

# GRAND TOUR OF POLAND HOSTED BY JOHN GORA & EDDIE BIEGAJ

July 5 – 19 , 2023

( USD \$ )

**Warsaw ▪ Malbork ▪ Gdansk ▪ Torun ▪ Czestochowa ▪ Wadowice ▪ Zakopane ▪ Rzeszow ▪ Krakow**



**JUL 05 - WED DEPART USA ON TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT - ASK US ABOUT YOUR FLIGHT OPTIONS.**

**JUL 06 - THU Arrive Warsaw (Welcome Dinner)**

Arrive Warsaw and transfer to our hotel. (Transfer included only if time coincides with group arrival)

Welcome dinner tonight will be at our hotel – join us for a casual get-together to meet the group.

***Overnight in Warsaw at the Sofitel Victoria, ul. Krolewska 11, tel: 48 22 657 8011***

**JUL 07 - FRI Warsaw (Breakfast, Lunch)**

Our walking tour of the Old Town includes the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Castle Square, and Old Town Square.

We then continue by coach for a driving tour that takes us past the Palace of Science and Culture, the former Warsaw Ghetto and National Opera House. Stopping at Lazienki Park we visit the famous Chopin Monument and then stroll through this wonderful green space in the heart of Warsaw to see the Palace on the Water. After lunch, the rest of the day is at your leisure.

Suggestions for your free time: The Chopin Museum, POLIN Museum of Polish Jews, or the 1944 Uprising Museum.

In the evening we invite you to enjoy us for a spectacular sound and light display at the Multimedia Fountain Park.

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**JUL 08 - SAT Warsaw - Malbork Castle - Gdansk (Breakfast, Dinner)**

After breakfast we leave Warsaw and drive to Malbork Castle which was built in 1406 by the Teutonic Knights, a German Roman Catholic religious order of crusaders. Malbork is the largest castle in the world as well as the largest brick building in Europe.

Afterwards, we continue north to Gdansk. Join us tonight for dinner at a local Kashubian restaurant with folklore.

***Overnight at PURO Hotel Gdansk Old Town, Stagiewna 26, tel: +48 58 563 5000***

**JUL 09- SUN Gdansk (Breakfast)**

After breakfast, you have the opportunity to attend mass at St. Bridget's Church, best known as a sanctuary for the leaders of Solidarity Movement under Martial Law. The church is also known for its remarkable amber altar. In the late morning we will meet our local guide to explore Gdansk. Our walking tour of Gdansk will highlight the main sights such as the Golden Gate, the Long Market with its grand mansions decorated with late Renaissance and Baroque facades, the Artus Court, St. Mary's Basilica, and Mariacka Street, with its gabled terraced houses and elegant boutiques, a great place for shopping!

We then take a short drive to the Solidarity Monument and the European Solidarity Centre, which is a museum devoted to the history of Solidarity, the Polish trade union and civil resistance movement, and other opposition movements of Communist Eastern Europe. The museum is located next to the entrance to the famous Gdansk shipyard. You can stay and visit the Museum on your own after the tour or perhaps visit the World War II Museum. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

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**JUL 10 - MON Gdansk - Sopot - Gdansk (Breakfast, Dinner)**

The morning is yours to explore on your own. Suggestion: Museum of Amber.

In the afternoon we sail \* from Gdansk to Sopot where we disembark on the longest & oldest wooden pier in Europe.

\* *subject to weather and water conditions, if unfavorable we will drive to Sopot.* Free time to stroll the pier and explore the fashionable seaside resort. Don't miss the pedestrian street "Monte Cassino" with its many restaurants and cafes as well as the famous Crooked House. In the evening join us for a casual dinner at "Bulaj" restaurant by the seaside in Sopot.

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**JUL 11 - TUE Gdansk - Torun - Czestochowa (Breakfast, Dinner)**

Morning departure from Gdansk, driving south we will stop in Torun for a walking tour of this medieval town where Nicolaus Copernicus was born. Torun has long been famous as a center of gingerbread and is truly one of the most magnificent historic cities of Poland, its Old Town has been included on the UNESCO list. After our tour you will have free time for lunch and shopping before we continue to Czestochowa. Early evening arrival in Czestochowa for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight at Hotel Palac Czarny Las, Czarny Las 8, Woźniki near Czestochowa, tel: +48 34 357 3078**

**JUL 12 - WED Czestochowa - Wadowice - Zakopane (Breakfast, Lunch)**

In the morning we will visit the Jasna Gora Monastery, Poland's most important shrine with the Black Madonna. After our visit we drive south to Wadowice, the birthplace of St John Paul II. We will visit the church where the young Karol Wojtyla was christened and later served as altar boy and then continue to Zakopane – evening at leisure.

