

American Celebration of Music in

Poland

An exclusive concert series for performance ensembles



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An Exclusive Concert Series

Poland, about the size of New Mexico, has been one of the fastest countries to rebound from the many years of Soviet domination during the Cold War. Visitors are speechless when they step into Krakow's vibrant main square or Warsaw's colorful Old Town. Poland has some breathtaking medieval towns that show off its warm and welcoming people, dynamic history, and striding-into-the-future optimism.

The American Celebration of Music is a special annual performance-tour program, co-sponsored by local governments, music associations, community organizations, and tourist boards around the globe. In many countries this has developed into a prestigious, recognized, year-long concert-series festival. Recognition of this festival facilitates greater access to performance venues, official publicity, generally very successful concert arrangements, and the ability to touch local cultures in a way that may not be done through other affiliations. This equates to more meaningful musical and emotional experiences for participating performance ensembles.

Poland is known for producing some of the world's great intellectuals, humanists, and musicians. These include Karol Wojtyła (the late and great Pope John Paul II), Mikołaj Kopernik (Nicolas Copernicus), Teodor Józef Korzeniowski (the author Joseph Conrad), composers Fryderyk Chopin, Krzysztof Penderecki, and Henryk Górecki, and the scientist Marie Curie (nee Skłodowska), to name a few.

Poland is historically pro-American. Of course, their big neighbors (Russia and Germany) have been their historic enemies.

In 1989, when Poland finally won its freedom, many Poles only half-joked that they should apply to become the 51st state of the United States!

Imagine your group performing in St. Mary's Cathedral on Krakow's main square or perhaps in the cathedral in Wawel Castle. In Wroclaw (formerly the German city of Breslau) or in Poznan, many churches, cathedrals and concert halls await visiting ensembles!



Suggested Itinerary

WARSAW / CZESTOCHOWA / WIELICZKA
KRAKOW / AUSCHWITZ

DAY ONE: ARRIVE

Departure via scheduled airline service to Warsaw, Poland

DAY TWO: WARSAW

Arrive in Warsaw

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach for a panoramic tour of Warsaw's highlights. Take a tour of the Royal Castle, seat of kings of Poland. The interior (300 rooms!) was carefully restored to look as it did centuries ago

Continue on to the historic Rynek (Market Square) for time at leisure

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner

DAY THREE: WARSAW

Half-day sightseeing includes visits to the Cathedral of St. John, the Łazienki Park and Palace, the Monument to the Heroes of the Ghetto, and the Monument to the 1944 Warsaw Uprising

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure

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DAY FOUR: WARSAW / CZĘSTOCHOWA / WIELICZKA / KRAKOW

Transfer to Częstochowa for a guided tour that includes entrance to the Monastery of Jasna Góra. There, a monk will guide your visit to the Basilica of the Holy Cross and the Nativity of the Virgin Mary. Also see the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin, Knight's Hall, Treasury, and Arsenal. Continue to Wieliczka to see the underground world of the oldest Salt Mine in Europe. See up to 20 excavated chambers on 3 levels, full of beautiful statues carved from salt

DAY FIVE: KRAKOW

A guided sightseeing tour of Krakow, the ancient capital of Poland. Start with the Royal Castle and Cathedral on the Wawel Hill. Afterwards, drive to the Old Town with the Main Market Square and its magnificent houses and palaces. In the middle of the square is the Cloth Hall, built before 1349 but altered in the 16th century, with many shopping stalls inside. Also visit the Church of St. Mary, located on the Main Market Square

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DAY SIX: KRAKOW / AUSCHWITZ

Excursion to Auschwitz to take a tour of the famous Nazi camp. The death camp at Oswiecim was the largest Nazi death factory, where four million people, mostly Jews, perished. Auschwitz consisted of several units, including the largest one at Brzezinka [Birkenau]. At present, the National Museum of Oswiecim is situated on the site of the former camp

DAY SEVEN: DEPART FOR HOME

Transfer to Krakow's airport for return flight



Potential Performance Venues

KRAKOW

St. Mary Church
Wawel Cathedral
Peter & Paul's Church
Franciscan Church
St. Joseph Church
Music University Concert Hall
St. Katerina Church
Palace of Niepolomice

WALDOWICE

Wadowice Basilica

CZESTOCHOWA

Monastery of Jasna Gora

WROCLAW

St. Mary Magdalene Polish National Cathedral
St. Elizabeth Church
Leopoldinum Hall and Oratorium Marianum in
Wroclaw University
Wroclaw Philharmonic Hall

WARSAW

Church of the Holy Cross
St. Stanislaw Koska Church
St. Anna Church
Fryderyk Chopin Academy Concert Hall
Warsaw Cathedral

POZNAN

Fara Jesuit Church
Poznan Cathedral
Jesus Heart Church
Franciscan Church



Suggested Performance Tours in Poland

Tour 1 **5 Nights / 7 Days**
2 nights in Warsaw, 3 nights in Krakow

Tour 2 **6 Nights / 8 Days**
5 nights in Krakow with excursions to Lagiewniki, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, Wadowice, Auschwitz, Czestochowa, and Wieliczka

Tour 3 **7 Nights / 9 Days**
2 nights in Warsaw, 3 nights in Krakow, 2 nights in Wroclaw

Tour 4 **8 Nights / 10 Days**
2 nights in Berlin, 1 night in Leipzig, 2 nights in Wroclaw,
3 nights in Krakow

*These and all other Suggested Tours may be viewed on our website at www.musiccelebrations.com.
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