

Polish Home Club of Baltimore invites you to Lithuania and Poland

Tour Coordinator: Lewis Hubbard

August 4 - 17, 2025, 13 days/12 nights

LAND ONLY TOUR COST: \$3,550 per person. Airfare purchased separately.*

Single room supplement: \$790

OUR TOUR PROGRAM

August 4/Mon - Depart from Washington/Dallas Airport for Lithuania.

August 5/Tue - VILNIUS. On arrival in Vilnius airport, meet your guide who will take you to the hotel in city center. Evening dinner at the hotel. [D]

August 6/Wed - VILNIUS. After buffet breakfast city tour will introduce you to best known landmarks of the city with 1.200 medieval buildings and 48 churches. The Old Town walking tour includes Vilnius Cathedral, Gediminas Tower, St. Anna's Church, Old University and the Gates of Dawn. Tour of the KGB museum, will give you an insight into the communist regime. Afternoon is free to discover Vilnius on your own. Dinner at a local restaurant. [B, D]

August 7/Thu - VILNIUS - KLAIPEDA. This morning drive across Lithuania towards Klaipeda, on the Baltic coast. Klaipeda first became a part of Lithuania in 1923 after a long history as a German town off Memel. A walking tour takes you to the Old Town with its narrow, cobblestone streets and old guild houses thru the Theatre Square and the Tharau Fountain before evening dinner. [B, D]

August 8/Fri - KLAIPEDA - NIDA. Today is reserved for a full-day tour to the Curonian Spit, a thin, 100 km stretch of land between the Baltic Sea and the Curonian Lagoon with small fishing villages, pine forests and endless sand dunes. Your first stop is the Hill of Witches in Juodkrante. Continue to Nida to visit the High Dunes including the Thomas Mann's summerhouse. Get acquainted with the charming resort town before driving back to Klaipeda for overnight. Lunch in the village of Nida. [B, L]

August 9/Sat - KLAIPEDA - KAUNAS. After breakfast, head for Kaunas, second largest city in Lithuania. The symbol of the city is undoubtedly its Castle, from the 14th century, built to resist the attack of the crusaders and the first made of stone in the entire country. Its historic center boasts numerous monuments, including the Church of Saint George the Martyr and the town hall. Visit the Pazaislis Monastery, one of the most beautiful baroque style complexes in Lithuania. Dinner at a local restaurant. [B, D]

August 10/Sun - KAUNAS - GIZYCKO. Today bid farewell to Lithuania and cross the border to enter Poland. After arrival at the lake front hotel in Gizycko, say goodbye to your Lithuanian driver and relax for the night. [B, D]

August 11/Mon - GIZYCKO. Enjoy a day in this beautiful Masurian Lake region of Poland. Today's excursion includes the Sw. Lipka shrine and the Hitler's bunker where assassination on his life took

place in 1944. Weather permitting you can take a relaxing boat ride on the lake. [B, L]

August 12/Tue - GIZYCKO - WARSAW. After breakfast, journey through the peaceful countryside, to the Polish capital of Warsaw. [B, D]

August 13/Wed - WARSAW. This morning get acquainted with this heroic city largely destroyed during WWII. Walk through the colorful Old Town with remnants of defense walls, the Royal Castle Square and St John's Cathedral. Drive to the former Warsaw Ghetto and via Royal Route to the beautiful Lazienki Park built by last monarch of Poland with Chopin's monument where summer concerts are held. For a coffee break you are invited for a Polish doughnuts "paczki" in a famous cafe. Balance of the day is free. [B, D]

August 14/Thu - WARSAW-Czestochowa-Auschwitz-KRAKOW. After breakfast, depart for the medieval city of Krakow. En route, stop in Czestochowa with the Jasna Gora Monastery where the miraculous icon of the Black Madonna is venerated. Your guide will introduce you to its turbulent history and its treasures. After lunch, drive to Auschwitz, former Nazi concentration camp, now a martyrdom museum, a grim reminder of the Holocaust. Continue to Krakow and settle-in at the comfortable hotel situated a short walk from the Market Square for overnight. [B, L]

August 15/Fri - KRAKOW. This morning's city tour features the imposing Wawel Hill with Royal Castle, home to three dynasties of Poland's monarchs. Tour the Wawel Cathedral where Polish kings ruled for four centuries, and were crowned and buried. Walk to the medieval Market Square, one of the largest in Europe. At St. Mary's Basilica see the biggest Gothic wooden altar in Europe. At the arcaded Cloth Hall you can shop for souvenirs for every budget. Spend an evening at the former Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz and enjoy dinner with Klazmer music. [B, D]

August 16/Sat - KRAKOW - Wieliczka - Lagiewniki. Start the day with a tour of the renowned Wieliczka Salt Mine, oldest in Europe, and discover its underground wonders on a 1.5 mile tourist route. Today you will visit Lagiewniki, center of the Divine Mercy, where St. Faustina lived. Afternoon is free for souvenir shopping or just relaxing. This evening you are invited for a farewell dinner in a local restaurant with folklore entertainment. [B,D]

August 17/Sun - KRAKOW/USA. Early morning transfer to the airport, bid "do widzenia" to your guide and fly home. [B]



Vilnius - Cathedral Square



Warsaw - Old Town



Krakow - Market Square with Cloth Hall



OUR EXCELLENT HOTELS - all centrally located:

