



## CARPATHO - RUSYN SOCIETY

### 2009 C-RS Lemko Homeland Tour

*July 10-25, 2009*

Seize the cultural experience of a lifetime! Join us on the fifth, bi-annual C-RS Lemko Homeland Tour to the Lemko Region of southeastern Poland. Spend 15 exciting days exploring your Lemko-Rusyn roots and experiencing the living culture of the Lemko people in the scenic, haunting beauty of the Carpathian Mountains.

C-RS tour organizer and leader, **Nancy Revak**, teams up with Lemko-Rusyn cultural leaders in Lemkovyna to provide experiences and insights that help you fully understand the richness and fullness of the Lemko-Rusyn culture. Visit centuries-old wooden churches. See Lemko villages still standing. Learn about the history and politics that helped shape our Lemko ancestors' lives and beliefs. Enjoy the camaraderie of the local Lemko people. Hear their heartwarming (and sometimes heartbreaking) stories. Enjoy their songs and dances, their foods and traditions. Walk in the footsteps of your ancestors.

Since July is the height of the tourist season in Poland, we must book your seats now, before space is gone. So to secure your spot on the tour, please do the following:

1. Immediately contact **Nancy Revak** at [lemko-tour@c-rs.org](mailto:lemko-tour@c-rs.org) or **(310) 473-8522** with your name, the number of seats you want to reserve, your phone number and e-mail address.
2. Then send your completed REGISTRATION FORM with \$350 per person DEPOSIT to:

**Nancy Revak**  
10966 Rochester Ave. #6-D  
Los Angeles, CA 90024

If paying by CREDIT CARD, you may email your registration form and deposit to [lemko-tour@c-rs.org](mailto:lemko-tour@c-rs.org).

3. After receiving confirmation that a seat has been reserved for you, immediately contact PAT Tours to book your round-trip air travel from your home airport.

**Mary Gorecki** (or any other agent)  
(800) 388-0988

The Lemko Homeland Tour is sponsored by the Carpatho-Rusyn Society (C-RS), in association with the Rusin Association of Minnesota, and in cooperation with Polish American (PAT) Tours.

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## **YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE TOUR INCLUDES**

- Round-trip economy airfare from Newark International Airport to Krakow, Poland, based on lowest airfares, currency exchange rates, and fuel surcharges in effect at this time
- Accommodations in first class and touring class hotels with private bath or shower, telephone, and satellite TV
- Two meals daily (breakfast and dinner), plus one lunch and traditional vatra
- Travel within Poland by modern, air-conditioned motorcoach with panoramic windows, reclining seats, and emergency toilet facilities on board
- Baggage handling of one bag per person, not to weigh more than 50 lbs.
- Entrance fees, taxes, and services of English-speaking guides
- Airport departure taxes, fuel surcharges, and inspection, security and immigration fees in effect at the time of this printing.
- Memory Book to capture remembrances
- Lemko Tour T-shirt and name badge

## **NOT INCLUDED**

- Travel to and from Newark International Airport
- Cost of passport and travel insurance
- Excess or overweight baggage charges
- Any food and beverages not included in tour menu, and any alcoholic and bottled beverages unless otherwise specified
- Gratuities/tips to local guides, bus driver, churches visited, etc.
- Items of a purely personal nature, such as room service, laundry, telephone calls, mini-bar, Pay TV, and internet use.
- Cost of optional excursions to villages, Przemysl archives, rental cars, interpreters for family searches, etc.
- Airport departure taxes, fuel surcharges, and inspection and security fees imposed by the airlines subsequent to the printing of this itinerary

## **HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS**

The 2009 C-RS Lemko Homeland Tour is a vigorous tour with ample time for rest and relaxation. However, it includes a fair amount of walking, often in hilly and remote areas, up and down stairs, and along poor paths and roads. The nature of the Carpathians is mountainous and rural. Comfortable walking shoes are a necessity.

Most attractions are not handicap accessible. Those with walking difficulties should seriously consider whether such a tour is right for them. People with allergies or other health conditions should bring a sufficient supply of their medications to last the duration of the trip, plus a few extra days in case of emergency. No provisions can be made for special health, dietary, or handicapped needs.

