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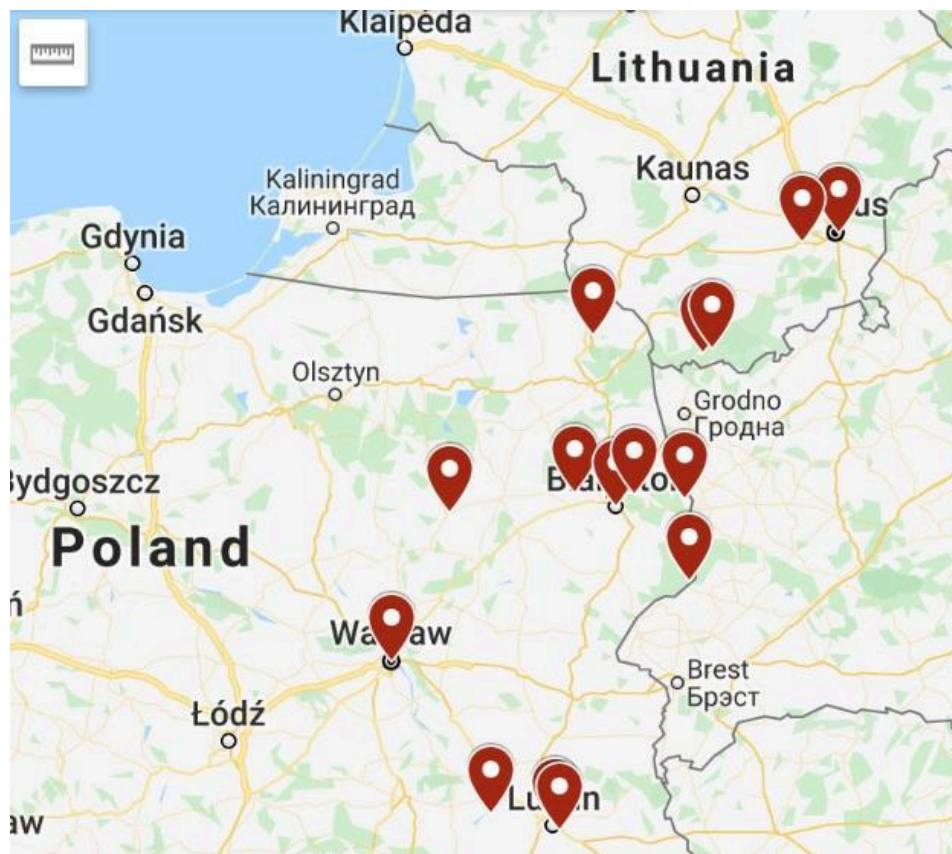
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PolishOrigins / PGSA Kingdom of Poland Tour Itinerary

Guests' number: 10-15

6-17 September 2025

Prime Locations Visited:



[See Some of the Sites in This YouTube Video Link](#)



Day 1 (Saturday) 6 September 2025 Warsaw

Arrival in Warsaw. Airport transfer to the hotel in the center of Warsaw, some time to rest after the flight. In the evening the group will be welcomed by the English speaking guide.

Dinner in one of the restaurants in Warsaw (3 course menu with water, tea or coffee).

Accommodation: 4* hotel in Warsaw



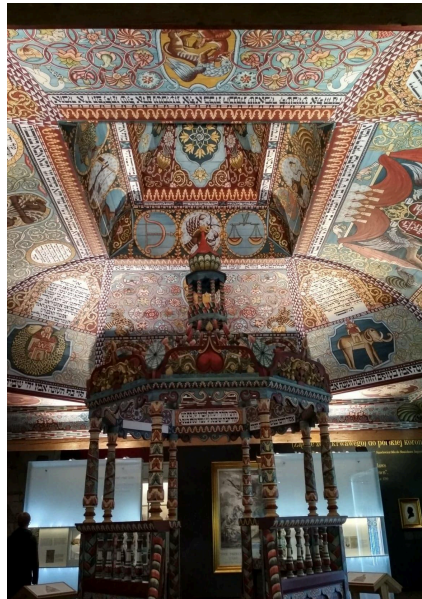
Day 2 (Sunday) 7 September 2025 **Warsaw**

Guided tour in Warsaw, introducing the capital of Poland with its Old Town, which was meticulously rebuilt after World War II. It is an outstanding example of a near-total reconstruction of a span of history covering the 13th to the 20th centuries, and as a result, was placed on the UNESCO World Heritage list.



