

# **UW ALUMNI STUDY TOUR - POLAND 2025**

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30 - SATURDAY DECEMBER 6

Get ready for an unforgettable journey through the heart of Poland with President Ed Seidel and Dr. Adam Blackler. From the historic streets of Kraków to the seaside charm of Gdańsk, this immersive experience blends history, culture, and meaningful connection.

#### Price:

Double Occupancy Room: \$3,000Single Occupancy Room: \$3,800

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### Included:

- Guide and transport
- Travel with President Ed Siedel & Dr. Adam Blackler, experts in the area
- KrakowCard 3-day pass which gives access to almost 40 of the city's museums and galleries

#### Accommodations:

• 6 nights in 5-star hotels

### Meal plan:

- Expansive daily breakfast included at each hotel
- One group dinner in Kraków and one in Gdańsk

#### Not-Included:

- Airfare trip begins in Kraków on Nov. 30 and ends in Gdańsk on Dec. 6; participants can make travel arrangements that best suit them around these dates (including arriving earlier and/or staying later); we can also provide recommendations on flights
- Lunches and most dinners (other than 2 group dinners)
- Optional tours (see itinerary for details and pricing)
- Personal travel insurance
- Passport, global entry, other travel services and fees.

#### Itinerary:

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025 - KRAKÓW

Kick off the journey with a welcome reception hosted by President Seidel, Dr. Allen, and Dr. Blackler. (Participants make their own arrangements. We do just ask that you join us during the reception to discuss the itinerary)

# MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025 - KRAKÓW

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

# Walking Tour of Kraków Old Town

We'll stroll through the heart of the city where legends and history collide. Highlights may include the remnants of the Ghetto Wall, the regal Wawel Castle overlooking the Vistula River, and plenty of side streets filled with charm.

#### Free Afternoon

Recommendations in the area will be provided by trip leads

Group dinner (TBA)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025 - KRAKÓW

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

#### Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Museum

This important visit invites reflection and remembrance at one of the most profound historical sites in Europe. A powerful experience, it will stay with you long after the trip ends.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025 - KRAKÓW

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Wieliczka Salt Mine

Yes, a salt mine—but not just any! This underground world is carved with chapels, chandeliers, and tunnels you won't believe are made entirely of salt. It's like stepping into a secret cathedral under the earth.

#### Free Afternoon

Recommendations in the immediate area after the tour: Schindler Museum (former factory), The Old Synagogue, Eagle Pharmacy

# THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025 - KRAKÓW/GDAŃSK

Morning

Check out of hotel, depart from Kraków to Gdańsk (6.5 hours)

### Afternoon

Check in at hotel, free time



# FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025 - GDAŃSK

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

### Museum of the Second World War

One of the most thought-provoking museums in Europe, this spot gives a moving, immersive look into the impact of WWII from a uniquely Polish perspective. Trust us — it's incredibly well done.

## Free Afternoon

With its gingerbread-style buildings, lively waterfront, and rich history in the Solidarity movement, Gdańsk is the kind of place you'll want to explore at your own pace. The trip leads will have great suggestions on where to eat, shop, or simply soak in the vibe.

# Group dinner (Location TBA)

We'll wrap things up with a final group meal — the perfect time to share stories, laughter, and maybe start planning the next adventure.

# SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 - GDAŃSK

Free day

