

POLAND WITH JOHN GORA & EDDIE BIEGAJ

MAY 9 - 22, 2018

Warsaw ▪ Kiermusy ▪ Bialystok ▪ Bialowieza ▪ Kazimierz Dolny ▪ Zamosc ▪ Kombornia ▪
Lwow ▪ Bieszczady ▪ Zakopane ▪ Krakow



WED, MAY 09 DEPARTURE ON TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT.

Depart with the group from New York JFK or meet the group in Warsaw on May 10th // ask us about flight options //

THU, MAY 10 ARRIVE WARSAW. (Welcome Dinner)

Upon arrival in Warsaw transfer to our hotel conveniently located in the heart of Warsaw. In the evening you are invited to our Welcome dinner to meet the group and kick off our "Polish Adventure"

Overnight in Warsaw at the Intercontinental Hotel (or similar).

FRI, MAY 11 WARSAW - KIERMUSY (Breakfast, Dinner)

After breakfast we will explore the highlights of Warsaw including a walk in Lazienki Park, a wonderfully peaceful place in the centre of the nation's capital where you will see the Palace on the Water as well as the famous monument of Chopin.

A short drive will get us back to the Castle Square where the column of King Sigismund stands as a landmark in front of the Royal Castle. After our tour you will have some free time in the old town before we board our coach and drive "back in time" to the Manor House in the Meadows (approximately 180 km northeast of Warsaw) in Kiermusy situated on the Narew River. The Manor has many unique attractions including a private bison reserve, a military museum, spa facilities and even a museum of torture featuring one of Poland's largest exhibits of medieval torture and execution devices. Dinner tonight will be a medieval feast at the "Karczma Rzym".

Overnight in Kiermusy at the Dworek Nad Lakami, tel: 48 501 607 566

SAT, MAY 12 KIERMUSY - PENTOWO - BIALYSTOK - KRUSZYNIANY - BIALOWIEZA (Breakfast, Lunch)

Close to the Manor house is the village of Pentowo, which in 2001 was designated as a "European Village of Storks". Annually 30 - 40 pairs of white storks arrive here in March to spend the summer. Continue to Bialystok for a walking tour of this town which has a very interesting history. Archaeological discoveries show that the first settlers were already here during the stone age. From Bialystok we drive further east to Kruszyaniy to visit a Tatar village. The first "Lipka" Tatars settled in this area back in the 14th century and have preserved their traditions here in this small Muslim community. Tatar soldiers battled alongside the Poles under King Jan III Sobieski and were known as very brave and disciplined soldiers. We enjoy a lunch of traditional dishes before continuing to Bialowieza, the rest of the evening is at your leisure.

Optional (\$) dinner tonight at "Carska Restaurant ". The restaurant is located in an old building of the railway station "Bialowieza Towarowa" built in 1903 for the Tsar Nicholas II.

Overnight in Bialowieza at Hotel Zubrowka, Olgi Gabiec 6, tel: 48 85 681 23 03

SUN, MAY 13 BIALOWIEZA (Breakfast, Dinner)

After breakfast there will be time to attend Sunday Mass for those interested before we enter the park with a guide to spend much of the day exploring one of the last and largest remaining parts of the immense primeval forest that once stretched across the European Plain. The Bialowieza National Park, inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1979, is home to the largest free-roaming population of European Bison. Dinner and overnight in Bialowieza at the Zubrowka Hotel.

Overnight in Bialowieza at Hotel Zubrowka, Olgi Gabiec 6, tel: 48 85 681 23 03

MON, MAY 14 BIALOWIEZA - KRZESK - KAZIMIERZ DOLNY (Breakfast, Lunch & Vodka Tasting)

Today we drive southwest to 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 Kazimierz Dolny.

In the late afternoon a walking tour of Kazimierz Dolny and then dinner on your own.

Overnight in Kazimierz Dolny at Hotel Kazimierzowka, ul. Gory 10, tel: 48-81-882-0331

TUE, MAY 15 KAZIMIERZ DOLNY - ZAMOSC - GUCIOW - KOMBORNIA (Breakfast, Dinner)

From Kazimierz Dolny we drive to Zamosc, built in the 16th century by Jan Zamoyski in the Italian Renaissance style. The town is wonderfully preserved and is on the UNESCO World Heritage list, in the past it was strategically located in the trade route between Europe and the Black Sea. From Zamosc we continue to "Guciov Homestead" a colorful village that is on National Geographic's 2017 list of Poland's 7 New Wonders. We sample local dishes and visit the buildings of this open air museum. There is an unusual collection of meteorites on site as well. After our visit we have a 3 hour drive to Kombornia which will be our base for the next three days.

Overnight at Dwor Kombornia Hotel & Spa, Kombornia 1, 38-420 Korczyn, tel: 48 13 435 42 89

WED, MAY 16 KOMBORNIA - SANOK - BIESZCZADY - KOMBORNIA (Breakfast, Dinner)

After breakfast we tour the region, starting with a visit to the Museum of Icons in Sanok and then the Wooden Church in Haczow (UNESCO site). Continue southeast for a scenic ride on the historic, narrow gauge "Bieszczady Forest Railway".

