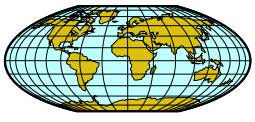


Jim Gold International Folk Tours and Richard Schmidt present:



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Poland !

Folk Dancing, Folk Music, Art, History, Culture, Adventure !

September 3-17, 2016

Kraków, Zakopane, Łódź, Toruń,
Gdańsk, Olsztyn, Warsaw
Led by **Richard Schmidt**



- ★ Castles, palaces, historic sites, and museums !
- ★ Meet with local folk dance groups !
- ★ Breathtaking scenery from mountains to sea !
- ★ Price includes city tours, hotels, breakfasts, four dinners, and a private deluxe motorcoach !

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Day 1-3: Saturday-Monday, September 3-5: Fly to **Kraków** on airline of your choice. Arrive in **Kraków**. Our group will meet in hotel lobby at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 4 for orientation and welcome dinner. Walking tour of Kraków. Visit Ethnographic Museum. Excursion to the **Wieliczka Salt Mine**, a 3-mile underground walk through chambers, caves, and chapels adorned with statues sculptured from salt. Evening **folk dancing!** Overnights at The Galaxy Hotel.

Day 4-5: Tuesday-Wednesday, September 6-7: Drive to **Zakopane** with its special architecture and storks. Many fine shops. **Raft ride along a winding river with a local mountaineer raftsman dressed in full regalia!** Meet and dance with the locals. Overnights: Belvedere Hotel.



Day 6: Thursday, September 8: Depart Zakopane and head for **Łódź**. Stop at **Auschwitz**. Then visit the pilgrimage site of **Czestochowa** to see the **Black Madonna**, Poland's holiest icon. Overnights: Grand Łódź.



Day 7: Friday, September 9: Łódź: Great place for folk shopping, festivals, folklore, and folk groups. We'll join the festival, see a show, and have our own folk dance session.

Day 8: Saturday, September 10: Depart Łódź for **Toruń**, the charming medieval town, home of the **great astronomer Copernicus**. City sightseeing of Toruń. Overnight: Mercure Hellos.

Day 9-10: Sunday-Monday, September 11-12: Depart Toruń for **Gdańsk, Gdynia, and Sopot. Ports, Ships, Beaches, Boardwalk.** Relax at the seaside. The seaport of Gdynia; Sopot with Old World grand hotels, and beaches; Gdańsk, a former **Hanseatic port city** with Gothic churches, romantic cobblestone alleys and harbor promenades. Hear the world-famous organ in Oliwa Cathedral. **Folk dancing.** Overnights: Hotel Posejdon

Day 11: Tuesday, September: 13: Day trip to the famous **Malbork Castle**, former seat of the once-powerful **Teutonic Knights**. Drive to **Olsztyn (Warmia and Mazury), Lake District of Poland.** A vacation spot for many Poles with beautiful lakes and campgrounds. Meet with local folklore group. Overnight: Hotel Warminski in Olsztyn.



Day 12-14: Wednesday-Friday September 14-16: Drive from Olsztyn to **Warsaw:** City tour includes **Old Town, the Ghetto memorial site, Lazienki Park, Monument of the 1944 Warsaw Uprising** and the **Chopin monument.** Visit **Żelazowa Wola**, home of **Fryderyk Chopin.** Free afternoon to stroll Warsaw boulevards and parks, visit shops and boutiques. Farewell dinner. **Evening folk dancing.** Overnights: Novotel Centrum.

Day 15: Saturday, September 17: Return to **airport.** **Fly out of Warsaw** on airline of your choice. .

About Richard Schmidt: Richard Schmidt received the “Lifetime Achievement Award” from the Polish government for his dedication in promoting Polish culture abroad. He is the Artistic Director and founder of the White Eagle Folk Dance Academy in his hometown of Montreal Canada, the Artistic Director of the Tatry Folk Dance Ensemble of Oshawa, Canada, as well as principle choreographer for The Lechowia Polish Folk Dance Company of Toronto. His instructional workshops and choreography have been complimented by decades of studies under several of Poland's top dance specialists. He has choreographed and taught for folk ensembles in Europe and North America since the age of seventeen and he is also well-known on the International Folk Camp circuit as the Master of Polish Dance. In 2006, Richard led the first folk tour of Poland presented by Jim Gold. His easy going temperament, his fluent English, knowledge of Polish and French, understanding of Poland's culture and his excitement and joie-de-vivre added to the comfort and experience of all the guests!



Land Only: \$3495

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 June 1, 2016.**

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