VILNIUS - Novotel Vilnius

KLAIPEDA - National

KAUNAS - Radisson Blu Kaunas

GIZYCKO - St. Bruno

WARSAW - Novotel Centrum

KRAKOW - Mercure Stare Miasto

***Due to limited space on transatlantic flights, make your reservation early so we can secure your flights at the lowest cost!**

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- Accommodations in fine hotels in twin/dbl rooms
 - Two meals daily: breakfast (B), lunch (L), or dinner (D)
 - Transportation between cities by airconditioned motor coach
 - Services of an English speaking escort throughout the tour
 - Comprehensive sightseeing tours
 - All service charges, entrance fees and taxes
 - U.S. and foreign departure taxes, customs and immigration fees
- Transfers on arrival and departure will be provided if tickets are issued by PAT TOURS.*

TOUR CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS/PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$250 per person is required at the time of booking. Full tour payment is due **June 5, 2025** payable by check. Price of the tour includes a built-in discount of 3% for payment by cash or check. There is no discount on credit card sales.

TOUR COST: Tour price is based on rates and currency exchange levels in effect in November, 2024. It is subject to adjustment in the event of significant changes in the exchange levels.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS: Upon receipt of reservation we will secure best flights available and tickets will have to be purchased at that time.

Hotel accommodations will be provided in twin bedded rooms with private bath. Single rooms are available at the supplement shown. While every effort will be made to provide sharing of accommodations for persons booking alone, when requested, it cannot be guaranteed and single supplement must be paid before departure when billed. Triple rooms are not available.

Unused hotel accommodations or any other unused features of this tour are not refundable or exchangeable for other services. The right is reserved to substitute hotels and sightseeing features if it becomes necessary.

Each tour member must be able to get on and off the motorcoach unaided and not require walking devices or wheelchairs. Please note that some sites may require walking on cobblestone streets and staircases which will present difficulties for tour members with physical limitations.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST: Baggage handling, beverages with meals, cost of passports, items of a personal nature; phone calls, laundry, optional insurance, gratuities to the tour guide and drivers.

BAGGAGE: Free baggage allowance on transatlantic flights (if included in the fare) is one suitcase per person not exceeding 50 lbs plus one carry-on bag and personal item.

DOCUMENTS: A valid U.S. or foreign passport is required. To apply for passport, contact your local Post Office. Check the validity of your passport. Expiration date must be beyond November, 2025.

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be made in writing to PAT TOURS. Full refund will be made for cancellations received up to 61 days prior to departure less a \$25 administrative fee. Between 60 - 46 days deposit of \$250 is non-refundable. No refund will be made for cancellations received less than 45 days prior to departure. AIRLINE TICKETS, when issued, are non refundable. After completion of the tour, claims for refund must be made in writing within 30 days.

INSURANCE: All-inclusive insurance (cancellation, accident/health, baggage, delays) is strongly recommended and will be offered to all tour participants with confirmation. *If you have a pre-existing condition, insurance must be purchased at the time of deposit. Call PAT TOURS to enroll.* Insurance premium is non-refundable once purchased. Cost of insurance premium depends on age and coverage chosen.



RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agency and the tour operator, PAT TOURS, 1446 Riverdale St, W. Springfield, MA 01089, Tel: 413-747-7702, act only as an agent in making arrangements for hotels, sightseeing tours, and transportation or any other service in connection with the itineraries of individual tour members who by acceptance thereof, acknowledge that the sponsoring organization and/or its agents and suppliers shall not be liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity, liability or expense to person or property due to act or default of any hotel, carrier or other company or person providing or rendering of services included in the tours. Further, the sponsoring organization and/or its agents accept no responsibility for any sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, government restraints, wars, whether declared or not, riots, theft, weather condition, defect in any vehicle of transportation or for any misadventure or casualty or any other causes beyond their control. PAT TOURS reserves the right to cancel, change, and substitute any service and to decline to accept or retain any tour member at any time for any reason including insufficient number of participants.

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Complete and return the reservation form with a copy of your passport* to:

Polish Home Club, Inc. c/o Lewis Hubbard, 512 South Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231

Tel: 443-618-2725, email: info@polishhomebaltimore.com

For information, you may also call: PAT TOURS, Tel: 413-747-7702

e-mail: info@pattours.com

RESERVATION FORM: Tour to Lithuania and Poland, August 4 - 17, 2025

Enclosed is my deposit check \$ _____ (\$250 per person) payable to PAT TOURS to reserve _____ seat(s) on the above tour departing on August 4, 2025 departing. *Deposit can also be made by credit card.*

Please charge the amount of \$ _____ to my (AX, VI, MC, DS) # _____ Exp. Date _____

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME (as appear in your passport)

Tel: Home: _____ Cell: _____

e-mail: _____

Have you been in Poland before: Yes _____; No _____

Address: _____

Special Requests: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ROOM OCCUPANCY: Double room: One bed _____; Two beds _____;

I have read and accepted the Conditions and Waiver on behalf of the above persons:

Single room _____; Need roommate _____.

Signature _____ Date _____

Sharing with: _____
If requesting a roommate, please advise if smoking or non.

**If you applied for your passport, complete this form and provide a copy of your new passport when available.*