

Grand Tour of Poland

Explore the beauty of Poland on an itinerary designed to inspire and enrich travelers of all ages.

It features **Warsaw**, synonymous with bravery and resilience; **Gdansk**, renowned for its multicolored amber and the shipyard that redefined Europe; **Wroclaw**, full of striking contrasts; **Zakopane**, the heart of proud Polish highlander tradition; and last but not least, the majestic **Krakow**, where the past speaks most vividly.

You'll enjoy the elegance of a Chopin polonaise, embark on a **unique cruise over water and grass**, meet locals who will share their gourmet recipes with you, and learn the secrets of glassmaking from the Borowski family — world-renowned glass artists. And that's just the beginning...

The tour concludes with an **unforgettable meal in Lowicz**. Kasia and Wojtek Groniecki will welcome you to their charming countryside cottage, where they'll serve a homemade, mostly home-grown dinner. You'll also explore the ruins of the ancient castle they are lovingly restoring.

Discover a different side of Poland with StayPoland!

StayPoland's all-time favorite escorted tour - refreshed for 2026, with the same unforgettable experiences that travelers have loved since the beginning. Your tour includes **accommodation in 5* and 4* hotels, with a final-night stay at the luxurious 5* Renaissance Warsaw Airport Hotel** added to the 2026 experience.

Duration: 13 days

Availability: May 2026 - Sep 2026

Departures from: Warsaw

Friends & Family Saver

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

Promotional pricing: If the tour is offered at a promotional price, only customers who have not previously booked the same tour are eligible for the discount. The discount applies exclusively to reservations made directly on www.staypoland.com and does not apply to bookings made through agents or other 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.

PRICING

Tour Date	Double occupancy	Single occupancy
22/May/2026 - 3/Jun/2026	3274 EUR / per person	4132 EUR / per person
3/Jul/2026 -15/Jul/2026	3274 EUR / per person	4132 EUR / per person
4/Sep/2026 -16/Sep/2026	3274 EUR / per person	4132 EUR / per person
25/Sep/2026 - 7/Oct/2026	3274 EUR / per person	4132 EUR / per person

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
- parking fees
- professional English speaking tour escort throughout
- 4 dinners and 2 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 Gdansk including organ concert ticket in Oliwa Cathedral
- A guided city tour of tour of Torun, no admission fees
- A guided city tour of tour of Wroclaw, no admission fees
- A guided city tour of Zakopane inc. cable car ride to Mt. Gubalowka and cemetery "Na Pekowym Brzyzku"
- A guided city tour of Krakow, inc. St. Mary's Basilica and Wawel Cathedral
- A guided tour of Malbork Castle, Church of Peace in Jawor, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Wieliczka Salt Mine, Black Madonna Shrine in Czestochowa
- Ticket for 2-hour cruise on the Ostroda-Elblag Canal
- Sopot pier ticket
- Visit to Borowski Glass Studio in Tomaszow Boleslawiecki
- Highlander show at dinner in Zakopane
- 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:** Approximately at 4pm 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. In the evening, enjoy a warm welcome highlighted by **Chopin's music**. Enter the world of his brilliant creations, which earned him the title Poet of the Piano. Warsaw is where Chopin developed his talent for almost twenty years. After the concert, **savor culinary delights during the welcome dinner**.

Day 2: Visit the capital of Poland

Morning: Warsaw wears its epic history with pride. Many renowned film producers have made it their point of reference. A notable example of this is **"The Pianist" by Roman Polanski**, a WWII Holocaust drama about human resilience, and the beauty and power of music to overcome sheer adversity. It tells the true story of the eminent Polish-Jewish virtuoso concert pianist and composer **Wladyslaw Szpilman**, and his unlikely survival under German Nazi control in Warsaw. **The film won three Academy Awards in 2003**. A half-day guided city tour will cover **the very best of fascinating Warsaw**: the vibrant downtown, the historical Jewish Ghetto area, the elegant Royal Route and the Lazienki Park which never loses its appeal. The alleys of the city's fabulous green heart and legacy of the King Stanisław August, will take you to some picturesque buildings, ponds, the enchanting Palace on the Island and the Statue of Chopin featuring the composer sat by the willow tree form, with his hand reaching for the piano keys. *Afternoon & Evening:* The remainder of the day is free time to explore on your own. Your tour escort will be happy to offer suggestions.

