

# Fun in Poland with John Gora & Eddie Biegaj

June 22 - July 5, 2017

Warsaw – Krakow – Wieliczka – Zakopane – Wadowice Wroclaw  
Lodz – Torun – Malbork - Gdansk



**THU JUN 22 DEPARTURE ON OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO WARSAW.**

Depart with the group from New York, Chicago or Toronto, or meet the group in Warsaw Jun 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**FRI JUN 23 WARSAW (Welcome dinner)**

Arrival Warsaw and transfer to your hotel. The afternoon is at your leisure.

Join us in the evening for our Welcome Dinner and meet your fellow travellers ☺

***Overnight in Warsaw at the Intercontinental Hotel***

**SAT JUN 24 WARSAW (breakfast, lunch)**

After breakfast we will see the highlights of Warsaw including: the Royal Route, Lazienki Park with the famous Chopin Monument, Castle Square, and the Barbakan.

We will end our tour with lunch near the Old Town Square. The rest of the day you are on your own to explore further or just relax and enjoy the afternoon at an outdoor café.

In the evening you have the option to join us for a free sound & light show at the Multimedia Fountain Park near the Vistula River. Show starts at 9.30pm.

***Overnight in Warsaw at the Intercontinental Hotel***

**SUN JUN 25 WARSAW – ZELAZOWA WOLA – KRAKOW (breakfast, dinner)**

Today we leave Warsaw and drive to Zelazowa Wola, to visit the birthplace of Poland's most famous composer - Fryderyk Chopin. At noon enjoy a concert of his music before we continue our drive to Krakow. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant in Krakow.

***Overnight in Krakow at the Andels ( or similar )***

**MON JUN 26 KRAKOW (breakfast, dinner)**

On our walking tour today we explore the former capital of Poland. We will visit Wawel Hill with the gothic Cathedral where many kings of Poland were buried, Florianska Gate, the Barbican. This 13th-century merchants' town has Europe's largest Market Square, with the Cloth Hall as its centrepiece as well as St. Mary's Church with the 15th century Witt Stwosz Altar inside. Our tour will end in the Market Square so that you can explore further on your own and at your own pace until dinner.

***Overnight in Krakow at the Andels ( or similar )***

- TUE JUN 27      KRAKOW – WIELICZKA – SZCZYRZYC - ZAKOPANE      (breakfast, lunch)**  
 Today we leave the magical city of Krakow and travel to the highlander resort town of Zakopane at the base of the Tatra Mountains. Just on the outskirts of Krakow we will visit Wieliczka Salt Mine, Poland’s most visited attraction, with unforgettable underground chambers, grottoes, and chapels all carved from salt. After the Salt Mine we visit the Lorek Family, near the village of Szczyrzyc, where we will enjoy a lunch featuring local artisan meats, cheeses and ciders before continuing to our final destination today, Zakopane.  
***Overnight in Zakopane at the Aries Hotel & Spa***
- WED JUN 28      ZAKOPANE      (breakfast, dinner)**  
 After a leisurely breakfast we will see the highlights of Zakopane such as: the wooden chapel at Jaszczurowka, the ski-jump hill, the Shrine of our Lady of Fatima and the Old Cemetary. Also we will take a short drive to the village of Chocholow famous for its unique log-houses and make a stop to visit a local wood-carver. Our tour will end with a cable car (funicular) ride to the top of Gubalowka Mountain for a great view of the Tatra Mountains. After descending from Gubalowka you can shop the colorful open market place where you will find leather goods, sheepskin items, local cheese, and all kinds of wonderful gifts and souvenirs for yourself and for friends at home.  
 Tonight we enjoy a fun-filled evening at a local highlander inn.  
***Overnight in Zakopane at the Aries Hotel & Spa***
- THU JUN 29      ZAKOPANE– DUNAJEC RIVER RAFTING – ZAKOPANE**  
 Today we drive outside of Zakopane and board “rafts “ for a leisurely trip on the Dunajec River. We will spend approximately two hours on the rafts (depending on river conditions) winding through spectacular scenery and zig-zagging back and forth across the Polish and Slovak border.  
 After returning to Zakopane the afternoon is yours to enjoy as you wish. Why not enjoy the wonderful pool and spa facilities at the hotel or we can arrange a visit to one of the nearby Thermal Baths. Dinner tonight will be at the hotel.  
***Overnight in Zakopane at the Aries Hotel & Spa***
- FRI JUN 30      ZAKOPANE – WADOWICE – PSZCZYNA - WROCLAW (breakfast, lunch)**  
 Today we leave Zakopane and travel north to visit Wadowice, the birthplace of our beloved Saint John Paul II. We will visit the church where Karol Wojtyla was baptized and where he served as an altar boy. You will have free time to try his favorite dessert “kremowka” before we continue to Pszczyzna for lunch at the “Wodna Wieza”, also known as “Steampunk Restaurant”, where you will be treated to a truly unique experience. After lunch we continue our drive to Wroclaw. Explore Wroclaw on your own this evening or join a group of friends at a local microbrewery for dinner.  
***Overnight in Wroclaw at the Sofitel***
- SAT JUL 01      WROCLAW      (breakfast, dinner)**  
 After breakfast we meet our local guide for a tour that will include Ostrow Tumski, one of the most beautiful and perfectly preserved sacral architecture complexes in Europe. This is where the city was originally settled in the 9th century by a Slavic tribe. We will also see the Centennial Hall , the University buildings, Market Hall and then continue to the Market Square where we end our tour with lunch. Enjoy the rest of the day relaxing or exploring Wroclaw on your own.  
 Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant.  
***Overnight in Wroclaw at the Sofitel***
- SUN JUL 02      WROCLAW – LODZ - TORUN (breakfast, dinner)**  
 From Wroclaw we drive to Torun with a stop enroute in Lodz. The former hub for textile industry has now been reborn as a lively culture and arts center, with the restored Manufaktura complex as its centrepiece. A short tour followed by some free time at the Manufaktura before continuing to Torun. In the evening we enjoy dinner together in Torun at a local restaurant.  
***Overnight in Torun at the Bulwar***

