



Yale Alumni Chorus

Poland

June 5 – July 15, 2026

Confidential Concert Tour Proposal
August 2025



Classical Movements in Poland

- Tours to Poland since 1995
- Most of the major cities, such as Warsaw and Krakow, boast lovely old city-centers with a range of splendid buildings, some of which are World Heritage sites. Many old quarters were heavily damaged or even destroyed in WWII bombings but were meticulously rebuilt after the war using the original bricks and ornaments where possible.
- Hearty and delicious traditional food including the beloved pierogi alongside a burgeoning scene of innovative new cuisine.
- Venues range from historic churches and concert halls to some of the most modern, sleek venues in Europe, to university concert halls and other intimate spaces. Year-round music festivals round out Poland's rich musical landscape.
- Past tours include the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Kammerchor Konservatorium, Spelman College Glee Club, Grand Rapids Touring Choir, Susquehanna Chorale, Upper Austrian Youth Symphony, and others.

Travel Days 1 - 2

DAY 1: USA –KRAKOW

June 5, 2026

- Depart the USA on an overnight flight to Krakow.

DAY 2: KRAKOW (WD)

June 6, 2026

- Arrive in Krakow. (Or fly into Warsaw and transfer to Krakow)
- Meet your local Tour Manager.
- Enjoy a brief orientation tour if time permits.
- Check in to the hotel.
- **Rehearsal.**
- Welcome Dinner.
- Overnight in Krakow.



Travel Day 3

DAY 3: KRAKOW (B)

June 7, 2026

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Morning rehearsal.**
- Lunch on your own.
- Enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour of Krakow, including the largest medieval square in all of Europe, Old Market Square, the 13th-century Cloth Hall, and the Town Hall Tower. Also on the square are St. Mary's Church and the historic Wierzynek 1364 restaurant. Visit Jagiellonian University and Wawel Castle, both a short walk from the city center.
- **WORKSHOP:** Workshop with a choral expert.
- **Afternoon rehearsal.**
- Dinner on your own.
- Overnight in Krakow.



Travel Day 4

DAY 4: KRAKOW (B, L)

June 8, 2026

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Morning rehearsal.**
- Visit the Kazimierz District – Once a separate town near medieval Krakow, Kazimierz was historically home to a large Jewish community. Now part of the city, its character is shaped by historic synagogues, markets, and Jewish cemeteries.
- Group lunch.
- Embark on a boat tour along the Vistula River. During this one-hour cruise, enjoy panoramic views of Krakow from a unique perspective. Relax and take in the beautiful riverside landmarks.
- Rehearsal with Orchestra (Jeff Douma only).
- Dinner on your own.
- Overnight in Krakow.



DAY 5: KRAKOW - KATOWICE - KRAKOW (B, D)

June 9, 2026

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Katowice.
- **Rehearsal and sound check with Orchestra.**
- Lunch on your own.
- City tour. Explore Katowice, an industrial city shaped by coal mining and a unique blend of Polish, German, and Jewish cultures. Visit the historic Nikiszowiec district.
- **CONCERT I with Orchestra in Katowice.**
- Group dinner.
- Overnight in Krakow.



Travel Day 6

DAY 6: KRAKOW - WIELICZKA- KRAKOW (B, D)

June 10, 2026

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Spent the morning visiting the Wieliczka Salt Mines, including a chapel carved entirely out of salt. Estimated drive time 1.5 hours.
- Lunch on your own.
- Return to Krakow.
- **CONCERT II with Orchestra in Krakow.**
- Group dinner.
- Overnight in Krakow.



Travel Day 7

DAY 7: KRAKOW - OSWIECIM - KRAKOW (B)

June 11, 2026

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Oswiecim and Auschwitz.
- Spend the morning visiting Auschwitz, the grim Nazi extermination camp, and the nearby death camp Birkenau. Make a stop at the Auschwitz Jewish Center.
- Lunch on your own.
- Return to Krakow.
- Free afternoon.
- Dinner on your own.
- Overnight in Krakow.



