



Fascinating Poland with Diane Cieczot 2025

Wednesday, September 10 – Sunday, September 20, 2025

Insight Vacations

Join Fox World Travel and 1st generation Polish American Diane Cieczot and delve into a land of medieval castles, bustling city squares and unmatched historical significance. Often thought of as a run-down, tired country still caught in the shadows of the Soviet Union, Poland's bright and bustling cities of Warsaw, Krakow and Poznań enchant and amaze visitors from all across the globe. Poland's history, particularly during the 20th Century, leaves it as a lasting reminder of the Holocaust atrocities and Communist regime hardships. The country's historical significance, mixed with its captivating natural beauty and unique cultural fabric, make Poland one of Eastern Europe's best-kept secrets.

Package Inclusions:

- Round-trip air from Chicago to Krakow and return from Warsaw to Chicago including air taxes and fees
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers in Krakow/Warsaw (when purchasing our air-tour package)
- Hotel accommodations for 9-nights (2 nights Krakow, 1 night Zakopane, 1 night Wroclaw, 1 night Poznan, 2 nights Gdansk, and 2 nights Warsaw) including hotel service charges, taxes, and luggage handling
- Luxury air-conditioned 40-seat motorcoach with extended leg room and on-board restroom for transportation and sightseeing
- Daily breakfast and six dinners

Signature Tour Experiences

- Krakow: The medieval heart of Krakow is rich in legend, a kind of Polish Camelot. Join an expert historian and see the largest and most beautiful town square in Europe. See the famous Sukiennice Cloth Hall, St Mary's Church and many historic townhouses, palaces and churches. Enjoy a generous selection of traditional Polish cuisine and drinks in the countryside outside Krakow. A local, beautifully dressed folk group and live band will entertain you with songs and dances and you might even get to join them for a polka or two!
- Zakopane: Journey to the highest range of the Carpathian Mountains. Stay in the resort town which is famous for its wooden houses and winter sports. In the evening, enjoy a rousing Highlight Dinner, accompanied by Goral Highlander folklore entertainment at a local restaurant.
- Reflect on Auschwitz: A powerful and moving visit to the memorial and museum of Auschwitz and a stop at Birkenau which bear witness to the terrible atrocities of the Holocaust.
- Wroclaw: Known in Polish as Miasto Spotkań or the meeting place. With your Local Expert, see the brightly colored facades of the noble mansions and the flower markets on the Plac Solny. Take in the Baroque splendor of the Rynek and be introduced to Wroclaw's cheeky gnomes.
- Poznan: Immerse yourself in the history of the city and enjoy a walking tour. Learn the secrets behind the St Martin's croissant, a local delicacy, and enjoy a tasting.
- Gdansk: MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, meet an artisan baker for a taste of gingerbread, baked following a traditional recipe and using only locally sourced ingredients (subject to availability). Enjoy a superb dinner of local Baltic specialties and be introduced to the thousand-year-old brewing tradition of Gdansk by tasting several of the restaurant's very own micro-brewed craft beers.
- Malbork: Visit the Castle of the Teutonic Order founded in 1274 by the Teutonic Knights on the banks of the Nogat River. The castle is a stunning example of a medieval fortress and the largest brick Gothic castle in the world.
- Warsaw: In a concert venue located in the center of Warsaw, enjoy an enchanting recital of Chopin's music performed by a celebrated Polish pianist, with sparkling wine served.
- Escorted by a professional, local Tour Director.
- Headset for guided sightseeing visits and walking tours .
- Professional tour manager from Fox World Travel*
- Customized, informative travel documents, trip details and helpful packing and planning information.

Air & Tour Package Pricing: \$5995.00 per person Double Occupancy

Tour Only Pricing: \$4595.00 per person Double Occupancy

Single Supplement: \$850.00 (single occupancies are limited)

Initial Deposit: \$400.00 per person

Final Payment: No later than June 6, 2025

Requirements: Valid US passport is necessary with a minimum validity of 6 months from return date

Daily Itinerary



DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 – Depart USA

Your journey begins aboard at Chicago O'Hare, where you will board your overnight flight to Krakow.

