



The Polish Dream Tour

DURATION

17 days

AVAILABILITY

Jun 2026 - Sep 2027

DEPARTURES FROM

Warsaw

From the Baltic Sea to the Tatra Mountains, **this tour will guide you through 1,000 years of Poland's exhilarating history**. Designed to illuminate both culture and nature, it promises to delight all your senses. Immerse yourself in the poetic world of Chopin's music, opening up realms of pure emotion.

Engage in learning a few words of Esperanto — the universal language — marvel at the beautiful interiors of **Ksiaz Castle, noted for the legendary Princess Daisy**, and enjoy your **special farewell home-hosted dinner in Lowicz**.

The adventure includes a **thrilling rafting experience on the Dunajec River** and an inspiring conversation with Robert Gadek, Deputy Director of the Jewish Culture Festival in Krakow. Discover Poland's finest local produce and delicacies, and be captivated by the country's commitment to slow food.

This journey — a perfect blend of urban cultural richness and rural tranquility — is **unlike any other!**

During the tour, you'll stay exclusively in **luxury 5* and 4* hotels**. **Your overnight stay at the 5* Renaissance Warsaw Airport Hotel** on the final day is included in the 2026 tour package.

PRICING

TOUR DATE	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE OCCUPANCY
28/Aug/2026 - 13/Sep/2026 Booking Closed	4399 EUR / per person	5500 EUR / per person
11/Jun/2027 - 27/Jun/2027	4881 EUR / per person	6051 EUR / per person
27/Aug/2027 - 12/Sep/2027	4881 EUR / per person	6051 EUR / per person

Friends & Family Saver

Book this tour for at least 4 people to receive a **10% discount for each participant**. [Terms & conditions](#)

Promotional pricing: If a tour is offered at a promotional price, the discount is available only to customers who have not previously booked the same tour. If another discount is available for the selected tour date (for example, the Friends & Family Saver), the discounts cannot be combined; in such cases, the higher discount will be applied. The discount applies only to reservations made directly on www.staypoland.com and does not apply to bookings made through travel agents or third-party platforms. **Payment:** deposit of 20% of the tour price, paid within 7 days of the reservation date. Final balance of 80% should be paid at least 65 days before the tour departure. **Cancellations:** If you have to cancel your tour 66 days or earlier before the departure, we charge only a service fee of 50 EUR per person. Cancellations made 65-46 days before the tour departure result in 50% fee. The fee then grows to 100%.

Billing currency is Polish Zloty (PLN). Prices are shown for orientation purposes also in the preferred currencies of our customers: USD, CAD, GBP, AUD and EUR. For **Double Occupancy**, you and your travel companion will share a hotel room. **Single Occupancy:** Experience the comfort and privacy of having your own hotel room. Triple room - upon request. The order of the visited places may change. The tour is not recommended for disabled people.

Prices may vary due to currency exchange rate fluctuations. Current prices are always available at:
<https://www.staypoland.com/tour/219/the-polish-dream-tour>

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- hotel accommodation as described or similar
- hotel breakfast
- transport per the itinerary (air-conditioned high-class motorcoach or minibus or van)
- experienced driver

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- parking fees
 - professional English speaking tour escort throughout
 - 5 dinners and 4 lunches, all of them full 3-course meals with water /set menu
 - Chopin piano concert with a glass of wine per person
 - A guided city tour of Warsaw, no admission fees
 - A guided city tour of Bialystok, no admission fees
 - A guided city tour of Gdansk including organ concert ticket in Oliwa Cathedral
 - A guided city tour of Torun, no admission fees
 - A guided city tour of Wroclaw, no admission fees
 - A guided city tour of Zakopane inc. cable car ride to Mt. Gubalowka and cemetery "Na Peksowym Brzyzku"
 - A guided city tour of Krakow, inc. St. Mary's Basilica, Wawel Cathedral
 - A guided tour of Wolf's Lair, Malbork Castle, Church of Peace in Swidnica, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Wieliczka Salt Mine, Black Madonna Shrine in Czestochowa, Ksiaz Castle
 - Ticket for 2-hour cruise on the Ostroda-Elblag Canal
 - Sopot pier ticket
 - Highlander show at dinner in Zakopane
 - Dunajec raft trip
 - Meeting with Robert Gadek, Deputy Director of the Jewish Culture Festival
 - Handmade keepsake from the family in Lowicz
 - city tax where required
 - information booklet
 - tour organization and travel documents

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

- tour headsets (cost: 9 PLN per person, per day, will be added to the tour price if the number of participants reaches 12 or more)
- airfare
- airport transfer
- travel insurance
- gratuities for your tour escort, driver, local guides. They are optional but appreciated.
- other services not mentioned in programme

ITINERARY

Day 1

Chopin's music, the quintessence of Polish romanticism

Morning:

Independent arrivals to Warsaw hotel.

