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TSC Fall Expedition Sept 12-21, 2025

Fri – Sun
9 days / 8 nights

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Est Full Package \$4320*
(Air included if Deposit pd by 12/31/24)
Est Ground Package \$3620*

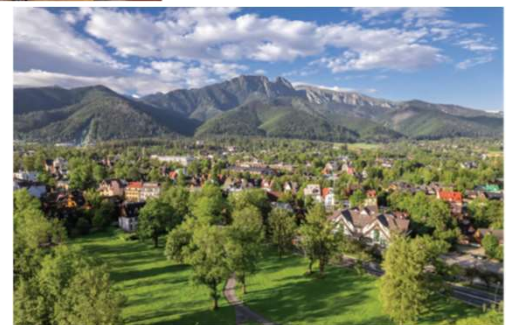
Single Room add \$1029

Prices go up after 12/31/24
Full +\$1600, Grnd +\$800

Full package includes:

- Air between Houston and Gdansk, return from Kraków
- 8 Breakfast, 2 Lunch, 3 Dinner
- All ground transfers
- 4* Hotels in Gdansk (2), Warsaw (2), Kraków (4)
- Post-trip Option will be selected by TSC to: Vienna, Prague or Budapest

Tour Operator: Mayflower Tours



Payment Schedule *	Full Package	Ground Package
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** Initial Deposit is non-refundable

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A \$100 Reservation Deposit will hold your spot, refundable until Dec 20, 2024

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Pride of Poland - Trip Itinerary

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Meals included: Breakfast B, Lunch L, Dinner D

DAY 1, Fri, 9/12: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight to Gdansk, Poland.

DAY 2, Sat, 9/13: ARRIVE Gdansk, Poland

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DAY 3, Sun, 9/14: Gdansk, Gdynia, Sopot

A tour of Gdansk will familiarize you with Lech Walesa - the Solidarity activist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Walk along the "Royal Way", see the 17th-century Golden Gate, the Neptune Fountain situated in front of the Artus Court, and the City Hall, which dates back to the 14th and 15th centuries. Visit St. Mary's Church, the largest Gothic church in Poland. Then travel to Sopot for a walk along the longest pier in Europe. Your journey continues to Gdynia, whose harbor is home to many ships open to the public. The destroyer Blyskawica is a national treasure and the only remaining ship built before World War II, and the Dar Pomorza is a Polish sailing frigate now preserved as a museum ship. Return to the hotel in Gdansk after a day of exploration. (B) Overnight: **Gdansk**

DAY 4, Mon, 9/15: Gdansk – Malbork – Warsaw

The day begins as you travel to Malbork to visit the Castle of the Teutonic Knights, a mighty Gothic fortress built in the 13th and 14th centuries and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. An outstanding example of medieval defensive and residential architecture, the area consists of three castles surrounded by separate fortifications. After exploration of the castle, continue on to Warsaw, the largest city in Poland. Dinner is included this evening. (B,D) Overnight: **Warsaw**

DAY 5, Tues, 9/16: Warsaw

Steeped in history, Warsaw is one of the most strategic cities in Europe. Discover this capital city on an included full-day excursion. Stroll along the Royal Way to view some of the most beautiful sites in the Old Town and quaint Market Square. Pass St. John's Cathedral and visit the Royal Castle faithfully restored to its pre-World War II splendor and retaining many of its original furnishings. Formerly the official residence of Poland's kings and home of the Parliament, it now houses the Castle Museum. During the visit to the Warsaw Rising Museum, an architectural monument from the early 20th century, see how the interior multimedia effects bring the reality of the insurgence to life. Lakes, pavilions, mansions, an Observatory, the Orangery, formal manicured gardens, and a multitude of palaces await your discovery during the visit to Łazienki Park. The statue of Frederic Chopin, built to honor Warsaw's favorite son, is another highlight in the park. After a full day of touring, the evening is yours to experience Warsaw on your own. (possible Club dinner night) (B) Overnight: **Warsaw**

DAY 6, Wed, 9/17: Warsaw – Częstochowa – Kraków

After breakfast, depart for the charming town of Kraków. Along the way, lunch is included at a local restaurant followed by a visit to the famed Monastery of Jasna Góra in Częstochowa – the third largest Catholic pilgrimage site in the world and the national shrine of Poland. The miraculous icon of Our Lady of Częstochowa is housed in the Chapel of the Black Madonna. For centuries, the Polish people have believed that this reverent painting holds supernatural powers. Check into the hotel in Kraków and enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L) Overnight: **Kraków**

DAY 7, Thur, 9/18: Kraków

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