

# POLAND

## JEWISH HERITAGE & MODERN CULTURE TOUR MAY 5<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 2018



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**Poland** is a country rich in history, culture and natural beauty. On this trip, we'll explore one of the country's oldest cities. The city of Kraków, dates back to the 7<sup>th</sup> century. It has been the leading centers of Polish academic, cultural and artistic life. Jewish history in the city can be traced back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century. The Old Town of Kraków has many stories to tell about her life and experience. Join us as we tour this magnificent city and hear her tales.

Your unique journey is hosted by Kraków's academic and Jewish community. Your experience includes a lecture and special session with Prof. Skotnicki at Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory followed by cocktails and dinner. The Jewish Community Center of Kraków will also be hosting a memorable afternoon to immerse you in local experience and flavor. To enhance your 'sense of place', your trip includes the most knowledgeable local historians to provide insight and understanding into regional food, history, culture and geography of Kraków and the surrounding countryside.

**Saturday, May 5, 2018 - Depart the USA en route to Kraków, Poland**

**Day 1: Sunday, May 6, 2018 – Arrival Day, Old Town Walking Tour & Welcome Reception**

Upon your arrival at the John Paul II International Airport Kraków–Balice airport, a Limitless Planet representative will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

We'll meet for lunch followed by a walking tour of Old Town.

Join your fellow travelers this evening for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Overnight- **Hotel Unicus Palace**

**Day 2: Monday, May 7, 2018 – Visit Wieliczka Salt Mines and Jewish District of Kazimierz**

After breakfast, meet in the lobby for a full day tour.

Wieliczka Salt Mine is one of the most unique experiences depicting wealth and growth of the city of Kraków and Polish country by centuries. It is one of the oldest companies in Europe and the biggest in Poland till XIX century. Moreover, it is one of the oldest salt mines in Europe to, listed on the First UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List in 1978.

On this tour, you'll visit the 'salty underground' and have lunch 130 m below the surface in the Mine's Tavern, the deepest located restaurant in Poland.



Our next stop will be KAZIMIERZ quarter, where cultures and religions have meet for centuries. Seven synagogues and four churches were built next to each other, and has been the symbol of the cultural variety of this location. Business was the common margins for its growth.

Kazimierz quarter used to be one of the most important centers of Jewish culture and religion in Europe in medieval times. In 1993, Steven Spielberg chose this area to direct the movie Schindler's List.

Dinner at leisure this evening.

Overnight - **Hotel Unicus Palace**

**Day 3: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 – Wawel Castle & Cathedral, Collegium Museum and an afternoon at Auschwitz**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before our full day tour.

The Wawel Castle is a castle residency located in central Kraków. Built at the behest of King Casimir III the Great, it consists of a number of structures situated around the Italian-styled main courtyard. The castle, being one of the largest in Poland, represents nearly all European architectural styles of medieval, renaissance and baroque periods. The Wawel Royal Castle and the Wawel Hill constitute the most historically and culturally significant site in the country. In 1978, it was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site as part of the Historic Centre of Kraków.

The Collegium Maius is located in Kraków Old Town and is the Jagiellonian University's oldest building, dating back to the 14th century (originally known as the Kraków Academy). Professors lived and worked upstairs, while lectures were held downstairs. In the 1490's, the Collegium Maius counted among its students Nicolaus Copernicus, the Renaissance astronomer and polymath who would revolutionize European ideas about the universe. The Collegium Maius Museum features lecture rooms, communal halls, professors' quarters, a library and a treasury containing rectors' Gothic maces and the Jagiellonian globe. Exhibits also include medieval scientific instruments, globes, paintings, collectibles, furniture, coins and medals.

Lunch included at a local restaurant, followed by our afternoon tour.

