



The 20-Ghost Club Limited

A TOUR OF POLAND & GERMANY A JOURNEY INTO HISTORY

Starting Sunday 24 June 2018 - Two or Three Week Tour

First Leg (Gdansk to Potsdam) – Two Weeks (16 nights = 15 days)

The total distance is approximately **1,100 miles (980 miles to 1,420 miles)**, depending on options chosen and excursions taken). The maps below show the approximate route to be driven.



The itinerary and hotels are:

1. **Sunday 24 June:** Arrive at Gdansk. **Dinner/Night at Dwor Oliwski Hotel**, with spa and pool, in parkland setting: (Tel: + 48 58 55 47 000) <http://www.dworoliwski.pl/>
Collect cars from Gdynia Docks either on Sunday or Monday morning
2. **Monday 25 June:** Visit the ancient Hanseatic Baltic town of Danzig (now Gdansk) = **10 miles return**. **Barbeque/Second night at Dwor Oliwski Hotel**
3. **Tuesday 26 June:** Drive to Turzno, 15 kms north of Torun = **130 miles, or 163 miles** with detours. Visit the 13th century Teutonic Marienburg (now Malbork) Castle (a UNESCO World Heritage site) and the Gothic fortress and cathedral, housing the tombs of the Teutonic Grand Masters, at Kwidzyn, with other sights to see en route. **Dinner/Night at Hotel Palac Romantyczny** with spa, a hotel housed in a 19th century palace in an English-style park: (Tel: +48 56 64 23 100) <http://www.palac-romantyczny.com/en>
4. **Wednesday 27 June:** Drive to Warsaw = **120 miles, or 134 miles** with detours, along the Vistula River. Stop at towns en route, eg Plock. **Dinner/Night at the Hotel Warsaw Sofitel**, near the old town, with secure parking, spa and pool: (Tel: +48 22 657 80 11) <http://www.sofitel.com/gb/hotel-3378-sofitel-warsaw-victoria/index.shtml>
5. **Thursday 28 June:** Visit Warsaw's old town (a UNESCO World Heritage site). **Dinner at U Fukiera**, one of Warsaw's top restaurants. **Second night at Hotel Warsaw Sofitel**
6. **Friday 29 June:** Drive to Kraków = **190 miles, or 200 miles**, depending on route chosen, with visits to attractive towns and villages en route. **Dinner/Night at the Sheraton Grand Hotel**, near the old town, with secure parking, spa and pool: (Tel: + 48 12 66 21 000) <http://www.sheratongrandkrakow.com/>



