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A World of Discovery

Embark on an inspirational journey to regal cities that have endured tumultuous times and risen up to emerge reinvented and revitalized. Experience their striking beauty, fascinating heritage and resilience on this exceptional journey to Poland, Germany and the Czech Republic.

What sets this travel adventure apart from others is AHI's unwavering commitment to connecting you to the world's people, places and cultures. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic local experiences, we deliver new insights and fresh perspectives to enrich your life.

The incomparable value of our journeys is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI's Travel Directors. These outstanding professionals create a welcoming atmosphere and handle every last detail so you can focus on the wonder of the world before you. We also partner with the most knowledgeable guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines.

We invite you to turn the page on a remarkable new chapter amid Central Europe's Old-World grandeur with this AHI Journey for the curious traveler!

Above: Wawel Castle and Cathedral, Kraków | Cover photo: Market Square, Kraków

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Witness the beautiful sites of **Kraków**, ancient seat of the Polish kingdom.
- ▶ Get your cameras ready to capture colorful, historic **Poznań**, birthplace of the Polish nation.
- ▶ Marvel at the scenic beauty of the Saxon Alps on a **cruise along the Elbe River**.
- ▶ Listen to lovely music by Polish composer Chopin during a **private concert**.
- ▶ Experience **Warsaw**, Poland's lively capital, and discover the fortitude of its people at the Warsaw Uprising Museum.
- ▶ See poignant pieces of 20th-century history in **Berlin**, including the Berlin Wall and Brandenburg Gate.
- ▶ Feel the spirit of **Prague**, one of most captivating cities in Eastern Europe.
- ▶ Experience five **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us as we explore grand cities rich in culture and compelling history on this marvelous, 11-night journey through Poland, Germany and the Czech Republic. You'll take in the must-see gems of Kraków, Warsaw, Berlin, Dresden and Prague while staying at deluxe, centrally located hotels and enjoy guided excursions that showcase renowned landmarks and each city's beautiful character.

Special highlights include a private Chopin concert, a visit to the colorful Polish town of Poznań, an Elbe River cruise through the impressive Saxon Alps and a Polish vodka tasting. Learn about significant historical events during educational lectures and guided visits. In selected cities, customize your itinerary. While in Kraków, visit Auschwitz, the former Nazi concentration camp or Nowa Huta, the former Soviet-designed Socialist community. In Prague, stroll through the magnificent castle complex or the atmospheric Jewish quarter.

This thoughtfully planned trip also offers the camaraderie of group travel, free time to explore independently and a Travel Director to manage all the details. With so many appealing features, this program is attracting lots of attention, so ensure your place by reserving today!

Sincerely,

Karen Laurence

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UNESCO World Heritage

1. Historic Center of Kraków
2. Auschwitz Birkenau
3. Historic Center of Warsaw
4. Historic Center of Prague
5. Palaces & Parks of Potsdam and Berlin





Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Kraków, Poland. 🌐

Day 2 | Kraków, Poland

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 to the Hotel Unicus Palace in the heart of the Old Town. Later, join your Travel Director for a brief stroll around the neighborhood. Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Kraków

Enrichment: Historical Heritage of Kraków.

Join a local expert for a historical perspective of this enchanting city, Poland's royal capital for more than five centuries.

Discovery: Highlights of Kraków. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Kraków's old town is densely packed with magnificent buildings, from Gothic and Renaissance to baroque and art nouveau, which evoke its rich past. Begin at the majestic hilltop castle complex. Inside Wawel Cathedral, where Poland's kings were crowned and buried, view the ornate royal sarcophagi. Then stroll to Cloth Hall, a 13th-century marketplace, in the vast Market Square and visit Jagiellonian University's oldest building. After a lunch of Polish specialties in the Old Town, step inside St. Mary's Basilica to see the intricately carved, 15th-century altarpiece.

Free Time: Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 4 | Kraków

🌐 PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Auschwitz.** At the former Nazi concentration camp, view powerful exhibits, inmates' stark living quarters and footage of Poland during World War II. Continue to Birkenau, known as Auschwitz II, a 400-acre site that once held 100,000 prisoners.
- **Nowa Huta.** This district of Kraków, created by the Soviet Union after World War II in an attempt to reshape Polish society, was once a center of revolution and resistance. Delve into this period on a tour that includes a visit to a Communist-style apartment and lunch at a milk bar.

Day 5 | Warsaw

Journey by high-speed train to the Polish capital.

