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Additional press tours for accredited journalists during COP 19

Polish Tourist Organization in cooperation with Warsaw Tourist Office have a pleasure to invite You for press study.

We have prepared four study tours which should allow you to better know Warsaw and its surroundings.

Important information:

- we provide 4 free of charge press tours for 40 accredited journalist each tour.
- In case when there is more than 40 person interested in participation in the tour, applications are processed in the order they are received (the first registered participants take part in the press tour).
- In case of very high interest of participants – someone who has registered to more than tour might be asked to choose one tour only and in the other tours would be substituted by people who hasn't been signed to any tour.
- the program of the press tours may slightly change in order to external circumstances.
- **Method of registration:** apply by sending mail directly to katarzyna.jakimiak@pot.gov.pl. Admission to the press study should be confirmed via return mail by Polish Tourist Organization. Lack of confirmation means, that there is no places left and is equal as the rejection of the application.

Dates:

- 15 November (Friday): Historical Warsaw – journey through the centuries,
- 16 November (Saturday): Historical Warsaw – journey through the centuries,
- 16 November (Saturday): Following the footsteps of Fryderyk Chopin,
- 17 November (Sunday): Warsaw – the city of free people.



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1. Historical Warsaw – journey through the centuries

Dates: 15.11.2013; 16.11.2013

During this trip the participants will make an exceptional journey through the centuries and will have an occasion to get acquainted with unique history of Warsaw: from the times of Polish kings, through the periods of war and Communism, until the present day.

This program will give you an opportunity of visiting the most important sites in Polish capital. On the way, we will visit the Royal Castle – a symbol of the centuries of our democracy and have a walk around the Old Town, where in the 13th century the history of the city began. Strolling along the narrow, colorful and cosy streets it's hard to believe that this part rose back from the ruins after the Second World War. Thanks to its excellent restoration was granted the status of a UNESCO World Heritage Site of Culture. The special atmosphere of the place allows you to rest from the bustle of central city life.

You will also see one of the Warsaw's most interactive and modern museums – the Warsaw Uprising Museum and the newly opened Museum of the History of Polish Jews that shows the centuries-old coexistence of two nations.

At the end we will pass by the Palace of Culture and Science which is a perfect example of social realism in architecture and modern buildings designed by world famous architects such as Daniel Libeskind, so that you could compare the different architectural styles that coexist in Warsaw.

Tour program:

Historical Warsaw – journey through the centuries

15.11.2013, duration 5h

- 9.45 am – Meeting with the participants at the Warsaw stand at the exit from the National Stadium
- Start: 10.00 am – Departure from the National Stadium
- 10.00-10.20 am – A drive through the Poniatowski's bridge, the Nowy Świat street, the Krakowskie Przedmiescie street to the St Anna's Church
- 10.30-11.30 am – Old Town's sightseeing – a walk around the Barbicain, the Market square, The Little Insurgent Monument, up to the Monument of the Warsaw Uprising
- 11.35 & 11.45 am – Entrance to the Castle in two groups
- 11.45-12.30 am – Visit to the Royal Castle – The Royal Apartments (private and official rooms), The Canaletto Hall, The Great Assembly Hall
- 12.40-12.45 am – Transfer to the Museum of the History of Polish Jews
- 12.45-1.00 pm – The Museum's facade, the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes, Karski's bench | – monument dedicated to Jan Karski, member of the polish resistance and Underground Army during the WW2
- 1.00-1.20 pm – Transfer to the Museum of the Warsaw Uprising 1944
- 1.30 & 13.45 pm – Entrance to the Museum in two groups
- 1.45-2.30 pm – Visit to the Museum of the Warsaw Uprising 1944
- 2.30-3.00 pm – Sightseeing of the so-called realistic and contemporary Warsaw – the Palace of Culture, the Marszałkowska street, the Aleje Jerozolimskie street and return to the National Stadium

Historical Warsaw – journey through the centuries

16.11.2013, duration 5h

- 9.45 am – Meeting with the participants at the Warsaw stand at the exit from the National Stadium
- Start: 10.00 am – Departure from the National Stadium
- 10.00-10.20 am – A drive through the Poniatowski's bridge, the New World street, the Krakowskie Przedmiescie street to the St Anna's Church
- 10.25 & 10.35 am – Entrance to the Castle in two groups
- 10.30-11.35 am – Visit to the Royal Castle – The Royal Apartments (private and official rooms), The Canaletto Hall, The Great Assembly Hall
- 11.35-11.45 am – Transfer to the Museum of the History of Polish Jews
- 11.45-12.00 am – The Museum's facade, the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes, Karski's bench – monument dedicated to Jan Karski, member of the polish resistance and Underground Army during the WW2
- 12.00-12.20 am – Transfer to the Museum of the Warsaw Uprising
- 12.30 & 12.45 am – Entrance to the Warsaw in two groups
- 12.45-1.45 pm – Visit to the Museum of the Warsaw Uprising 1944
- 1.45-2.00 pm – transfer to the Old Town
- 2.00-2.45 pm – Old Town's sightseeing – a walk around the Barbicain, the Market square, The Little Insurgent Monument, up to the Monument of the Warsaw Uprising
- 2.45-3.15 pm – Sightseeing of the so-called realistic and contemporary Warsaw – the Palace of Culture, the Marszałkowska street, the Jerusalem Avenue and return to the National Stadium

2. Following the footsteps of Fryderyk Chopin

16.11.2013

„A native of Warsaw, a Pole at heart,
with the talent of a world citizen.”
Cyprian Kamil Norwid

Fryderyk Chopin - the best known Polish composer spent half of his life in Warsaw and is without a doubt the most famous Varsovian. This is where he was brought up, studied music, made friends, gave his first concerts and fell in love for the first time. That is why – in accordance to the last wish of the composer – his heart reposes in Warsaw.

