



SCD in Poland!

Enjoy dancing and explore the southern part of Poland!

Scottish Country Dance Weekend

for advanced and intermediate dancers

20 – 22 September 2019

Zakopane, Poland

William Williamson (teacher)

Ian Robertson and band (musicians)



Tourist programme

**Zakopane, Krakow, Tatra Mountains, Dunajec, Wadowice,
Wieliczka Salt Mine, Auschwitz-Birkenau (optional)**

18 – 20 and 22 - 28 September 2019

You are welcome to join an optional tourist programme of 8 days before and after the weekend course.

**For preliminary estimation of demands!
Please see page 5 for the details!**

PROGRAMME 18 – 28 SEPTEMBER 2019

Wednesday 18th	Thursday 19th	Friday 20th	Saturday 21st	Sunday 22nd
Arrival	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Krakow sightseeing + cruise on River Vistula	Zakopane sightseeing	Class/ coffee break / class	Class/ coffee break / class
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	Travel to Zakopane	Free time from approx. 3 pm	Free time	Free time or optional walk in the Tatra
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
		Welcome dance	Ball	
Krakow	Zakopane	Zakopane	Zakopane	Zakopane

Monday 23rd	Tuesday 24th	Wednesday 25th	Thursday 26th	Friday 27th
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Dunajec rafting	Morskie Oko	Wadowice sightseeing	Auschwitz- Birkenau (optional)	Schindler's Museum
Lunch	-	Lunch (packed)	Lunch (packed)	Lunch
Free time in Zakopane from approx. 4 pm	Free time in Zakopane from approx. 3 pm	Travel to Krakow	Free time in Krakow from approx. 4 pm	Wieliczka Salt Mine Free time in Krakow from approx. 4 pm
-	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
Zakopane	Zakopane	Krakow	Krakow	Krakow

Saturday 28th
Breakfast
Travel home

*Please note that the order of the programmes may change.

Scottish Country Dance Weekend, 20 - 22 September 2019

- all classes and evening dances
- accommodation for two nights at the 4-star **Hotel Belvedere** in Zakopane
- full board, including two buffet breakfasts, two light buffet lunches (soup and salad), two coffee breaks (coffee, tea, water, biscuits) in the morning intervals and two buffet dinners in the hotel
- free use of the hotel's wellness centre

Early price: 350 EUR (310 GBP) / person (paid up to 1 March 2019)

Normal price: 370 EUR (330 GBP) / person (paid after 1 March 2019)

Single use of room: + 80 EUR (70 GBP) / person

Non-dancing price: - 50 EUR or 45 GBP / person

***Red** and **black** prices are per person and are calculated on the basis of two people sharing a standard room.



Hotel Belvedere, Zakopane



Willa Oksza, Zakopane

Time	Friday 20 September	Saturday 21 September	Sunday 22 September
7:00 – 9:30		Breakfast	Breakfast
9:30 – 11:00		Class/ coffee break / class	Class/ coffee break / class
11:30 – 13:00			
13:00 – 14:00		Lunch	Lunch
14:00 – 18:00		Free time	
18:00 – 19:00	Dinner	Dinner	
20:00 – 23:00	Welcome dance	Ball	

Tourist programme, 18 – 20 and 22 - 28 September 2019

- accommodation for **four nights** at the 4-star **Hotel Belvedere** in Zakopane
- accommodation for **four nights** (first night + last three nights) at a **4-star hotel in Krakow**
- 8 buffet breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- all transfers to the programmes and all entrance fees
- guided walking sightseeing in **Zakopane**, including visiting the beautiful **wooden church**, the **old cemetery**, the main pedestrian and shopping street, the **market** and the **Gubalowka summit** by funicular
- visit to the 1.987 m (6.520 ft) high **Kasprowy summit** by cable car
- pleasure “rafting” on the **River Dunajec**; optional **walk** in the **Tatra Mountains** (with Tatra guide); visit to **Morskie Oko** alpine lake by horse cart and on foot
- guided **sightseeing tour in** the old town of **Krakow**, including visiting the **Wawel Royal Castle** and **Cathedral**, the **Main Market Square** with the Cloth Hall, the **Church of the Virgin Mary**, the **Jagellonian University**, the **Kazimierz Jewish District**, the **Oskar Schindler’s Factory and Museum**, etc...
- visit to the world famous **Wieliczka Salt Mine** near Krakow
- optional visit to the **Auschwitz - Birkenau** concentration camp and museum
- visit to **Wadowice** the birthplace of Pope John Paul II, including visiting the late pope’s house (now a museum) and the basilica
- **lunch cruise on the River Vistula** in Krakow
- **folklore programme, Chopin concert** and **Klezmer concert** (before or during 3 meals)

Early price: 1.150 EUR (1.025 GBP) / person (paid up to 1 March 2019)
Price: 1.170 EUR (1.040 GBP) / person (paid after 1 March 2019)
Single use of room: + 380 EUR (340 GBP) / person
Auschwitz-Birkenau: + 40 EUR (35 GBP) / person (optional)

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Application

The trip is organised by Katalin Konya. You can apply by completing and sending the attached application form to: kkonyakatalin@gmail.com

Important notice:

Please note that the prices are calculated on the basis of 40 participants. If the number of applications doesn't reach 40 then – judged by the numbers – the price of the trip can be raised or the trip can be cancelled. In any case, the applicants will be contacted either with the (1) good news that the trip goes ahead or with the (2) new price for approval / decline or with the (3) cancellation notice.