Discovery: Warsaw. Virtually destroyed during World War II, Warsaw has been transformed with faithfully reconstructed landmarks and modern gems. Take in the beautiful old town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, on a guided walk. Later, see the Jewish district and the New Town.

Enjoy lunch on your own, then rejoin the group at the Polish Vodka Museum to sample vodka, a culturally significant drink served for centuries.

Your Individual Experience

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.



Personalize Your Journey | PYJ | Included

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected locales based on your interests.



Elective Experiences | At an additional cost

Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Check in to the Hotel Bristol, Warsaw, along the city's historic Royal Route.

Day 6 | Warsaw

Discovery: Warsaw Uprising Museum.

In this excellent museum, learn about the heroic yet tragic 1944 insurrection by residents to liberate their city from German occupation. View absorbing exhibits about the brave Polish Home Army, and gain insight into the struggles of wartime life in Warsaw.

Free Time: Explore on your own this afternoon.

Tonight, listen to the brilliant music of Polish-born Frédéric Chopin at a piano concert in the Old Town, followed by a delicious dinner nearby.

Day 7 | Poznań | Berlin, Germany

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and travel to Poznań, one of the country's oldest cities.

Discovery: Poznań Walking Tour. Feast your eyes on this delightful town, where brightly painted buildings line the storybook main square.

Discover its important role in Polish history from your guide and admire the charming architecture. After a group lunch in Poznań, travel to Berlin.

Enrichment: A Tale of Two Cities: East Berlin and West Berlin. Once divided, Berlin was reunited after the infamous Berlin Wall was torn down. A local expert discusses the lasting impact in its two former sectors.

Check in to the Westin Grand Berlin near the historic Gendarmenmarkt.

Day 8 | Berlin

Discovery: Panoramic Berlin and Berlin Wall Memorial. On a scenic tour, see top sites, including the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, the Federal Chancellery, the stately Unter den Linden boulevard and more. With your guide, view the last section of the Berlin Wall preserved in place at the Bernauerstrasse Wall Memorial. Stop for lunch during your excursion.

Free Time: Pursue your own interests this afternoon or choose to join the Elective Activity.



Warsaw Uprising Monument



Old Town, Poznań



Elective | Potsdam. Visit Cecilienhof Palace, a country manor built for Crown Prince Wilhelm in 1917, which hosted the famous 1945 Potsdam Conference. Then stroll through the terraced Sanssouci gardens that Frederick the Great planned for his summer retreat in 1743.

Day 9 | Berlin

Free Time: Create your own agenda for your final day in Berlin. Check out the city's pleasant parks, hip cafés and inviting *biergartens*!

Day 10 | Dresden

Check out of the hotel and depart for Dresden.

Discovery: Dresden City and Culinary Tour. Take an engaging guided walk in the splendid old town and pause along your route to taste traditional Saxon dishes. Visit the Church of Our Lady, ravaged by World War II bombings and now restored to its earlier baroque splendor. Check in to the Bilderberg Bellevue Hotel Dresden on the banks of the Elbe River.



Reichstag, Berlin

Free Time: The rest of the day is at leisure. Art lovers will relish the Old Master's Gallery with fine paintings and sculptures that span six centuries.

Day 11 | Prague, Czech Republic

Check out of the hotel and head toward Prague.

Discovery: Elbe River Cruise. Along the way, enjoy a relaxing cruise through the picturesque Saxon Alps and marvel at the craggy mountains created by water erosion millions of years ago.

Check in to the Cosmopolitan Hotel Prague.

Discovery: Old Town Prague. Discover this dazzling city's wealth of Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and baroque buildings on a guided stroll. See the Old Town Square, dominated by the distinctive, 14th-century Church of Our Lady before Týn and the medieval astronomical clock.

Enrichment: Velvet Revolution. Discover how this pivotal movement in 1989 freed the former Czechoslovakia from communist control.



Church of Our Lady, Dresden



Old Town, Prague

Day 12 | Prague

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

• **Prague Castle.** Tour this sprawling complex, the seat of Czech rulers since the ninth century. See the Castle Square, the Chapel of the Holy Cross and more. Visit St. Vitus Cathedral built in 1344 by King Charles IV and admire the exquisite St. Wenceslaus Chapel. See Golden Lane's 16th-century homes where the castle's guards, goldsmiths and servants lived. *(Active)*

• **Prague's Historic Jewish Quarter.** Explore Josefov's original network of narrow streets, and see the baroque Old New Synagogue, Europe's oldest active synagogue, founded in 1270. Visit the Prague National Jewish Museum, comprised of four synagogues, a hall and the Old Jewish Cemetery. More than 12,000 tombstones are wedged in the cemetery's boundaries.


