

MUSIC & HISTORY GRADE 12 COURSE IN POLAND AND CENTRAL EUROPE CONCERT TOUR (KRAKOW, PRAGUE, VIENNA, BUDAPEST, POPRAD)

JULY 4 – 30, 2012

July 4 TORONTO
Departure to Krakow.

July 5 KRAKOW
Arrival to Krakow, accommodation in the House of Cracow Music Academy.

July 6 - 19 KRAKOW
Instrumental music, vocal music and history classes. During these days you will be accommodated in the House of Cracow Music Academy. In the meantime you will have some weekend trips organized as follows:

**July 7 (Saturday):
KRAKOW WALK**
You will be strolling around Old City and Main Square with a professional guide. During the day you will visit: Wawel Castle and the Cathedral, King's Way (Kanonicza and Grodzka Streets all the way to the oldest Polish university – Jagiellonian University), famous Mariacki Church with a stunning Gothic altar carved in a linden wood by Wit Stwosz, and beautiful renaissance building of Sukiennice where in the old times city's main market had been located. Sukiennice is the perfect place for souvenirs purchase. We'll finish our stroll next to the old

city's battlements Floriańska Gate and Barbican.

**July 8 (Sunday):
OSWIECIM and
WIELICZKA**
Wieliczka is located about 15 km south-east away from Krakow and Oswiecim 70 km westward. During our 8 hr trip you will have a chance to see the biggest Nazi concentration camp in Europe – Auschwitz (Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II - Birkenau) operated during II WW. In another part of this trip you will visit one of the best, the most impressive and the most underground tourist attraction in Poland – Wieliczka Salt Mine. To sum up: You will experience some extreme emotions ranging from fear and consternation up to amazement and enchantment. You will remember this day for ever.

**July 15 (Saturday):
NIEPOLOMICE - carts
trip**
First we will visit the Castle in Niepolomice, astronomical observatory (lectures with astronomical and astrological slides-show), and then we will ride across the Puszcza Niepolomicka (beautiful forest) by horse-drawn canopied carts.

We will stop in the local forest cottage, set a camp-fire and grill some sausages.

**July 16 (Sunday) the JURA
KRAKOWSKO -
CZESTOCHOWSKA**
Arrival to Ojcow. Sightseeing of Łokietek's Cave, Krakow Gate and a stroll along the Valley of Pradnik up to Ojcow. Ojcow Castle sightseeing, visit in the Chapel on the Water, ride to Pieskowa Skala with a stop next to the legendary Hercules' Club. Sightseeing of another castle on the Trail of the Eagles' Nests.

ATTENTION: July 19 is the last day of your stay in Krakow. On July 20 you will be checked out early in the morning and you continue your trip as follows:

**July 20-21 lipca TATRA
MOUNTAINS and
DUNAJEC GORGE**
One of the best things about Krakow is its location close to the magnificent Tatra Mountains. Trip from Royal City to winter capital of Poland – Zakopane takes no more than 3 hr. During two day trip you will experience the unique beauty of mountain landscape: green, vast glacial valleys and

steep granite ridges. You will have a chance: to hike the highest mountains in Central Europe, to enjoy the magical atmosphere of Zakopane, to see one of the most stunning, little wooden churches, medieval castle in Czorsztyn, to do a rafting in Dunajec Gorge and also try gourmet, local cuisine.

July 20
08:30am departure from Krakow
11:30am – arrival in Zakopane, accommodation in hotel, free time in the centre of the city (Krupowki street)
1:30 pm optional - lunch in the local restaurant
2:30pm – cable car ride to the top of Kasprowy Wierch or Gubałówka with a beautiful views of Tatra mountains.
5:30pm – trip to the famous wooden chapel in Jaszczurówka and visit Ski Jumping Centre near Nosal mountain
7:00pm come back to hotel, evening in Zakopane (optional concert on local highlander's band), overnight in Zakopane.

July 21
08:30am Breakfast in hotel
09:15am trip across the region of Podhale to the Dębno Podhalańskie well known





of one of the most beautiful wooden churches in Poland, dating XVI).

12:00 visit the castle in Niedzica, dating XIV, optional lunch 2:00 pm Dunajec Gorge rafting in the Pieninski National Park

5:00 pm rafting ending in Szczawnica. Transfer to hotel, accommodation, overnight in Szczawnica.

July 22 SZCZAWNICA - PRAGUE

Departure from Szczawnica to Prague in Czech Republic. Evening walk around the Old City, accommodation, overnight in Prague.

July 23 PRAGUE

After the breakfast we will start the Prague sightseeing with a professional, local guide. You will see: Hradčany: Castle, the Cathedral of St.Wit, Royal Palace, Loreta, Strahovskis' Convent, historic district Mala Strana, St. Nicolas church, Kampa Island and famous, picturesque Karols' Bridge. In the afternoon you will have a 2 hr cruise among the Welta-wa river with optional dinner

aboard. After the cruise you'll come back to your hotel. Overnight in Prague.

July 24 PRAGUE - VIENNA

Breakfast. Prague sightseeing continuation: Waclaw Square, Main Square of Old City, Parliament building, National Museum, St. Mary of Snow Church, City Hall with a famous clock "Orloj" Palace of Goltz-Kinsky, Tyński Church and statue of Jan Hus.

Ride to Vienna. Ringstrasse by bus (Urania, Museum of Applied Art, City Park, Opera, Maria Teresa Square, Hofburg, Parliament, City Hall, Theatre, University, Votive Church, Stock Market) and also evening stroll around Old City. Accommodation, overnight in Vienna.

July 25 VIENNA - BUDAPEST

Breakfast. Sightseeing of the Schoenbrunn Palace which was a former summer emperors' residence. Stop in the St Joseph church in Kahlenberg. Ride do Budapest. Accommodation in hotel. Optional

dinner with gypsy music and great wine. Overnight in Budapest.

July 26 BUDAPEST

Breakfast. Budapest sightseeing with local, professional guide: Old City, Castle Hill with Fishing Tower and St Matthias church, Royal Castle (from the outside), Gellert Hill with a statue of Liberation and Citadel. Afterwards Shopping Mall of Pest, Parliament, Square of Heroes, with a millennium statue, Museum of Arts (outside) and also City Park. Overnight in Budapest.

July 27 BUDAPEST - POPRAD

Breakfast. Ride to Levoczy in the region of Slovakian Spisz: visit the fortress and first encounter with abundant local culture. Poprad – the capital of Tatra Mountains. Relaxing soak in thermal pools with amazing views at the highest peaks of Tatra Mountains. Possible optional good-bye party in local style – mountain shelter, camp-fire and local delicacy bryndzowe haluszki. Overnight in Poprad.

July 28 POPRAD - KRAKOW

Breakfast. Slowacki Raj (Slovakia Paradise) – trekking in the area of deep, mysterious canyons, picturesque rivers and some unique lime stone formations. In the evening departure to Krakow.

July 30 KRAKOW - TORONTO

Departure to Toronto, arrival in the evening.

PRICE:

3395 + 464* tax

* subject to change

(based on 40 pax)

- airfare to Poland

- accommodation based on double (** and *** hotels)

- 2 meals per day

- transportation by coach

- entrance fees

- tour guide

- insurance

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