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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Poland has rewritten its narrative creating a virtual living museum. Within the UNESCO World Heritage-designated cities of Warsaw and Kraków, timeless traditions unfold against a mosaic of neoclassical palaces, Gothic churches and Renaissance castles. In the terra incognito of Poland's rural heartlands, cultural pride and spiritual devotion unite and define a nation still evolving.

Exclusive culturally enriched excursions reveal Poland's rich artistic legacy and traditions. Enjoy a specially arranged, private piano recital of Frédéric Chopin's music in neoclassical Łazienki Palace, view Poland's most treasured artworks, including Leonardo da Vinci's *Lady with an Ermine* in the Czartoryski Museum and paintings by Bernardo Belloto in the opulent Canaletto Room of Warsaw's Royal Castle. Experience the sheer wonder and devotion inspired by the Black Madonna at the national shrine of Jasna Góra and see, by special invitation, the medieval illuminated manuscripts and 18th-century frescoes of the Jasna Góra Library. Travel through Poland's bucolic countryside to the UNESCO-designated Wieliczka Salt Mine, and visit pivotal sights of World War II history.

Join us in Warsaw's colorful Old Town Market Square and in Kraków's *Rynek Główny* (Main Square), where the magnificent Cloth Hall has housed a bustling market since the 14th century. Discover Kraków's revitalized Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz. Learn more about Poland's centuries-old culture and contemporary life during the exclusive TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® FORUM with local Kraków residents. Experience quintessential Polish hospitality and regional cuisine while staying in elegant, deluxe hotels in the very heart of Warsaw and Kraków's vibrant Old Towns.

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Sincerely,

Brian Amkraut Executive Director The Laura & Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program Case Western Reserve University



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View Poland's extraordinary cultural treasures, including da Vinci's Lady with an Ermine.

Cover: Discover Mariacki (St. Mary's) Basilica, the sublime centerpiece of Kraków's medieval Main Square.



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- Panoramic city tour, featuring the Jewish Ghetto, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Palace of Culture and Sciences.
- Walking tour of the Stare Miasto (Old Town)[®] with a visit to St. John's Archcathedral.
- **CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:**
- Visit to the Warsaw Uprising Museum.
- Visit to the POLIN Museum.

4 Warsaw

• Excursion to Łazienki Park and a visit to Łazienki Palace.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:

- Tour of the Royal Castle[®] to see the Canaletto Room and two Rembrandt paintings.
- Exclusively arranged piano recital of Chopin's music.
- 5 Warsaw/Częstochowa/Kraków
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 - CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS: ◆ Excursion to Częstochowa[®] to see the revered Black Madonna.
 - Exclusively arranged visit to the Jasna Góra Monastery Library (closed to the public).
- 6 Kraków
 - Walking tour of the Old Town;[®] visit to 14th-century Mariacki (St. Mary's) Basilica. CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:
 - Visit to Czartoryski Museum to see da Vinci's Lady with an Ermine.
 - Tour of the Jewish Quarter, Kazimierz.
 - * Town & Country Life[®] Forum.
- 7 Kraków

CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:

- Walking tour of Wawel Castle, part of Kraków's Old Town.[®]
- ♦ Excursion to Wieliczka Salt Mine.[®]
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CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

- Tour of the memorial and Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau.
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TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® Poland



Discover authentic Poland, its cultural rebirth, steadfast traditions and rhythms of daily life. Immerse yourself in the historic, artistic, social and religious legacies of UNESCO-inscribed Kraków and Warsaw, evident

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in restored Baroque, Gothic, neoclassical and Renaissance architecture grounded in the changing tides of history and evolving into the 21st century. Enjoy Poland's national treasures during custom-designed, culturally enriched excursions, including a visit to see the revered Black Madonna and a viewing of da Vinci's renowned Lady with an Ermine. Experience Poland's unexplored countryside where, amidst rolling woodlands, green pastures and glistening lakes, a generations-old way of life holds sway in small villages dotted with shrines and chapels. Hear stories of historical triumph and endurance from locals during the specially arranged Town & Country Life[®] Forum. This exclusive program, one of our popular TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® series, engages you in an intimate, comprehensive travel experience at just the right pace and features ideally located accommodations, specially arranged meals and all excursions-an excellent value.

> Stroll through Warsaw's 13th-century Rynek Stare Miasto, a harmonious Old Town Market Square.



Trace Kraków's Jewish history from the 12th century to the present day in Kraków's evocative Kazimierz quarter.

Warsaw, Poland

Warsaw is a thriving city, rich with architectural jewels and cultural treasures, and its rebirth makes it one of the most interesting cities in Europe. The Historic Centre of Warsaw is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and includes the Stare Miasto (Old Town) which showcases a masterful recreation of Gothic and Baroque structures with exquisite period detailing. Timeless rituals echo through the Old Town Market Square, the city's heart and soul, where 17th-century merchant houses with decorative, multi-hued facades now contain acclaimed museums, wine cellars and restaurants. Cobblestone streets lead to the magnificent 14th-century St. John's Archcathedral, a sublime Gothic reconstruction striking in its simplicity.

