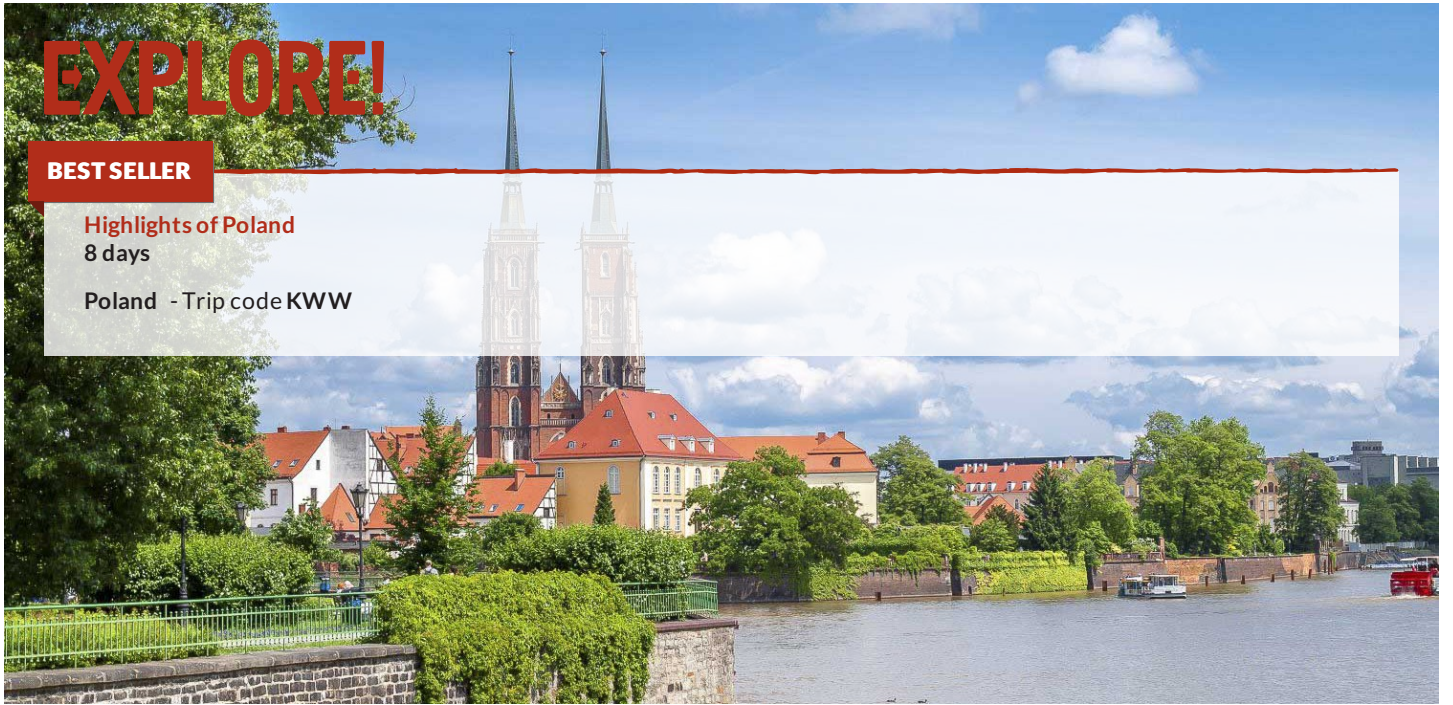


# EXPLORE!

**BEST SELLER**

**Highlights of Poland**  
8 days

Poland - Trip code KWW



## Highlights of Poland

Explore the historical highlights of Poland and the country's greatest cities - Warsaw, Wrocław and Krakow. Travel between the cities by train, passing through glorious countryside, before being immersed in old towns filled with medieval buildings, historical squares, chic pavement cafes and micro-breweries. Explore the cities on foot with local guides and visit the impressive Wieliczka Salt Mines with its elaborate salt carved chambers. There's also the opportunity to learn more about Poland's troubled past by visiting Auschwitz and Schindler's Factory.

## Trip highlights

- ★ **Warsaw** - Explore the colourful Old Town and Lazienki Palace
- ★ **Wrocław** - One of the oldest and most beautiful cities in Poland
- ★ **Krakow** - Europe's best-preserved Medieval market square
- ★ **Wieliczka Salt Mines** - Marvel at the amazing salt sculptures and impressive ballroom
- ★ **Auschwitz** - Opportunity to visit the emotive site

### ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

#### Standard

Our standard, mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service, often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en suite facilities.

**TRIP PACE:**

**Moderate**

Moderate pace tours are ideal if you want a holiday which combines exciting activities and experiences with plenty of time to relax and unwind. Typically you'll be active and busy for part of the day but then also have time to rest and recharge your batteries.

**GROUP SIZE:**

**12 - 18**

Maximum group size ranges from between 6 to 20 people, depending on the type of trip, the transport and accommodation used and activities included. We rarely have groups that are smaller than five or six people and the average is 12 people plus an Explore leader.

# Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.



## What's included?



**Included meals**

- Breakfast: 7
- Dinner: 1



**Transport**

- Bus
- Train



**Trip staff**

- Explore Tour Leader
- Driver(s)
- Local Guide(s)

# Trip information

## Country information

### Poland

#### Climate

Poland has a temperate, changeable climate. September and October are cooler and gradually become damper until late November when temperatures fall below freezing with snowfall, particularly in mountainous areas. Cold temperatures last through to March, but are tolerable. Snow can lie for up to three months in the mountains.