We will also take you to Łazienki Park, where you will have the opportunity to listen to the open-air Chopin music concert.

In the afternoon entrance to the [POLIN Muzeum of the History of Polish Jews](#). It is not a well-known fact that most of Warsaw's population before WW2 were Jews, which made up about 30% of the community! The core exhibition of the museum presents the thousand-year history of Polish Jews. We will be immersed in the world of Polish Jews, from their arrival in Poland as traveling merchants in medieval times until today. The exhibition of the POLIN museum is stunning. A huge number of sources were selected that use modern technologies. The museum earned awards and is currently one of the best in Poland.



Dinner in a restaurant in Warsaw (3 course menu with water, tea or coffee).
Accommodation: 4* hotel in Warsaw

Day 3 (Monday) 8 September 2025 **Warsaw - Kurpie region**

Morning visit in one of the archives or genealogy lecture.

Note: In the itinerary there are several proposals of the different meetings/lectures at archives. The final institutions and subjects of genealogy lectures/workshops will be given later. Three of these meetings are included in the tour.

Around noon departure from Warsaw to Kurpie. It is the region noted for its unique traditional customs, such as its own costume, architecture, music and annual celebrations. The Kurpie region is located in Poland on a lowland plain called the Mazovian Region (Mazowsze), which was once covered over by two forests known as the Puszcza Zielona (the Green Wilderness) and the Puszcza Biała (the White Wilderness). Currently the region is most associated with the famous Kurpie paper cut artworks.



Traditional Kurpie paper artwork and window decor

Guided tour and workshops in the private Kurpie Museum.

We also plan a dinner of traditional dishes.

Accommodation: 3* Hotel in the area of Ostrołęka

Day 4 (Tuesday) 9 September 2025 Kurpie - Suwałki

Morning meeting in the State Archive or in the Diocesan Archive in Łomża (pending, we will give you the final list of the meetings in the archives at the later stage of the preparation).

Continue to Tykocin, entrance to the beautifully renovated synagogue from the 17th century.

Tykocin, one of the oldest towns in the region, and an important residence of Polish and Lithuanian kings since medieval times. Nowadays this is a picturesque example of the small Polish town at the Narew riverbanks.

In the synagogue you can admire the historic wall paintings and decorative ceiling.

In the afternoon arrival at the Wigry lake at Suwałki Lakeland. If weather permits, we will have a boat cruise on beautiful Wigry lake. During the cruise, it is possible to observe many rare species of birds, and the spectacular views of the camaldolese monastery, beautifully located on the peninsula. The lake is a part of a famous canoe trail of John Paul II.

Dinner (3 course menu with water and tea or coffee)



Accommodation: 3* Hotel in Suwałki area

Day 5 (Wednesday) 10 September 2025 Suwałki - Wilno

On this day we will arrange the lecture/meeting with the representatives of Projekt Podlasie (project of the indexation of the vital records from Mazovia and Podlasie region) OR meeting with someone from Jaminy Indexing Team that is saving records from the Biebrza region, former Augustów deanery and Grodno region in today's Belarus. We will give you the final list of the meetings in the archives at the later stage of the preparation.

After the meeting, drive to Wilno (Vilnius).

On the way we will stop in the Wisztyniec area which is the meeting point of three national borders: Polish, Lithuanian and Russian. It is about a 50km drive from Suwałki.

We will also be passing through the historic town of Kaunas (Kowno).

We have an afternoon arrival in Wilno (Vilnius).



By Iulius at the English language Wikipedia,
<https://commons.wikimedia.org>



Ostra Brama Shrine

Dinner (3 course menu with water, tea or coffee)

Accommodation: 4* Hotel in the center of Wilno

Day 6 (Thursday) 11 September 2025 Wilno - Troki

In the morning, we will do the guided tour of old Wilno, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is one of the biggest "Old Towns" in Europe (it is three times bigger than Kraków's Old Town).

