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To make a long story short - what PO Galicia Tour really is.

PO Galicia Tour is a 10-days journey throughout the southern Poland which main goal is to show how the life looks like in this part of Europe nowadays, but first of all, how it looked like 50, 150 and even 4000 years ago.

The Tour is designed for, but not limited to, people whose forefathers for generations lived once in Galicia (southern part of today’s Poland). We want provide you the best possible opportunity to experience the world you ancestors had to leave.

The journey will be rich in stories, you will hear music and sounds of real life, see unique architecture, touch nature, taste delicious food and get to know with traditional customs cherished by warm and open people in their everyday life.

Tour’s philosophy

Unlike traditional tours, we do not try to visit too many places in a short amount of time. We do not spend too much time on the road. Instead, we want to give our guests time to immerse deeper in the atmosphere of the country and have the chance to better understand the stories behind the places that we are visiting.

To keep private character and atmosphere, our group size does not exceed 15 persons. We do not want our guests to be anonymous participants of a large group. You are taken care personally.

Because the tour is dedicated for people who have similar genealogy interests, our guests have the opportunity of sharing their family research adventures with others.

Throughout the whole Tour guests are accompanied by at least one of our licensed English speaking tour guides, who are doing everything to create a comfortable atmosphere and reply to all the questions guests may have about organization of the trip as well as Polish history. In addition, in all tourist attractions we hire specialized, local guides and we invite knowledgeable people who share with guests the history and traditions of the area. They add the local colors to our tour!

During organisation process of each our tour we put a lot of effort to build good, long lasting relations with hotels, restaurants, local guides and all people that we are cooperating with. We believe that it has a strong influence on the ambiance of our Tours.

PolishOrigins Galicia Tour Media Kit
Basic information about PO Galicia Tour

In 2014 we plan to organize 6 tours from May till October

Minimum number of participants is 6, and to keep private character and atmosphere each group size will not exceed 15 participants.

Each tour is planned for 10 full days (11 nights). We spend 3 days in Podkarpacie region, 3 days in Podhale, and 4 days in Kraków and its surroundings

Each tour is leaded by at least one guide from our Team: all of them are English speaking, they are experienced and have a broad knowledge about visited area. We cooperate with passionate people, who have also their origins in visited area. We are all insiders!

We stay in comfortable BB’s and hotels with intimate, familiar atmosphere, combining beautiful countryside location with all needed facilities. In Kraków our guests will stay in centrally located 3* hotel.

On request, we can organize tailor-made, private version of PO Galicia Tour for self-organized groups.
Itinerary
(See also the itinerary with pictures and videos here)

Day 1
Arrival at the Rzeszów Airport (or at the Krakow Airport a day before). We provide airport or hotel pick up around 9.00 AM (in Krakow) and between 12.00 PM (noon) and 6.00 PM (in Rzeszow). After a little rest in the hotel at the countryside we invite you to a horse carriage ride with beautiful nature and mountains views.

Day 2  Your Ancestors Life Day
Visit in a famous ethnographic open-air museum in Sanok: the rural architecture of the region and the representation of a 19th century Galicia town. After museum a walk in the old town in Sanok. In the evening the country party in the old Galicia style!

Day 3  Polish Nobility Day
Visit in Łańcut Castle constructed in the style of a grand aristocratic palace-residence. Next, we go to a museum of nobility culture located in an old manor house

This day we visit Carpathian Troy and Magura National Park Museum. Our route to Podhale region leads through Slovakia with its beautiful old town of Bardejov which is included as whole on the World Heritage Unesco list.

Day 5  Tatra Mountains and Zakopane
Travel up to Gubalowka mountain by trail carriages, visit Tatra Museum, visit the old cemetery in which almost all tombs are unique works of art. Free time and a great opportunity to do shopping in the outdoor market. In the late afternoon: dinner in one of the Zakopane restaurants with live Gorals band music.
Day 6 Dunajec Castle and rafting. Visit in Dunajec Castle, an important center of Polish-Hungarian relations since the 14th century. Next, Dunajec river rafting.

Day 7 Krakow
After breakfast we leave for Krakow. Guided tour through the Old Town, Wawel Castle and many other places.