## **PASSPORT-IMPORTANT!**

A valid U.S. passport is required for the tour. It should be valid for six months after your return date. If your passport expires before January 2010, be sure to **APPLY FOR A NEW PASSPORT IMMEDIATELY**. If applying for a passport, be sure to register for the tour and provide the passport information later. Visas are not required for U.S. citizens.

## **BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE**

You are allowed one suitcase per person, maximum weight 50 lbs. Carry-on baggage is limited to one bag weighing 13 lbs. plus one personal item (such as a handbag.) It is advisable to pack a folding bag for purchases you make abroad. Check the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) website at <http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/index.shtm> for allowable and prohibited items. Baggage handling at airports is not included.

## **DOMESTIC FLIGHTS**

If you are flying from your local airport to Newark, contact PAT Tours immediately to book that leg of your flight as part of your round-trip ticket to get the lowest fare available. The earlier you book, the better the chances of locking in the lowest fare.

## **TOUR BUS ACCOMMODATIONS**

The motorcoach used for the land portion of the tour will be modern and air-conditioned with reclining seats, large windows, and emergency toilet facilities onboard. Entrance and exit is by stairs. There are no special accommodations for disabilities. Seating is open, so you may sit wherever you like. Rest stops are taken approximately every 1 1/2 hours.

## **SHARING ACCOMMODATIONS**

Individuals traveling alone who wish to share a double room rather than single occupancy should indicate so on their Registration Form. If you already have a roommate, fill in that person's name. If not, PAT Tours can provide you with names of others wishing to share so that you can contact them directly. However, there are no guarantees that all sharing requests can be accommodated.

## **RESERVATIONS**

Complete and return the attached Registration Form along with your deposit of \$350 per person. Couples residing at the same address only need to fill out one reservation form. People sharing accommodations but residing at different addresses should each fill out a separate Reservation Form and indicate the name of the person with whom they will be sharing in the space provided.

## **TOUR PRICE**

The tour price is per person based on double occupancy and round-trip airfare from Newark. Single occupancy is available at a supplemental charge of \$485. Optional excursions are at additional cost. Should fuel surcharges decrease prior to departure, the tour price will be adjusted accordingly.

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| • Double occupancy            | \$3,790                          |
| • Single occupancy            | \$4,275                          |
| • Extra day in Krakow         | \$60                             |
| • Przemysl Archives Excursion | \$100*                           |
| • Ancestral Village Excursion | Price quoted and payable on-site |

\*Due to the advance preparations and payments required by the Przemysl Archives Excursion, this fee must be paid in full with your deposit and is not refundable after permission forms have been submitted.

## **PAYMENTS**

Deposit of \$350 must be paid at the time of registration. Space cannot be reserved without deposit. Deposits and final payments may be made by check or credit card. If you are paying for anyone in

addition to those listed on your Reservation Form, write their names in the space provided. Make checks PAYABLE to PAT TOURS. Final payment is due **MAY 25, 2009**. For questions regarding airline upgrades and or use of frequent-flyer miles, contact PAT Tours.

## CONFIRMATION AND TICKETING

- Once your completed Reservation Form and deposit have been received, you will be sent a confirmation by telephone or e-mail.
- Immediately after receiving confirmation, contact PAT Tours to (1) book your flight from your home airport to Newark as part of your round-trip ticket to Poland and (2) confirm your return flight arrangements.
- Final payment is due to PAT Tours by **MAY 25, 2009**. If paying by credit card, PAT Tours will automatically bill your account at that time.
- Approximately two weeks before departure, you will receive a Memory Book, Lemko Tour t-shirt, nametag and packing suggestions. The Memory Book lists all hotels and contact information.
- Approximately 7-10 days before departure, PAT Tours will send you your tickets, along with special luggage tags and some travel tips with answers to frequently asked questions. Be sure to attach the luggage tags to your bags for easy identification. No tickets will be issued without final payment.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Nancy Revak or PAT Tours at any time.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

PAT Tours will mail you a brochure describing travel insurance, its coverage and cost. All-inclusive insurance (cancellation, accident/health, baggage, delays) is strongly recommended. If you have a pre-existing condition, insurance must be purchased within 7 days of deposit. In this case, call PAT Tours to request an insurance application immediately.

## CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

If you decide to cancel your reservation, notify PAT Tours immediately. The refund policy is as follows:

<b><i>Prior to Departure</i></b>	<b><i>Amount of Refund or Forfeit</i></b>
60 days	Full refund less \$25 administration fee
45-59 days	Forfeit deposit
31-44 days	Forfeit deposit plus expenses to cover taxes, airline and hotel cancellation charges and any event cancellation fees, plus an administration fee
30 days or less	No refund. Forfeit full amount.

All cancellations **MUST BE IN WRITING**. Claims for refund must be made in writing no later than 30 days after completion of the tour. Due to advance preparations, the Przemysl Archives Excursion fee is not refundable.

Should the number of tour registrants be less than the minimum required 45 days before departure, C-RS reserves the right to cancel the tour if no other option is feasible. Unused hotel accommodations, unused meals 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.

## CURRENCY AND MONEY EXCHANGE

Poland's currency is still the *zloty*. However, Euros are also accepted in major cities. You can exchange U.S. dollars into *zloty* at exchange offices, called *Kantors*, located at the airport and throughout Poland. Bills must not be damaged, torn, or marked. U.S. dollars are acceptable, however, for donations at churches, gratuities/tipping, etc.

It is recommended that you take mostly cash with you and that you carry it in a money belt or other accessories of this type available in luggage departments and travel stores. Credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club, American Express, and Carte Blanche) are accepted in many shops in larger cities, major restaurants, hotels and nightclubs. However, American Express is not as widely used as VISA or MasterCard.

ATM machines (called BANKOMAT) are common in major tourist areas in large cities. Cash advances on credit cards can be obtained at major banks, but in **ZLOTY ONLY**. Traveler's checks are NOT accepted at Kantors and most places and are, therefore, not recommended. Many of the remote areas we will be visiting take **ONLY ZLOTY** and no credit cards.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

Polish American Tours (PAT) and/or its associate companies, agents, or the sponsoring organizations (Carpatho-Rusyn Society and Rusyn Association of Minnesota) act only in the capacity of agent for the passengers in all matters connected with hotels, dining services, transportation, sightseeing, and other services associated with the tour. The company and associate organizations neither own nor operate any of the suppliers or services.

PAT Tours and the Carpatho-Rusyn Society reserve the right to cancel, change, and substitute any service; to decline to accept or retain any tour member at any time for any reason; or to cancel the tour if there are an insufficient number of participants. **THE ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. NO REFUNDS FOR UNUSED SERVICES.**

## **ITINERARY**

### **FRI. JULY 10: NEWARK > KRAKOW**

Depart your hometown for Newark International Airport. **CHECK LUGGAGE STRAIGHT THROUGH TO KRAKOW, POLAND.** At Newark International Airport, take the Monorail to Terminal B and go directly to the departure gate for LOT Polish Airlines. Look for C-RS tour leader, Nancy Revak, and other tour members waiting there. At 11:25 p.m., depart on LO 022 for our overnight flight directly to Krakow, Poland.

### **SAT. JULY 11: KRAKOW > NOWY SACZ**

Arrive Krakow at 2:15 p.m. Claim luggage, clear customs, and change a few dollars. Meet our Poland tour guide, Eva Čizkova. Board our private Lemko Tour motorcoach for a leisurely ride south to the beautiful Beskid Sądecki range of the Carpathian Mountains. Arrive in the ancient town of Nowy Sącz (established in 1292), once a major market center on the trade route to Hungary. Check into the Hotel Beskid. Freshen up before dinner at the hotel, featuring local cuisine. Stay packed for tomorrow's departure. [B, D]

### **SUN. JULY 12: NOWY SACZ**

After an early breakfast, check out of the hotel and board the motorcoach for the short ride to the Nowy Sącz Ethnographic Park, an outdoor museum (*skansen*) featuring the ethnic groups that inhabited the Sącz Region centuries ago.

Attend liturgy at the old wooden Church of St. Demetrius, built in 1786, which was moved here from the Lemko village of Czarne. Afterwards, follow our English-speaking guide on a tour of the various ethnic sections, including western Lemkos Lachs, Highlanders, Pogorzanie (western lowlanders), and

Carpathian Roma (Gypsies.) All of the centuries-old structures seen here were moved here from their original villages.