**Overnight in Zakopane at Bachleda Resort, ul.Tetmajera 16, tel +48 18 202 3100**

**JUL 13 - THU Zakopane (Breakfast, Highlander dinner)**

After breakfast see the highlights of Zakopane including the wooden chapel at Jaszczurowka, the ski-jump hill, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. 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 have free time to 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. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure. In the evening we take you to a highlander inn for a fun evening ☺

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**JUL 14 - FRI Zakopane – Dunajec River Rafting – Rzeszow (Breakfast, Lunch)**

After breakfast we leave Zakopane. Get ready to enjoy a relaxing and picturesque river rafting experience on the Dunajec River. Winding through the spectacular scenery of the Pieniny National Park we will be zig-zagging back and forth across the Polish and Slovak border. Lunch at a local inn and then we continue to Rzeszow. Late afternoon arrival and check-in to our hotel which is conveniently located right on the old town square. Enjoy the evening in Rzeszow at your leisure.

*\*Our stay in Rzeszow coincides with the International Festival of Polish Folk Dance Groups which is to be held July 13-20 in Rzeszow so there will be plenty of activity in the town square! More festival details will be available at a later date.*

**Overnight in Rzeszow at Bristol Tradition & Luxury Hotel, Rynek 20-23, tel: +48 17 250 0050**

**JUL 15 – SAT Rzeszow (Breakfast, Dinner)**

Morning excursion to Sanok to visit Poland's largest open air Museum. There are about 100 traditional buildings here providing insight into the cultural heritage and mix of the ethnic groups which inhabited this Polish-Ukrainian borderland. Return to Rzeszow to enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure. Dinner tonight at the "Stary Browar" located right next to our hotel.

**Overnight in Rzeszow at Bristol Tradition & Luxury Hotel, Rynek 20-23, tel: +48 17 250 0050**

**JUL 16 - SUN Rzeszow – Wieliczka Salt Mine - Krakow (Breakfast, Lunch)**

From Rzeszow we drive west to Krakow. On the outskirts of Krakow we visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO Heritage Site. This salt mine has been operating since the 13th century. The underground is an unforgettable attraction and Poland's most visited attraction with underground chambers, grottoes and chapels all carved from salt. Continue to Krakow. Evening free.

**Overnight in Krakow at the Andel's Hotel, ul. Pawia 3, tel: 48-12-660-0288**

**JUL 17 – MON Krakow (Breakfast)**

Our morning walking tour of Krakow will get you acquainted with this lovely medieval town. We will visit Wawel Hill, Florianska Gate, and 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. After our tour you are free to continue exploring Krakow at your own pace.

A few suggestions for exploring on your own: Rynek Underground Museum, Schindler's Factory.

**Overnight in Krakow at the Andel's Hotel, ul. Pawia 3, tel: 48-12-660-0288**

**JUL 18 – TUE Krakow (Breakfast, Farewell Dinner)**

Today the day is yours to enjoy as you wish. Shop for last minute gifts and souvenirs or further explore Krakow on your own

*\*An optional excursion (\$) to Auschwitz/Birkenau is possible - please advise at time of booking if you would like to participate.*

In the evening we meet for our Farewell Dinner.

**Overnight in Krakow at the Andel's Hotel, ul. Pawia 3, tel: 48-12-660-0288**

**JUL 19 - WED Krakow (Breakfast) End of tour - after breakfast transfer to Krakow airport.**

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

# GRAND TOUR OF POLAND WITH JOHN GORA & EDDIE BIEGAJ

JULY 5 - 19, 2023

Land only price is \$ 2975 USD per person based on double occupancy.

Land only tour starts in Warsaw July 6, 2023

Air & Land packages from your gateway available upon request - please contact Wanda at Chopin Tours for info & pricing

Single room supplement \$ 760 USD

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## Terms and Conditions

### LAND TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- All transportation within Poland by air-conditioned motorcoach or mini - bus transfers where required
- Land tour starts in Warsaw on July 6 at the hotel. If arrival / departure times do not coincide with rest of the group, transfers to / from airport may be arranged at additional cost.
- English speaking local guides where required
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Meals: buffet breakfast daily at hotel, 4 lunches, 7 dinners
- Hotels: All rooms with private bath or shower, based on two person sharing a room.  
A limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement of \$ 760 USD  
Chopin Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category, when and if necessary.

**NAMES:** At time of registration please ensure that name is provided to us EXACTLY as it appears in the passport as well as date of birth.