Auschwitz was the largest of the German Nazi concentration camps and extermination centers. Over 1.1 million men, women and children lost their lives here. The post-camp relics are protected by the Museum created in 1947. The Memorial today is the Archive and Collections as well as research, conservation and publishing center. The authentic Memorial consists of two parts of the former camp: Auschwitz and Birkenau. A visit with an educator allows better understanding of this unique place. There is no way to understand postwar Europe and the world without an in-depth confrontation between our idea of mankind and the remains of Auschwitz.



Evening and dinner at leisure.

Overnight - **Hotel Unicus Palace**

**Day 4: Wednesday, May 9, 2018- Józef Mehoffer House & Gardens**

**Bunkier Sztuki Gallery of Contemporary Art**

**Special session with Prof. Skotnicki & Oscar Schindler Museum, followed by  
Private Cocktail party, Dinner and Concert at Piwnica pod Baranami**

After breakfast, meet in the lobby for our full day tour.

The house of one of the most important XIX/XX century Polish artists of Kraków's origins, where today the house has been turned into the biographical museum. The traces of Józef Mehoffer can be seen in every angle of the city. Outstanding personality, great artist and a good friend, who created the face of the early XX century Kraków. Exhibits include paintings, graphic art, sculptures, video, objects, installations.

Later, we'll visit the Bunkier Sztuki Collection comprised over a hundred works by thirty eight artists. The compilation reflects the exhibition history of the Gallery as well as the most interesting trends in contemporary Polish art. The Collection is about working with the public and for the public. The works in it don't gather dust in the storeroom – they trigger a dialogue with the viewers and become the catalyst for progress.

Lunch is included at a local restaurant. Then, after lunch we'll go back to the hotel for a bit of free time.

This evening, join Prof. Skotnicki for an evening of thoughtful conversation, cocktails and dinner at Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory.

Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory where the modern exhibition of Kraków under Nazi occupation in 1939 - 1945. It is one of the new branches of the Historical Museum of the City of Kraków. It provides an interesting perspective of what it really meant to be a Jewish witness living in Poland occupied by the Nazis. Poland was the only country during the World War II whereby the penalty for helping Jewish citizens there was the death penalty.



Following tonight's talk, join us for cocktails, dinner and a private concert at Piwnica pod Baranami.

For over thirty years, in the People's Republic of Poland, Piwnica pod Baranami served as the most renowned political cabaret in the country, until the end of (and beyond) the communist era. Created by Piotr Skrzynecki in 1956, the

cabaret continues its activities, contrary to rumours that it has been closed after the death of its founder in 1997. At first, the facility was a meeting place for Kraków students. It was a club for creative youth (Klub Młodzieży Twórczej), part of the Old Town Community Centre in the Palace under the Rams (Pałac Pod Baranami). The stage was formed by young artists of many different genres: writers, musicians, visual artists and actors, as well as their friends and faithful audiences. After nearly fifty years Piwnica became a legend of local eccentricity.

Overnight - **Hotel Unicis Palace**

#### **Day 5: Thursday, May 10, 2018 – Day Trip to Zakopane**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before our day trip to Zakopane.

Zakopane is a town in the extreme south of Poland. Is located in southernmost Poland near the border with Slovakia. It lies in a valley between the Tatra Mountains and Gubałówka Hill. It lies in the southern part of the Podhale region at the foot of the Tatra Mountains. Zakopane is a center of Góral culture and is known informally as "the winter capital of Poland". It is a popular destination for mountaineering, skiing, and qualified tourism. It is one of the most picturesque located towns in Poland.



Later, you'll have the option to stop at Termy Chocholów, the best place to rest in mountains. This countryside sauna and spa is the biggest in the area and a not to be missed. Enjoy a massage or time to rejuvenate in the spa, the choice is yours.

Enjoy your evening at leisure.

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#### **Day 6: Friday, May 11, 2018- MOCAM Museum of Contemporary Art, Hosted event from Jewish Community Center in Kraków, and an evening (optional event) MIRCIM Social Event at Stara Zajezdnia**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we head out for the day.