Then it's into the Nowy Sacz town square for lunch (on your own) at a restaurant that serves some of the most delicious pirohi in Poland and other traditional foods. Afterwards, stop at the Nowy Sacz District Museum to see the historical, archaeological, and artistic exhibits from the Sacz Region on display. They include the native art of famous primitive Lemko artist, Nikifor of Krynica (Nykyfor/Epifanii Drovnjak) and a rich collection of 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> century icons, carvings, and liturgical objects from former Lemko Orthodox and Uniate churches of this region.

Finally, board our motorcoach for the short drive to Krynica (1547), a center of Lemko culture, and home to the 1992 and 2005 World Congress of Rusyns. Known as "The Pearl of Poland's Spas," this health resort, situated in the high Beskyd chain of the Carpathian Mountains, is where people have come for centuries to partake of the mineral waters running freely from beneath the mountains, which are reputed to have miraculous healing powers. Check into the Nikifor Hotel and relax before dinner in the hotel dining room, featuring delicious local cuisine. [B, D]

### **MON. JULY 13: KRYNICA**

After breakfast, those going to visit villages or relatives in the area depart with drivers. The rest meet local Lemko-Rusyn poet and cultural leader, Petro Trochanovskyj, for a walking tour highlighting Krynica's Lemko culture. Visit the tomb of Lemko artist and Krynica native, Nykyfor (Nikifor), his museum and statue. Study the interesting contrasts between the newer Orthodox Church and the older Byzantine Catholic Church (the largest in all of Lemkovyna). In Powroźnik, visit the Church of St. Jacob. Built in 1612, it is the oldest authentic Lemko wooden church still standing.

The rest of the afternoon is free to explore Krynica, change money, have lunch and shop. Browse the various shops and kiosks of local artisans. Check out the artwork, woodcarvings and other handmade crafts. Enjoy the street performances. Relax and people-watch. Sample the mineral waters or enjoy a scoop of delicious Polish ice cream (*lody*.)

Then return to the hotel for a traditional Lemko dinner in the hotel's *Karczma* (tavern). Afterwards, learn some traditional Lemko songs that we will be singing at tomorrow's Vatra. [B, D]

### **TUES. JULY 14: KRYNICA**

After breakfast, those going to visit villages or relatives in the area depart with drivers. The rest can go on a morning tour of some interesting sites around Krynica. For example, in Berest, step inside the 18<sup>th</sup> century Ss. Kosmos and Damian Church, a former Greek Catholic Church with a rich iconostasis composed of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century icons, which now serves the local Roman Catholic community.

In Florynka, see the place where the short-lived Lemko Republic was formed. At the Museum of Beekeeping in Kamianna, see the artistic and colorful handcrafted beehives our ancestors used. Check out the honey, honey wine and other products made by beekeepers.

Then it's back to Krynica for a final opportunity to shop, change money, have lunch, or just walk the town and enjoy the general atmosphere before heading deeper into the mountains.

Return to the hotel for an early, light dinner in the hotel dining room. In the early evening, attend the vatra (bonfire) in the mountains behind the hotel to join in the singing, eating, drinking, and camaraderie of local Lemkos. Afterwards, return to the hotel and pack for tomorrow's departure. [B, D, V]

### **WED. JULY 15: KRYNICA > GORLICE**

After breakfast, board our motorcoach for a leisurely drive further eastward into Lemkovyna, through the valleys of the Beskid Niski range of the Carpathian Mountains. Enjoy the lush scenery as we pass



several Lemko villages near the Slovakian border. This area was the front line of some of the heaviest fighting during World Wars I and II and suffered much devastation.

In the remote village of Wysowa, located near the Slovakian border, stop for lunch (on your own) at *Hostyna Chyza*, an authentic Lemko Tavern featuring homemade Lemko and Polish cuisine.

Then continue to Gorlice (founded in 1354), another center of Lemko culture and the site of the historic World War I Battle of Gorlice between the Russian and Austria-Hungarian armies that resulted in the total collapse of the Russian lines and their retreat far into Russia.

Check into the Margot Hotel. Relax before dinner, where our hosts, Halina and Andrew Malecky, welcome us in the traditional Lemko way. Feast on local cuisine, learn traditional Lemko toasts, and join in singing some Lemko songs. [B, D]

### **THURS. JULY 16: GORLICE**

After breakfast, those going to visit villages or relatives in the area depart with drivers. The rest join Halina on a walking tour to the center of Gorlice and a visit to an impressive war museum. Then visit Holy Trinity Orthodox Church to view the relics of St. Maksym Sandovich, a Lemko Rusyn priest who was arrested and executed in Gorlice for his Rusyn faith, and canonized in this very church just a few years ago.