Afternoon & Evening:

Approx. at **4.00pm** meet and greet with your tour leader and the other travelers at the hotel lobby. Following a short introduction, you will have a walk to the Old Town. Painstakingly rebuilt from scratch after WW II; it enjoys its place on the UNESCO World Heritage List. On the way visit the **Church of the Holy Cross**. There, inside an urn lies **Chopin's heart**, brought home in 1849 by his sister. "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*", reads the biblical passage inscribed on a pillar.

Welcome evening with Chopin's music. Enter the world of Chopin's brilliant creations, which have earned for him his title of a *Poet Of The Piano*. Warsaw is where Chopin developed his talent for almost twenty years. Then, taste culinary goodies during welcome dinner.

Day 2

Half-Day City Tour of Warsaw

Morning:

Warsaw proudly wears its epic history. The city has been a reference point for many renowned film producers, a notable example being **'The Pianist' by Roman Polanski**. This WWII Holocaust drama showcases human resilience and the beauty and power of music in overcoming adversity. It tells the true story of **Wladyslaw Szpilman**, an eminent Polish-Jewish concert pianist and composer, and his unlikely survival under German Nazi occupation in Warsaw. The film, winning **three Academy Awards in 2003**, is a testament to this history.

A half-day guided city tour will showcase **the best of fascinating Warsaw**: its vibrant downtown, the historical Jewish Ghetto area, the elegant Royal Route, and the ever-appealing Lazienki Park. The alleys of the city's lush green heart, a legacy of King Stanisław August, lead to picturesque buildings, ponds, the enchanting Palace on the Island, and the Chopin Statue. This statue captures the composer seated by a willow tree, his hand poised over piano keys, merging art and nature.

Afternoon & Evening:

The remainder of the day is free time to explore on your own. Your tour escort will be happy to

offer suggestions.

Overnight in Warsaw.

Day 3

Mazury - Land of a thousand lakes

Morning:

On this touring day, you will explore **the diverse cultural tapestry of Eastern Poland in Bialystok**, a city renowned for its multicultural heritage. This vibrant mix of ethnicities and religions inspired **Ludwik Zamenhoff** to create **Esperanto**, the universal language of peace. Visit the Ludwik Zamenhof Centre to discover an intriguing exhibition about Bialystok during Zamenhoff's time, complete with a mini dictionary that introduces a few Esperanto words and phrases. A guided walk through Bialystok will also feature sights like the L.Zamenhoff monument and mural, the splendid **Branicki Palace**, and the main Orthodox church - **the Cathedral of St. Nicholas**, all viewed from the outside.

At lunch, indulge in the culinary delights of the eastern province, celebrated for centuries. The cuisine of Podlasie, one of Poland's most cherished regional foods, offers **a unique blend of Polish, Lithuanian, Jewish, Belarusian, and Tatar influences**, reflecting the area's rich cultural mosaic.

Afternoon:

The drive will continue then to the **Masurian Lake district**, an area of outstanding natural beauty with almost 3,000 lovely lakes.

Upon arrival in **Gizycko**, an important holiday center in the lakeland, you'll have free time to explore this natural paradise and its fantastic little town. Not-to-be-missed sights include the Boyen Fortress, the unique swing bridge, a neo-classical Evangelical church, the Teutonic castle, and several other churches. Additionally, there are numerous spots to sit back, relax, and take in the charming views.

Evening

Overnight stay in **Gizycko castle** converted into an elegant hotel.

Day 4

Wolf's Lair

Morning:

In the morning, we'll head to the heart of the Masurian forests to visit the brooding ruins of **Hitler's wartime headquarters**. This site, where Hitler commanded German military operations from 1941 to 1944, is steeped in history. It's notably recognized as the location of the famous 1944 assassination attempt against Hitler, an event depicted in the film 'Valkyrie'.

Afternoon:

Have a relaxing afternoon.

Evening:

Free time. Second overnight stay in Gizycko.

Day 5

From engineering marvel to Medieval might

Morning:

We begin the day with a drive to Buczyniec, where a marvel of water engineering awaits you for an unmissable journey! Experience the magic of human invention as you ride a boat that navigates both uphill and downhill, traversing water and dry land. Witness the wonder of 19th-century technology with the Elbląg-Ostróda Canal, where waterways are ingeniously linked with rail tracks, and are still operational today. This unique feature is unparalleled anywhere else! Prepare for an unforgettable adventure through the pristine wetlands.