The program of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Kraków MOCAM has been active since 2010. It encompasses the latest international art, education, as well as research and publication projects. MOCAM's two most important aims are presenting the art of the two last decades in the context of the post-war avant-garde and conceptual art. It aims to clarify the rationale of creating art by highlighting its cognitive and ethical value, and also its relationship with everyday reality.

This afternoon, the Jewish Community Center of Kraków will host a special afternoon of programming.

Later this evening, join MIRCIM for a social event at Stara Zajezdnia- The Old Depot (optional event, ticket not included).

Delicious dinner will be served in the cavernous brick hall of “Stara Zajezdnia” (The Old Depot), Kraków’s biggest brewery and beer hall situated in the heart of Kazimierz, the city’s historic Jewish district.

The evening will feature a live musical performance by Jazz Band Ball Orchestra & Stanley Breckenridge, which will be followed by a live DJ set.

Overnight - **Hotel Unicus Palace**

**Day 7: Saturday, May 12, 2018 – Sukiennice- The Cloth Hall, Lunch and Afternoon at Leisure, Farewell Dinner**



Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before today’s morning tour.

Opened in 2010, the Rynek Underground exhibition presents not only Kraków’s rich history, but also the connections between the city and medieval Europe’s chief centers of trade and culture. The real historical objects on display, just to mention 14th-century coins, decorations, and pottery, are proof of the European cultural and trade exchange that continued here incessantly for hundreds of years.

The rest of your afternoon will be at leisure.

This evening, join your fellow travelers for Farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight - **Hotel Unicus Palace**

**Day 8: Sunday, May 13, 2018 – Depart Kraków- enroute to USA**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and a free day before we head to the airport for our flights back to the USA.

# Your Hotel

## Hotel Unicus Palace

Floriańska 28, 33-332 Kraków, Poland

<http://www.hotelunicuspalace.pl/>



### Location

Located in Floriańska Street, this luxury hotel is steps from Jan Matejko House, Florian's Gate, and Czartoryski Museum. Kraków Barbican and St. Mary's Basilica are also within 5 minutes.

### Hotel Features

2 restaurants, an indoor pool, and a bar/lounge are available at this smoke-free hotel. WiFi in public areas is free. Other amenities include a coffee shop/café, a spa tub, and valet parking.

### Room Amenities

All 60 individually decorated rooms provide free WiFi, free wired Internet, and minibars. Thoughtful touches include bathrobes and slippers, and guests will also find room service and LCD TVs

Old Town is a great choice for travelers interested in food, restaurants and history. This property also has one of the top-rated locations in Kraków.



## General Information

**Total Trip Cost= \$2182.50** (per person, based double occupancy) \*Additional hotel options are available.

To confirm booking and reserve your spot, a deposit of \$300 is due.

The final payment will be due 60 days before departure on Thursday, April 5, 2018.

Registration closes Friday, March 16, 2018.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Luxury accommodation at mentioned hotels (or similar category according to availability)
- Breakfast included everyday
- Knowledgeable, 5 star, English speaking historian throughout the trip
- Entrance and monument fees to the sites mentioned in the program
- Airport transfer (according to the group arrival and departure time)
- Private lecture and discussion at Schindler's Factory by Prof. Skotnicki
- Special Programming by the JCC of Kraków
- Bottled water throughout your trip
- Welcome and Farewell Cocktail and Dinner
- Onsite travel director to assist with any questions or concerns

### NOT INCLUDED:

- Airport taxes
- International flights
- Visa expenses
- Personal expenses such as laundry, beverages, phone call, and internet access.
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not specified in the itinerary/meals at leisure/room service

### NOTES:

- Subject to availability.
- Rates are non-endorsable/non-refundable
- The tour must have a minimum of 10 passenger to operate
- Rates are based on double occupancy
- Maximum guests are 20 passengers
- Limitless Planet reserves the right to change the itinerary at any time. Any changes will be to benefit the group and enhance the travel experience.