After lunch, it's on to the Ruska Bursa, one of only three boarding schools for impoverished Lemko students that were established in Poland at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century—and the only one still standing. Taken away by the Communist state, the Bursa has now been returned to the Lemko-Rusyns of Poland and is serving as its cultural center. Watch a documentary film about the history of the Ruska Bursa. Take a coffee break featuring homemade Lemko donuts. Then enjoy a performance of the marvelous Lemko chorus, Zoria. Return to the hotel for dinner. [B, D]

### **FRI. JULY 17: GORLICE > REGETOW > ROPKI > GORLICE**

After breakfast, drive to the top of the Magura mountain chain to Smerekowiec to visit an interesting World War I cemetery.

Then on to the village of Regetow, home of the largest stable of Hutsul horses in Europe. Huculs are a rare and very special breed of small, sturdy, and friendly horses indigenous to the Carpathian Mountains that were the only means of transportation. As draft horses and pack animals, they were able to maneuver treacherous mountain routes and cover great distances. But their long and turbulent history led to their nearly becoming extinct.

After a short tour, take a carriage ride through the Magura forest. Then adjourn to the dining hall for a delicious Halupki lunch in the dining hall.

Continue on to the remote village of Ropki, where we visit the home of a Lemko family and see how traditional Lemko dishes (like *keselitsa*) are made. Try your hand at churning butter. While the foods you saw being prepared are cooking, learn to decorate *pysanky* (Easter eggs). Take a walk in the peaceful setting. Join in making toasts and singing songs. Sit around the bonfire. Enjoy a lively and delicious farewell dinner. Then return to the hotel. [B, L, D]

### **SAT. JULY 18: GORLICE > ZDYNIA > GORLICE**

After breakfast, relax or take a stroll around town. Then, in the late morning, drive to Zdynia and spend the day at the annual Lemko Vatra held in the mountains. Stroll the grounds. Explore the various stalls of Lemko vendors and artisans. Eat, drink, and enjoy the performances of Lemko singers and dancers from Poland and Ukraine on stage. In the early evening, return to the hotel for dinner. Pack for tomorrow's departure. [B, D]

## **SUN. JULY 19: GORLICE > KREMPNA > SWIATKOWA > ZYNDRANOWA > SANOK**

After breakfast, attend the church of your choice. Then drive to Krempna, a Lemko village that was completely burned down during World War II, except for the Lemko Orthodox Church, which is still standing. Visit the World War I Military Cemetery, where many Lemkos, Poles, and others of the Austria-Hungarian Army are buried, and a memorial with graves of 1,250 Jews who were murdered here by the Nazis in April 1942.

Between Swiatkowa Welytka and Swirzowa (which no longer exists), stop at a small trout farm for lunch (on your own), where you can try your hand at catching your own fish or enjoy other dishes.

Then it's on to Zyndranowa and the small but distinctive Lemko Museum of Culture, which was established by Lemko activist, Fedor Goc, in the mid-1950s and has been operated by him ever since strictly on donations and without government support. The layout of this outdoor museum (*skansen*) resembles a small Lemko farmstead of yesteryear. It contains a wonderful collection of artifacts, church crosses, and other items rescued from nearby Lemko churches and villages destroyed during World War II and the UPA fighting that led to Akcja Wisla.

Also on display are numerous military remnants from the fierce World War II battle of nearby Dukla Pass, where the combined Soviet and Czechoslovak armies crushed the German defense, killing more than 100,000 soldiers and many local villagers. If we're lucky, there will be a selection of beautiful *pysanky* (Easter eggs) decorated by local Lemkos for sale.

A few steps down the road is the newly built Church of St. Michael the Archangel, which has a magnificent iconostasis and a stunning Eye of God painting on the ceiling. Behind the church is a renovated Jewish village cottage (*chata*), which contains a small but interesting exhibit of rural Jewish life and culture.

