



TRAVEL TO POLAND

**Jim Gold International
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and
Richard Schmidt present:**

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Poland!

JUNE 11 TO 25, 2018



Led by Richard Schmidt

Meet Poland's Folk Ensembles one-on-one, Folk Dancing, Folk Music, Folk Art, Thousand Years of history, Culture, Folk Shopping, Deals on electronics/dentistry/eyewear (Poland is part of the EU but uses Polish Currency)



**Kraków, Zakopane,
Oświęcim, Częstochowa,
Toruń, Gdańsk, Malbork,
Olsztyn, Żelazowa Wola,
Warszawa**



**Castles and Palaces, Cathedrals and Synagogues!
Historic sites and Museums, Boutiques and Markets!
Costumes Makers and Folk Fashion Shows!
Breathtaking scenery from Mountain to Sea!**

Price includes: City tours in English, Hotels, All Breakfasts, Four dinners, and a private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach with facilities !

See highlights on video: <https://youtu.be/yPA5TdDdyM>

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SUNDAY JUNE 10: FLY TO KRAKÓW AND TRANSFER TO OUR HOTEL

DAY 1 MONDAY JUNE 11: Check-in to our hotel in Kraków Dinner & folk dancing at our hotel. Overnight in Krakow.



DAY 2 TUESDAY JUNE 12: Walking tour with local English-speaking guide - Schindler's Factory, Jewish neighborhood, Wawel Castle, Old Market, Town Square, St.Mary's Church. Overnight in Krakow.



DAY 3 WEDNESDAY JUNE 13: Tour of the Wieliczka Salt Mines in the morning and then we drive up into the beautiful mountains to visit the Górale (Mountain folk) and their unique traditions and folklore. Overnight in Zakopane.

DAY 4 THURSDAY JUNE 14: A fun-filled day outdoors rafting on the Dunajec River which meanders along the border with Slovakia, followed by a traditional meal with live musicians and folk dancing. Overnight in Zakopane.



DAY 5 FRIDAY JUNE 15: We visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum in Oświęcim in the morning and then continue north to the Jasna Góra Monastery where we will see Poland's holiest of shrines "The Black Madonna" in Częstochowa before staying overnight in Łódź.

DAY 6 SATURDAY JUNE 16: A free day in Łódź is in order where you can visit the historic sites, movie studios or go to the mall to get some great bargains on everyday items. The bars close at 4AM so you can party all night if you desire. Overnight in Łódź.

DAY 7 SUNDAY JUNE 17: We're off to the home of Copernicus in the medieval walled city of Toruń. A tour of the city and his home are in order along with a stroll along the walls and the riverside. Overnight in Toruń.



DAY 8 MONDAY JUNE 18: To the seaside to the tri-city area of Sopot, Gdynia and Gdańsk. We will take a tour of the area's sites such as the Oliwa Cathedral, Lech Wałęsa's house, the shipyards (and museum) where the Solidarity movement began and Westerplatte where Germany first attacked Poland and began WWII. Overnight in Gdańsk.

DAY 9 TUESDAY JUNE 19: Enjoy the day on the sandy beach, a walk along the molo (longest boardwalk out into the Baltic Sea), tea in the Grand Hotel or souvenir shopping in the many shops. There are also an abundance of great restaurants serving fresh fish. We will end our day learning many of the local dances. Overnight in Gdańsk.



DAY 10 WEDNESDAY JUNE 20: Home of the Teutonic Knights - Malbork Castle is on the agenda after breakfast plus a wonderful evening of Folk entertainment, horse-drawn wagon rides with musicians and folk dancing around the campfire in the woods under the stars. Overnight in Olsztyn.



DAY 11 THURSDAY JUNE 21: A tour of the city of Olsztyn and the surrounding region with its many lakes, canals and locks. Overnight in Olsztyn.

DAY 12 FRIDAY JUNE 22: In the morning we head to the home and gardens of Fryderyk Chopin in Żelazowa Wola, before heading into the center of Poland's capital city - Warszawa. Overnight in Warsaw.



DAY 13 SATURDAY JUNE 23: City tour including stops in Łazienki Park, The Sejm (Poland's Parliament), the Royal Castle, Old Town, The Jewish Ghetto and so much more. Then a special treat when a local University group perform for us. Overnight in Warsaw.

DAY 14 SUNDAY JUNE 24: A visit to the costume wardrobe of a local group to see and try on Polish costumes and free time for some shopping with your złotys (no Euros needed), Sight-seeing and Museum hopping. After our Farewell Dinner we'll recap all the new Polish dances you learnt. Overnight in Warsaw.

MONDAY JUNE 25: Fly out of Warsaw on airline of your choice.



About Richard Schmidt: In the year 2001, Richard Schmidt received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Polish government for his dedication in promoting Polish culture abroad. To this day he is still going strong as the Artistic Director and founder of the White Eagle Folk Dance Academy in his hometown of Montréal, Canada. His instructional workshops and choreography have been complimented

by decades of studies under several of Poland's masters. He has work with folk ensembles in Europe, Asia and North America since the age of seventeen and is also well-known on the International Folk Scene as the Master of Polish Dance with standing invitations in the United States, Japan, Hong Kong and China. Ten years ago Richard led the first folk tour of Poland presented by Jim Gold and has successfully led several to Poland and Germany, Scotland (his birthplace) and new to the roster in 2018 - Japan. His experience, youthful and easy-going temperament, knowledge of English, Polish and French, as well as, his understanding of Poland's culture and his excitement and joie-de-vivre always add to the comfort and complete satisfaction of all the guests on his tours!

Land Only: \$3795

REGISTRATION FORM: I can't wait to go! Enclosed is my registration deposit of \$200 per person, refundable until March 9th. Single supplement: \$795. Additional charges are: \$85 hotel taxes and service. **Gratuities are not included.** Program subject to change without notice. Group rate: Minimum of 15 people required or additional fees may apply. Cancellations 45 days prior to departure: Refund 50% of total price. Cancellations less than 30 days: No refund. Travel insurance recommended. **Total balance due MARCH 1ST, 2018.**

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