



DISCOVER AND EXPLORE POLAND'S MULTICULTURAL HERITAGE

SEMINAR ON WHEELS:

EXPLORING POLAND/POLIN HERITAGE STUDY TOUR SUMMER 2016

A PROGRAM OF THE TAUBE CENTER FOR THE RENEWAL OF JEWISH LIFE
IN POLAND FOUNDATION; SUPPORTED BY THE SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC
OF POLAND

FOR AMERICAN EDUCATORS, CURATORS, AND ACTIVISTS OR ARTS
EDUCATORS, WHO WORK IN THE FIELDS OF POLISH
OR POLISH JEWISH CULTURE

APPLY NOW!

DATES:

AUGUST 2-11, 2016

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

JUNE 1, 2016

ALL EXPENSES PAID 10-DAY IMMERSION PROGRAM
EXCLUDING AIRFARE, TRAVEL INSURANCE, AND PERSONAL EXPENSES



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

BE PART OF A UNIQUE MOVEMENT: EXPLORING POLAND/POLIN!

Established in 2014, **Exploring Poland/Polin Heritage Study Tour** is a flagship program of the Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland Foundation. Participants of Exploring Poland/Polin **learn about Poland's rich multicultural past and present by engaging with Poland's 1,000 years of shared Polish-Jewish heritage.**

Exploring Poland/Polin Heritage Study Tour introduces Poland as a country in which Poles, Jews, Ukrainians, Belarusians, Germans, Tatars, and many regional ethnic groups lived for centuries prior to WWII. Today, Poland is embracing and exploring its rich and complex multicultural history.



A reconstruction of the only glass bimah in the world, which stood inside the synagogue in Chmielnik, where the population was over 80% Jewish pre-WWII.

WHAT'S NEW?

This **August**, the Taube Center invites **American educators, curators, and activists or arts educators, who work in the fields of Polish or Polish Jewish culture, to participate in Exploring Poland/Polin.**

During the 10-day professional development program, participants will examine Poland's dynamic and complex history, explore multiple narratives, and challenge stereotypes and myths. Connecting both professionally and personally with contemporary Poland, the participants are invited to develop their own educational scenarios and projects for their students and peers, to be implemented after the summer program.

Led by an academic faculty advisor, the program includes sessions with academics and leaders of cultural, civic, educational, and faith-based organizations. The carefully crafted program enables participants to learn about Poland from an array of perspectives. The program includes field study sessions, workshops, walking tours, site visits, and meetings with professional peers. Participants will have the opportunity to see how Poland serves as one of the crucial political, cultural, and economic engines in today's Europe.

THEMES EXPLORED

- Multicultural Poland
- Living Beyond the Shadows of World War II and Communism
- Recovering Cultural Memories through Educational and Arts Projects
- Reshaping Polish and Jewish Narratives - Exploring Polish-American and Jewish-American Images and Impressions of Historical and Contemporary Poland

TOUR

HIGHLIGHTS



WARSAW

THE PHOENIX CITY

The Polish capital, leveled to the ground during WWII, was rebuilt afterwards from ruins. Today, Warsaw is a booming and vibrant city, reflecting the revitalization of Polish economy during past 25 years. Participants will be introduced to the study tour's main topics imperative to understanding Polish history, identity, and culture.

LODZ

THE CITY OF FOUR CULTURES

This city, once known for its booming textile industry and called the Manchester of the East, was an industrial "promised land" of opportunities for Poles, Jews, Germans, and Russians in the 19th century. Today, Lodz is searching for its new character and identity after the fall of Communism and the resurgence of Capitalism in a new form.



WROCLAW

THE HOLY BLOSSOM OF EUROPE

Wroclaw was known until 1945 as Breslau and, over the centuries, was a crown jewel of Polish, Czech, Habsburg, Prussian, and German lands respectively. Badly damaged during the siege in the final months of Nazi regime and then returned to Poland after the war, Wroclaw is now one of the most culturally rich cities of Central Europe and the 2016 European Capital of Culture, where participants will encounter issues of mixed identities from forced migrations.

AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU

INTO THE HEART OF DARKNESS

The infamous former German Nazi Concentration Camp will be a special moment of the program, during which the participants will have a moment to reflect on one of the most tragic moments of human history – WWII and the Holocaust.



KRAKOW

CITY OF CULTURE, ART, AND UNDERGROUND TREASURES

The historical capital of Poland, miraculously saved from the destruction during wars and turmoil, is replete with numerous medieval, renaissance, and baroque churches, synagogues, and other architectural marvels. Krakow, with its rich Polish and Polish-Jewish history, will conclude the program.

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THIS SUMMER 2016 STUDY TOUR IS LIMITED
TO 15 PARTICIPANTS

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ACCOMMODATION, GROUND TRAVEL, TOURS, ENTRANCE FEES, SPECIAL SESSIONS AND MEALS ARE COVERED BY GENEROUS GRANTS.

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Visitors walk under the painted ceiling of the close-to-scale replica of the Gwozdziec wooden synagogue, POLIN Museum, Warsaw.
Photo: Magda Starowieyska/POLIN Museum

Poland offers an extraordinary forum for young Americans and members of the Polish and Jewish Diaspora to explore Polish and Polish-Jewish history, to learn about heritage, to confront and challenge some of the most difficult events, and to discuss complex narratives.

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