Free Time: Make your own plans in Prague. Conclude your wonderful Imperial Journey with a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.



Day 13 | In Transit

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

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

 *Flights and*  *transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.*

 *Elective experiences available at an additional cost.*



Astronomical clock, Prague

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches, boats and trains

ACCOMMODATIONS

Our travel experts have carefully selected these deluxe properties for their prime locations in Kraków, Warsaw, Berlin, Dresden and Prague. They are ideally situated for exploring each city's celebrated landmarks while also providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of their services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.



Hotel Unicus Palace | Kraków



Hotel Bristol | Warsaw



The Westin Grand Berlin

| Berlin



Bilderberg Bellevue Hotel
Dresden | Dresden



Cosmopolitan Hotel
Prague | Prague



Imperial Journey

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Call our travel experts at 800-323-7373 to reserve your place! (Preferred registration method.)

Please have the information outlined below available to share with our AHI Travel Experts.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office. Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

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I/we would like to request _____ place(s). Deposit amount is \$600 per person.

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Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

Single Accommodations

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$1,395 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Flights

- Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Kraków, Poland, with a return from Prague, Czech Republic, to depart from:

Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

- First Class Business Class Premium Economy
- No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **March 28, 2023** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by Bank Transfer, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. If paying by check, please call for details before submitting.

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PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: June 11-23, 2023

Land Program dates: June 12-23, 2023

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$5,545	\$250	\$5,295

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
VAT is an additional \$395 per person.
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AHI FlexAir | Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
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To offer you added peace of mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

- ✓ **Included AHI Travel Assurance** covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.



Berlin Wall



Old Town, Warsaw

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Kraków, Poland, at the deluxe Hotel Unicus Palace.
- **2 nights** in Warsaw at the deluxe Hotel Bristol, Warsaw.
- **3 nights** in Berlin, Germany, at the deluxe Westin Grand Berlin.
- **1 night** in Dresden at the deluxe Bilderberg Bellevue Hotel Dresden.
- **2 nights** in Prague, Czech Republic, at the deluxe Cosmopolitan Hotel Prague.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- All transfers in the Land Program: train and deluxe motor coaches.

Extensive Meal Program

- 11 breakfasts, 5 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

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Meander in Kraków's wonderfully preserved medieval old town.
 - Marvel at Warsaw's historic center, painstakingly rebuilt after near destruction.
 - Learn about the Warsaw Uprising.
 - See the landmarks of charming Poznań.
 - Take in the highlights of dynamic Berlin and visit the Berlin Wall Memorial.
 - Delight in Dresden's architecture and cuisine.
 - Glide along the serene Elbe River.
 - Stroll through Prague's majestic Old Town.
- **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ**
A choice of excursions in selected locales.
 - **Kraków** | Auschwitz | Nowa Huta
 - **Prague** | Prague Castle | Prague's Historic Jewish Quarter
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:**
We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- 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.



Auschwitz visit

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we're 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.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

- Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.
- ▶ **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
 - ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local 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, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

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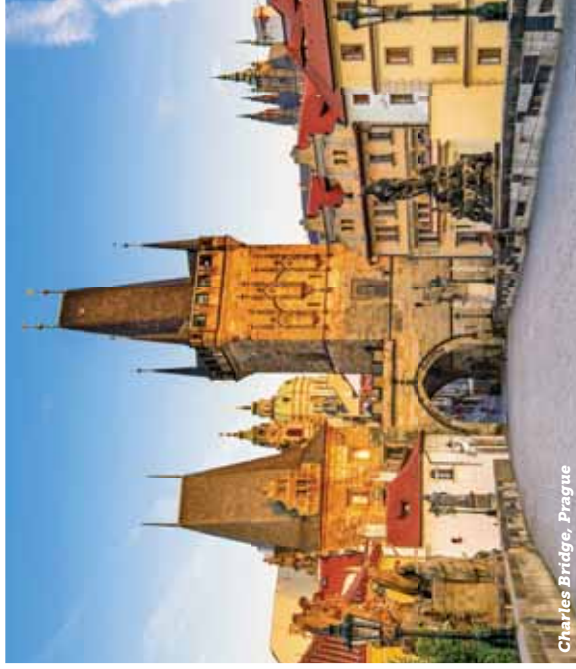
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