Day 3: Boat cruise & Teutonic knights

Morning: Shortly after an early breakfast, we board our bus and head northwards to the Baltic Sea. We will travel through the Warmia region, stopping in the charming **Ilawa Lake District** to behold a spectacular marvel of 19th-century German engineering: **the Ostroda-Elblag Canal**. This extraordinary canal system, seamlessly integrated with a narrow-gauge railway, is not only a feat of historic engineering but also one of Poland's grandest attractions. Your boat cruise along this impressive waterway will allow you to immerse in the breathtaking convergence of natural beauty and technical prowess. *Afternoon:* A tour of **Malbork castle** a triumph of architecture and one of the biggest medieval castles in Europe. Between 1309-1459, it was the seat of the mighty Order of Teutonic Knights. Today, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with meticulously restored interiors such as the great halls, magnificent high towers and even a central heating system. For dinner savour food with a story to tell. "The Small Dutchman", housed in an old, restored arcaded Mennonite House in Zelichowo, serves the cuisine that has been inspired by the intertwining histories of Slavs, Prussians, Teutonic Knights and Mennonites. *Evening:* Drive to **Gdansk**. Check in to a comfortable hotel.

Day 4: Gdansk Highlights Tour

Morning: **Gdansk** changed the world twice in the 20th c. The city of freedom and the capital of amber as it is nicknamed, Gdansk is bursting with color. This millennium-old city on Poland's Baltic Coast, one of the

pearls of the Hanzeatic League, is renowned for its rich cultural diversity, iconic harborfronts and the Shipyard that shook the world. **A roller coaster of emotions.** From the first shots of the World War II in Europe, to Soladiryty, the symbol of a European peace revolution. On the way to **Oliwa**, a photo stop by the famous Gdansk (formerly Lenin) Shipyard, **the birthplace of the Solidarity** movement led by Lech Walesa. Then you will enjoy the grandeur of the organ in the beautiful 13th-century cathedral. Our tour ends in **the Old Town of Gdansk**, full of maritime atmosphere and packed with unique Hanzeatic-style architecture. During the sightseeing, you will see the St. Mary's Basilica (the largest Gothic church in Poland), the Neptune Fountain and the Artus Court. Afterwards, you will have a chance to learn how to **prepare delicious pierogi**, Polish national dish. A cooking class will be combined with lunch. Afternoon:& Evening: Free time. Your tour escort will be happy to offer suggestions.

Day 5: Europe's longest wooden pier & Torun - the city of Copernicus

Morning: Before we bid farewell to Gdansk and head south towards **Torun**, another red brick pearl, we will take a **leisurely walk on Europe's longest wooden pier in Sopot**. Sopot and its pier have been inseparable for 200 years. Afternoon: Lunch break followed by a tour of **Torun Old Town**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This delightful historical city is rich in original Gothic structures that survived numerous wars and invasions, including a magnificent town hall, medieval fortification walls, the Polish "leaning tower of Pisa", as well as the superb St. James' church. The town has always been famous for its **gingerbread**. Taste it in different shapes and sizes! The town may for many be the surprise hit of the entire trip. Based on what our previous clients have said, it never fails to leave a lasting impression. Evening: Free time. Overnight stay in Torun.

Day 6: Wroclaw city tour

Morning: We will travel to **Wroclaw**, the historic capital of Lower Silesia, which celebrated its Millennium in the year 2000. Renowned for its remarkable Gothic architecture, and scenic canals, Wroclaw is often referred to as the "Venice of the North". Afternoon We will have a guided walk through **the Old Town** of Wroclaw and **the Ostrow Tumski**, a treat for lovers of Gothic architecture. The city's iconic attraction is a legion of dwarfs dotting doorways, alleyways and street corners; constantly underfoot but only seen by the observant. Evening: Have a relaxing remainder of the day. Overnight stay in Wroclaw.

Day 7: The Church of Peace & one-of-a-kind world-class glass art

Morning: This day will immerse you in local communities, offering opportunities for **discovery, learning, and inspiration**. In **Tomaszow Boleslawiecki**, you will celebrate the myriad talents of Polish artists - the Borowski Family. They masterfully craft glass into **fabulous indoor and outdoor objects**. Their unique style, passion for color, and superb design have gained international acclaim. Stanislaw Borowski, a prominent figure in the European studio glass movement of the late 1970s, founded the company and has passed this artistic legacy to his three sons. You will gain insights into each step of the glass-crafting process **and will see glass artists at work**. Subsequently, you will explore **the UNESCO-listed Church of Peace** in Jawor. Afternoon: For lunch, savor flavorful, healthy, locally sourced cuisine at the Villa Greta guesthouse. The enchanting village of **Dobkow**, where it is situated, was honored with the European Award for Rural Development and Village Renewal in 2017. Here, life moves at a leisurely pace, allowing

you to truly unwind. Adding to its allure, Dobkow lies in the heart of Poland's astonishing, lesser-known Land of the Dormant Volcanoes. Evening: Free time. Overnight stay in Wroclaw.

