



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Poland

Cracow Trip

Spring 2026
with YFU Poland

19-22
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DEAR YFU-er!

Would you like to discover one of Europe's most iconic regions? How about a fun weekend together with international YFU students and volunteers? If your answer to either question is "Yes, please", keep on reading!

After a roaring success of the trip in March 2023, YFU Poland organises again a trip to Cracow, country's second largest and most loved city, extended to 4 days.

It is an opportunity to visit some of the most important places to, not only Polish, but also European history and culture. All in a company of exchange students, like you, spending their year in Poland's neighbouring countries.

TRIP OVERVIEW

The trip includes sight-seeing Cracow's most important touristic sites, e.g. the Old Town, the Jewish District, Wieliczka Salt Mine and Auschwitz Concentration Camp, as well as YFU spirit with other exchange students and YFU volunteers.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

- The best way to get to Cracow is by train, bus or plane.
- Arrival: Thursday (March 19th) before 6 p.m
- Departure: Sunday (March 22th) after 2 p.m

PARTICIPATION FEE: 399 EUR

Fee includes

- accommodation in a local youth hostel,
- breakfast served in the hostel,
- lunch and dinner served by local food vendors/restaurants, incl. traditional Polish cuisine,
- all transportation,
- all tourist attractions included in the programme,
- tourist guides telling about Polish history, culture and customs,
- support of YFU Poland's office prior to the trip,
- support and care of YFU Poland's trained volunteers.

Fee does not include

- travel to and from Cracow.



PROGRAMME*

WIELICZKA SALT MINE

the Wieliczka salt mine, excavated from the 13th century, produced table salt continuously until 2007, as one of the world's oldest operating salt mines. The Wieliczka Salt Mine is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its attractions include the shafts and labyrinthine passageways, displays of historic salt-mining technology, an underground lake, and much more.

AUSCHWITZ CONCENTRATION CAMP

the scene of martyrdom of millions of people during World War II. Place, where the Nazis were carrying out their genocidal plan of exterminating the whole nations, mainly Jews, Poles and other people of Slavic origins.

SIGISMUND'S CHAPEL

built as a funerary chapel for the last members of the Jagiellonian Dynasty, it has been hailed by many art historians as "the most beautiful example of the Tuscan Renaissance north of the Alps"

SUKIENNICE - THE CLOTH HALL

said to be the first shopping mall in the world. Nowadays it functions as a market for tourists with all kinds of Polish crafts and souvenirs available there.

KAZIMIERZ DISTRICT

the centre of Jewish life in Cracow for over 500 years. Today it is Cracow's most exciting district – a vivid, bohemian neighbourhood packed with historical sites, atmospheric cafés and art galleries.

WAWEL CASTLE

the residence of our kings, placed on top of a hill is by far one of the most important buildings in Poland. A symbol of national pride, hope, self-rule, and fierce patriotism.

SAINT MARY'S BASILICA

is one of Kraków's most famous landmarks. Known for its two unequal towers and impressive Gothic architecture, the church also features the famous Hejnał Mariacki — a trumpet call played every hour from the taller tower.

* the programme may be subject to some changes due to unforeseen circumstances



HOW TO SIGN UP

1. Go to [link] and fill out the application form or sign up with your hosting YFU.
2. Wait for a confirmation e-mail which guarantees you were put on the participants list. If you are put on waiting list, we will contact you as soon as a spot for you becomes available.
3. Contact your hosting YFU organization and request a travel permission. Only if you receive such permission, will you be allowed to join the Cracow Trip.
4. Transfer the participation fee according to the instructions and deadlines stated in the confirmation e-mail.
5. Once you are confirmed to be on the participants list and you are allowed to travel internationally by your hosting YFU, book your travel tickets accordingly to the arrival and departure times included in the confirmation e-mail. You can contact your local YFU or YFU Poland for assistance with travel booking.
6. About two weeks before the date of the trip you should receive an e-mail containing trip schedule, accommodation details and packing tips. In case you've not received it, contact our office immediately at barbara.szmania@yfu.org.pl.
7. Come over to Poland and enjoy the best weekend ever!

WHO CAN SIGN UP

YFU Exchange Students

YFU Volunteers

If you are currently on an exchange student, a volunteer or your family is hosting an exchange student with one of our partner YFU Organizations.