Afternoon:

Arrive at **Malbork**, home to the largest medieval castle in Europe! Constructed in the late 13th century, it served as the residence of the Grand Masters of the Teutonic Order. This imposing red-brick fortress, in fact, comprises three castles and is rightly listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage site**.

For dinner, savor a meal rich in history at '**The Small Dutchman**'. Nestled in a beautifully restored, arcaded Mennonite House in Zelichowo, this restaurant offers a **cuisine inspired by the intertwined histories** of Slavs, Prussians, Teutonic Knights, and Mennonites.

Evening:

Drive to **Gdansk**. Check in to a comfortable hotel. Overnight stay.

Day 6

Gdansk city tour **LEARN FROM LOCALS**

Morning:

Gdansk, known as **the city of freedom and the capital of amber**, changed the world twice in the 20th century. This bursting with color, millennium-old city on the Baltic Coast, a gem of the Hanseatic League, is renowned for its rich cultural diversity, iconic harbor fronts, and the Shipyard that gained global attention. Gdansk's history is a roller coaster of emotions, from the first shots of World War II in Europe to the symbol of European peace revolution: **Solidarity**.

En route to Oliwa, we'll make a photo stop at the famous **Gdansk Shipyard**, originally named Lenin Shipyard, the cradle of the Solidarity movement led by Lech Walesa. In Oliwa, marvel at the grandeur of the organ in the beautiful 13th-century cathedral. Our tour then takes us to **the Old Town of Gdansk**, brimming with maritime charm and unique Hanseatic-style architecture. Notable sights include **St. Mary's Basilica**, the largest Gothic church in Poland, **the Neptune Fountain**, and **the Artus Court**.

Learn From Locals

The day concludes with a delightful opportunity to learn how to prepare *pierogi*, a beloved Polish national dish. This **cooking class**, combined with lunch, offers a delicious immersion into Polish culinary traditions.

Afternoon:& Evening:

Free time.

Overnight stay in Gdansk.

Day 7

Leisure day in Gdansk

Enjoy a **full day at your leisure in Gdansk**. This is a perfect opportunity for personal, independent exploration to see and do what interests you the most.

Your tour escort will be more than happy to provide suggestions for your adventures.

Overnight in Gdansk.

Day 8

Europe's longest wooden pier & Torun - Gothic heaven

Morning:

Before bidding farewell to Gdansk and heading south towards **Torun**, another gem known for its red brick architecture, we will enjoy a leisurely walk along **Europe's longest wooden pier in Sopot**. This iconic pier has been a defining feature of Sopot for over 200 years

Afternoon:

Upon your arrival in Torun, lunch at a local restaurant.

Torun is one of Poland's most interesting and best preserved historic cities. This easily walkable city is filled with delightful architectural surprises: a decorative frieze here, a stained-glass window there. During our visit, we'll experience **the taste of gingerbread**, Torun's most famous culinary delight, and visit **the birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus**, the renowned astronomer who revolutionized our understanding of the cosmos. Afterwards, you'll have free time to explore the lovely streets of Torun at your own pace.

Overnight stay in Torun.

Day 9

Wroclaw city tour

Morning:

Next up on our adventure is **Wroclaw**, the historic jewel of Lower Silesia that celebrated a thousand years of history back in 2000. This charming city, with its **stunning Gothic architecture and beautiful canals**, has earned the nickname 'Venice of the North.'

Afternoon

We'll be taking a leisurely guided walk through the enchanting streets of **Wroclaw's Old Town and the magical Ostrow Tumski**, a real treat for anyone who loves the grandeur of Gothic style. And keep your eyes peeled for a bit of whimsy – the city is dotted with playful dwarfs hiding in nooks and crannies, just waiting to be discovered by observant visitors like us.

Evening:

Have a relaxing remainder of the day.

Overnight stay in Wroclaw.

Day 10

Ksiaz Castle and the Church of Peace NEW IN 2026

Morning:

Nestled in the Sudetes is a complex of thirty grand residences built over the centuries by acclaimed architects. It was here that the most eminent European families — the Habsburgs and Hohenzollerns — had their lands. The area was also enjoyed by artists such as Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Frederic Chopin.

Unsolved Secrets of WWII

We will explore **Ksiaz, noted for the legendary Princess Daisy**. The showpiece of this third-largest Polish castle is the 18th-century Maximilian Hall and the lovely terraced gardens with diverse plant compositions. It is believed that the Nazi gold train could be buried deep in the hills of southern Poland, just beneath the majestic Ksiaz Castle.