Castle Square is the nation's historic stage for momentous events, including where, in 1997, former U.S. President Bill Clinton formally welcomed Poland as a member of NATO. Dominating the square, the monumental red-brick Royal Castle was a stronghold of the dukes of Mazovia in the 14th-century and became one of



Experience the palpable aura of veneration that surrounds the Black Madonna of Częstochowa.

Europe's most lavish royal palaces during the mid-17th-century. The Throne Room and Knight's Hall brim with authentic period furniture, priceless antiques, tapestries and artistic masterpieces, including two paintings by Rembrandt, *The Scholar at the Lectern* and *The Girl in a Picture Frame*.

One of the finest examples of neoclassical architecture in Poland, Łazienki Palace, or the "Palace on the Isle," is the crowning jewel of Łazienki Park. The park was acquired by King Stanisław August Poniatowski in 1764 and landscaped over centuries with romantic English-style gardens and French-style manicured lawns that surround palaces, museums and monuments, including the art nouveau *Chopin Monument*, sculpted by Wacław Szymanowski, depicting Warsaw's favorite son.

Cultural Enrichments:

Visit the immersive Warsaw Uprising Museum outlining the history of Poland's Uprising starting in 1944. Tour the architecturally striking POLIN Museum, the only museum in the world to illustrate, in quite extraordinary detail, Jewish history from the Middle Ages to the present day.

Admire the lavish interiors and splendid grounds, highlights of Warsaw's neoclassical Łazienki Palace.





Visit Wawel Castle, Poland's history-wrapped national symbol, and experience the extraordinary artistry and spiritual potency of Kraków's Royal Cathedral of Saints Stanislaus and Wenceslaus.

Admire the Royal Castle's magnificent Canaletto Room's lauded paintings by Bernardo Belloto (better known in Poland as Canaletto).

Enjoy a specially arranged, private piano recital of Chopin's music in Łazienki Palace.

Monastery of Jasna Góra (Częstochowa)

Częstochowa was established as Poland's spiritual capital in 1382 when the Hungarian Paulite order erected the hill-top *Jasna Góra* (Bright Hill) Monastery. Today, the monastery's original Gothic chapel preserves Poland's national shrine of the Black Madonna, an important Catholic pilgrimage site.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:

View an unveiling of the Black Madonna, famous for over 600 years as a miracle worker and guarantor of Poland's very existence; throughout history, each of Poland's non-Catholic enemies have attempted to destroy Jasna Góra and failed.

Enjoy a specially arranged, private visit to Częstochowa's ornate Jasna Góra Library to see 18th-century frescoes, medieval illuminated manuscripts and rare artifacts from the Jagiellonian dynasty.

Kraków

For more than one thousand years, Kraków has reigned as the academic, artistic and trading capital of Poland. Kraków emerged from World War II relatively unscathed, and its Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage site whose unique treasures have been nearly perfectly preserved.

The lively *Rynek Główny* (Main Square) is a remarkable public space ringed by 800-year-old nobleman's houses and towering spires. Dominating the square, the beautiful Cloth Hall was the epicenter of Kraków's medieval clothing trade and today its arcaded galleries are home to craft shops and art exhibitions. The 14th-century *Mariacki* (St. Mary's) Basilica, one of the finest Gothic structures in Poland, is lauded for its extraordinary triptych high altar (1477–89) by Wit Stwosz. From the tower, a lone trumpeter's haunting call every hour on the hour commemorates the warning of an impending attack by the Tatars in medieval times. Kraków is eternally linked with its beloved son, Pope John Paul II, who lived here for 40 years before he assumed the papacy.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:

Enjoy a walking tour of the historic Kazimierz district, known for its Jewish community which thrived from the 14th century until March 1943, now a fashionable enclave of museums, cafés and workshops.

Visit the sublime Czartoryski Museum to see da Vinci's *Lady with an Ermine* one of only four portraits of women painted by da Vinci.

Follow in the footsteps of Balzac, Copernicus and Goethe in discovering the unique salt mine carvings in Wieliczka.



IDEALLY LOCATED HOTELS



HOTEL BRISTOL, Warsaw

A landmark on the city skyline, the legendary, Five-Star HOTEL BRISTOL has been restored to its former glory. Elegant art nouveau interiors have retained their historic character and the comfortable rooms are the most luxurious in Poland. Since its grand unveiling in 1901, the HOTEL BRISTOL has played an integral role in Warsaw life, hosting visiting dignitaries and heads of royal families. Located at the heart of the historic Old Town, the hotel provides attentive service, a welcoming ambiance and Five-Star amenities.

