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# Poland

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# A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Experience Kraków's captivating atmosphere while exploring historic buildings, city streets and squares. Along the way, hear legends of heroes, war and survival and immerse yourself in cultural riches, adding a rich chapter to the story of your life.

*Above: Hercules' Club, Ojców National Park | Cover photo: Kraków*

## Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Uncover rich heritage and witness stirring sites as you explore **Kraków**, the ancient seat of the Polish kingdom.
- ▶ Stroll through **Kraków's historic Cloth Hall**, admiring its beautiful architecture and shops.
- ▶ Enjoy energetic music while watching a **traditional Polish folkloric performance**.
- ▶ Witness the sparkling salt-hewn statues, chapels and monuments in the **underground Wieliczka Salt Mine**.
- ▶ Visit the model socialist district of **Nowa Huta** or see the moving sites of **Auschwitz** and **Birkenau**.
- ▶ Journey through Poland's countryside as you travel by high-speed train to **Warsaw**.





## Dear Spartan Alumni and Friends,

Poland, a beguiling country with stories of kings and castles, is filled with monuments and museums that pay tribute to its dramatic history. Get to know this remarkable land from Kraków, where every brick and stone tell a story and each corner reveals storied architecture and delightful cultural treasures.

Join excursions to Warsaw and Ojcow National Park, gain fascinating insights while strolling through Kraków's Jewish Quarter and enjoy afternoons mingling with locals at the quaint Parisian-style cafés in the beautiful main square. Bask in the unrivaled charm of this timeless Eastern European city.

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*Jewish Quarter, Kraków*





Day 1

### In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Kraków, Poland. †

Day 2

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### Kraków, Poland

Upon arrival, transfer † to the Hotel Unicus Palace.

Join a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 3

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### Kraków

**Enrichment: *Historical Heritage of Kraków.*** Kraków was Poland's royal capital for more than five centuries and the only major Polish city to escape the destruction of Hitler's armies. Join a local lecturer to hear stories of Kraków's turbulent past and its present-day role as a living museum of historic architecture.

**Discovery: *Highlights of Kraków.*** View the Renaissance castle's arcaded courtyards from atop Wawel Hill, and see royal sarcophagi inside Wawel Cathedral. Kraków's historic center offers a cache of treasures. Traverse Market Square to St. Mary's Basilica, and browse through Cloth Hall. Listen for the bugle call that rings from the church's tower, and trace the path of Copernicus at Collegium Maius, Jagiellonian University's oldest building. Then, delight in Polish cuisine during lunch.

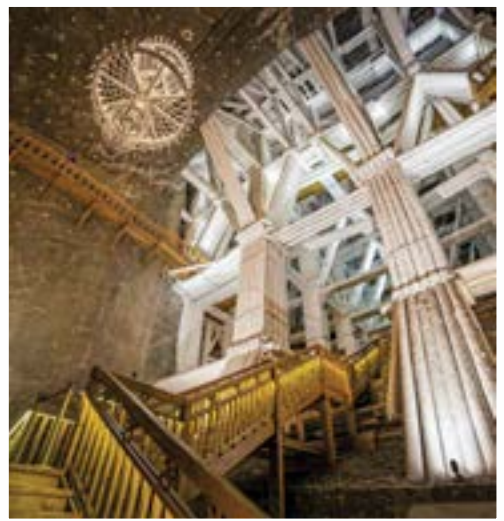
**Free Time:** Your afternoon and evening are at leisure. Perhaps visit the Kraków National Museum, settle in a café or visit Planty Park.

Day 4

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### Wieliczka

**Discovery: *Wieliczka Salt Mine.*** Descend into a vast labyrinth of tunnels where incredible statues, monuments and altarpieces have been sculpted from salt blocks by 13th-



Above: Market Square, Kraków | Inset: Wieliczka Salt Mine

century miners and contemporary artists. Notice how the salt-hewn chandeliers illuminate the Chapel of St. Kinga.

**AHI Connects: *Flavors of Poland.*** Enjoy a traditional Polish dinner and folk performance with lively dance and costumes.

Day 5

B | L

### Ojców National Park

**Discovery: *Ojców National Park.*** Descend into a valley of breathtaking beauty. Poland's smallest but loveliest park spans woodlands, gorges and lush meadows peppered with ruins and quaint villages. See Tolkien-esque limestone formations including the 80-foot-tall wonder of nature known as Hercules' Club, and visit the 14th-century Pieskowa Skala Castle, a jewel of Renaissance architecture. Relax over lunch in the castle's restaurant.

**Enrichment: *Poles – Citizens of the World.*** With a local lecturer, learn about the cultural contributions of Poland's most famous residents and their impact on the world.





Above: Wawel Castle and Cathedral, Kraków |  
Inset: Warsaw Ghetto Monument, Warsaw

•**Nowa Huta.** This section of Poland, outside of Kraków city, was designed as the ideal Communist community. Created by the Soviet Union after World War II as an attempt to reshape Polish society, this district was once a center of revolution and resistance. Explore the area, and learn more about this period during a visit to a communist-style apartment. Then, enjoy lunch at a traditional “milk bar.”