Afternoon:

Lunch at a local restaurant.

The Mystical, Wooden Churches

After lunch at a local restaurant, we head to the small town of Swidnica, home to a true architectural gem: the **Church of Peace**. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the largest timber-framed religious buildings in Europe and a powerful symbol of 17th-century religious tolerance. Built as part of a grudging concession to Protestants in a predominantly Catholic region, the church surprises visitors with its richly decorated interior, hidden behind modest-looking exterior walls.

Return to Wroclaw.

Evening:

Free time. Overnight stay in Wroclaw hotel.

Day 11

Auschwitz-Birkenau: a day of reflection

Morning:

Today, we embark on a journey that is profoundly different and deeply moving. Located in eastern Silesia, near Oswiecim, are the somber sites of the former German Nazi death camps: **Auschwitz I, now a museum, and Auschwitz II-Birkenau**. These places, integral to the Holocaust Memorial, stand preserved as a stark reminder to ensure that one of the darkest chapters in human history is never forgotten. Our visit to these sites will be a moment of solemn reflection on the events that occurred there.

Afternoon:

After lunch, we continue south to **Zakopane**, the main and picture-perfect resort of the Tatra Mountains.

Evening:

Enjoy free time in the evening. Overnight in Zakopane.

Day 12

Zakopane & Polish mountains

Morning:

Zakopane is a gateway to one of Poland's greatest natural treasures, the beautiful High Tatras alpine mountain chain. We will take a walk through this small town. You will have an opportunity to take a ride up a **funicular railway to the top of Gubalowka Hill**, one of the most beautiful peaks in the Tatras boasting the best view of the whole mountain range.

Afternoon:

Free time for strolling and buying some souvenirs along **Krupowki Street**.

Evening:

Experience the **highlander show with musicians and dancers** to get a taste of the lively folk customs, the local dishes and the strong "*highlander tea*". Overnight in Zakopane.

Day 13

Dunajec Raft Trip & Wieliczka Salt Mine

Morning:

We start the day with a **very gentle raft ride on the Dunajec River** winding through the extremely beautiful Pieniny gorges. The two-hour excursion, which covers about 15 km, beginning in Sromowce and ending in Szczawnica, is an unforgettable experience.

Afternoon:

On the way to Krakow we will visit the amazing **Wieliczka Salt Mine** - a labyrinth of corridors, splendid halls and a chapel hewn in rock salt more than 100 meters under the ground. Listed by UNESCO as a World Cultural Heritage sight, this is Poland's most unique and fun historic monument.

Evening:

Overnight in Krakow.

Day 14

Krakow - The royal capital

Morning & afternoon:

Krakow's vibrant academic atmosphere fosters meaningful conversations. We will take a break from exploring to relax at the atmospheric Cheder Café, opened in a former prayer house. It's the perfect setting to sit down with **Robert Gadek, Deputy Director of the Jewish Culture Festival**, one of the city's premier events. You'll have the opportunity to discuss the festival's impact, as well as the ongoing dialogue and shared memories between Poles and Jews. Next, enjoy a guided walk through Kazimierz — the historic heart of Jewish Krakow.

After hearing the famous **Hejnal trumpet signal**, we'll enter St. Mary's Basilica to admire **the largest Gothic altar in Europe**.

During the day, we'll also enjoy a leisurely walking tour of the legendary **Wawel Castle**, including the Cathedral and the Belfry. As the historical seat of Polish monarchs, each authentic brick of the castle exudes royal grandeur, unlike the reconstructed facades of Warsaw.

After the day's sightseeing, you'll have free time for personal exploration. Alternatively, you can join your tour leader for a stroll to a local shop renowned for Polish pottery, a perfect opportunity to pick up some **unique souvenirs**.

Evening:

Enjoy some time at leisure.

Overnight in Krakow.

Day 15

Leisure day in Krakow

Morning & Afternoon:

Full day at leisure in Krakow. Take this advantage for personal independent exploration to see and do what interests you most. Your tour escort will be happy to offer suggestions.

Evening:

Free time.

Overnight in Krakow.

Day 16

Black Madonna & home hosted dinner

Morning:

The last highlight of our tour - **Czestochowa**. This is the most important Catholic shrine in Poland for the veneration of the Virgin Mary. According to St. Pope John Paul II – the heart of the nations beats here.

Pilgrims arrive here throughout the year from around the world. Even for the non-religious, the monastery is an impressive display of Polish piety and patriotism. We will see not only the famous **Black Madonna** but also the monastery premises in a tour.

