

Grand Tour of Poland hosted by John Gora

From the Baltic Sea to the Tatra Mountains

June 17 – 30, 2025



TUE, JUN 17 DEPART ON TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT TO GDANSK

WED, JUN 18 ARRIVE GDANSK (Dinner)

Arrive Gdansk and transfer to our hotel – afternoon at leisure. In the evening, we will meet for a casual dinner to meet the group.

Overnight in Gdansk at the Hilton Hotel, Targ Rybny 1, tel: +48 58 778 7100

THU, JUN 19 GDANSK (Breakfast, Welcome Dinner)

After breakfast we meet our local guide to explore Gdansk. We sail (weather permitting) to historic Westerplatte where the German invasion of Poland on September 1st, 1939 officially marked the beginning of World War II. From Westerplatte we board our coach and 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. Next is our walking tour of the old town which will highlight the main sights such as the Golden Gate, the Long Market, St. Mary's Basilica, and Mariacka Street. Free time. In the evening we will drive to a Kashubian Inn outside of Gdansk for our welcome dinner with live music and folklore.

Overnight in Gdansk at the Hilton Hotel, Targ Rybny 1, tel: +48 58 778 7100

FRI, JUN 20 GDANSK – OLIWA - GDYNIA - SOPOT – GDANSK (Breakfast, Lunch)

Today we explore the tri-city of Gdansk, Sopot and Gdynia. After breakfast we will first drive to the Oliwa district near Gdansk that is famous for its Cathedral with its one-of-a-kind pipe organ that was originally designed and constructed by a Cistercian Monk between 1763 and 1783. After a short recital we continue to the seaport of Gdynia and visit the pier from where thousands of immigrants left their homeland in search of a new life in the Americas. Next stop is Sopot, a fashionable seaside resort with the longest wooden pier in Europe measuring 511.5 metres. Lunch at a seaside restaurant and then free time to stroll the pier and explore the pedestrian street "Monte Cassino" with its many restaurants and cafes as well as the famous Crooked House. Return to Gdansk and you are free to enjoy the last evening here at your leisure.

Overnight in Gdansk at the Hilton Hotel, Targ Rybny 1, tel: +48 58 778 7100

SAT, JUN 21 GDANSK – TORUN – WARSAW (Breakfast, Lunch)

Today we depart Gdansk and start our journey south. We 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. Lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to Warsaw. Evening at your leisure or join us for a magnificent sound and light show at the Multimedia Fountains.

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

SUN, JUN 22 WARSAW – ZELAZOWA WOLA – MAURZYCE - WARSAW (Breakfast, Lunch)

After breakfast we drive to Zelazowa Wola, the small village where Frederic Chopin was born on Feb 22, 1810. Visit the museum devoted to the great composer and his family. At noon there is an outdoor piano recital to add to the ambience. From Zelazowa Wola we visit the open-air museum of Łowicz's Folk Culture in Maurzyce, located on the outskirts of Łowicz. Lunch at a local inn with local folk presentation. Return to Warsaw and enjoy your evening at leisure.

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

MON, JUN 23 WARSAW (Breakfast, Lunch)

Today 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.

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

TUE, JUN 24 WARSAW – CZESTOCHOWA – ZAKOPANE (Breakfast, Dinner)

We leave Warsaw early this morning and travel south to Czestochowa to visit the Jasna Gora Monastery, Poland's most important shrine with the Black Madonna. After our visit we continue our journey south to Zakopane located at the foot of the Tatra Mountains. Tonight we will enjoy a casual "grill" dinner at our hotel tonight.

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

WED, JUN 25 ZAKOPANE (Breakfast, cheese tasting)

Morning tour by bus to see the highlights of Zakopane including the wooden chapel at Jaszczurowka, the ski-jumphill and the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. We will visit a local woodcarver in his workshop as well as a "bacowka" where local oscypek cheese is smoked. We end our tour with a cable car (funicular) ride to the top of Gubalowka Mountain for a great view of the Tatra Mountains. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure to shop the colorful open market and explore as you wish.

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

THU, JUN 26 ZAKOPANE – DUNAJEC RIVER RAFTING EXCURSION (Breakfast, Dinner)

After breakfast we drive about an hour out of Zakopane 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. Free time for a snack before we return to Zakopane. Dinner tonight at a typical highlander inn with live entertainment.