Travel Day 8

DAY 8: KRAKOW –CZESTOCHOWA - WARSAW (B, D)

June 12, 2026

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- Depart for Częstochowa. Estimated drive time 2.5 hours.
- Arrive in Częstochowa, home to the Jasna Góra Monastery and the revered Black Madonna. This spiritual heart of Poland draws pilgrims from around the world.
- Enjoy free time and lunch on your own. Visit the Basilica, Black Madonna Shrine, Monastery exhibition, Armoury, and Treasury Rooms.
- Continue on to Warsaw. Estimated drive time 2.5 hours.
- Check in to the hotel.
- Group dinner.
- Overnight in Warsaw.

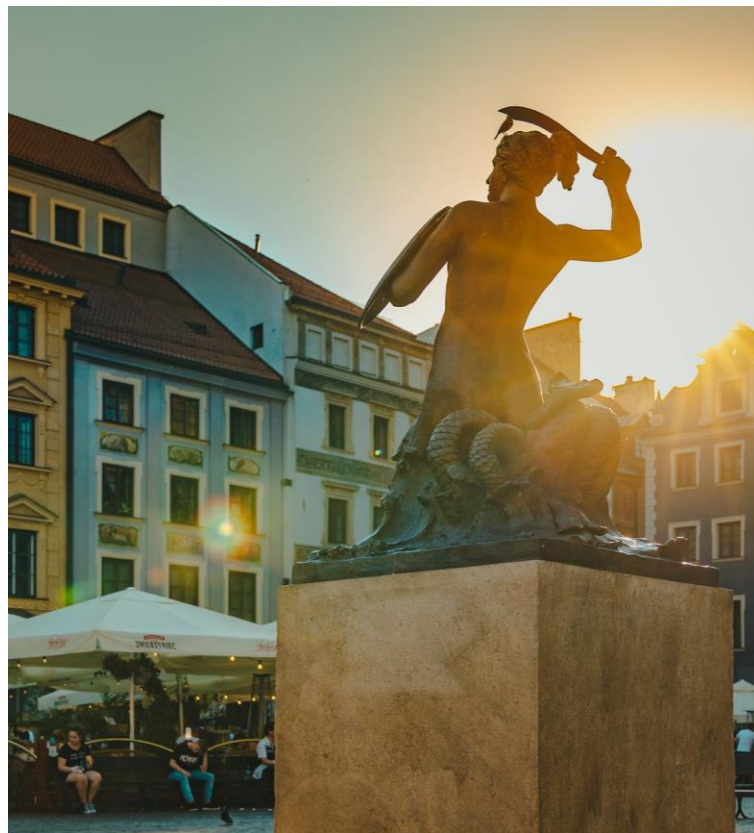


Travel Day 9

DAY 9: WARSAW (B, D)

June 13, 2026

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Warsaw. You will see Stare Miasto (Old Town) and Nowe Miasto (New Town), and visit the Royal Palace, the historic city's museums and churches, and the Wilanow Palace, a Baroque masterpiece south of the city. Keep an eye out for landmarks of Frederic Chopin's life – the composer lived much of his early life in Warsaw.
- Lunch on your own.
- Enjoy a Chopin concert in a charming neoclassical hall in Krakow's Old Town, featuring original stucco walls, crystal mirrors, and elegant 19th-century décor. Step back in time as internationally acclaimed pianists perform Chopin's greatest works. Sparkling wine included.
- Group dinner in a local restaurant.
- Overnight in Warsaw.



Travel Day 10

DAY 10: WARSAW (B, FD)

June 14, 2026

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Enjoy a free morning on your own
- Lunch on your own.
- Rehearsal and sound check.
- **CONCERT III:** Possible venues include The Church of the Holy Cross, St. John's Archcathedral, or the National Philharmonic. Possible shared concert and collaboration with a local ensemble.
- Group dinner.
- Overnight in Warsaw.



Travel Day 11

DAY 11: WARSAW – USA (B)

June 15, 2026

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- Depart for the airport.
- Depart on flight back to the U.S.
- Welcome home!