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7. **Saturday 30 June:** Options: (1) Visit Kraków (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), leaving cars in car park; (2) visit Wieliczka Salt Mine (**20 miles**); (3) Drive to the Tatra Mountains, with visit to Niedzica Castle (**150 miles**). **Dinner at Wierzynek, one of Kraków's top restaurants. Second night at the Sheraton Grand Hotel**
8. **Sunday 1 July:** Options: (1) Whole day tour by coach from the hotel to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau, Auschwitz and Centre for Peace & Reconciliation (a UNESCO World Heritage site) and, on the return to the hotel, the 11th century Benedictine Tynieuc Abbey; (2) visit Wieliczka Salt Mine (**20 miles**); (3) Drive to the Tatra Mountains, with visit to Niedzica Castle (**150 miles**); (4) Visit Kraków (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), leaving cars in car park. **Free evening with recommended restaurants. Third night at the Sheraton Grand Hotel**
9. **Monday 2 July:** Drive **175, or 200 miles**, depending on route chosen, from Kraków to Niemcza, south of Wrocław, visiting Castle Glogowek and attractive towns and villages en route. Travelling west towards the Sudeten Mountains for **Dinner/Night at Uroczysko Siedmiu Stawów**, a 16th century castle, now a luxury hotel, with pool and spa, in the country, at Gola Dzierżoniowska, Niemcza, 30 miles south of Wrocław in Lower Silesia: (Tel: +48 88 55 44 100) <http://www.uroczysko7stawow.pl/en/>
10. **Tuesday 3 July:** Rest day at luxury castle hotel, fettling or short drives to Świdnica to see a stunning 17th century Lutheran wooden church (**20 miles**), the former 14th century synagogue at Strzegom and Książ Castle near Walbrzych (**60 miles**). **Barbeque and folk dancing and music/Second night at Uroczysko Siedmiu Stawów**
11. **Wednesday 4 July:** Easy day driving (**60 miles to 100 miles**) to one of two hotels near Jelenia Góra and/or visiting interesting sights en route, eg Książ Castle if not seen on previous day and Renaissance palace at Kamienna Góra. Opportunity to visit 14th century Chojnik Castle located high above the town of Sobieszów on top of the Chojnik hill within the Karkonosze National Park, overlooking Jelenia Góra. **Dinner/night at**
 - **Hotel Palac Staniszów**, an 18th century palace, now a hotel with pool and spa at Staniszów in a valley near Jelenia Góra: (Tel: + 48 75 75 58 445) <http://www.palacstaniszow.pl/the-palace> or
 - **Karpniki Castle Hotel**, a 15th century castle renovated and altered over the centuries, now a hotel with spa, situated in the Jelenia Góra Valley: (Tel: + 48 75 71 22 140) <http://www.zamekkarpniki.pl/>
12. **Thursday 5 July:** Drive to Dresden, via 13th century Czocho Castle, Lake Leśnia and Bautzen, in Saxony (**110, or 145 miles**, depending on route. **Dinner/night at the Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski** with secure parking, spa and pool: (Tel: + 49 351 49 120) <http://www.kempinski.com/en/dresden/hotel-taschenbergpalais/overview/>
13. **Friday 6 July:** Visit Dresden, leaving cars in underground car park. **Free evening with recommended restaurants. Second night at Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski**
14. **Saturday 7 July:** Drive to Potsdam, via Meissen, Torgau and Lutherstadt Wittenberg (**140 miles**). **Dinner/night at the Hotel Bayrisches Haus**, a Relais et Chateau Hotel in wooded countryside on the outskirts of Potsdam, with spa and pool: (Tel: +49 331 55 050) <http://www.bayrisches-haus.de/en/>
15. **Sunday 8 July:** Visit the magical three palaces of Potsdam (**30 miles**) with reception/lunch with ADAC vintage car club members at Neues Palais in Potsdam. **Dinner/second night at the Hotel Bayrisches Haus**
16. **Monday 9 July:** Visit Berlin (we suggest by taxi/train). Opportunity to see the great buildings and museums. **Reception and Gala dinner at Neue Kammern (the King's guest house) of Sanssouci in Potsdam. Third night at the Hotel Bayrisches Haus**



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Second leg (Potsdam to Hameln and then to the Hook of Holland) – (5 nights = 6 days)

The total distance is approximately **664 to 786 miles** (depending on route chosen)



The itinerary and hotels are:

1. **Tuesday 10 July:** Potsdam to Wismar/Schwerin – **171 miles, or 187 miles** with excursions. Travel via Rheinsberg (palace of the Crown Prince Frederick, later the Great), the Muritz National Park and Plau am See. **Dinner/night at**
 - **Hotel Schloss Gamehl**, in park with spa and sauna, at Gamehl near Wismar: (Tel: + 49 384 26 22 000) <http://www.schloss-gamehl.de/> or
 - **Schlosshotel Wendorf**, a 19th-century castle, in park with small lake, spa and sauna and golf course, near Schwerin, south of Wismar: (Tel: + 49 384 86 33 660) <http://schlosshotelwendorf.de/deutsch/schlosshotel/geschichte.html>
2. **Wednesday 11 July:** Opportunity to see Wismar, a very pretty Hanseatic town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Driving distance = **14 or 30 miles** and visit Schwerin Palace which is a large romantic, fairy tale palace in a Lakeland setting and was the home of the Dukes of Mecklenburg. Total driving distance = **54 miles**. **Reception in the woods/park and then dinner/second night at Schloss Gamehl or on the terrace at the Schlosshotel Wendorf**
3. **Thursday 12 July:** Wismar to Aerzen (near Hameln) via Lauenburg and Lüneburg (**204 miles, or 210 miles**, depending on route taken). Lauenburg is a town on the River Elbe. Lüneburg is an attractive Hanseatic League town with the East Prussian State Museum. **Dinner/night at Schlosshotel Münchhausen**, with pool and spa at Aerzen, near Hameln: (Tel: + 49 515 47 0 600) <http://www.schlosshotel-muenchhausen.com/>
4. **Friday 13 July:** Visit Hameln and tour old castles in the area (eg Schloss Hämelschenburg, Marienburg Castle and Weserrenaissance Schloß Bevern) and drive along the River Wesel to Bodenwerder and Bevern. Driving distance = **60 miles**. **Dinner/second night at Schlosshotel Münchhausen**
5. **Saturday 14 July:** Aerzen to Brummen, via Zutphen (a most attractive medieval town) – **175 miles**. **Dinner/night at Kasteel Engelenburg** Relais et Chateau Hotel in its own park, with golf course, near Brummen: (Tel: +31 575 569 999) <http://www.engelenburg.com/>