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

FRI, JUN 27 ZAKOPANE – KRAKOW (Breakfast, Lunch)

Depart Zakopane after breakfast. Upon arrival in Krakow we will first make a stop in Kazimierz for a visit and lunch in the historic Jewish Quarter. Continue by bus to Royal Wawel Hill and from here by foot to Europe's largest Market Square, the gem of this 13th-century merchants' town with the Cloth Hall as its centerpiece as well as St. Mary's Church. Continue to the Florianska Gate, the Barbican and then we arrive at our hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is yours to relax and enjoy the ambience of Krakow.

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

SAT, JUN 28 KRAKOW – AUSCHWITZ (OPTIONAL EXCURSION) (Breakfast)

Enjoy today at your own pace. Perhaps a morning visit to the Stary Kleparz where you can visit the interesting stalls at this market. We can offer an optional excursion to Auschwitz & Birkenau today, a concentration and extermination camp that was operated by Nazi Germany in occupied Poland during World War II. Please advise at time of booking if you would like to participate. Cost of the excursion will be \$ 60CAD / \$ 50USD per person.

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

SUN, JUN 29 KRAKOW - WIELICZKA SALT MINE – KRAKOW (Breakfast, Farewell Dinner)

This afternoon we 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 the restaurant for our farewell dinner that will be accompanied by a colorful local song & dance performance.

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

MON, JUN 30 KRAKOW (Breakfast) End of tour)

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

TICO REG # 4343943

❖ For more information please contact wanda@chopintours.com or call 1-800-533-0369 ❖

POLAND WITH JOHN GORA

JUNE 17 – 30, 2025 (13 days / 12 nights)

Land only price is \$ 3250 USD / 3975 CAD per person based on double occupancy.

Land only tour starts in Warsaw on June 18, 2025

Single room supplement \$ 880 USD / 1075 CAD

Terms and Conditions

LAND TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Transfer from airport to hotel in Gdansk on June 18, 2025 and transfer from Krakow hotel to airport on June 30, 2025
- 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 \$ 880 USD / 1075 CAD
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 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 Mar 18, 2025. . 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 Mar 18 : \$ 500 non-refundable (per person)

Cancellation after Mar 18 : 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. 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 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.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE ADEQUATE INSURANCE COVERAGE TO COVER ALL MEDICAL EMERGENCIES WHILE TRAVELLING ABROAD, AS WELL AS TRIP CANCELLATION AND INTERRUPTION PROTECTION.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Chopin Tours / John Gora reserve all rights to publish in printed media and web photographs and video taken during the tour. Participants in the tour agree to grant permission to use photographs in which they may appear.

RESPONSIBILITY: CHOPIN EXPRESS TOURS, their affiliates or subsidiaries (hereinafter called the Company) , act only as agents for the hotels, airlines, bus companies, railroads, or owners, operators, or contractors providing accommodations, transportations, meals, tours or other services, and all coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts and tickets issued by the Company are issued subject to any and all tariffs, terms and conditions under which the foregoing or any other services whatsoever are provided by such hotels, airlines, bus companies, railroad, operators or contractors. By the acceptance of such coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts and tickets, the tour member agrees to the foregoing, and also agree that the Company shall not be or become liable or responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to person, property or otherwise in connection with any transportation, accommodation, meals, tours or other services referred to herein, or resulting from the neglect or default of any person, firm, corporation or other entity engaged to supply the same. The tour operator reserves the right to withdraw a tour, to refuse to accept or retain any person as a member of a tour at any time, or to make changes in the itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant; or if such changes result from circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator; or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the passengers. They can accept no responsibility for the losses or additional expenses due to the delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. All such losses must be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time specified. Such alterations may be made without penalty to the tour operator. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passengers. In all cases a full refund shall not exceed the amount paid by the passenger.

CHOPIN EXPRESS TOURS
(Division of Polimex Travel Inc)
Wanda Grzesik
141 Roncesvalles Ave
Toronto, Ontario
Canada
M6R 2L2

1-800-533-0369 , 416-537-9202
wanda@chopintours.com
www.chopintours.com

TICO LICENSE # 4343943 IATA # 67501954

Notes:

.....

.....

.....

.....

