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All tours are in English and starts from the Radisson Sas hotel, 17 Straszewskiego str.

City tour of Kraków – 6th and 10th SEPTEMBER 2006
Itinerary: Kazimierz district (former Jewish quarter), Wawel Hill, Kanonicza str, Grodzka str, Main Market Square (Rynek Główny), St. Mary's Church.
Price: 25 EUR (minimum 15 person is requested)
Price for a tour booked during the Conference: 30 EUR
Price includes: Orbis Travel guide, entrance tickets.
Duration: 4 hours

Kazimierz, the south-east quarter of Kraków, was the historical centre of Kraków's Jewish religious and social life. Originally a separate town named after King Casimir the Great, it was incorporated into Kraków in the 18th century. The tour takes you to the most important monuments in this area. You see the sites which Steven Spielberg used for his location shots of Oscar winning "Schindler's List". Next is Wawel Hill, crowned by Wawel Castle and Cathedral – the seat of royal power up until the 17th century. The Castle was home to many Polish kings and queens and the royal crypts in the Cathedral were their final resting place, along with several other Polish heroes. A walk up Grodzka street leads you to the heart of Kraków, the Main Market Square. There, the large Gothic Cloth Hall is the perfect place to shop for local souvenirs. Our last sightseeing stop is the twin-spired Church of St. Mary with its famous medieval altar, and where every hour, the brave trumpeter of Kraków calls out his warning to city inhabitants.

Wieliczka – 6th and 10th SEPTEMBER 2006
Price: 25 EUR (minimum 15 person is requested)
Price for a tour booked during the Conference: 30 EUR
Price includes: Orbis Travel guide, transportation, guide in the Mine, entrance ticket.
Duration: 4 hours

Legend has it that the salt mines in Wieliczka were part of the dowry of the Hungarian princess, Kinga, when she wed Boleslaw the Shy over 700 years ago, making the Wieliczka Salt Mine one of the oldest in all of Europe. Over the centuries, devout and superstitious, miners have carved fabulous figures, monuments and altarpieces out of its salt walls. These amazing works of art, in addition to the mine's historical importance, have earned the Wieliczka Salt Mine a place on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage list. Our route through the mine leads you through galleries and chambers on three levels, from 64 to 135 meters below the ground, including the unique and richly ornamented Chapel of the Blessed Kinga. The route is 2.5 km long and you have to walk down 400 steps all told. The last stop in the mine is the souvenir shop and snack bar. From here, a lift carries you back to the surface.