STUDENTS: STUDY AND EXPLORE POLAND’S MULTICULTURAL HERITAGE

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EXPLORING POLAND / POLIN HERITAGE STUDY TOUR
SUMMER 2016

AMERICAN STUDENTS OF POLISH AND POLISH JEWISH DESCENT
APPLY NOW!

ALL EXPENSES PAID EXCLUDING AIRFARE, TRAVEL INSURANCE
AND PERSONAL EXPENSES FOR THIS 11-DAY IMMERSION PROGRAM
DATE:
JUNE 15 – JUNE 25, 2016
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
APRIL 20, 2016
APPLICATION FORM AVAILABLE:
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Learn about Poland’s rich multicultural past and present. Encounter Poland as a place of 1000 years of shared Polish and Jewish Heritage.

Exploring Poland/Polin Heritage Study Tour – Summer 2016 is the third edition of this groundbreaking program initiated by the Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland Foundation. The program, supported by a grant from the Polish Senate, brings American university students of Polish and Polish Jewish descent to Poland to discover their shared histories, connect with present-day Poland, and strengthen their Polish and Jewish identities. During the 11-day immersion program, members of diaspora communities with roots in Poland learn about the country’s multicultural heritage and gain first-hand experience of life in democratic Poland.

“Life changing! Truly an experience of a lifetime. During these 11 days I laughed, I cried, I felt sorrow and I felt in love.” – X.D., 2015 participant

The Exploring Poland/Polin Heritage Study Tour initiative introduces Poland as a country in which Poles, Jews, Ukrainians, Belarusians, Germans, Tatars and many regional ethnic groups lived for centuries prior to WWII. Today, Poland is embracing and exploring its rich and complex, multicultural history. The innovative study tour program enables participants to explore 21st century Poland and foster long-lasting connections. Polish American and Jewish American students alike are eager to connect to their European heritage, to visit Poland and explore the multi-faced society and region from which their families came – the European world that shaped the identities they would bring to America. The 2014 and 2015 programs provided opportunities for university-age members of Polish and Jewish communities to connect with Poland through intensive study tours, which allowed Polish and Jewish Americans to find shared narratives, and explore their personal connections to Poland.

“The program taught me so much about Poland’s rich history, and culture, but more significantly, it taught me about myself and my newfound connection to my Polish and Jewish heritage”. – H.A, 2014 participant

The program, led by academic faculty advisors, includes special sessions with representatives and leaders of cultural, civic, educational, political and faith-based organizations. Participants will explore the fascinating and inspiring way that a diverse and democratic Polish society is being rebuilt, and learn how Poland has become a political, cultural and economic engine of the European Union in only 25 years. Through workshops, seminars, walking tours, site visits and panel discussions, participants explore the dynamic history and cultural space of the country, and connect personally with contemporary Poland.

“This program has completely changed my view of Poland. I have never been proud of my heritage. I am looking for reasons to come back as often as possible” – T.A., 2015 participant

Themes explored:
• An Exploration of Polish Multicultural Identities
• Historical Community of Poles and Jews - Points in Common, Testimonies and Experiences
• Transmitting Intangible Heritages: Languages and Literature
• Reshaping Polish and Jewish Narratives - Exploring Polish American and Jewish American images and impressions of historical and contemporary Poland
• The Preservation and Resurgence of Culture and Memory in Poland - Cultural Regeneration and Heritage Transmission
• Memory, Space, Art & Innovation - Polish Entrepreneurship: Business, Technology and Culture

Sights & special visits:
WARSAW – the Phoenix City: Destruction and Reconstruction of Polish Heritage; LUBLIN – Memory and History in the Eastern Borderlands; MAJDANEK – Into the Heart of Darkness, BIESZCZADY MOUNTAINS – Landscape and Memory; KRAKOW - The Ancient Capital of Polish Kings, City of Culture, Art, and Underground Treasures.

We invite applications from undergraduate and graduate students interested in exploring their multicultural heritage in Poland. Unpack the richness of Polish history and culture and bring what you learn about Poland back to your communities and families in the US. Be part of a unique movement: Exploring Poland/Polin.

Accommodation, ground travel, tours, entrance fees, special sessions and meals are covered by the generous grants. Participants are required to cover airfare, travel insurance and personal expenses.

Summer 2016 Study Tour is limited to a group of 15 students.

APPLY NOW!
Deadline for applications: April 20, 2016
For more information, please contact: polandpolin@centrumtaubego.org.pl
Applications available: www.polandpolin.pl