Vilnius has always been an important cultural center and melting pot. It had a very specific importance for Poles, Lithuanians, Belarusians and Russians. Because of its large Jewish community, Napoleon named it the "Jerusalem of the North". We will also follow the Polish paths of Vilnius history.

During our guided tour you will visit the famous "Gate of Dawn" (Ostra Brama) and the picturesque views of the town and the Wilejka river.

In the afternoon there will be a short trip to Troki (Trakai) to visit the 600 year-old castle located on an island.

A notable feature of Trakai is that the town was built and preserved by people of different nationalities. Historically, communities of Tatars, Lithuanians, Russians, Jews and Poles lived here. You will also learn about the Trakai Karaites minority, resettled here from Crimea, after the military campaigns against the Golden Horde in the 14th century.



Picture source: <http://podroze.gazeta.pl>

In the afternoon, we return to Vilnius and have dinner in one of the restaurants serving the traditional Lithuanian cuisine (3 course menu with water, tea or coffee).

Accommodation: 4* Hotel in the center of Wilno

Day 7 (Friday) 12 September 2025 **Wilno - Druskinnikai - Grutas - Białystok**

After breakfast we will try to arrange a meeting in the State Archive in Vilnius. We will give you the final list of the meetings in the archives at the later stage of the preparation.

On the way back to Poland we will stop at Grutas Parkas: a park containing political sculpture and statues of the Soviet-era and an exposition of other Soviet ideological relics from the times. You will view the social-realist art of the Communist period which promoted personalities such as Lenin, Stalin, Trotsky and others, and the heroism of Communist life. Lithuania suffered greatly as an "SSR" of the Soviet Union. We will talk a bit about the recent history of both countries.



Stalin monument in Grutas park, Grutas village, Lithuania.
(moved from Vilnius) Author: Wojsyl, 2005

We will also do a short stop in Druskininkai, a popular spa town on the riverbanks of Niemen (Nemunas), famous for its spring waters, mud baths, etc.



In the afternoon arrival in Białystok, dinner (3 course menu with water, tea or coffee)
Accommodation: 3* Hotel in the city center

Day 8 (Saturday) 13 September 2025 Białystok - Supraśl - Kruszyniany - Białowieża

Morning meeting in the Diocesan Archive in Białystok. We will try to arrange the lecture/presentation of the most interesting books kept in the archives and discussing the specifics of church archives - details pending

A day trip in the Podlasie region to explore its Orthodox culture and exotic Tatar history begins by visiting the Orthodox monastery in Supraśl and the museum of icons.

The Orthodox Monastery in Supraśl was founded in the 16th century. With the passing of the years, the Supraśl Lavra became an important site of Orthodox culture as a result of its large library and lively contacts with other important Orthodox sites, such as the Kiev Lavra and Mount Athos Monastery.

Drive to Kruszyniany to visit the Tatar mosque.

Kruszyniany is often called a cultural melting pot because here is where three religions intersected: Catholicism, Islam and the Orthodox Church.



Source: <https://commons.wikimedia.org>

Dinner in the Tatar style (3 course menu with water, tea or coffee)

Then our evening arrival in the Białowieża Forest.

Accommodation: 4* Hotel with SPA complex

Day 9 (Sunday) 14 September 2025 Białowieża - Lublin

Białowieża Forest is one of the last and largest fragments of the primeval forest of the European lowlands.

We will visit the Show Reserve of the European bison in the Białowieża National Park. We will also show you the oldest houses in Białowieża, orthodox church with the porcelain iconostasis and the remains of the Palace built for tsar Aleksander.



Picture source: www.listal.com

In the afternoon we leave the Podlasie region and drive to Lublin.

Arrival and check in at the hotel.

Accommodation: 3* Hotel in the Old Town in Lublin

Dinner (3 course menu with water, tea and coffee)

Day 10 (Monday) 15 September 2025 Lublin and Majdanek

In the morning guided tour of the old town in Lublin, "the gateway to the East".

For centuries, Lublin was an attractive, multicultural city, enticing entrepreneurs and providing opportunities for quick profit and enrichment. The city was located at the crossroads of important trade routes: from Poznań and Wrocław to Lviv and further on to the Black Sea. Lublin was also famous for great fairs.

