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PRESENTS...

POLAND

THE TURBULENT HISTORY OF WWII



Middle picture: Warsaw; Above: Torun

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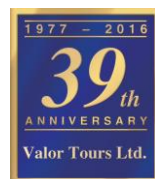
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August 23 to September 2, 2018

Escorted by Bob Kozlowski

Optional extension Warsaw to Berlin Sept 2 to 5

America's Oldest and Most Experienced Military History Tour Operator

Poland, where the first shots of WWII were fire...

The tank and aircraft war began September 1, 1939 with the German invasion of Poland. Two weeks later the Soviets attacked from the east and the savaged Polish Army was crushed between the two forces. Resistance against the Nazis in Warsaw, including uprisings by Jews in the Warsaw ghetto and by the Polish underground, was brutally suppressed. As the Germans retreated in January 1945, they leveled the city. During the war, about 6 million Poles were killed and 2.5 million were deported to Germany for forced labor. More than 3 million Jews were killed at Nazi death camps like Auschwitz, Treblinka and Sobibor.



Bob Kozlowski, pictured here at Birkanau Camp, 2016, is a financial advisor in Phoenix, Arizona. An Avid history buff and military war strategy gamer since he was 11 years old, Bob has spent the last 20 years travelling throughout Europe, having been to Poland on four occasions. His living motto is "always in search of the truth". Photo by Greg Skalzki.



**Poland: The Turbulent History of WWII tour - 2018
REGISTRATION FORM**

Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, Calif. 94965 U.S.A.
Questions? Call 1-800-842-4504.

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone (days) _____

I/we wish to reserve spaces on a _____ twin share basis (two persons to a hotel room), or _____ I am traveling alone and wish to pay the single supplement so as not to share my hotel room, or _____ share with another tour member.
 ___ Smoking ___ Non smoking

Enclosed is my/our check for the deposit in the amount of \$ _____ (\$600 per person, per tour), or please charge my credit:

Exp. _____ Sec code _____

Please arrange my/our air arrangements from _____ to Warsaw to coincide with tour in _____ Economy class or _____ business class.

I/we would like _____ additional night's hotel accommodations in Warsaw: _____ pre-tour and/or _____ post-tour.

I/we would like to take the Warsaw to Berlin extension, Sept 2 to 5 on a _____ single basis, _____ twin share basis.

Reason for taking tour, i.e. Veteran, history buff, family member, etc.

Special needs, dietary requirements: _____

Next of kin _____

I/we have read and understand the terms set forth in this brochure:

Signature _____ Date _____

This tour is eligible for early booking/payment discount. Deadline Feb. 12, 2018

Reservations and Final Payment

Reservations can only be held with a deposit of \$600 per person accompanied by the Application form. Payments accepted in the form of a personal check or credit card. Final payment is due by May 25, 2018. Reservations will be accepted on a first come – first served basis. Valor Tours, Ltd. does not recommend that children under the age of 12 participate on this tour. Passport required. Visas are not required. Tour cost based on minimum of 10 paying participants. Valor Tours reserves the right to change hotels should number of participants fall below 10. Airfare from the U.S. to Europe not included, however if you need assistance with air arrangements we will be happy to do so.

Cancellations and Changes

If Valor Tours, Ltd. receives cancellation more than 90 days prior to departure your deposit is fully refundable. Cancellations received between 90 to 30 days prior to commencement of tour subject to loss of deposit. Cancellation within 30 days or ‘no shows’ are non refundable. Refunds may take up to 30 days to process. Cancellation charges also apply to additional travel arrangements such as airfare. If flight changes are requested after airline tickets are issued, revision fees will apply. Travel medical emergency insurance is included in tour cost, but does not include cancellation or trip interruption coverage. Information on cancellation insurance is sent to those on deposit.

Baggage allowance

We recommend one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please. Portage for one bag per person is included in the tour cost; however there may be times when you will be responsible for your baggage, so it is to the benefit of the passenger to travel light. Passengers are responsible for carry-on bags, purses, camera bags, briefcases, etc. No responsibility is accepted for loss or damage to baggage, or any of the passenger’s belongings. Limited baggage insurance is included in the tour cost.

Disabilities

Any personal disability requiring special attention should be reported to Valor Tours at the time of reservation. Valor Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but is not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants and other independent suppliers. Motor coach companies and other carrier employees may not physically lift participants or assist them on or off conveyances. A qualified companion must accompany persons requiring such assistance. Be advised that foreign countries do not have the disabled and handicapped laws that Americans enjoy here at home.

Single travelers

Single occupancy of hotel rooms is an additional \$700 over and above the tour cost. If you would like to avoid this expense, you may share with another single traveler. Valor Tours will make every attempt to find you a suitable roommate of the same age and gender, however Valor Tours, Ltd. cannot be held responsible for incompatibility, nor can they guarantee a roommate should one not be available. In that case, the single supplement will apply.

Not included in tour cost

Meals not indicated in itinerary, airfare from the U.S., passport fees, items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, alcoholic beverages, tipping to driver & guide, foreign airport departure taxes, trip cancellation coverage and arrival transfer in Warsaw.

Travel Insurance

Travel emergency medical/sickness, baggage loss/delay, missed connections coverage is included in tour cost. Upgrade to coverage that includes cancellation/trip interruption available upon request - up to \$4000 of coverage \$248 P/P; \$5000 of coverage \$313 P/P; \$6000 of coverage \$373 P/P, and so on.