Day 8 Wieliczka Salt Mines
A visit in wonderful underground world of salt chambers and sculptures. Dinner in one of the charming old town restaurants in Krakow.

Day 9 Auschwitz Museum
Trip to the Concentration Camp Museum in Auschwitz and Birkenau. On the way a short stop in Oświęcim, important town in the history of the Galician emigration.

Day 10 The Communist Day
A tram ride through the industrial part of Krakow - Nowa Huta. Great opportunity to hear stories and to feel atmosphere of the communism years in Poland.

Day 11
After last common breakfast in the hotel we transfer our guests to the airport in Kraków.
Photos & Videos

http://youtu.be/lNNz312nYFI

More Videos from PolishOrigins Channel on Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/user/PolishOrigins

PO Galicia Tour Photo Album
Interesting facts about Galicia Tour itinerary

Do you know why the specter of "the Devil" appears near Łańcut as rider on a black horse galloping? He is the former owner of the palace: Stanisław Stadnicki. In Łańcut we will talk about him and other eminent representatives of the Polish aristocracy.

It's really hard to believe that in the forest and mountainous Subcarpathia, with a rather cold climate, existed strongly fortified settlements built as early as over 4000 years ago! To show the remaining of this culture we invite our guests to Carpathian Troy archaeological park.

Just about 25 minutes by tram from the Old Town of Kraków is located one of its most interesting districts: Nowa Huta. It is built in the 1950’s as an example of an ideal communist town for workers of Vladimir Lenin Steelworks. Its architecture was designed and constructed with an incredible flourish!

In Chochołów there is a house made entirely from one log. We will show it during our tour to our guests.

St. Kinga’s chapel in Wieliczka Salt Mine is the biggest underground shrine in the world. It is located 101 meters underground and each of its parts – floor, walls, altars, sculptures, even the lamps are made of different kinds of salt.

Galicia as a part of Austro-Hungarian empire, for 68 years was ruled by the emperor Franz Joseph I, the longest reigning monarch in Europe! Although he led the occupation authorities and was invader to Poland, people from former Galicia area are sentimental about him... we are used to saying that grace to Franz Joseph the beautiful 19th century lasted 16 years longer... just till his death in 1916.

Do you know that Oświęcim was the important emigration centre in 19th century Galicia? This fact interested us a lot. We prepared an article about it (link) and we would like to tell more about it during our tour.
About PolishOrigins

PolishOrigins exists since 2004. In the beginning we have been providing genealogy research and tours services in Poland.

With time we gained experience and established contacts and cooperation with other genealogists and historians in Poland, Belarus, Ukraine, Western Europe and in the USA. We decided to create a place in virtual space where people, descendants of the many different nations of old Poland, could freely exchange their interests, feelings and experiences about their common kinship: Polish origins. We set up the website http://PolishOrigins.com which we want to be “the leading way to Polish genealogy”.

PolishOrigins Forum( http://forum.polishorigins.com/ ), has now thousands of registered members, daily exchanging information, discussing genealogical and historical problems, helping each others with translation of old family documents and records. We are proud of creating a huge base of surnames, villages and documents from whole area of the inter-war Poland. Group of our friends - genealogy experts - actively participate in our Forum, sharing their knowledge and experience with beginner genealogists.

In 2013 we made another step forward and became Tour Operator licensed by Polish state authorities and insured. We continue organizing private PO Genealogy Tours. Based on our many years experience and listening to our guests we developed PO Galicia Tour and tailor-made PO Family & Friends Tours for all those who already had their genealogy trips and want to experience more or are just interested in traveling to our beautiful country, even if they have no Polish blood in their veins.

We encourage our guests to create blogs during their stay. They can be read here: http://blog.polishorigins.com/

We have dozens of returning guests. All of our visitors (we don’t remember any exceptions) declare they want and will sooner or later come back to meet with newly found relatives, continue their family search or just experience more Poland with us.
PO Galicia Tour Team

We were born and grew up in Galicia and we will be proud to tell you all we know about life, now and in the past, in our land.

Zeron
CEO and Founder of PolishOrigins

Aga
Tours Manager

Paweł
Our main PO Galicia Tour guide and local guide in Kraków

And dozens of the best genealogy and tourist guides on specific Genealogy and Tourist Tours projects.
Testimonials

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