That is why the city attracted not only Poles, Russians, Jews and Germans, but even Scots, Italians, the French, Hungarians and Armenians! Entrance to the Lublin Castle and its famous Holy Trinity chapel with Byzantine paintings.



Trinity Chapel in Lublin,

Source: <https://commons.wikimedia.org>

In the afternoon there is free time or an optional trip to Majdanek Nazi German Concentration Camp. The State Museum at Majdanek was established at the site of the former German concentration camp which functioned on the outskirts of Lublin between October 1941 and July 1944. It was opened in November 1944 and was the first museum devoted to the commemoration of the victims of World War II in Europe.

In the evening dinner in Lublin (3 course menu with water, tea or coffee)

Accommodation: 3* Hotel in the Old Town in Lublin

Day 11 (Tuesday) 16 September 2025 Lublin - Warsaw

In the morning, we check out from the hotel and depart from Lublin.

On the return to Warsaw we will stop for a while in Kazimierz Dolny, one of the most beautifully situated little towns in Poland. Located at the banks of Wisła river, it has been attracting artists, actors and summer residents since the 19th century.

In the afternoon, after checking in at the hotel you will have some free time.

In the evening, we will take you to the viewing terrace of the Palace of Culture and Science to show you the contemporary side of Warsaw.

Finally, there is our farewell dinner in one of the Warsaw's restaurants (3 course menu with water, tea or coffee)



Back in Warsaw,

Source: <https://commons.wikimedia.org>

Accommodation: 4* hotel in Warsaw

Day 12 (Wednesday) 17 September 2025 Warsaw - departures

The day of your departure from Warsaw.

We will arrange the transfers to the train station or to the airport in Warsaw.

Registration Details Follow

Costs:

18100 Polish zlotys per person.

(US\$ 4379 according to the average currency exchange rate as of the beginning of February 2025. Please be aware that we accept payments in Polish zlotys and this amount expressed in US\$ is only for information purposes, not distorted by charges collected in the form of spreads (difference between currency buy and sell rates) by financial institutions. The current Polish zlotys (PLN) / US Dollars (USD) average exchange rate you will find here: <http://themoneyconverter.com/PLN/USD.aspx>)

**This cost is based on DBL/TWIN room occupancy.
Single Supplement: 3500 Polish zlotys per person.**

Total fee includes:

- English speaking tour leader throughout the itinerary (11 days)
- Transportation by air-conditioned 20-seats minibus.
- Fuel, parking fees
- accommodation in TWIN or DBL room in Warsaw, Ostrołęka, Suwałki, Wilno, Białystok, Białowieża, Lublin (11 nights with breakfasts)
- 11 dinners (3 course menu with water, tea or coffee)
- Local guides in Vilnius, Białowieża, Lublin and Warsaw
- Entrances to tourist attractions as specified in the itinerary
- Three different genealogy workshops and meetings in the archives (you have several proposals in the itinerary above, we will advise the exact archives and subjects later)
- Transfers on arrival and departure day
- Accommodation and meal allowance for the guide and driver

Excluded: Not included in the tour cost are items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, mini-bar, gratuities to guides and drivers, air transportation to and from Poland.

Booking procedure:

Registration closes **31 May 2025** or sooner when filled.

We guarantee availability of guides and other services as well as total price only until this date, which is the final date for sending deposit.

To confirm the tour please send us the deposit of **1800 Polish zlotys** per person and fill out the reservation form: <https://polishorigins.com/kingdom-tour/#book> .

Payment rules:

1. The remaining amount can be paid by Credit Card before your arrival using the payment form: <https://polishorigins.com/payment-form/>.
2. You can use an eCheck or an international bank wire transfer to pay the remaining amount only if there are no intermediary costs on our side.

Documents for your review:

- General terms of participation in tourist services organized by INPASSA Zenon Znamirovski

<http://polishorigins.com/tour/general-terms-of-participation-english.pdf>

- Template of the Tour Agreement:

https://polishorigins.com/tour/service_agreement_english.pdf

- Standard information for participation in a tourist event

[A standard information form for contracts for the participation in a tourism event](#)

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