



Kraków-Wow!

November 21–24, 2024

We invite you to join La Chaîne-Poland Grand Chapitre for a unique weekend in the city of Kraków & Gala Dinner at Sieraków Manor in presence of top Bordeaux producers:

Château Kirwan
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Marie Jones, VP - International Committee Chair
Michel Marbot, Bailli-Délégué Poland
Pawel Gasiorek, Échanson
Iwona Niemczewska, Conseiller Culinaire

A stunning city, the Vistula River, capital of Poland until 1596 and still, the spiritual and artistic heart of Poland. Now book your flight, it is so easy to reach Krakow! We will guide you along mysterious, emotional places where you will feel that unique atmosphere connecting history, tradition and modernity.

Day 1 Thursday 21/11, Welcome

14:00 Check-in at the Balthazar Hotel***** or at the Sieraków Manor****

19.00 Dinner at Sieraków Manor, Polish gentry cuisine, top wines from Uruguay (Bodega Garzón), tasting led by Pawel Gasiorek – Échanson, chairman of Dom Wina, owner of Sieraków Manor (transfer secured).

Day 2 Friday 22/11, Emotions

07.30 Transfer by bus, visit of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

15.30 The Slowacki Theatre, from behind the curtain, guided by artists who regularly perform there. Cocktail au champagne in the foyer. Visit with a professor of art of the Czartoryski Museum (incl. the Lady with an Hermine by L. da Vinci). Walk in the illuminated Market Square and Holly-Mary Basilica.

18.30 Dinner at Szara Geś, paired with wines from Poland & Hungary, Tokays, Egri Bikavér (transfer secured).

Day 3 Saturday 23/11, High-Life

08.00 Visit of the Salt Mine in Wieliczka

12:00 Sightseeing of Kazimierz, the Jewish Quarter (Transfer secured)

13.30 Lunch at Kaplony i Szczeżuje with Israeli wines (Gamla and Yarden), History of Jews in Krakow, by a researcher of the Institute of Jewish Studies (Jagiellonian University).

19.00 Gala Dinner of La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs at the Sieraków Manor (transfer secured).

Day 3bis Sunday 24/11, Royal-Spirit

11.00 Wawel Royal Castle

13:00 Lunch in the Fiorentina restaurant located in the footsteps of the Wawel Hill.





*The Sieraków Manor Hotel*****

The Sieraków Manor Hotel**** stands on a foothill, 20 km south of Krakow (40-minute drive). The Manor, built in 1847, is surrounded by a parc. Its cachet is enlightened by 30 cosy English-style hotel-rooms, a restaurant distinguished by Slow Food and Gault & Millau, the largest wine collection in the region (over 400 labels) and friendly staff. Sieraków Manor is close to the Wieliczka Salt Mine and the Royal Golf & Country Club.



*The Balthazar Design Hotel******

The Balthazar Design Hotel***** was inaugurated five years ago in an historical town house in the heart of the city, at Grodzka street – on the so-called Royal Route. Guests are whisked off by an atmosphere of intimacy and breathing space. An eclectic design, top quality materials, complementary colours and sublime details personalize this boutique hotel. The service, the restaurant, each detail reveals a constant search of excellence.



Restaurants



The Szara Gęś Restaurant which translates to Grey Goose, is situated in a 14th century building on the Main Square. Beneath Gothic cross vaults emanates splendour. Polish cuisine using seasonal regional products is served in a perfect blend of elegance, luxury, and exquisite taste.

Kaplony i Szczękuje Restaurant is a cult restaurant run by Agnieszka Kraszewska and Aleksandra Baron in Krakow's Kazimierz. Their menu is all about Old Polish and Polish Jewish cuisine that have very much influenced each other. They participate fully to the renaissance of Cuisine, bringing to life innate tastes of their childhood.



The Fiorentina Restaurant at the foot of Wawel Hill received the prize of the best restaurant in Poland.



The Auschwitz Birkenau concentration camp

The Auschwitz – Birkenau concentration camp visit is an existential experience. The camp was settled in June 1940 by the German Nazis and became “the” death factory with its extension in Birkenau. It systematically carried the extermination of over 1 million European Jews, 150.000 Poles of other faith and members of persecuted minorities. The Polish government turned it into a museum and UNESCO listed it as World Heritage site. The Museum Director is personally organizing for us a State-head visit.

