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Presents

POLAND

The Turbulent History of WWII



August 21 to September 1, 2025

Escorted by Bob Kozlowski

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 has been escorting groups for Valor Tours to the Battle of the Bulge, Normandy, Poland and Pearl Harbor for the past eight years. His father fought at Iwo Jima with the 5th Tank Battalion. He is a Financial Advisor in the Phoenix Arizona area with over 40 years experience. Originally from Chicago, he attended Arizona State University and has a BS and MBA. Bob is a Lifetime Member of the ASU Alumni Association. An avid history buff, he has been a war-strategy gamer since he was 11 years old and has spent the last 30 years traveling throughout Europe. His living motto is "always in search of the truth."



**Poland: The Turbulent History of WWII tour – 2025
REGISTRATION FORM**

Mail to: Valor Tours Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, Calif.
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Questions? Call 1-800-842-4504 or Email: valortours@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____

Zip code _____ Tele: _____

Email: _____

I/we wish to reserve ___ spaces on a ___ twin share (two persons to a hotel room), or ___ I am travelling alone and wish to pay the single supplement, or ___ I am travelling alone so please pair me with another tour member. ___ Smoking ___ Non smoking

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

Exp date) _____ Sec Code _____

I/we need assistance with air fare from _____

To Warsaw to coincide with the start of the tour.

___ Economy class ___ Business class

I/we would like ___ nights in Warsaw pre-tour, and/or ___ nights in Warsaw post-tour.

Special needs/dietary requirements: _____

Next of Kin: _____

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

Signature _____ Date _____

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 24, 2025. 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 \$900 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, trip interruption and cancellation insurance coverage is strongly recommended. Details will be sent to each participant with confirmation/invoice.

Itinerary in brief – subject to change

Day 1 Thursday August 21 (D)

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

Day 2 Friday August 22 (B)

Grand tour of Warsaw with emphasis on Warsaw Ghetto Memorial and museum, the Warsaw Historical Museum, the Polish Military Museum, Warsaw uprising Museum and a walking tour around the streets of Old Town, painstakingly restored after WW II. Overnight Sofitel Victoria, Warsaw.

Day 3 Saturday August 23 (B)

Early departure from Warsaw by our air conditioned private coach south to Lublin to see Concentration Camps at Majdenak and Belzec or Sobibor, if open. Overnight Grand Lublinianka, Lublin

Day 4 Sunday August 24 (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 Hill 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 25 (B)

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

Day 6 Tuesday August 26 (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 27 (B)

Half day tour of Torun. Overnight Hotel Bulwar, Torun.

Day 8 Thursday August 28 (B)

Continue north to visit Biglosze (German manufacturing facility) on the way to Gdansk through the famous Danzig Corridor. Visit Gdansk, historic city where the first shots of WWII in Europe were fired at Westerplatte on September 1st, 1939. Visit Stutthof concentration camp and new WWII museum. Overnight Hilton, Gdansk.

Day 9 Friday August 29 (B)

City tour and discussion of events from the first shots fired in WWII to the emergence of a newer Polish state. Overnight Hilton, Gdansk.

Day 10 Saturday August 30 (B)

Today we move easterly to see the ruins of “The Wolf’s Lair” at Katrzyn, Hitler’s

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notorious HQ 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 11 Sunday August 31 (B, D)

Today we turn south and stop at another notorious Concentration Camp 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 and visit Jewish Museum. Farewell dinner and overnight at the Sofitel, Warsaw.

Day 12 Monday September 1 (B)

Check out of hotel. Tour ends.



2016 group at Auchwitz

Hello Vicky and greetings from the Polish travelers. We had an absolutely fantastic tour to that lovely country, good weather, Great food, excellent driver and tour guide, and a warm reception everywhere we went. Thanks to all your hard work to make it happen. Russell Benton, 2021



Tour cost \$4,100 per person, twin share per person, twin share. Single supplement \$900. Land only – begins and ends in Warsaw, Poland.

Includes eleven 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 accompanies throughout; local taxes; services of Bob Kozlowski as tour director; portage 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.



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



Treblinka
Photo by
Commond.wikimedia.org

I have been on three tours with Valor Tours and each one went off without a hitch. You expect to have some issues when half a world away but we had none. I highly recommend Valor Tours. Mike Van Etta, 2019

Valor Tours is doing some very innovative trips, specifically WWII battlegrounds and others like that. It's a unique way to add value to the travel agent function, which now has its most mundane processes available online. Seems to me Vicky and her team have really outdone themselves in seeking clever ways to add value to a travel experience. Ron Berti

Wolf's Lair