

GEEO ITINERARY

Poland 7/14/2026

Day 1: Warsaw Arrive in Warsaw at any time. Meet your group for a welcome meeting around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. We highly recommend arriving a day early to have more time to explore this city.

Arrive at any time. There are no planned activities until the Welcome Meeting in the evening. The tour starts in Berlin, and the nearest airport is **Warsaw Chopin Airport (WAW)** *We recommend arriving a day early to explore this world-renowned city more fully*, as well as adjust to the time zone, and buffer against flight delays. We can book additional nights for you in Warsaw before the program begins. **Hotel Check-in and Welcome Meeting** Hotel check-in is normally between 2-3 p.m. Check with reception for the exact time and location of the group welcome meeting, typically between 6-7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you're running late, send a message in the group WhatsApp or call the emergency number on your trip voucher so that your tour leader can let you know where and when to meet the group. After the meeting, you might choose to get dinner at a nearby restaurant with your traveling companions and your tour leader to further get to know one another.

Joining Instructions

From the Warsaw Airport

Train: (~20-30min) Take route S2 or S3 to Warszawa Ochota station. It's a 10-12 minute walk from the station to the hotel. Purchase tickets at machines in the station.

Taxi/Uber/Bolt: (35-70 PLN / ~€8-17 | ~20min) Taxis are available at the airport. Uber and Bolt are also available and typically cheaper—check your app for exact pricing.

Bus: Take route 175 to Plac Zawiszy 03, then walk 10-12 minutes to the hotel. Purchase tickets at machines before boarding or via mobile app. *Note: Other bus routes require multiple transfers and take significantly longer (~1.5-2hrs).*

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express Warsaw The Hub (or similar) * To confirm the hotel that your group will be using, please reach out to us or check your service voucher.

Day 2: Warsaw/Gdańsk Take the train from Warsaw to Gdańsk through the Polish countryside. Enjoy free time and a guided walking tour of city highlights.

Wave goodbye to Warsaw and board a train bound for Gdańsk, travelling through the picturesque Polish countryside. After we arrive at the hotel you will have some free time. You'll then explore Gdańsk with a local guide on a 1.5-hour-long tour, discovering the magnificent old town composed of imposing architecture and impressive city gates. Take in the main City Hall, Neptune fountain, and St. Mary's Church, the third largest brick church in the world. Finish up at the waterfront quays that mark the end of the famous long market square. In total, you will walk about 2 kilometers on this city tour. **Approximate travel time:** 3.5 hrs by train **Accommodation:** Ibis Gdańsk Stare Miasto (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 3: Gdańsk Morning excursion to nearby Sopot on the Baltic Sea. Stroll the promenade and see sights before returning to Gdańsk for free time to explore.

Set off in the morning with your tour leader for a short transit ride to Sopot, a seaside resort city situated on the Baltic Sea that is famous for its long wooden pier and sandy beaches. Witness the surreal Crooked House, modelled after fairytale drawings, and wander down Monte Cassino, Sopot's pedestrian street, or sample local specialties at one of the many shops and cafes speckled throughout the city. Afterwards, return to Gdańsk to enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure, continuing to explore or relax.

Approximate travel time: 40 minutes by public transport **Accommodation:** Ibis Gdańsk Stare Miasto (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 4: Gdańsk/Wrocław Travel by train to Wrocław. Afternoon walking tour to see main sights and discover why it's called Venice of Poland. Free evening to relax, explore, or visit one of Europe's oldest beer cellars.

Set off again by train heading south to the city of Wrocław. In the afternoon, head out on foot with your tour leader to see the city's main sights and see why it is sometimes referred to as the Venice of Poland. The walk will last approximately an hour, covering 2 kilometers, and stops include the Battle of Racławice panorama, the Gothic Old Town Hall, Market Square with its iconic astronomical clock, and the numerous bridges leading to Cathedral Island. Take the rest of the day at leisure to relax or explore on your own. In the evening, you may consider getting a nightcap at Piwnica Świdnicka. Established in 1273, Piwnica Świdnicka is considered to be one of the oldest city inn and beer cellar in Europe. The space exudes history and the name was borrowed from Świdnica, a nearby city, who delivered beer to the cellar in the Middle Ages. Choose to enjoy a local brew and enjoy the well-appointed ambiance. **Approximate travel time:** 4.5 hrs by train **Accommodation:** Kamienica Pod Aniołami (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 5: Wrocław Free day in Wrocław. Explore the city's historical monuments and architecture, or take an excursion to the UNESCO wooden churches of peace.