Day 7

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Day 6

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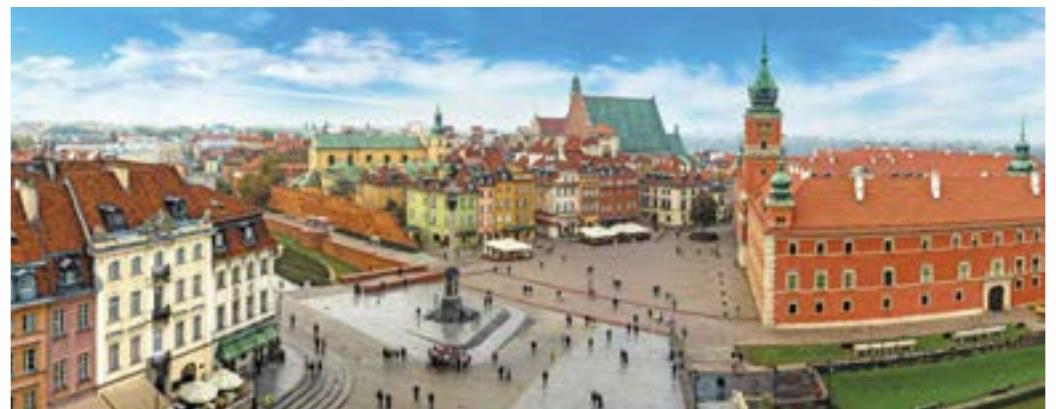
## Auschwitz or Nowa Huta

🗺️ **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

•**Auschwitz.** Although Nazis tried concealing their worst atrocities at Auschwitz, evidence remains among the site’s more than 40 red brick buildings. View footage of Poland during World War II, then pass through the gateway inscribed with the famous words, “Work Makes Freedom.” Witness powerful exhibits and inmates’ stark living quarters. Continue to Birkenau, known as Auschwitz II, a site that spans 400 acres. Following your excursion, gather for lunch at a local venue.

## Warsaw

**Discovery: Wonders of Warsaw.** Journey by train to Poland’s capital city of Warsaw. Though vastly destroyed during World War II, the city has been meticulously resurrected and features beautiful Renaissance, baroque and neoclassical buildings. Stroll along Old Town’s Royal Route and admire the elegant façade of St. Anne’s Church. In Łazienki Park, witness the bronze Chopin statue. See the moving Warsaw Ghetto Monument that honors the Warsaw Uprising of 1944. Pass by two-time Nobel Laureate Madame Curie’s reconstructed former home and view the splendid Royal Castle.



## INCLUDED FEATURES



### UNESCO World Heritage

1. Historic Center of Kraków
2. Auschwitz Birkenau
3. Wieliczka Royal Salt Mine
4. Historic Center of Warsaw

**Free Time:** Take time in Warsaw to choose a local restaurant for lunch.

**Discovery: *Warsaw Uprising.*** Visit a museum that commemorates the freedom fighters who challenged the Nazi's occupation of their city. Learn how the intended three-day rebellion turned into an intense, deadly battle while viewing a series of exhibits, photographs and presentations.

Return to Kraków by train and enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers this evening.

**Day 8** B | D

#### Kraków

**Discovery: *Kraków's Jewish Quarter.***

The Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz features many scenes from Spielberg's "Schindler's List." This now artsy area is characterized by small streets, trendy cafés and squares. Visit Schindler's factory, now a museum that chronicles Kraków around WWII.

**Free Time:** Your final afternoon is at leisure.

Join a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.

**Day 9** B

#### In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ✈

**Note:** *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✈ *Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants.*

*B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.*

**Right: Old Town and Royal Castle, Warsaw**

### Accommodations

(with baggage handling)


- **7 nights** in Kraków, Poland, at the deluxe Hotel Unicus Palace.

### Extensive Meal Program


- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - Experience the highlights of Kraków.
  - Descend into the depths of Wieliczka's captivating salt mine.
  - Delight in authentic cuisine and dance.
  - Enjoy Poland's prettiest national park.
  - Journey to Warsaw to see iconic sites, and visit the Warsaw Uprising Museum.
  - Uncover the history of Kraków's storied Jewish Quarter during a guided tour.

 **Choose from a selection of PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY | PYJ excursions in selected locales based on your interests.**

- Auschwitz: Witness powerful exhibits and poignant, historic sites.
- Nowa Huta: Explore a Communist community, a center of revolution.

-  **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



## AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

### **Before you go:**

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
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- ▶ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

### **Once you arrive:**

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



**HOTEL UNICUS PALACE** | KRAKÓW, POLAND



Located in the heart of Old Town, this boutique hotel combines contemporary convenience and access to many of Kraków's sites, including Cloth Hall and the iconic Market Square. Unwind after a day of sightseeing with a cocktail in the bar, lounge on the sun terrace or delight in Polish and international cuisine at two restaurants. The property also features a gym, indoor pool, sauna and hammam. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

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I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

### Land Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Kraków, Poland, to depart from:

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Departure City

Please contact me regarding air options.

Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

### Land Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

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I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$790 (limited availability).

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Enclosed is a deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$600 pp required) to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).

Accept my check made payable to **AHI Travel**.

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# PROGRAM DATES

**Air Program dates:** July 26 – August 3, 2019

**Land Program dates:** July 27 – August 3, 2019

## LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$3,345	\$250	\$3,095

\*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

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Auschwitz



Nowa Huta

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Pieskowa Skała Castle

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