**DEPOSIT:** A non-refundable deposit of \$ 500 per person is required with the registration form to confirm the reservation. This may be by Check, Visa or Mastercard. Please make checks payable to: Chopin Express Tours.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Is due by April 5, 2023. If reservation is made less than 90 days prior to departure full payment will be due at time of booking. If we do not receive final payment, by this date, we reserve the right to cancel the reservation. Payment may be made by Check, VISA or Mastercard. Please make checks payable to: Chopin Express Tours.

### IN THE EVENT YOU ARE FORCED TO CANCEL YOUR TRIP THE FOLLOWING CANCELLATION PENALTIES WILL APPLY:

Cancellation up to April 5, 2023 (91 days [prior] ) : \$ 500 non-refundable ( per person )

Cancellation within 90 days of departure NO REFUND

All cancellations must be received in writing ( or by email ). The above conditions apply to all cancellations/absences regardless of cause.

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation & interruption insurance to cover the cost of your investment.

It is the traveler's responsibility to purchase travel insurance. Please consult the insurance company you normally deal with or call us for recommendations (see also paragraph about travel insurance on next page).

**CANCELLATION BY TOUR OPERATOR:** The tour operator reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. In the unlikely event of such a cancellations, you will be offered a different tour on the same day, the same tour at a later date, or a full refund of all monies paid.

**BAGGAGE:** Due to limitation of space for baggage, one average-size suitcase per person + carry on is permitted throughout the tour. All baggage is carried at owner's risk. Every care will be taken to protect your luggage but the tour operator can accept no responsibility for loss or damage to baggage or belongings. Small items must be entirely in the care of the owner.

**SIGHTSEEING:** Complete sightseeing program as shown in each itinerary including ground transportation by motor-coach or other local conveyance, the services of an English-speaking guide and entrance fees to places visited as per itinerary.

**TOUR ESCORTS:** English-speaking escort will be provided throughout tour.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Service charges and taxes imposed by government authorities are included. Standard tips to local guides and restaurant staff is included for meals that are listed in itinerary. Tips for any additional services are not included.

**NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR:** Excess baggage charges, insurance of any kind, wine, liquors, mineral water, coffee or tea, food or beverages not on the regular menus of the included meals. Items of personal nature such as: laundry, telephone calls, tips.

**VISAS AND PASSPORTS:** All passengers traveling on this tour are required to have a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond travel date. Canadian & US citizens do not require any visas for this tour. For other nationalities and destinations please check requirements.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We strongly suggest the purchase of Emergency Out of Country Hospital / Medical coverage, Covid 19 Insurance and Assistance Plan, Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance, as well as Flight Accident and Baggage Insurance. Please check with your Insurance provider for full details and costs of coverage. Canadian residents can check with Chopin Tours for insurance plans. If you are a CAA member you can check if they have any special offer or you may also wish to check with your Bank/Credit Card, as some cardholder agreements may provide some travel insurance coverage. Many of our guests from the USA purchase from Travelguard please check at [www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com) or speak to an agent at 1-800-826-5248 (USA) If you are a AAA member you can check if they have any special offer or you may also wish to check with your Bank/Credit Card, as some cardholder agreements may provide some travel insurance coverage.

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**\*\*\*TRAVELLING IN THE TIME OF COVID19\*\*\***

**THE SITUATION IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING AS ARE THE GUIDELINES AND LOCAL REGULATIONS. YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS THAT WILL BE IN FORCE DURING THE TOUR, WE WILL ASSIST AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO KEEP YOU ADVISED OF REQUIREMENTS HOWEVER THE RESPONSIBILITY AND RISK IS SOLELY UPON THE TRAVELLER TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL NECESSARY OBLIGATIONS ARE FULFILLED,**

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**PLEASE CHECK UP TO DATE COVID REQUIREMENTS AT THE FOLLOWING SITES:**

Info for Poland: <https://www.gov.pl/web/coronavirus/travel>

<https://www.strazgraniczna.pl/pl/cudzoziemcy/covid-epidemia-koronawi/8578,Outbreak-of-coronavirus-rules-of-entry-and-stay-on-the-territory-of-the-Republic.html>

Info for Canada: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>

Info for United States: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel/index.html>

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE ADEQUATE INSURANCE COVERAGE TO COVER ALL MEDICAL EMERGENCIES (INCLUDING COVID) WHILE TRAVELLING ABROAD, AS WELL AS TRIP CANCELLATION AND INTERRUPTION PROTECTION. IN ADDITION TO MEDICAL COSTS THE INSURANCE SHOULD ALSO COVER EXPENSES THAT MAY BE INCURRED DUE TO QUARANTINE SHOULD YOU PROVE POSITIVE AT ANY TIME DURING YOUR TRIP. (SEE TRAVEL INSURANCE PARAGRAPH BELOW AS WELL)**

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