The Salt Mine at Wieliczka

The Salt Mine in Wieliczka belongs to Europe’s oldest still functioning underground facilities (a thousand years). Since King Kazimierz’s 14th century, it was controlled by the Crown. It is also listed as UNESCO World Heritage site. Meandering corridors and tunnels, amazing underground saline lakes, unique statues sculpted in salt and blessed Kinga’s Chapel, everything is carved from salt, including the stairs, bannisters, altar and chandeliers.





Kazimierz – *The Jewish Quarter*

Kazimierz – The Jewish Quarter in Krakow old-town is as important as the ghetto in Venice with its 6 synagogues (the Remuh one being among the 3 oldest in Europe) and its 2 cemeteries. It was an self-ruled municipality from the 14th to the 19th centuries. During WW2 all Jews were forced into a ghetto created in Podgórze, most of whom died in camps. Kazimierz was abandoned until “Schindler’s List” was filmed here by Steven Spielberg in 1993. Only then people began to move back. It is currently lively, with countless restaurants, bars and nightclubs.

The Wawel Royal Castle

The Wawel Royal Castle, most visited monument in Poland overlooks the Vistula River. Royal residence created by King Casimir III the Great (14th century), it expresses almost all Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque architecture schools, when Poland was at the crossroad of Europe and Turkey. It hosts an art-museum with Italian painting, sculpture, Flemish tapestry, Meissen porcelain and the largest collection of Ottoman tents in Europe.



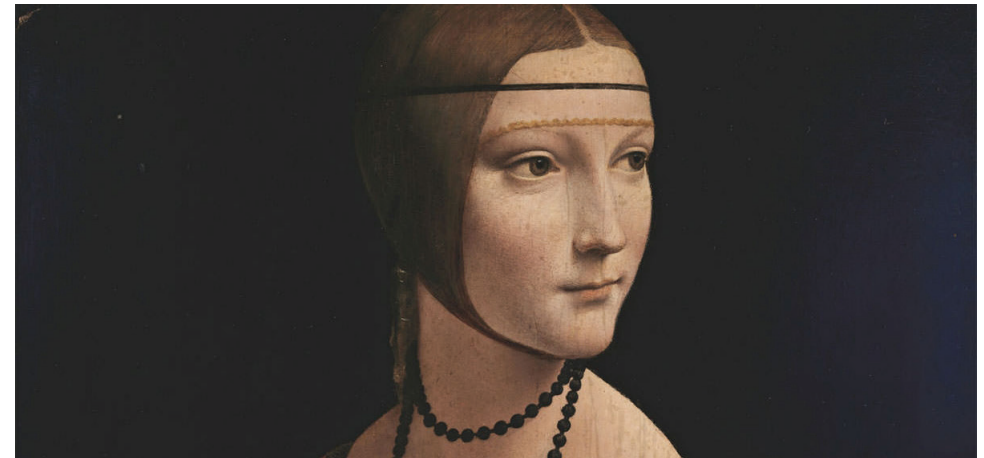


The Princes Czartoryski Museum

The Princes Czartoryski Museum hosts the most valuable art collection in Poland including *The Lady with an Ermine* by da Vinci or the *Landscape with the Good Samaritan* by Rembrandt, crafts, military applied arts. The 26 halls have just been renovated. In 1831, following Prince Adam Czartoryski's emigration, the collection reached Paris and only returned home in 1876. In 2016, the Polish government purchased the collection from the family.

The Juliusz Slowacki Theatre in Krakow

The Juliusz Slowacki Theatre in Krakow is one of the most distinguished Polish playhouses. An inscription on its facade "Krakow for the National Arts" recalls that the theatre served as a national stage since 1893, when Poland lost its independence, and is the birthplace of contemporary Polish directing, scenography, staging and acting, marked by Stanislaw Wyspianski's romanticism and Eclectic architecture by Jan Zawiejski. The interiors are decorated by the Viennese Anton Tusch and the famous curtain is by a major Polish painter, Henryk Siemiradzki.



How to join?

Preliminary registration and reservations wished until **October 1, 2024**.
Non-refundable 30% deposit until **October 20, 2024**.
Full prepayment until November 8, 2024.

Bookings through:

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The booking form is in excel format. Each form registers up to a maximum of 2 participants. Any additional participant(s), please use a new form accordingly.
After completing the form, please email to: k.maczka@wine-service.pl

BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS

All bookings must be done by sending the completed form to
Kasia Maczka, k.maczka@wine-service.pl

Once you submit your booking you will receive an email confirming the amount payable. Payments must be made to the account details provided below.

Important: please note that due to limited spaces, bookings will only be considered 'confirmed' once the 30% deposit payment has been received. Booking confirmations will be done by email.

Looking forward to seeing you soon in Krakow,

Your Baillage de Pologne
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