### Payment and Cancellations

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50 % fee for cancellations all bookings / 75 % fee for cancellations up to 60 days prior to arrival/ full charge for no shows and cancellations 0-30 day's prior arrival.

## **International Airfare and Transfers**

Limitless Planet is happy to book your international airfare for your trip to Poland. All airline reservations made with Limitless Planet include transfers to and from the airport upon your arrival and departure in Poland.

If you use miles and/or book the airline reservations on your own, you will be responsible for getting yourself to and from the airport if your flights do not correspond to the group flight arrival and departure. We are happy to make those arrangements for a private transfer. Private transfers are not included in the trip price.

## **Visa**

Poland does not require US citizens to have a visa for entry under the Schengen Agreement. U.S. citizens may enter Poland for tourist or business purposes for up to 90 days visa-free.

## **Passport**

Each traveler will be required to have a passport valid for at least six months after your travel departure date. Limitless Planet is happy to assist you with your passport application or renewing an expired passport. Additional fees may apply.

## **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is not included in the quote of this itinerary. Limitless Planet partners directly with TravelEx Insurance. We are happy to offer you a special rate if you would like to purchase travel insurance. Our Limitless Planet Travel Staff will be onsite to assist in case of any emergency.

## **Guides**

Limitless Planet's guides are chosen for their absolute dedication to interpreting those wonders that make every place unique. Intelligent, knowledgeable, and supremely organized, our guides oversee every detail of your itinerary and are an indispensable part of your journey. Historians by nature and guides by trade, Limitless Planet's guides provide the ultimate experiences worldwide.

## **Concierge Service**

Limitless Planet is happy to provide on-site VIP Concierge Service for the duration of your trip. Our on-site travel directors will ensure your restaurant reservations are made, museum visits are arranged, and your flights are on time. Travel Directors are experienced in managing the most intricate on-site details of today's complicated programs. Be rest assured, you will have on-site assistance for any issue that occurs during your travels.

## **Health & Wellness**

Your health and wellness is very important to us. We are happy to accommodate any dietary restriction and special requests.

All participants of Limitless Planet's tours must be physically fit enough to participate on the tour. Limitless Planet reserves the right to deny participation on any of our tours, according to the tour itinerary.

## **IMPORTANT:**

*For every booking entrusted to us, we require the following information:*

- Full passengers' name, date of birth, nationality & passport number
- International arrival/departure flight (if not arranging through Limitless Planet)
- Active medical problems
- Bed preference (subject to availability)

**LIMITS ON LIMITLESS PLANET’S RESPONSIBILITY:**

*Limitless Planet acts as the Tour Operator. It purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from various independent suppliers that are not subject to its control. Limitless Planet cannot, therefore, be liable for death, personal injury or any other loss that may occur due to any act or omission of any such a supplier or by reason of any other event over which it has no control. Domestic flights are, occasionally, subject to overbooking, cancellation and schedule changes. If this occurs, Limitless Planet will do all in their power to assist clients in boarding flights or finding alternate arrangements. It must be stressed that this is done as a courtesy to clients and Limitless Planet cannot be held responsible for denied boarding, nor for the additional costs thus incurred; nor for payments not recovered for missed land arrangements due to airline delays.*

*Optional Activities that may be Dangerous*

*Depending on the itinerary you have selected, optional activities will be available at some of the places you will visit. Some of these activities carry with them the inherent risk of serious personal injury. These activities include, but are not limited to: elephant rides, horseback tours, canoe trips, hiking, river rafting, etc. You should be aware that your personal safety cannot be guaranteed and Limitless Planet assumes no responsibility for your safety.*

*Acts of God and the Like*

*Limitless Planet is not responsible for acts of God, fire, acts of local government or other authorities, wars, civil disturbances, riots, terrorist acts, strikes, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, earthquakes, adverse weather conditions, dangers incident to sea, land, and air travel and other similar acts or incidents beyond its ability to control or its suppliers.*

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