit Stoß, Jagiellonian University, Florian’s Gate and the Barbican. We will have time to stroll along the Royal Route which connected the centre with the Wawel Hill and its imposing castle. In the evening we enjoy a dinner with typical Polish specialities.



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**DAY 6 Krakow B**

This morning is reserved for the visit to Wawel Hill – one of the most important historical places for the Polish people: in the cathedral many Polish kings and important personalities are buried. Wawel castle was the formal residence of the Polish kings and presents itself today as a beautiful Renaissance building with a remarkable arcaded courtyard. The collection of Flemish tapestries is unique. After a lunch break we will travel by electric cars to take us to the former Jewish quarter of Kasimierz.

**DAY 7 Krakow B**

Today you visit the saltmines of Wieliczka (a subterranean world of labyrinthine passages, giant caverns, underground lakes and chapels with intricate sculptures and patterns hewn out of the crystalline salt and rock). In the evening we attend one of the numerous Chopin concerts.

**DAY 8 Warsaw B, L**

We start our journey to Warsaw after breakfast. On the way we stop in Czestochowa for a visit to the Monastery of Jasna Góra the most famous shrine to the Virgin Mary in Poland and the most important place of pilgrimage in Eastern Europe (comparable to Lourdes or Fatima). The monastery's most revered treasure is the Black Madonna to which miraculous powers are attributed. Lunch is included today. In the afternoon we arrive in Warsaw and check-in to our centrally located \*\*\*\* hotel. Before you go out for dinner we take you on a short orientation walk.

**DAY 9 Warsaw B**

After breakfast we meet our local guide and start the day with a walk to the Royal Castle, Old Town Market Square (Rynek) and the historic fortification walls. Warsaw was nearly completely destroyed in WWII, but the Old Town was reconstructed from old pictures in the 1950s. After a coffee break we start our coach tour and see the former Jewish Ghetto, the Ghetto Heroes Monument commemorating the Warsaw uprising and the Praga district. We follow then the former Royal Route to one of the most beautiful parks the Lazienki Park, where it is time to stop and take a short walk to see Chopin's monument and Lazienki Palace. The Royal Route ends at Wilanow Palace – the Polish Versailles built for King Jan Sobieski.

**DAY 10 Warsaw B, D**

Today we leave the city of Warsaw to visit two outstanding places in the surrounding region: the palace and gardens of Nieborów – built for the princes of Radziwill it is a perfect example for the life of the Polish aristocracy and Zelazowa Wola – a small village where Chopin was born. We visit his birthplace which is now a museum and the garden. Return to Warsaw in the late afternoon. We enjoy a farewell dinner in one of the elegant restaurants of the city.

**DAY 11 B**

After breakfast individual transfers to the airport or train station (not included but we are happy to help with the organization) and for you it is time to say goodbye to one of the most fascinating parts of Europe.



**WHAT IS INCLUDED**

10 nights accommodation with breakfast in double room in centrally located \*\*\*\* hotels

3 dinners, 1 lunch, every day one snack or coffee-break

coaching Vienna-Krakow-Warsaw

local guides in Vienna, Olomouc, Krakow, Warsaw

entrance fees

ticket for a Strauss concert in Vienna

and a Chopin concert in Krakow

tour manager from Vienna during the whole tour

**Preis auf Anfrage**