In the late afternoon we return to Kombornia for dinner and wine tasting at our hotel.

Overnight at Dwor Kombornia Hotel & Spa, Kombornia 1, 38-420 Korczyn, tel: 48 13 435 42 89

THU, MAY 17 OPTIONAL DAY TRIP TO LWOW (Breakfast)

*** FULL DAY OPTIONAL EXCURSION TO LWOW *** // full details will be available shortly //

Overnight at Dwor Kombornia Hotel & Spa, Kombornia 1, 38-420 Korczyn, tel: 48 13 435 42 89

FRI, MAY 18 KOMBORNIA - NOWY SACZ - DUNAJEC RIVER RAFTING - ZAKOPANE (Breakfast, Dinner)

Today we leave Kombornia and drive west to Zakopane stopping in Nowy Sacz for a short visit. The highlight today (weather permitting) is a scenic raft ride through the Dunajec River Gorge. The ride last approximately 2 hours and winds slowly along the Polish and Slovak border. Continue to the highlander resort town of Zakopane. Dinner tonight will be at our hotel.

Overnight in Zakopane at Hotel Mercure Kasprowy, ul. Szymaszkowa, tel: 48 18 202 40 00

SAT, MAY 19 ZAKOPANE (Breakfast, Dinner)

Our morning sightseeing will cover the highlights of Zakopane such as 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. The rest of the day is at your leisure. After descending Gubalowka you can shop at the open air market place where you will find leather goods, sheepskin items, local cheese, and all kinds of wonderful gifts and souvenirs for yourself and friends back home. Enjoy dinner tonight with highlander music at a local inn.

Overnight in Zakopane at Hotel Mercure Kasprowy, ul. Szymaszkowa, tel: 48 18 202 40 00

SUN, MAY 20 ZAKOPANE - KRAKOW (Breakfast, Dinner)

After a leisurely breakfast we drive north to Krakow. An afternoon walking tour will acquaint us with the former capital of Poland. We will visit Wawel Hill with the gothic Cathedral where many kings of Poland were buried, 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 with the 15th century Witt Stwosz Altar inside. Our tour will end in the Market Square so that you can explore further on your own and at your own pace until dinner.

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

MON, MAY 21 KRAKOW - WIELICZKA SALT MINE - KRAKOW (Breakfast, Farewell dinner)

A half day excursion to the outskirts of Krakow where we will visit Wieliczka Salt Mine, Poland's most visited attraction, with unforgettable underground chambers, grottoes, and chapels all carved from salt. After returning to Krakow the rest of the day is free to explore on your own. Farewell dinner tonight.

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

DAY 13 TUE, MAY 22 KRAKOW (Breakfast)

After breakfast transfer to the airport. End of tour.

(ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO MINOR CHANGES AND ADJUSTMENTS)

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REGISTRATION FORM
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Air & Land tour price from New York is \$ 3499 US per person dbl. occupancy
(includes group air from New York JFK, for other flight options please ask Wanda)

Land only price is \$ 2499 US per person dbl occupancy

Single supplement add \$ 550 US

- YES, I would like to register for the Air & Land tour on a double basis, departing from New York JFK: \$3499 US p.p

 - I will make my own flight arrangements, Land only cost in a dbl room: \$ 2499 US p.p

 - I wish to pay the supplement for single occupancy. + \$ 550 US

 - Special requests: meals / seating / custom flight arrangements / allergies, etc..
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Deposit of \$500.00 per person - check enclosed, or I authorize you to charge my credit card:

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POLAND HOSTED BY JOHN GORA & EDDIE BIEGAJ

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Air & Land Package departing from New York is \$ 3499 USD per person based on double occupancy.

Land only price is \$ 2499 USD per person based on double occupancy.

Land only tour starts in Warsaw on May 10, 2018.

Single room supplement \$ 550 USD

Terms and Conditions

AIR & LAND TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Flights in economy class from New York to Warsaw on LOT Polish Airlines departure May 9th return from Krakow (via Warsaw) May 22nd // due to airline schedules changes the flight details are subject to change and will be advised at a later date //
- all transportation within Poland by air-conditioned motorcoach
- English speaking tour escort assistance throughout
- English speaking local guides where required
- sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Meals: full buffet breakfast daily at hotel, 2 lunches, & 9 dinners
- Hotels: All rooms with private bath or shower, based on two person sharing a twin-bedded room. A limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement
Chopin Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category, when and if necessary.

LAND ONLY TOUR PRICE INCLUDES: As above except without the transatlantic air fare.

Land tour starts in Warsaw on May 10th at the hotel. If arrival / departure times do not coincide with rest of the group, transfers to / from airport in Warsaw and Krakow may be arranged at additional cost.

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 March 09, 2018. If reservation is made less than 61 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 March 09, 2018 (61 days prior) : \$ 500 non-refundable (per person)

Cancellation within 60 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.

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 limited space in the coach, you may travel with one average-size suitcase per person & 1 carry on. 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 guides are included. 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. At this time, U.S. passport holders do not require a Visa to enter Poland. For other nationalities 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. 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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