Afterwards, head northward to the city of Sanok, a sleepy old town perched on a hilltop above the San valley. This historic Polish city, once home to a sizable Lemko population, is best known today for its rubber and bus factories. (Its AutoSan buses are seen all over Poland.) Check into the Jagiellonski Hotel. Freshen up and relax before a sumptuous dinner in the hotel dining room. [B, D]

## **MON. JULY 20: SANOK > BIESZCZADY > SANOK**

After breakfast, those going to visit villages or relatives in the area depart with drivers. The rest ride into the Bieszczady, the highest and most rugged mountainous area of the Lemko homeland. It was here that the heaviest fighting between the Ukrainian Partisan Army (UPA) and the Soviet Army took place following World War II, resulting in most of the Lemko villages and their churches being burned and destroyed and many innocent villagers killed.

In the years since the removal of the Lemkos in the 1947 Akcja Wisla, nature has taken over and the area has returned to being mostly a wilderness. Only a few Lemko villages are still standing, with only the hidden remains of many others. Today, this area is part of Bieszczady National Park, a UNESCO protected wildlife preserve.

Pass by Lemko villages, such as Szczawne, Rzepedz, Turzansk, Radoszyce, Majdan, and Cisna. See the remains of Lemko villages, churches, cemeteries, and Akcja Wisla memorials dedicated to villagers killed by the UPA. If possible, stop to see the rebuilt Lemko church in Komancza, which was recently devastated by fire.

Stop for lunch (on your own) at a charming mountain restaurant along the way. If available, hop the restored mountain railroad that runs between Majadan and Cisne for a spectacularly scenic ride along the mountains. Then return to the hotel for dinner. Pack for tomorrow's departure. [B, D]



## **TUES. JULY 21: SANOK > PRZEMYSL**

After breakfast, tour the Sanok's Ethnographic Park, Poland's premiere and largest outdoor museum (*skansen*), with an English-speaking guide. Unlike the Nowy Sacz *skansen*, this one reflects typical village life of yesteryear for the four ethnic groups that inhabited the Sanok Region: eastern Lemkos, Boykos, Dolinianie and Pogorzanie (eastern lowlanders). Afterwards, stop in the *skansen*'s gift shop, to pick up handmade crafts unique to this area, such as linens, artwork, and woodcarvings.

After lunch (on your own), stop at the Sanok Historical Museum, located in a castle, to see the largest collection of Ruthenian icons in the world outside of Moscow, which were brought here from Eastern churches throughout the area.

Afterwards, travel on to Przemyśl, Poland's second oldest city next to Krakow. Founded in the 8<sup>th</sup> century, Przemyśl was the site of contention between the Austria-Hungary, Poland, Russia, and Ruthenia. It was once the capital of Red Ruthenia and the cultural center of the Eastern Church in Rus', where men studying for the priesthood were educated. Check into the Gromada Hotel. Dinner is in the hotel dining room. [B, D]

## **WED. JULY 22: PRZEMYSL**

After an early breakfast, those visiting the Przemyśl Archives to do genealogy research depart for the archives, which is open for us from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Those not going to the archives have a free day to walk around Przemyśl and explore the many interesting sites that had a bearing on Lemko-Rusyn history. Stroll market square in Old Town. Visit the former Jesuit Church, which is now Byzantine Catholic. In the adjacent Diocesan Museum, see an interesting display of religious art. Across the road is the Regional Museum, home to a display of about 80 Ruthenian icons and more than 400 other pieces from the region, along with ethnographic and archeological galleries.

Return to the hotel for dinner and pack for tomorrow's early departure. [B, D]

## **THURS. JULY 23: PRZEMYSL > RZESZOW > KRAKOW**

After an early breakfast, depart for Krakow, the enchanting, medieval city—and one of the most beautiful cities in Europe that was not destroyed in World War II. Along the way, take a short drive around the ancient and newly remodeled city of Rzeszów (1354) and stop for lunch (on your own). Arrive in Krakow mid-afternoon and check into the Campanile Hotel. Spend a few hours exploring the Old Town just a few blocks away. Return to the hotel and regroup for the short walk to a nearby restaurant for dinner. After dinner, those wanting to explore Krakow's nightlife can check out one of the local jazz bars. [B, D]

## **FRI. JULY 24 – KRAKOW**

Today is a free day to explore Krakow on your own. Take in its many wonderful sites. Visit Old Town, Cloth Hall, and Market Square, where at the top of every hour, a lone trumpeter plays the traditional *hejnal*, the same bugle call sounded centuries ago to warn of a Tatar invasion and abruptly stopping on the same note when a Tatar arrow pierced the trumpeter's throat. Change money, eat, and shop for gifts, such as amber, linens, woodcarvings, paintings and other folk art.