DAY 2: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – Welcome to Kraków

An Insight host will meet you at the airport and take your group to the hotel where there is time to settle in and relax. Meet your Travel Director at 5:00pm for a picturesque walk around the Rynek Główny, Europe's largest and most beautiful town square. See the famous Sukiennice Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Church and the many historic townhouses, palaces, and churches. Be sure to listen for the trumpeter's call! Later, enjoy getting to know your fellow guests over a fabulous Welcome Dinner.

Meals: Welcome Dinner with Wine.

Hotel: Mecure Krakow Stare Miasto Hotel or similar

DAY 3: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12 – The Damsels and Dragons of Kraków

Ascend Wawel Hill to see the Renaissance castle with a Local Expert. Visit the cathedral, the final resting place of the Kings of Poland and the former seat of Archbishop Karol Wojtyła, later

known to the world as Pope John Paul II. Head across the former Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz, and then to Podgórze to see Ghetto Square. This afternoon, why not join an Optional Experience to visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine or explore on your own browsing the shops for traditional folklore products? Tonight enjoy a generous selection of traditional Polish cuisine and drinks in the countryside outside Krakow. A local, beautifully dressed folk group and live band will entertain you with songs and dances and you might even get to join them for a polka or two!

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotels: Mecure Krakow Stare Miasto Hotel or similar

DAY 4: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 – Across the High Tatra Mountains to Zakopane

Journey into the Tatra, the highest range of the Carpathian Mountains. Stay in the resort town of Zakopane, famous for its wooden houses and winter sports. On arrival, join your Travel Director for an orientation of the city. Spend free time shopping for local specialties in the markets of Krupówki Street or ascend a nearby mountain for panoramic views across the Tatra into Slovakia. In the evening, enjoy a rousing Highlight Dinner, accompanied by Goral Highlander folklore entertainment at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotels: Radisson Blu Hotel Zakopane or similar

DAY 5: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – Reflect on Auschwitz, then on to Wrocław, the Venice of Poland

Traveling past the birthplace of Pope John Paul II, your first stop will be the city of Oświęcim, better known throughout the world by its German name, Auschwitz. With a Local Historian, experience a moving visit to the memorial and museum of Auschwitz and a stop at Birkenau. Travel along the Oder River to the city of Wrocław, known in Polish as Miasto Spotkań or the meeting place. During its long history, Wrocław has belonged to Poland, Bohemia, Austria, Prussia and Germany. With your Local Expert, see the brightly colored facades of the noble mansions and the flower markets on the Plac Solny. Take in the Baroque splendor of the Rynek and be introduced to Wrocław's cheeky gnomes. This evening join your Travel Director for a Craft Beer at the Piwnica Świdnicka, the oldest restaurant/cellar in Poland, founded in 1273 (subject to availability).

Meals: Breakfast.

Hotel: Radisson Blue Hotel Wrocław

DAY 6: Monday, SEPTEMBER 15 – Poznań, Cradle of the Polish Nation

Continue on to Poznań where you will drive out to Ostrów Tumski, known as Cathedral Island. It's considered as the birthplace of Poland in the 10th century and is a fascinating place of legend, often overlooked by other visitors. Immerse yourself in the history of the city and enjoy a walking tour with a Local Expert. Later, learn the secrets behind the St. Martin's croissant, a local delicacy, and enjoy a tasting.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel: Sheraton Poznań Hotel or similar

DAY 7: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – Toruń, the Gothis Glory on Vistula and Gdańsk

Stop at Gniezno to visit the cathedral and see the famous winged bronze doors. Then continue to Toruń, founded by the Teutonic Knights in 1233 and birthplace of astronomer, Nicolaus Copernicus. Join a Local Expert to discover this outstanding example of medieval architecture, now a living museum and UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, meet an artisan baker for a taste of gingerbread, baked following a traditional recipe and using only locally sourced ingredients (subject to availability). Spend time exploring at your own pace. Follow the Vistula River north to magnificent Gdansk, Poland's Baltic trading port with more than 1000 years of history.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Radisson Hotel and Suites Gdańsk or similar

