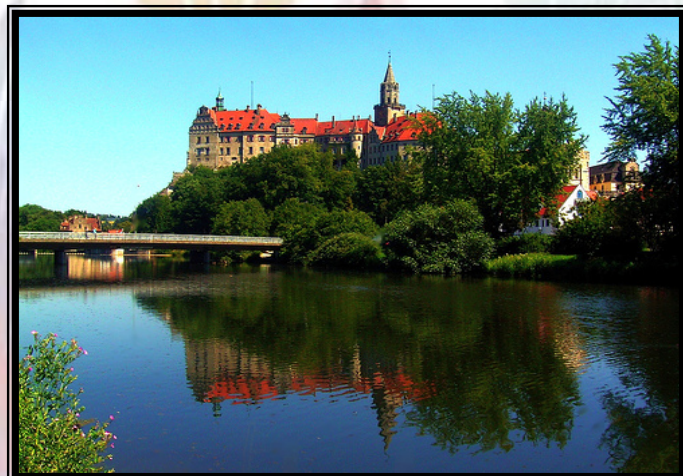


5 Night Custom Tour of Poland



and 12 Day Danube River Cruise & Tour Sept. 12 - 28 2009

Trip Includes:

- **5 Night custom tour of Poland with a 20 passenger mini bus, hotels, breakfast daily, 1 lunch and sightseeing per itinerary**
(The guide will recommend and make dinner reservations which is advisable to save money.)
- **First class train ticket for Krakow to Budapest**
- **2 nights at the Intercontinental Hotel in Budapest including breakfast and sightseeing per itinerary**
- **7 night river cruise on the beautiful *Avalon Tranquility* (built in '07)**
The cabins are 172 sq. ft. and have large sliding glass doors with French balconies. Includes all meals and wine with dinner, all shore excursions per itinerary, as well as on board lectures and local entertainment.
- **1 night in Budapest**

Cost per person based on double occupancy:

Sept 12 - 28 Poland tour and train (based on 16 - 2 - participants): \$1,449

Sept 18 - 28 Cruise from Budapest to Bucharest: \$2,999

Upgrade to a category "P" cabin for \$649 - some discounts may apply at booking

Group insurance will be automatically added for all travelers - the rate will depend on the total trip cost.

Another custom tour by: Carol's Custom Travel,
an affiliate of Protravel International, A Virtuoso Agency



September 12 - Depart home city

September 13 - Warsaw

Arrive in Warsaw. You will be met by a host who will take you to your hotel, Holiday Inn in a private mini bus. The rest of the day is at leisure.



Holiday Inn, Warsaw

September 14 - Warsaw

From 9am-12pm the group will go on a panoramic city tour by private mini bus and guide. The tour will include Krakowskie Przedmiescie Street which is lined with many historical buildings, churches, palaces (the presidential office is in the Radziwill Palace), monuments, buildings of Warsaw University, and the Seat of the Polish Academy of Science. The Royal Lazienki Park with Chopin's monument and the Old Town will also be on the tour. Entrance to the Royal Castle included. *Breakfast included.*



Krakoeskie Przedmiescie

September 15 - Warsaw - Krakow

Today, your guide and mini bus will take you on a tour of Czestochowa, Poland's spiritual capital. You will visit the Jasna Gora Monastery, which dates back to the 14th century. Among the Monastery's priceless treasures is the famous "Black Madonna", a painting of Our Lady of Czestochowa said to have miraculous powers. After lunch at a local restaurant, you will continue on to the Auschwitz, the most notorious Nazi concentration

camp. You will arrive in Krakow and check in to the Hotel Holiday Inn for a 3 night stay. *Breakfast and Lunch included.*



Auschwitz

September 15 - Krakow

After breakfast, enjoy a half day city tour of Krakow featuring a visit to Wawel Castle, the former seat of Polish Kings from the mid 11th to the early 17th century. The castle is now filled with works of art. You will continue on to the 14th century Jagiellonian University and see its Italian style arcaded courtyard. Walk up Grodzka Street to the heart of Krakow - the Main Market Square, the largest medieval market square, with its famous Cloth Hall. You will also visit St. Mary's Church dating from the 13th century which contains one of the most magnificent altarpieces in Europe, carved by Wit Stwosz in the 15th century. *Breakfast included.*

September 17 - Krakow

Today is a free day to enjoy the wonderful shopping in Krakow! *Breakfast Included.*

September 18 - Krakow to Budapest

You will be taken by private mini bus to the train station for a noon departure. Your first class seat will provide you with comfort for the ride, which should arrive in Budapest at about 9pm. You will take a cab for the short ride to your hotel, The Intercontinental, which overlooks the Danube. *Breakfast included.*



Budapest

September 19 - Budapest

Today you start off your cruise tour in Eastern Europe's liveliest and most cosmopolitan metropolis. You will see the massive hilltop castle complex with Fisherman's Bastion and the Matthias Church, Shop for renowned peasant embroidery, Herend porcelain and paprika. *Breakfast Included.*



Fisherman's Bastion & Matthias Church

September 20 - Budapest (Embarkation)

This morning will include an excursion to the Pusztá, or Great Plain, for a demonstration of Hungarian equestrian prowess. Then you will return to Budapest where the crew of the Avalon Tranquility awaits to welcome you. *All meals included.*

September 21 - Kalocsa

Founded by St. Stephan in 1009, this town had a turbulent history and is best known for its paprika and folklore art. We will visit the Paprika Museum and learn how it is grown and prepared through history. *All meals included.*

September 22 - Novi Sad, Serbia

Overlooking the city of Novi Sad, with a spectacular view of the Danube River and surroundings, is Marshall Vauban's unconquerable Petrovaradin Fortress. *All Meals Included.*

September 23 - Belgrade

The capital of Serbia is situated at the confluence of the Danube and Sava Rivers. A local guide will take you to the Kalemegdan Fortress, St. Save Orthodox Church and Marshal Tito's tomb and monument. *All Meals Included.*

September 24 - Iron Gates

Here you will see the Serbian fortresses of Smederevo and Golubac and the Trajan Table marking the Roman conquest of Dacia. The Iron Gates is a narrow and formerly very dangerous passage dividing the Alps and the Carpathians, forming a natural border between Serbia and Romania. *All Meals Included.*

September 25 - Svistov, Bulgaria - Veliko Tarnovo - Arbanassi - Rousse

A comfortable ride from the river port of Svistov is the ancient Bulgarian capital of Veliko Tarnovo. You will visit Tsarevets Hill, home of the Royal Fortress, palaces, and Patriarch's Church. You will then travel to the village of Arbanassi and see its Ethnographical Museum and the outstanding collection of frescoes in the Church of the Nativity. *All Meals Included.*

September 26 - Silistra, Bulgaria - Excursion to Varna, Black Sea

After breakfast you will travel by road to Varna on the Black Sea. Included in sightseeing will be the National Archaeological Museum, home of the Gold of Varna. *All Meals Included.*

September 27 - Oltenita (Disembarkation) - Bucharest

Bucharest, Romania's lively capital and known as "Paris of the East" is only a short drive from Oltenita. Your afternoon tour will include the impressive Parliament Building, second in size only to The Pentagon. The former Royal Palace is now home to The National Art Museum. You will check into your hotel, Athenee Palace Hilton. *Breakfast Included.*



Parliament Building, Bucharest

September 28 - Bucharest - Home

Your homebound flight will arrive on the same day! *Breakfast Included.*