Although the city looks different today than in the 19th century, it still shows traces of the presence of Chopin, recalled by multimedia Chopin benches.

During this trip you will see Żelazowa Wola, situated in the Polish countryside, a place where our great composer was born. You will have an opportunity to listen to his music in unique atmosphere of a typical Mazovian manor.

In Warsaw we will show you places related to the composer including the most recognizable monument in Royal Łazienki Park and Fryderyk Chopin Museum, which is one of the most modern biographical museums in Europe. Multimedia exhibition consist of the world's richest and varied collection of memorabilia – here the real world meets virtual.

Tour program:

Following the footsteps of Fryderyk Chopin

16.11.2013, duration 8h, field trip to Żelazowa Wola + Warsaw sightseeing

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| 10.15 am | – Meeting with the participants at the Warsaw stand at the exit from the National Stadium |
| 10.30 am | – Departure from the National Stadium |
| 10.30-11.45 am | – Transfer to Żelazowa Wola – Chopin's birthplace |
| 11.45 am-1.00 pm | – Visit to the park and manor. |
| 1.15 – 2.30 pm | – Lunch at the Polka restaurant in Żelazowa Wola |
| 2.45 pm | – Departure to Warsaw |
| 4.00-4.15 pm | – Arrival to Warsaw, transfer to the Łazienki Royal Park and Chopin's Monument |
| 4.15 - 4.30 pm | – Short visit to the park |
| 4.30 pm | – Transfer to the Krakowskie Przedmieście street |
| 4.40-5.00 pm | – A walk around the Krakowskie Przedmieście street including St Cross Church – Chopin's heart, the Warsaw University, the Chopin's Salon, Church of Visitation Sisters, multimedia Chopin's benches |
| 5.00-5.15 pm | – A walk to the Frederic Chopin Museum |
| 5.15 pm | – Entrance to the Chopin Museum |
| 5.15 - 6.00 pm | – Visit to the Museum |
| 6.00 pm | – Transfer to the National Stadium |

3.Warsaw – the city of Free People **17.11.2013**

Warsaw - the capital of Poland is a city with an over seven-hundred-years rich history. It used to be a seat of the Polish kings and the Parliament. In the Royal Castle the first in Europe and second in the world Constitution was enacted. It was here that the Sejm (lower chamber) and the Senate were gathering to make the most important decisions that concerned our country.

In 17th and 18th century Warsaw was the symbol of Golden Freedom of the Polish Noblemen and here uprisings outbroke during the periods of occupation in 19th and 20th century. Destroyed in nearly 85% during Second World War, the capital was reborn like a phoenix from the ashes thanks to the efforts of the entire nation.

After 44 years of the Communist regime it was a place of groundbreaking events initiated by the 'Solidarity' movement, which resulted in the Round Table talks, the first free elections and political transformation in Eastern Europe.

Warsaw is a city of free people – independent, creative, with different views, coming from many cultures and of various nationalities, who created this city along centuries, defended it and fought for democracy. During this trip you will have an opportunity to see the most important places that shaped today's face of Warsaw.

Tour program:

Warsaw – the city of Free People **17.11.2013, duration 6h**

- 9.45 am** – Meeting with the participants at the Warsaw stand at the exit from the National Stadium

- 10.00 am** – Departure from the National Stadium
- 10.00-10.20 am** – Transfer to the St Anna's Church
- 10.30-11.05 am** – A walk to the St John's Cathedral – visit to the Cathedral with highlight of its importance during historical events (the 3rd May Constitution), the grave of Marshall Małachowski
- 11.05 & 11.15 am** – Entrance to the Royal Castle in two groups
- 11.15-12.10 am** – Visit to the Royal Castle - paying special attention to the Parliament Halls and the Parliament's role in the polish democracy
- 12.10-12.30 pm** – A walk to the Presidential Palace through the Castle Square, explanation of its role also in the contemporary history (the Round Table Proceedings)
- 12.30-12.45 pm** – A walk to the Piłsudski's Square, a short visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 12.45-1.00 pm** – A walk to the Great Theater and the old City Hall
- 1.00-1.15 pm** – A walk to the Warszawa de Luxe restaurant at the corner of Miodowa and the Royal Castle Square
- 1.15-2.00 pm** – Tasting of typical Warsaw's appetizers (1930's style)
- 2.00 pm** – Departure to the Museum of Warsaw Uprising 1944 towards the Polish Parliament, panoramic sightseeing of the center on the way
- 2.30 & 2.45 pm** – Entrance to the Museum in two groups
- 2.45-3.30 pm** – Visit to the Museum of Warsaw Uprising 1944
- Approx. 3.45 pm** – Arrival to the Stadium



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