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – The Baltic Belles of Gdańsk

Spend the morning with a passionate Local Expert. Learn captivating and fun facts about the city and see the Westerplatte, the scene of the first fighting between Polish and German troops in 1939, and the Gdańsk Shipyards where Lech Wałęsa formed the anti-Soviet Solidarność in 1980. Continue through the medieval city, where buildings date back to the time of the Hanseatic League. Enjoy a free afternoon and perhaps choose to visit the elegant seaside town of Sopot. This evening join in one of Gdansk's best dining venues, located in a former 17th-century granary on the bank of the Motława river (subject to availability). Enjoy a superb dinner of local Baltic specialties and be introduced to the thousand-year-old brewing tradition of Gdansk by tasting several of the restaurant's very own micro-brewed craft beers. In the Middle Ages, Gdansk was one of the wealthiest ports of the powerful Hanseatic League, and its fine buildings continue to be painstakingly rebuilt following WWII. After dinner enjoy a short walk through the illuminated old city.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Radisson Hotel and Suites Gdańsk or similar

DAY 9: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – Malbork Castle and Warsaw

With a Local Expert, visit the Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork, founded in 1274 by the Teutonic Knights on the banks of the Nogat River. The castle is a stunning example of a medieval fortress and the largest brick Gothic castle in the world. The spirit of Warsaw and the music of Chopin go hand in hand. In a concert venue located in the center of Warsaw, enjoy an enchanting recital of his music performed by a celebrated Polish pianist, with sparkling wine served during the intermission.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: The Westin Warsaw or similar

DAY 10: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – Exploring the Proud Polish Capital of Warsaw

See the Palace of Culture and the Chopin Monument in Łazienki Park with a Local Expert. Visit the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes, followed by a walk-through Warsaw's Old Town, entirely rebuilt since World War II. At your Celebration Dinner, enjoy a fine selection of local dishes with wine at a cozy Warsaw restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Celebration Dinner with Wine

Hotel: The Westin Warsaw or similar

DAY 11: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – Depart Warsaw

Your journey comes to an end with a group transfer to the Warsaw airport.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotels, activities, and daily itinerary are subject to change.

Available Discounts

Early Booking Discount: Deposit by December 31, 2024 and receive \$300.00 off per person

Insight Past Passenger Discount*: \$100.00 per person

**Must have traveled with Insight Vacations, Uniworld, Brendan Vacations, Trafalgar or Contiki within the last five years to qualify.*

Discounts are subject to change at any time.

Fox Professional Fee: Package price includes a \$50.00 non-refundable Professional Fee per reservation. Fee will be charged at the time of deposit and will show as an additional payment from Fox World Travel.

Not Included: ETIAS Visa (when implemented), airline flights on land-only packages, airline luggage fees if applicable, gratuities for airport porters, tour guides, motorcoach drivers, meals (other than those included in the package), optional excursions, travel insurance and any items of a personal nature.

Terms: Minimum of 20 travelers required for the tour to operate and send a Fox World Travel tour manager to accompany the group. In the event the minimum number is not reached, the tour may still include a professional, local guide in destination. Hotels, experiences, and daily itinerary are subject to change.

Group Air: A minimum of 10 passengers is needed for the group air. Flights are currently pending. The air-inclusive package includes air that has not yet been assigned, the identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date. Price includes approximate air taxes and fees. Air package pricing is subject to change until contracted due to the volatility of airfare costs. Checked luggage fees may apply. Frequent Flier miles may not be available to group air travel. Fox World Travel has no control over flight or equipment changes, seat assignments, delays or cancellations. Airline tickets will be non-refundable once issued. Changes will be subject to a fee plus any fare difference. Additional restrictions may apply. Pricing and flight options from other cities available upon request.

Insurance: For peace of mind, we recommend purchasing travel protection insurance. Your travel advisor can discuss options with you, including medical expense coverage, pre-existing medical condition exclusion waivers, trip cancellation, trip delay, lost, delayed, or damaged baggage and more. To cover pre-existing conditions, most policies must be purchased within 14 days of making your initial deposit. Travel protection insurance prices are based on your age and the trip cost.