Today is a free day in Wrocław. Choose to wander the city and explore its historical monuments and beautiful architecture, or perhaps take an excursion through the Silesian heartland to the wooden churches of peace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for a private organ concert.

Accommodation: Kamienica Pod Aniołami (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 6: Wrocław/Krakow Travel by train to Krakow through countryside. Free time for lunch, then guided walking tour of city highlights. Learn to make traditional 'obwarzanki' bagels in cooking class. Evening at leisure.

Depart by train and travel through the countryside toward Krakow. Upon arrival, enjoy some time on your own for lunch before joining a local guide on a walking tour of the city's highlights. Visit the iconic squares and lanes of Krakow. Walk to the old town to view the huge bustling Market Square, pass by the Museum Czartoryski (which hosts an original DaVinci!) and the splendid medieval city gate. Stop at stately St. Mary's Church with its tall brick tower overlooking the square, where you can listen to the trumpeter and his legend. Later, stop at the University, where Nicolaus Copernicus made his observations, then end your tour up at the 16th century Wawel Royal Castle. Afterwards, enjoy a cooking class where you will learn the art of Obwarzanki, a parboiled dough ring similar to a bagel and a part of Krakow's history for over 600 years. The dough is rolled into a string, twisted, boiled, then baked, and typically topped with poppyseeds, salt, and sesame seeds. Sample your creation just as kings and knights from medieval times have done in years past. The remainder of the evening is free.

Approximate travel time: 3 hrs by train **Accommodation:** Globtroter Hotel (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 7: Krakow Full free day in Krakow. Optional excursion to Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp available.

Take a free day to explore Kraków. There is a lot to do and see in Krakow. You can also choose to pre-book a day trip with us to Auschwitz-Birkenau. The site of this former Nazi concentration camp embodies terror, tragedy, inhumanity and the survival of will. Today the museum stands testament to the inconceivable atrocities of the Holocaust and the extermination of at least 1.1 million prisoners, most of whom were Jewish, during the Second World War. Our 7-hour guided tour stops at the former Nazi concentration camps at Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II-Birkenau and includes admission to the museum. During the drive, which takes around 45 minutes each way, watch a short documentary about the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau to provide some historical context. For some of the history that makes Kraków so famous, visit the former Jewish district with its seven synagogues and which was used as the location for filming the movie Schindler's List. Three gigantic Gothic churches and more than 800 pubs are huddled in nooks and alleyways here, where time slows down. Another option is taking a stroll up

Wawel Hill (or catch a ride on a horse and carriage) to 16th-century Wawel Castle. Roam the gardens or the museum featuring exhibitions that give you some insight into life as a royal, such as Royal Private Apartments and the Crown Treasury and Armory. If you can tear yourself away from the charms of Kraków, make a visit to the Wieliczka Salt Mines (roughly 79 PLN per person), located only a short distance away. Built in the 13th century, these mines produced table salt until 2007, making it one of the world's oldest salt mines. Head deep into an underground network of tunnels and chambers some 135m (443 ft) below the surface. Visit the Blessed King's Chapel, a salt cathedral carved by miners, complete with elaborate chandeliers and sculptures. You may want to end your day embracing Polish social traditions in one of Kraków's many cellar restaurants and pubs. Dive into the thriving social scene over a few vodkas in one of these cheerful establishments, Zubrowka (Bison Grass Vodka) is a must!

Accommodation: Globtroter Hotel (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 8: Krakow Depart Krakow at any time, or book extra hotel nights to further explore this amazing city.

There are no planned activities today, so you may depart at any time. The tour ends in Krakow, and the nearest airport is **Krakow John Paul II International Airport (KRK)** in Balice, which is about 11 km west of the city center. If you wish to extend your stay in Krakow, consider booking post-tour accommodation with us. Please note that check-out time from the hotel is usually mid-morning, but luggage storage services are available at the reception desk. Want more adventure? Book two or more GEEO programs in the same school year and receive a discount! GEEO will give you 10% off of the lesser value program(s) (up to 3 programs per year). If you would like to extend your time abroad but don't see another GEEO program that interests you, let us know. We can work with you to find a trip from our tour operator's much larger catalog. Their tours are open to the general public and not designed specifically for educators, but we can still offer you and your travel companions a discounted educator price on any additional tours that you book. **Meals included:** Breakfast

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