## The Chicago Farmers

# **Poland Highlights around Warsaw** From 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019

#### 1<sup>st</sup> day, Sun. 02.06.19: Warsaw – Wholesale Market - Lodz

12.30 Arrival at Warsaw airport

> Meet and greet with your English speaking tour guide who will accompany the group the next days.

Afterwards transfer outside of Warsaw, where you will visit the Bronisze market halls and learn more about the biggest wholesale market in Poland. On a total area of 62 ha fresh fruits and vegetables are sold 24 hours, 7 day per week.

The tour goes on to **Lodz**, a worth visiting city in central Poland.

Check in at hotel, for example Hotel Ambassador Centrum http://bit.ly/20x4jk5

Dinner at a typical Polish restaurant where you get an authentic insight in the local culture and traditions

### 2<sup>nd</sup> day, Mon. 03.06.19: Dairy Farm – Vegetable - Lodz

After breakfast you will learn more about Polish agriculture in course of the visit at a dairy farm. The milk production is one of the most important agricultural branches in Poland. During **lunch** on the farm there is time for discussion and exchange with the local farmer.

Following you will visit a Polish vegetable farm. The vegetable production plays an important role in the East European country. It is one of the leading vegetable producers in Europe.

Then transfer back to the hotel in Lodz and dinner at a restaurant.

Overnight as day before



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#### 3<sup>rd</sup> day, Tue. 04.06.19: Monastery – Krakow ca. 280 km

8.00	After breakfast transfer outside of Lodz, ca. 50 km
9.00	Visit of a family farm of nearly 2,000 acres, owned by the president of Lodz agricultural chamber. The crops are wheat, rape seed, and corn. The brands of the farm machinery are those of both American and European companies.

#### 11.00 Transfer to Josna Gora, ca. 90 km

12.30 There you will visit the picturesque **monastery** where the holy icon of the black Madonna is exhibited. A local monk guide will show you the most important Catholic pilgrimage site in Poland and the third largest in the world.

#### **Light Lunch**

15.30 Transfer to Krakow, ca. 150 km
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18.00 Check in at hotel, for example Best Western Premier Krakow http://bit.lv/2KPH3M5

Time to refresh

19.00 Walking tour through the medieval town **Krakow**. You will pass the charming streets of Krakow's old town with highlights like the renaissance Cloth Hall, Wawel Hill with the magnificent castle and places witnessing the rich Jewish

heritage of the city.

20.30 Dinner at a restaurant

## 4<sup>th</sup> day, Wed. 0<u>5.06.19: Fish Farm Visit – Wieliczka - Krakow</u>

In the morning visit of a **state farm** in the suburb of Krakow. The main business of the farm is breeding of dairy cows. Besides the activity includes **fish production**, carp stocking material, cereal cultivation as well as rapeseed. They have about 1200 ha (1000 ha arable land, 80 ha of meadows, 90 ha of pasture, 300 ha of fishponds). During your visit the focus will be on fish production.

On the way to Wieliczka packed lunch

**Wieliczka** is not far away from Krakow and famous for its **salt mine**, which is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage.

**Dinner** at the restaurant of the salt mines. Polish cuisine specialties are served 125 meters underground.

Overnight as day before



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## 5<sup>th</sup> day, Thu. 06.06.19: Agricultural Chamber - Fruit Growing- Warsaw

After breakfast meeting with a representative of the **agricultural chamber** in the Krakow region, where you learn more about the agriculture in Poland.

Continue to the Grojec region, which is considered to be the biggest apple-growing area of Poland. **Lunch** on the way.

There you will visit a **fruit cooperative** with 34 members, who run modern farms on an area of about 400 ha, have fruit and vegetable stores and carry out service as well as trade activities. Early **dinner** is served on the farm.

Transfer to the Polish capital city Warsaw.

Check in at hotel, for example Leonardo Hotel Warsaw <a href="http://bit.ly/20t6lSa">http://bit.ly/20t6lSa</a>

## 6th day, Fri. 07.06.19: USDA - Warsaw

After breakfast meeting with the American agricultural attaché of **USDA** (office of agricultural affairs) in Warsaw. The office covers six nations within the European Union (Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and the Baltic states).

#### Lunch at a restaurant

Following you will enjoy a panoramic **city tour** in **Warsaw** where you will pass the most important landmarks like the old town or the royal castle and learn more about the history of the Polish capital.

Afterwards free time in Warsaw to discover the most beautiful corners of the city on your own

**Farewell dinner** at a typical restaurant with local specialties and a traditional folklore show

## 7<sup>th</sup> day, Sat. 08.06.19: Departure

After breakfast timely transfer to Warsaw airport

Check in and farewell of your tour guide

Departure to Chicago



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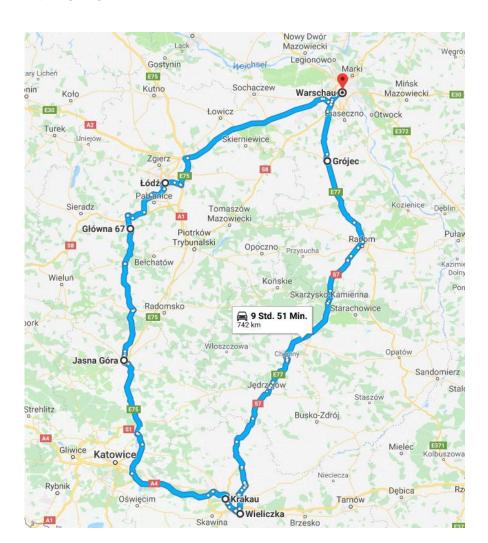




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