Itinerary in brief – subject to change

Day 1 Thursday August 23 (D)

Independent arrivals into Warsaw. Meet at the Radisson Hotel in central Warsaw. Evening drive to Old Town Warsaw for short walking tour and welcome dinner with local guide. Return and overnight Radisson Blue Centrum, Warsaw.

Day 2 Friday August 24 (B)

Grand tour of Warsaw with emphasis on Warsaw Ghetto Memorial and museum, the Warsaw Historical Museum, the Polish Military Museum, Mausoleum of Struggle and Martyrdom, Warsaw rising Museum and a walking tour around the streets of Old Town, painstakingly restored after WW II. Overnight Radisson, Warsaw.

Day 3 Saturday August 25 (B)

Early departure from Warsaw by our air conditioned private coach south to Lublin to see 3 Concentration Camps: Sobibor, Majdenak and Belzec, allowing one hour at each. Overnight Europa, Lublin.

Day 4 Sunday August 26 (B)

This morning continue south to the famous ancient capital city of Krakow, one of the gateways to the most infamous place of the war. Unlike Warsaw, Krakow survived WWII relatively undamaged and has a wealth of genuine architectural treasure to offer. Tour of the ancient city and its part of the German invasion and occupation of Poland: Wawel Royal castle with its 16th century Flemish tapestries, the Cathedral where Poland’s kings were crowned and Schindler’s Factory Museum which presents the history of Krakow under Nazi Occupation 1939-1945, Plasznow camp. Walking tour of Jewish District. (Whatever can’t be included today, fit into tomorrow.) Overnight Sheraton, Krakow.

Day 5 Monday August 27 (B)

Today drive to Oswiecim, the town nearest the notorious concentration and Death Camp of Auschwitz and its companion camp of Birkenau. Guided tour of the Crematorium. Return and overnight Krakow.

Day 6 Tuesday August 28 (B)

Head north to Czestochowa (Jasna Gorda Black Madonna), Poland’s greatest pilgrimage site, and then onto Torun with stop at the Chelmo death camp. Overnight in Hotel Bulwar, Torun.

Day 7 Wednesday August 29 (B)

Continue north through the famous Danzig Corridor to visit the historic city of Gdansk where the first shots of WWII in Europe were fired, in 1939. Visit Westerplatte and Stutthof. Overnight Mercure Old Town, Gdansk.

Day 8 Thursday August 30 (B)

A city tour and discussion of events from the first shots fired to the emergence of a newer Polish state. From the abyss of war rose up a more modern state and historic events the Russian occupiers of Poland could not quell. Overnight Mercure Old Town, Gdansk.

Day 9 Friday August 31 (B)

Today we move easterly to see the ruins of “The Wolf’s Lair” at Katrzyn, Hitler’s notorious HQ’s for much of the war in the east and site of the “Valkyrie” plot bomb that nearly ended Hitler’s reign. Overnight Ryn Castle hotel in Ryn.

Day 10 Saturday September 1 (B, D)

Today we turn south and stop at another notorious Concentration Camp at Treblinka. Like most of the camps, it was mostly destroyed after the war, but one can view a symbolic cemetery containing 17,000 stones, a monument and a mausoleum. Return to Warsaw for a farewell dinner and overnight at the Radisson, Warsaw.

Day 11 Sunday September 2 (B)

Check out of hotel. Tour ends.



Gdansk

Optional - September 2 to 5 – WARSAW- ZAGAN-- BERLIN

Sunday September 2 (B)

Check out of Warsaw hotel and drive west to Zagan, made famous by the book and movie, The Great Escape. It is here that we see the remains of Stalag where 80 POWs escaped through a tunnel. See the monument to this escape and the Museum of Allied Prisoners of War Martyrdom. Overnight VILLA PARK in Zagan

Monday September 3 (B)

Depart Zagan for Berlin. En route - SEELOW HEIGHTS, the Battle of the Seelow Heights was a part of the Seelow-Berlin Offensive Operation. Wannsee Conference site where the Nazi Party implemented, what they called, the “Final Solution”.

Overnight Radisson Park Inn. Berlin.

Tuesday September 4 (B)

Berlin tour: Check Point Charlie, Anhalter Bahnhof Bomber Shelter Museum, Gestapo HQ site/museum with remaining section of original Berlin Wall, Air Ministry where Luftwaffe had their HQ, Chancellery Apts (site of Hitler’s bunker), Bradenburg Gate, Reichstag, German-Russian Museum, German Historical Museum.

Overnight Radisson Park Inn. Berlin

Wednesday September 5 (B)

Check out of hotel and transfer to airport.

\$1,950 per person, twin share. Single \$300 additional. Based on min. of 3 passengers.



A photograph taken inside the Auschwitz (Oswiecim) Concentration Camp in Poland, Nazi Germany's largest concentration and extermination camp. Polandpoland.com.

*“Very intensive on sites, very informative...Bob Kozlowski and local guide did a great job.”
Dennis Karczewski, 2014*



*Treblinka
Commons.wikimedia.org*

Tour cost \$3,500 per person, twin share. Single supplement \$800. Land only – begins and ends in Warsaw, Poland. Includes ten nights hotel accommodations at 3 to 5 star hotels; breakfast daily; welcome and farewell dinners; private air conditioned coach/driver; entrance fees; local English speaking guide accompanys throughout; local taxes; travel emergency insurance coverage; services of Bob Kozlowski as tour director; portorage at hotels.

Cost based on rates and currency exchange at the time this brochure was printed, and is subject to change. Based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together – maximum 45 passengers. We do not recommend participation by children under the age of 12.



Wolf’s Lair



2016 tour group at