Please **send your preliminary application** to the email address below **by 30 November 2018** if you are interested in the trip. The decision on the trip will be made on 1 December 2018 on the basis of the number of preliminary applications. Everyone who sends his/her preliminary application will be notified on the outcome on 1 December 2018.

Please DO NOT buy your flight ticket until you hear from me on 1 December!

Payment

Please note that the prices are fixed in EUR. The GBP prices are indicative. The GBP prices may change with the fluctuation of the currencies. The GBP prices are valid at and over the exchange rate of 1 GBP = 1.1 EUR of the Barclays Bank (UK) on the day of your payment.

For your information, currently (19 November 2018), 1 GBP = 1.12 EUR.

Early prices are valid up to 1 March 2019.

All bank charges must be paid by the applicant.

Cancellation

In the unfortunate event that you must withdraw, please note the cancellation policy:

90% of the participation fee will be repaid if you cancel before 1 April 2019. 50% of the participation fee will be repaid if you cancel before 1 July 2019. We will not be able to refund participation fees if cancellation is received after 1 July 2019.

Please make sure you have adequate insurance coverage for all eventualities!



(preliminary) APPLICATION FORM

Please fill one application form per person or use one form for a group of applicants with the same requirements.

Name(s):

Email:

Postal address:

Telephone:

Programmes of interest: **SCD Weekend Course, 20 – 22 September 2019**

Tourist Programme, 18 – 20 and 22 – 28 September 2019

Room type: Double

 Twin

 Single

Share the room with:

Meal type: Normal

 Vegetarian

 Other: (please specify)

T-shirt size: Lady: S M L XL XXL

 Man: S M L XL XXL

Auschwitz: Yes No (26 September; fee: 40 EUR (35 GBP) / person)

Comments:

Applications will be granted on a first come first served basis. We will confirm your application and send you the details on the payment of the fee.

I understand that the organisers are under no liability whatsoever in respect of any personal loss or injury which I may sustain and I agree to conform to any regulations which may be made.

Please send this application form to the following email address:

kkonyakatalin@gmail.com

The Southern part of Poland known as **Lesser Poland** (*Małopolska* in Polish) is one of Poland's 16 administrative provinces. It is a historical region of the country and its capital is Krakow. Lesser Poland is also the cradle of Polish highland culture.

The dance weekend will take place in **Zakopane**, known as the "winter capital" of Poland and being the most popular mountain resort in the country. Zakopane lies at the feet of the Tatra Mountains which is the only alpine mountain range in this part of Europe. Zakopane is Poland's highest town; it is situated 850 m (2.800 ft) above sea level. It is also famous of its charming highland architecture, colourful folk culture, remarkable sights and its vibrant Krupowki Street, bursting with life both during the day and the night. The traditional culture and art of the highlanders includes their unique architecture of wooden folk cottages, clothes, food and music, all fascinating and still alive. The uniquely shaped "Oscypek" salty cheese is also produced here.

During our stay we will go up to the nearby summits of the 1.123 m (3.684 ft) high Gubalowka by funicular and to the even higher Kasprowy summit by cable car to admire the beautiful panorama. It is possible to make 2-3-hour excursions in the nearby Tatra national park in the free time. The optional walk is guided by a Tatra guide and starts from the hotel. The optional walk is suitable for anyone with general fitness. Shoes with good grip for the walk are recommended because the paths can be uneven in places.

Morskie Oko (literally "Sea Eye") is the largest and fourth-deepest lake in the Tatra Mountains. It is located deep within the Tatra National Park and is surrounded by gorgeous snow-capped mountain peaks. Our visit to this beautiful alpine lake includes a horse cart ride and a half-an-hour walk.

Krakow as the royal capital for 500 years was able to absorb much history and talent over the centuries and is today a treasure trove of Gothic and Renaissance architecture. Miraculously, this jewelry box emerged largely intact after WWII. As a result, no other city in Poland can boast so many historic buildings and monuments or such a vast collection of artworks. Its Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage site including the medieval site of Kazimierz with its ancient synagogues.

Wieliczka is the only salt mine in the world preserved in such pristine condition and placed on the UNESCO list of the World Heritage Sites. Its chambers are situated 135-300 meters (about 440-1.000 ft) underground. The mine's attractions include dozens of statues, three chapels and an entire cathedral that has been carved out of the rock salt by the miners.

River Dunajec forms a border between Poland and Slovakia for 27 kms (16 miles). Usually referred to as "the raft trip down the Dunajec", this is in fact a rather leisurely drift in large wooden punts. Experienced guides make sure you have a smooth ride. The voyage offers breathtaking views of the limestone cliffs plunging into the water as well as stunning native vegetation both protected by the second oldest national park in the world. The trip lasts two to three hours, depending on the water level of the river. The depth of the water is 0.5–1.5 m (about 2-5 ft).

The **Auschwitz-Birkenau** concentration camp complex was the largest of its kind established by the Nazi regime. It includes three main camps. As an optional tour there is a possibility to visit the camp and the museum in Auschwitz and the camp in Birkenau, 3 kms from Auschwitz. The camps are on the UNESCO World Heritage site's list. Be prepared but don't be deterred!

Wadowice has got international recognition as the birthplace of Pope John Paul II. His house is now a museum. The town is also famous of its Basilica.

UNESCO World Heritage sites included in the tour:

Historic center of Krakow (1978)
Wieliczka Salt Mine (1978)

Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp (1979)
Wooden churches of Lesser Poland (2003)

Travel Information

Easyjet, Jet2, Ryanair, Lufthansa, KLM, Swiss, BA, LOT (Polish Airlines) are the most frequently flying airlines to Krakow from Europe's major cities.