

PolishOrigins Galicia Tour

June 25 - July 5, 2023

September 3-13, 2023

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Guests number: 5-15

Transportation: air-conditioned, Renault Traffic or 16-seats Mercedes Sprinter or

similar (dependent on the final number of participants)

Map: https://goo.gl/maps/WJsk7CWKUpKKi9EA9



Important notices and remarks:

- This itinerary is for your general orientation, the exact timing might be changed during the tour (your guide will always inform you earlier about such minor changes and adjustments). Closer to your arrival date you will also receive more detailed itinerary with hours, etc.
- We recommend you to have some little amounts of Polish zlotys in cash with

you: to buy some snacks in local shops, to buy traditional products or souvenirs on local markets (or at the workshop of the sculptor from Chochołów) etc. In such places you can pay only by cash.

- You will have wi-fi (wireless Internet connection) in all your hotels.

Itinerary

Day 1 (Sunday) 25 June / 3 September 2023 Meeting day

Arrival at the **Kraków Airport** before noon or a day before. We will meet you and provide airport or hotel pickup. We can organize pickup from the Rzeszow Airport (or other) but it will require additional fee.

Check in at the hotel and some time to rest after the journey. We will be accommodated in comfort class hotel in Krosno (about 3h drive from Kraków).

After meeting our guide and your travel companions, we will invite you for a welcome dinner.

Accommodation: 4* Hotel Pałac Polanka in Krosno http://www.palacpolanka.pl/en/

Day 2 (Monday) 26 June / 4 September 2023 Our ancestors' life

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00 Departure for full day excursion to Sanok Skansen Entrance to the ethnographic open-air museum in Sanok with a local English-speaking guide.

After the museum we will go to the old town in Sanok, an old Galician town. During the day there will be some free time for lunch or snacks. **about 17:00** Dinner on the way back (3 course menu with water, tea or coffee)

about 18:00 Country Party with a traditional folk dances group Come back to your hotel.

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Day 3 (Tuesday) 27 June / 5 September 2023 The Nobility Day

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure for a full day excursion to Łańcut.

Visit at the Lancut Palace.

Entrance to the synagogue in Łańcut.

Lunch in Łańcut (3 course menu with water, tea/coffee)

In the afternoon travel to Kopytowa to visit the small private museum of nobility culture located in an old manor house.

Come back to your hotel.

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Day 4 (Wednesday) 28 June / 6 September 2023 Journey in time and space through the Carpathian Mountains

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00 Check-out from the hotel and departure.

Stop in Trzcinica and visit the Carpathian Troy museum.

Drive to Podhale region through picturesque landscapes of Beskidy Mountains, with the views of Tatra Mountains. There will be some free time to buy snacks or have a quick lunch on the way.

Depending on the weather condition and the general group's pace we will show you some other local attractions on the way.

about 18:30 Dinner on the way in Podhale region (3 course menu with water, tea/coffee).

about 20:00 Arrival at the hotel.

Accommodation: 4*Kopieniec Spa Hotel https://www.kopieniec.pl/







Day 5 (Thursday) 29 June / 7 September 2023 Tatra Mountains and Zakopane

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00 Departure for a full day excursion to Zakopane.

Sightseeing in the oldest part of Zakopane, visit the old cemetery in which almost all tombs are unique works of art, made of wood, metal or stone and the oldest wooden church Matki Boskiej Częstochowskiej. You will see some notable examples of Zakopane architecture, such as the Koliba Willa and Jaszczurówka chapel. Depending on the weather conditions we will try to show you some of the best views of the Tatra Mountains: from Gubałówka Hill or Głodówka Hill. Free time for some shopping on the local market and for lunch.

about 16:00 Short ride to Chocholow village which is comprised almost exclusively of the original Polish Góral highlanders' wooden houses. Visiting a folk sculptor and his private folk art museum.

18:30 Dinner in one of the Zakopane restaurants with live Gorals band music. (3 course menu with water, tea/coffee).

After dinner, come back to the hotel.

Accommodation: 4*Kopieniec Spa Hotel https://www.kopieniec.pl/







Day 6 (Friday) 30 June / 8 September 2023 Niedzica Castle, Czorsztyn Lake and Pieniny Mountains

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00 Departure for full day excursion: Dunajec river raft or a boat cruise on Czorsztyn lake (dependent on the weather conditions).

Free time for lunch in Szczawnica.

about 15:00 Entrance to Dunajec castle in Niedzica, an important center of Polish-Hungarian relations since the 14th century.

18:00 Dinner (3 course menu with water, tea/coffee).

After dinner, come back to your hotel.