Wawel Royal Castle

Overlooking the Vistula River, Wawel Royal Castle has become a cherished national symbol and the nation's most storied castle complex. For more than 500 years, the castle formed the axis of secular and ecclesiastical power and stood as the home of Polish royalty, where all of Poland's kings were crowned and buried. The Cathedral of Saints Stanislaus and Wenceslaus is known for its crypt where 45 Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque royal tombs and side chapels showcase a timeline of European artistic movements.

Cultural Enrichment:

Discover the richly ornamented chambers of Poland's Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage site open to visitors since 1772. A prized commodity during the Middle Ages, salt provided the financing for much of Kraków's architectural splendor. The Chapel of St. Kinga, where stairs, banisters, altar, chandeliers and intricate sculptures are entirely carved from salt, is extraordinary. The chapel's famed acoustics have provided a concert venue for visiting dignitaries, including late former U.S. President George H.W. Bush.



SHERATON GRAND KRAKÓW

Set along the Vistula River, at the foot of Wawel Castle, the deluxe Sheraton Grand Kraków is the perfect, centrally located base from which to explore the city's cultural treasures. The extremely comfortable rooms are modern, spacious and well-appointed, and the personable staff provide warm and attentive service. Amenities include restaurants/bars, an indoor pool, fitness center and sauna. The rooftop terrace provides memorable views over Wawel Royal Castle.

Oświęcim/ Auschwitz-Birkenau

Auschwitz-Birkenau has become the foremost symbol of the Holocaust. On July 2, 1947, it was preserved by the Polish government as the Memorial and Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau, a testament to this epic human tragedy; in 1979 it was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

Enter through the main gate and tour the museum's exhibits.

Bear witness to the tragedy of the Holocaust at the Memorial and Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau.



Included Features

In Warsaw

- Three nights in the ideally located, Five-Star HOTEL BRISTOL with breakfast each morning and one dinner.
- Welcome Reception in the hotel.
- City tour of Warsaw, featuring the Jewish Ghetto, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Palace of Culture and Sciences.
- Walking tour of Warsaw's UNESCO-inscribed Stare Miasto (Old Town).
- Excursion to Łazienki Park and tour of 17th-century Łazienki Palace; dinner this evening.

In Kraków

- Four nights in the deluxe, centrally located SHERATON GRAND KRAKÓW hotel, with breakfast each morning.
- Farewell Reception in the hotel.
- Walking tour of Kraków's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site; dinner this evening.
- Walking tour of the grounds of Wawel Hill to see the Royal Castle and the 14th-century Cathedral of Saints Stanislaus and Wenceslaus.

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments

- Visit to the emotive Warsaw Uprising Museum.
- Visit to Warsaw's POLIN Museum, which traces 1000 years of Jewish history.
- Specially arranged, private piano recital of Chopin's music in Łazienki Palace.
- Excursion to the pilgrimage site of Jasna Góra Monastery in Częstochowa to see an unveiling of the revered Black Madonna, with lunch.
- Visit to 14th-century Mariacki (St. Mary's) Basilica.
- Visit to the Czartoryski Museum to see da Vinci's Lady with an Ermine.
- Walking tour of the Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz.
- Tour of Warsaw's lavishly appointed Royal Castle, featuring priceless artworks in the Canaletto Room.
- Excursion to the chambers of the UNESCO-designated Wieliczka Salt Mine, with lunch.
- ♦ Guided excursion to the poignant Memorial and Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
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Northern Poland forms an essential piece in the nation's history. Gdańsk's *Stare Miasto* (Old Town) overflows with architectural remnants of Poland's Hanseatic Golden Age while 13th-century Malbork Castle—the largest castle in the world—reveals the Gothic legacy of the medieval Teutonic Order. Visit Gdańsk's European Solidarity Center which expounds the founding of Lech Wałęsa's Solidarity movement and tour UNESCO-designated Toruń, a perfectly preserved Gothic complex and a rich cultural center where Nicolaus Copernicus, "the man who stopped the Sun and moved the Earth," was born. Accommodations are for three nights in the centrally located, deluxe RADISSON BLU GDAŃSK.

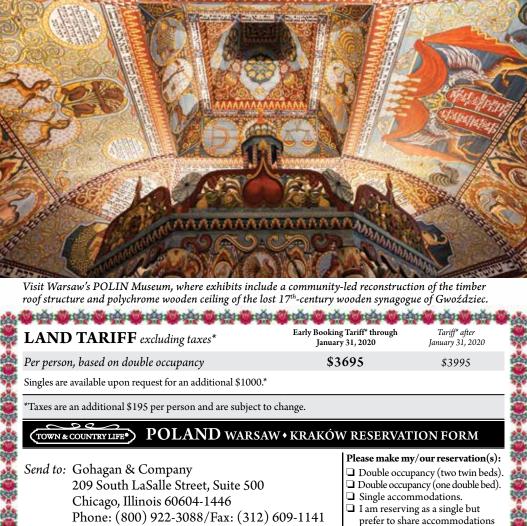
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