### Poland

**US State Dept Travel Advisory**

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to Poland due to COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

[https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html)

**Passport/Visa Requirements**

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. No need for blank pages for entry stamp. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 89 days.

**US Embassy/Consulate**

[48] (22) 504-2000; US Embassy Warsaw, Aleje Ujazdowskie 29/31, 00-540 Warsaw, Poland; acswarsaw@state.gov; https://pl.usembassy.gov/

**Telephone Code**

48

**Local Emergency Phone**

112, 999

**Vaccinations**

See WHO recommendations

[http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

**Climate**

Temperate with cold, cloudy, moderately severe winters with frequent precipitation; mild summers with frequent showers and thundershowers

**Currency (Code)**

Zlotych (PLN)

**Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)**

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, E

**Major Languages**

Polish, Silesian

**Religions**

Catholic 85.9% (includes Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic, Armenian Catholic, and Byzantine-Slavic Catholic), Orthodox 1.3%, Protestant 0.4%

**Time Difference**

UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October

**Potable Water**

Opt for bottled water.

**International Driving Permit**

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<td>Tourist destinations</td>
<td>Gdansk Old Town; Bialowieza Forest; Wieliczka &amp; Bochnia Royal Salt Mine; Malbork Castle; Slowinski Sand Dunes; Masurian Lakeland; Wawel Castle &amp; Cathedral; Krakow; Warsaw (includes Wilanow Palace, Palace on the Water); Auschwitz</td>
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<td>Major Sports</td>
<td>Soccer, motorsports, volleyball, ski jumping, track and field</td>
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<td>Cultural Practices</td>
<td>Many households will ask you to remove your shoes upon entry.</td>
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<td>Tipping Guidelines</td>
<td>Tipping is expected for good service in restaurants, especially in tourist areas such as Krakow or Warsaw. The norm is to tip around 10-15%. Hotel housekeepers do not expect a tip, but leaving a small amount (10 zlotych), is appreciated. Tipping a tour driver 10-15% is customary.</td>
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Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

- [World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination.](http://www.who.int)
- **To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs:**
  - [American Automobile Association (AAA) (www.aaa.com)](http://www.aaa.com) and  

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
- from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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