Afternoon & evening:

Exploring new places is as enriching as meeting people who bring them to life with their passions and talents. On our way to Warsaw, we'll stop at the **charming, art-filled cottage of Katarzyna and Wojtek Gronecki**, nestled near the ruins of an old primate's castle in Lowicz, which they own.

Relish the memories of the past few days over a **flavorful farewell home-hosted dinner of regional dishes**. Before we set off for Warsaw, you'll receive a handmade keepsake—a special memento crafted by this artistic family.

Evening:

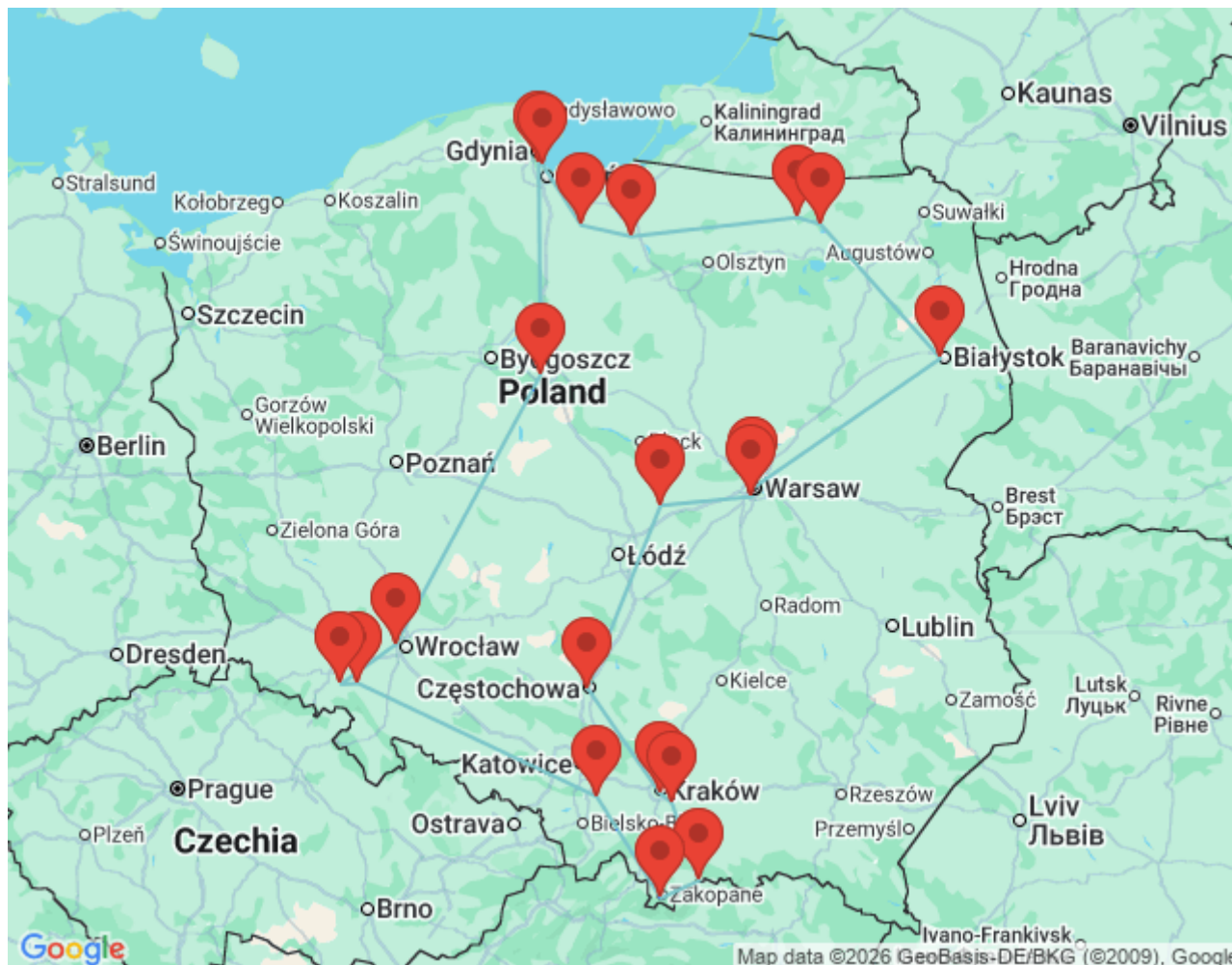
Overnight stay.

Day 17

Farewell day

Morning:

Have a short walk to Warsaw Airport which is opposite the street.



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