Accommodation: 4*Kopieniec Spa Hotel https://www.kopieniec.pl/







Day 7 (Saturday) 1 July / 9 September 2023 Zakopane-Kraków

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00 Check-out, departure to Krakow (about 2 hours 30 minutes drive). After arrival in Kraków there will be some free time for lunch.

Guided tour in Kraków Old Town with local English speaking guide (Paweł). Entrance to Wawel castle.

about 18:00 Dinner in Kraków (3 course menu with water, tea/coffee).

Accommodation: Columbus Hotel http://www.hotelcolumbus.pl/







Day 8 (Sunday) 10 September 2023 Kraków and Oświęcim

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning walk in Kazimierz (Old Jewish district), entrance to the Remuh synagogue.

Entrance to Krakow Ethnographic museum with local English speaking guide Short break/free time to have lunch.

13:30 Departure to Oświęcim.

about 15:00 Entrance to Concentration Camp Museum in Auschwitz and Birkenau. The tour takes about 3 hour 30 minutes and includes both Auschwitz and Birkenau sites. Please note that the maximum size of bags and backpacks allowed to bring into the museum is 30x20x10 cm.

about 18:30 Dinner on the way back to Kraków from Oświęcim (3 course menu with water, tea/coffee).

After dinner, come back to hotel.

Accommodation: Columbus Hotel http://www.hotelcolumbus.pl/







Day 9 (Monday) 1 July / 11 September 2023 Kraków

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00 Departure for city tour.

Entrance to Rynek's underground museum with a local English speaking guide.

Free time for lunch. Travel to Wieliczka

Entrance to Wieliczka Salt Mine; underground world of salt chambers and sculptures.

In the evening come back to hotel, free time.

about 18:30 Dinner in one of the charming restaurants in Krakow (3 course menu with water, tea/coffee).

Accommodation: Columbus Hotel http://www.hotelcolumbus.pl/







Day 10 (Tuesday) 2 July / 12 September 2023 The Communist Day

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00 Departure for city tour.

Walk in the historical communist district Nowa Huta. Some recent Polish history. about **13:00** come back to the center of Kraków, free time for lunch.

In the afternoon continuing of the guided tour in Kraków with Paweł.

Entrance to Shindler's Factory Museum.

Free time in your hotel.

about 18:00 Farewell dinner (3 course menu with water, tea/coffee).

Accommodation: Columbus Hotel http://www.hotelcolumbus.pl/







Day 11 (Wednesday) 3 July / 13 September 2023 Kraków

Breakfast at the hotel and departures.

Cost

The total cost of PO Galicia Tour is **14860 Polish zlotys (SGL room supplement: 2840 PLN)** (Around US\$3439, (SGL room supplement: US\$657) according to currency exchange rate from January 23, 2023).

First Minute price till February 28, 2023: 13860 Polish zlotys (in DBL or TWN room occupancy).

Please be aware that we accept payments in Polish zlotys and this amount expressed in US\$ is only for information purposes, valid on the date mentioned above. The current Polish zlotys (PLN) / US Dollars (USD) exchange rate you will find here: current average currency exchange rate between US Dollar and Polish zloty USD/PLN. This is an average currency exchange rate and it is usually distorted by commissions charged by all the financial intermediary institutions (so-called spread between currency buy and sell rates). We operate in Poland as a licensed tour operator and Polish business entity and we accept payments in Polish zlotys (PLN)).

If you are returning <u>PolishOrigins Tours client</u> or want to combine Galicia Tour with tailor-made <u>Genealogy Tour</u> or <u>Family & Friends Tour</u> then you are entitled to a 600 PLN discount. Discounts do not combine.

<u>Tour cost includes:</u> accommodations in first class hotels in DBL rooms with private bath or shower, two meals daily: breakfast, lunch or dinner, transportation between cities by air-conditioned, comfortable mini bus, sightseeing tours as specified in the tour itinerary, baggage handling of one suitcase per person, services of an English-speaking guide throughout the whole Tour, hotel taxes, transfers on arrival and departure from and to the airports or hotels.

Not included in the tour cost are items of personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, mini-bar, gratuity to guides and drivers, air transportation to and from Poland.

Reservations and payment:

For reservation make a deposit of 1200 Polish zlotys per person and provide your chosen dates by filling the reservation form on the page. The deposit is refundable until the 120-day before the date of starting your Tour. The remaining amount of payment is due 53 days before planned date of starting the Tour. The rates are in Polish zlotys. We operate in Poland as a licensed Polish business entity and we accept payments in Polish zlotys (PLN).

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http://polishorigins.com/tour/service agreement english.pdf
http://polishorigins.com/tour/general-terms-of-participation-english.pdf

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