Stroll the quaint, cobblestone streets lined with shops and boutiques. At St. Mary's Church, stop to see the spectacular high altar illustrating the life of the Holy Family and the exquisite Dormition of the Virgin Mary. Check out the artist's paintings on display in the square. Tour the Castle and Cathedral on Wawel Hill. For those interested in visiting Auschwitz, arrangements can be made.

Return to the hotel and regroup for a short walk to our farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Return to the hotel and pack for tomorrow's departure. [B, D]

## **SAT. JULY 25 – KRAKOW > NEWARK**

The tour is scheduled to depart Krakow on LOT 021 at 5:30 p.m., arriving Newark at 9:00 p.m. However, since this may be too late for those making connections to their home airports, PAT Tours will make other, more convenient flight arrangements on an individual basis. [B]

**NOTE:** Those wishing to spend an extra day in Krakow should make arrangements with PAT Tours.

**B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, V=Vatra**

*While availability and scheduling may necessitate changes in some of the tour details or scheduling, the basic itinerary will remain the same.*

## **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

### **1. Visits to Ancestral Villages**

For a truly remarkable and moving experience, visit and explore the village of your ancestors. No words can convey the feelings of actually being there and walking in their footsteps.

If you would like to visit your ancestral village(s), place a checkmark next to the village name(s) on your Registration Form. We will arrange transportation and an English-speaking local guide to take you there at a very reasonable price. The price will be based on amount of time, distance, and gasoline prices in effect in Poland at the time. A price quote will be provided at that time for your approval.

### **2. Genealogy Research at Przemyśl Archives**

Discover your family history by doing research at the Przemyśl State Archives. The Przemyśl Archives has the largest collection of Greek Catholic church registries from Lemko villages in Poland, dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It also has civil, historical, land, and Akcja Wisła resettlement records from some villages, as well as some village maps.

If you sign up for this excursion, we will send you a permission form that you are required to fill out in order to do research at the Polish Archives. When you return the form to us, we will forward it the Przemyśl Archives so they can process your request and gather all the available records for your village so they will be ready for you to research when you arrive.

The fee for the Przemyśl Archives Excursion is \$95 per person. This fee covers all costs associated with reserving the archive facilities for our exclusive use, including extended research hours, additional personnel, and all preparation costs to look up, retrieve, and prepare the records that are available for your village(s). It also includes a copy of a Lemko Genealogy Research Guide to help you translate the records.

Due to the advance preparations and payments required by the archives, this fee must be paid in full at the time of deposit and is not refundable once your permission forms have been forwarded to the archives. Any special requests, such as obtaining copies or taking photos of records, are at an extra charge, payable directly to the archives (Polish currency only.)

### **3. Extra Day in Krakow**

Those wishing to spend an extra day in Krakow can do so for an additional hotel charge of \$60 per person. Contact PAT Tours directly to continue your stay at the Campanile Hotel and make alternative arrangements for your flight home.

## 2007 LEMKO HOMELAND TOUR—RESERVATION FORM

*Please print clearly*

Name As On Passport	Birth Date	Passport No.	Exp. Date
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Ancestral Villages/County	Check if you with to visit	Family Surnames

### Hotel Accommodations *(Check all that apply)*

☐ Double occupancy \$3,790 ☐ Single occupancy \$4,275

☐ I am traveling alone and would like to share a room, if possible ☐ smoker ☐ non-smoker

I am sharing accommodations with

### Optional Excursions *(Check all that apply)*

☐ Przemyśl Archives \$100 ☐ Extra day in Krakow \$60 ☐ Visit ancestral village(s)

### Payment

\$300 deposit per person—or \$400 deposit including Przemyśl Archives Excursion. Balance due **MAY 25, 2009**

<input type="checkbox"/> Check (enclosed) payable to PAT TOURS	Amount	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card No. <input type="text"/>	Exp. Date <input type="text"/>	Amount \$

If paying for anyone else, enter name(s) here:

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Make a copy of this form for your records and mail the original (with deposit) to:*

Nancy Revak  
10966 Rochester Ave. 6-D  
Los Angeles, CA 90024

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