#### Time difference to GMT

+1

#### Plugs

2 Pin Round

#### Religion

Roman Catholic

#### Language

Polish

## Budgeting and packing

### Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

A selection of optional activities are listed below to help you budget for your holiday. Whilst the trip price you pay before you travel includes a great selection of highlights, we have also built in free time to allow you the flexibility to choose from a carefully selected range of additional excursions and activities or take time to relax, the choice is yours. At certain destinations along the way there may be several options to choose from and it may not be possible to fit all the activities in; your Explore Leader will be able to give advice on which are the most suitable for you.

#### Warsaw:

Wilanow Palace visit operates on day 2 and entry is PLN 25.00 per person.

Museum of History of Polish Jews visit operates on day 2 and entry is PLN 25.00 per person.

Warsaw 1944 Rising Museum visit operates on day 2 and entry is PLN 18.00 per person.

#### Wroclaw:

Panorama of Raclawice visit operates on day 4 and entry is PLN 30.00.

Zagan excursion operates on day 4 and return transport by train is PLN 80-100.00 per person, which takes around 2.5 hours or alternatively transport by road takes around 2 hours and an 18 seater minibus is €295.00 per group or a 12 seater minibus is €210.00 per group. Entrance to the Augustine Monastery is PLN 18.00 per person. Lobkowitz Castle entrance is PLN 7.00 per person and if you would like a guided tour this can be arranged for PLN 100.00 per group and to climb the tower to the viewing platform is an additional PLN 5.00 per person.

Ksiaz Castle and Landscape Park excursion operates on day 4 and return transport by train is PLN 45 per person, which takes around 1 hour or alternatively transport by road also takes around 1 hour and an 18 seater minibus is €165.00 per group or a 12 seater minibus is €140.00 per group. Ksiaz Castle entrance is PLN 30.00 per person or it's PLN 50.00 per person if you'd like to visit the Nazi tunnel complex as well.

#### Krakow:

Cooking lesson on day 6 at a local restaurant or in our hotel restaurant where an English speaking chef will instruct us on how to

make a Polish speciality is €35.00 per person (duration 2.5 hours).

Excursion to Auschwitz by bus operates on day 7 and includes entrance and guiding in English for PLN 155.00 per person.

On day 7 whilst in the Podgorze District you can visit the Old Jewish Synagogue for PLN 10.00 per person, Schindler's Factory for PLN 24.00 per person or the Museum of Jewish Life for PLN 16.00 per person.

Please note that all optional excursions listed above are subject to change and availability and they may not all be possible to offer on every departure date.

## Clothing

We recommend taking lightweight clothing for during the day plus some warmer clothes for colder nights.

## Footwear

Comfortable shoes are recommended for walking around city streets.

## Luggage

20kg

## Luggage: On tour

One main piece of baggage and a day pack. Remember you are expected to carry your own luggage so don't overload yourself.

## Equipment

We recommend taking sunglasses, a sun hat, sunscreen and a torch. You may also find an umbrella useful. Also, don't forget your camera.

Please note that in many of the museums in Poland larger bags will need to be placed in a locker and there may be an additional charge for taking photographs whilst inside.

## Tipping

### Explore leader

At your discretion you might also consider tipping your Explore Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

### Local crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognised part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. Accordingly please allow £15.00 for tipping.

In order to make things easier for you, the Explore Leaders may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the trip.

## Country Information

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#### Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

##### Lunch price

£8

##### Dinner price

£18.00 - 22.00

##### Beer price

£1.50 - 3.00

##### Water price

£0.8

## Foreign Exchange

### Local currency

Polish Zloty2

### Recommended Currency For Exchange

British Pounds Sterling, US Dollars and Euros are all accepted at exchange offices and banks2

### Where To Exchange

Most major towns - your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival

### ATM Availability

Available in all major cities

### Credit Card Acceptance

Credit cards are widely accepted in all major cities

### Travellers Cheques

Easily exchanged

## Transport, Accommodation & Meals

### Transport Information

Bus, Train

### Accommodation notes

#### Booking a Single Room

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

Please note that the majority of hotels in Poland don't have air-conditioning.

## Essential Information

### FCO Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice click here.

For more information from Explore about travel advice, click here

#### Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

### Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information.Booking Conditions

### Visa and Passport Information

Poland: Visas not required by citizens of the UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian. Other nationalities should consult the relevant consulate.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may consider applying through Explore's recommended visa service in the

UK, Travcour. See [www.travcour.com](http://www.travcour.com) to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

## Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

## Transfers

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

### Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

### Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

## Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom. Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

## Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

### Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

### Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

## Included activities

This trip is designed to acquaint you with the highlights of Poland in just 8 days. We make the most of our time by using trains between the cities and in order to experience travelling like the locals do. Once we're in the cities our explorations are mostly done on foot, so please bring sensible footwear and be prepared for the busy nature of this enthralling holiday.

## Non refundable permits

### Poland

**Vaccinations**

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against tetanus, polio and hepatitis A. Tickborne encephalitis is recommended by some medical sources if travelling in certain areas of Europe, at specific times of the year. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

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