

# Grand Tour of Poland hosted by John Gora (USD\$)

July 23 – August 5, 2024



Warsaw ♦ Krzesk ♦ Lublin ♦ Zalipie ♦ Krakow  
Dunajec River Rafting ♦ Zakopane ♦ Boleslawiec ♦ Wroclaw

**TUE, JUL 23** Depart on transatlantic flight to Warsaw. Flight not included – ask for options from your hometown.

**WED, JUL 24 ARRIVE WARSAW. (WELCOME DINNER)**

Arrive Warsaw and transfer to our hotel. Depending on your arrival time enjoy the afternoon at your leisure.

Join us tonight for our Welcome dinner – food, music and a chance to meet the group!

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

**THU, JUL 25 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 to see the Palace on the Water (weather permitting). 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.*

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**FRI, JUL 26 WARSAW – KRZESK (CHOPIN VODKA DISTILLERY) – LUBLIN (B, VODKA TASTING WITH LIGHT LUNCH)**

After breakfast we leave Warsaw and drive east towards Krzesk. Here tucked away on 17 acres of farmland is the small historic Krzesk distillery which produces the premium Chopin Vodka. We will have a tour of the distillery with an introduction to how the Vodka is produced. Each bottle of Chopin Vodka contains only three ingredients: the highest quality, naturally grown potato, rye or wheat, yeast, and purified artesian well water. No additives. After our lunch and vodka tasting we continue our drive to Lublin.

After checking in to our hotel please join us for a walking tour of Lublin and then the rest of the evening is at your leisure.

*Overnight in Lublin at the Grand Lublinianka, tel: 81 44 66 100*

**SAT, JUL 27 LUBLIN – ZALIPIE - KRAKOW (BREAKFAST, LUNCH)**

Driving south from Lublin we will stop to visit Zalipie – the “Painted Village” where the homes have been painted by the women of the village with colorful flower motifs. From Zalipie we continue to Krakow where you can enjoy the evening at your leisure.

*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*

**SUN, JUL 28 KRAKOW – TYNIEC - KRAKOW (BREAKFAST)**

In the late morning our walking tour 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 centerpiece as well as St. Mary's Church. In the afternoon we will visit the Benedictine Abbey at Tyniec, built on the escarpment of the Vistula river just outside of Krakow, where the Benedictine Monks have lived for nearly a millennium. After our tour we will have the opportunity to sample some of the Benedictine specialties. .

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**MON, JUL 29 KRAKOW – WIELICZKA SALT MINE – KRAKOW (BREAKFAST, DINNER)**

In the late afternoon we drive to the outskirts of Krakow to visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO Heritage Site. This salt mine has been operating since the 13th century. An unforgettable attraction with underground chambers, grottoes and chapels all carved from salt. Afterwards we take a short ride to our restaurant for dinner that will be accompanied by a colorful local song & dance performance.

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**TUE, JUL 30 KRAKOW – SPLYW DUNAJCA - ZAKOPANE (BREAKFAST, LUNCH)**

Morning departure from Krakow. Travel south to embark on our 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 restaurant and then we continue to Zakopane.

*Overnight in Zakopane at Aries Hotel & Spa, ul. Zaruskiego 5, tel +48 18 544 4444*

**WED, JUL 31 ZAKOPANE (BREAKFAST, DINNER)**

Meet our local guide who will show us the highlights of Zakopane including the wooden chapel at Jaszczurowka, the ski-jumphill and the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. We will also visit the nearby village of Chocholow to see the traditional log homes, visit a local woodworker as well as a "Bacowka" where the local smoked cheese is made. Returning to Zakopane we end our tour 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. Afternoon at your leisure. Tonight enjoy a casual "grill" dinner at our hotel.

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**THU, AUG 01 ZAKOPANE (BREAKFAST, HIGHLANDER DINNER)**

Day at leisure to enjoy the facilities at our hotel, shop, or hike to Giewont or Morskie Oko ( optional - \$ ) Tonight, a fulfilled evening awaits us at a nearby village highlander inn featuring local highland song and dance followed by a bonfire (weather permitting).

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**FRI, AUG 02 ZAKOPANE – ZYWIEC OR TYSKIE BREWERY – WROCLAW (BREAKFAST, BEER TASTING)**

Today we drive to Wroclaw stopping at one of Poland's most famous breweries on the way, Zywiec or Tyskie ( to be advised at later date) for a brewery tour and tasting. In the late afternoon we arrive Wroclaw, the city of bridges - built on 12 islands and connected by 112 bridges! After checking in to our hotel the evening is free to relax or enjoy at a café in Wroclaw's old town square

*Overnight in Wroclaw at the Wyndham Wroclaw Old Town, Sw. Mikolaja 67, tel: +48 71 358 83 00*

**SAT, AUG 03 WROCLAW - BOLESLAWIEC - WROCLAW ( BREAKFAST, LUNCH)**

Early morning drive to Boleslawiec, famous for its lovely blue ceramics. On the way we will also stop at a glass factory. In Boleslawiec we will visit and tour one of the ceramic factories and then you will have free time to shop the many factory outlets. Lunch in Boleslawiec before returning to Wroclaw. Evening at your leisure.

*Overnight in Wroclaw at the Wyndham Wroclaw Old Town, Sw. Mikolaja 67, tel: +48 71 358 83 00*

**SUN, AUG 04 WROCLAW (BREAKFAST, FAREWELL DINNER)**

Late morning sightseeing tour of Wroclaw including Panorama Raclawicka . Our walking tour will start in the oldest part of the city "Ostrow Tumski" (Cathedral Island), one of the most beautiful and perfectly preserved sacral architecture complexes in Europe. Cross "lover's bridge" before arriving at the Old Town Market Square where we end our tour.

Wroclaw is famous for its little "gnomes", so be careful where you step! Farewell dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

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**MON, AUG 05 DEPART WROCLAW – END OF TOUR (BREAKFAST)**

Breakfast & transfer to airport for your flight home.

\*\*\* Itinerary is subject to minor adjustment that may be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances \*\*\*

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# POLAND WITH JOHN GORA

July 23 – August 05, 2024

Land only price is \$ 2995 USD per person based on double occupancy.

Land only tour starts in Warsaw on July 24, 2024

Single room supplement \$ 825 USD

/ optional excursion to Auschwitz \$ 50 per person /

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## Terms and Conditions

### LAND TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Transfer from airport to hotel in Warsaw on July 24, 2024 and transfer from Wroclaw hotel to airport on August 5, 2024
- all transportation within Poland by air-conditioned motorcoach or mini - bus transfers where required
- English speaking local guides where required
- sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Meals: buffet breakfast daily at hotel, 5 lunches, 5 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 \$ 825 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 deposit of \$ 500 USD 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. If reservation is made less than 91 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 and including April 23 : \$ 500 non-refundable ( per person )

Cancellation after April 23 : 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 to restaurant staff at group meals are included. Tips to driver is not included – recommended amount of 50-60 \$ per person at end of tour is suggested.

**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. For other nationalities and destinations please check requirements.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We strongly suggest the purchase of Emergency Out of Country Hospital / Medical coverage, 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. Many of our clients 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, CHOPIN EXPRESS TOURS/ POLIMEX TRAVEL INC, JOHN GORA, WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS TO ENTER THE EUROPEAN UNION. 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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