The other day, Bolesław II the Generous – also called the Bold – ruled the Polish lands. He was both wise and energetic. If something crossed the King's mind, it was immediately put into practice. And so, His Majesty came up with a bold idea to incorporate peasants into the royal retinue. But first they will receive a special document saying they must experience the life of each social group. It was written that "Only those who go from the populace to the aristocracy will appreciate the King's favour".

The game for:

- companies who are fed up with ordinary ideas for integration
- aficionados of time travels and adopting unusual roles
- teams wishing to celebrate their success or project completion in an unusual, active manner

Challenge:

You are peasants, but have been chosen by Bolesław II the Generous to join the royal retinue. Nevertheless, the road to obtain this honour is not easy. For a while, you have to become members of each social group of mediaeval Poland: the middle class, the clergy, the chivalry and the aristocracy. In each of them, you will acquire particular skills. As middle class people, you will take part in a street farce. As knights, you will learn the art of fencing and repair a coat of mail. As aristocrats, you will discover the secret of the royal clothes and hunt a fox. And as clergymen, you will prepare the tincture of medicinal and taste values – you will try it later, of course.

Logistics:

- we recommend particularly Siewierz, in the Krakow-Częstochowa Upland
- another option any other castle/ruins with the surrounding area

Advantages:

- an unforgettable journey to mediaeval Poland
- original integration in a picturesque environment
- testing your skills in areas known from old chronicles and school books
- improving your teamwork skills

Variants / Extensions:

- on customer request, the programme can be shortened or include fewer social groups
- an integration programme can become a part of a teambuilding workshop
- The game through the eyes of the participants:

"It's nice to be a knight. I've been dreaming of it since I was a child."

"The organisers' creativity exceeded my wildest expectations."

The Middle Ages are not an epoch. The Middle Ages are the name of human nature.

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