Day 8: Zakopane & Polish mountains

Morning: After breakfast, we'll continue south to **Zakopane**, Poland's premier mountain resort town nestled at the base of the majestic Carpathian Mountains. Afternoon & evening: Explore the distinctive **wooden architecture of Zakopane**, a hallmark of the region's cultural and artistic heritage. Next, enjoy a **scenic ride on the funicular railway to Mt. Gubalowka**, one of the most stunning peaks in the Tatra Mountains, offering breathtaking panoramic views. The tour includes a visit to the **iconic "Na Pekowym Brzyzku" Cemetery**, where numerous notable figures from Polish culture, science, and art are buried, alongside individuals who played a key role in the history of Zakopane and the Tatra region. The unique tombstones and crosses at the cemetery blend traditional folk artistry with the artistic trends of the 19th and 20th centuries. Take some time to **stroll along Krupowki Street**, Zakopane's bustling promenade, perfect for picking up souvenirs and enjoying the lively atmosphere. In Zakopane, we'll experience a different side of Polish culture. Here, you'll enjoy a **lively highlander show with traditional music and dance**, giving you a glimpse into the folk customs that thrive in this region. Savor local cuisine and a robust "highlander tea." The day concludes with an overnight stay at a hotel in Zakopane.

Day 9: Auschwitz-Birkenau and Krakow Evening

Morning: Today's journey brings a profoundly different experience. In eastern Silesia, on the outskirts of Oswiecim, stand two solemn memorials of the former German Nazi death camps: **Auschwitz I** (now a museum) and **Auschwitz II-Birkenau**. These sites, now part of the Holocaust Memorial, serve as a powerful reminder of one of history's darkest chapters. Our visit offers a moment of reflection on these events. After touring the memorials, we will continue to **Krakow**. Afternoon & evening: Arrive in Krakow and settle into your hotel in the Old Town, where you can relax and prepare for the next day's adventures.

Day 10: Wonders of the Wieliczka Salt Mine

Morning: After breakfast, we'll visit **the renowned Wieliczka Salt Mine**. Descend into the underground chambers for an unforgettable tour of medieval galleries, chapels, and halls carved entirely from rock and salt deposits. All you've heard about this place is true: there's truly nothing else like it in the world. After touring, we will return to Krakow. Afternoon & evening: Free time. Take this opportunity to **explore on your own** and see what interests you most in Krakow. Your tour escort will be happy to offer suggestions. Overnight stay in Krakow.

Day 11: All flavors of Krakow

Morning: Krakow, ranking among Europe's most impressive destinations, captivates with its ancient core. This city tour, a sensory feast, encompasses: the medieval quarter with **Europe's largest main town square**; the fascinating churches showcasing diverse architectural styles; and the most picturesque streets exuding old-world charm. We will witness the unveiling of **the world's largest wooden altar**, carved by Veit Stoss between 1477-1489, in the Church of the Virgin Mary. From one of its twin towers,

the **Hejnał Mariacki**, a haunting trumpet call, is played each hour, famously ending mid-note. Our tour also includes a comfortable walking exploration of the legendary Wawel Castle, covering the Cathedral and the Belfry. *Afternoon:* Take a lunch break and enjoy some free time to independently explore the charming streets of the Old Town. *Evening:* Free time. Overnight stay in Krakow.

Day 12: Black Madonna Shrine & home hosted dinner

Morning: After breakfast, we'll visit the final highlight of our journey - the **Jasna Gora Monastery** in Czestochowa, one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Christendom, alongside Rome, Fatima in Portugal, and Lourdes in France. According to St. Pope John Paul II, "*the heart of the nation beats here.*" On our guided tour we'll see not only the **famous Black Madonna** but also the monastery grounds. *Afternoon:* 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 dinner hosted in their home and featuring 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 in Warsaw.

Day 13: Farewell day

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