**MON JUL 03 TORUN – MALBORK – SOPOT - GDANSK (breakfast, lunch, dinner)**  
Morning walking tour of Torun, the birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus and long famous as a center of gingerbread making since Medieval times. Our tour includes a visit to the Gingerbread Museum where we will be taught to bake our own gingerbread from hand-carved wooden molds. From Torun we drive to Malbork to enjoy lunch at the “Gothic” Restaurant right on the castle grounds. After lunch we tour the Castle, built in 1406 by the Teutonic Knights a German Roman Catholic religious order of crusaders. Malbork is the largest castle in the world by surface area as well as the largest brick building in Europe. After the tour we drive further north to Sopot, fashionable seaside resort on the Baltic sea. In Sopot enjoy free time to walk along the oldest and longest wooden pier in Europe or along the lively pedestrian zone of Montecassino street. Tonight you are invited to a casual dinner at “Bulaj” Restaurant by the seaside in Sopot.  
**Overnight in Gdansk at the Hilton**

**TUE JUL 04 GDANSK (breakfast, farewell dinner)**  
After breakfast we meet with our local guide. Weather permitting, we will take a ferry ride to historic Westerplatte where the German invasion of Poland on September 1st, 1939 officially marked the beginning of World War II. On our way to Westerplatte we pass the Gdansk shipyard famous for Lech Walesa and the Solidarity movement. From Westerplatte we board our coach and return to Gdansk for a walking tour of the Old Town. Starting at the Golden Gate which opens onto Long Market with its grand mansions decorated with late Renaissance and Baroque facades where the richest burghers of Gdansk once lived, the Artus Court - a building used for Hanseatic League meetings renowned as the most beautiful court among all of Europe’s Hanseatic cities, St. Mary's Basilica, and Mariacka Street, with its gabled terraced houses and elegant boutiques. A visit to an amber shop is also planned. Join us tonight for our farewell dinner to enjoy your last evening in Poland with new friends.  
**Overnight in Gdansk Hilton**

**WED JUL 05 GDANSK. END OF TOUR (breakfast)**  
After breakfast transfers will be arranged to Gdansk airport for your flight home.

( itinerary subject to minor changes that may be required due to unforeseen circumstances )

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**Land only cost starting in Warsaw June 23<sup>rd</sup> :**  
US \$ 2399 per person in double room , or single room at US \$ 2979  
CA \$ 2899 per person in double room , or single room at CA \$ 3629

**Air & Land pricing: ( subject to availability )**  
From New York - JFK US \$ 3499 in dbl room, or US \$ 4079 single room  
From Chicago US \$ 3599 in dbl room, or US \$ 4179 single room  
From Toronto CA \$ 4299 in dbl or CA \$ 4999 single room

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