



**CARPATHIAN - RUSYN SOCIETY**

## **LEMKO HOMELAND TOUR**

**Lemko Region—July 20 - August 2, 2012**

***Optional Western Poland—August 2 - 6***

Seize the cultural experience of a lifetime! Discover the richness and fullness of the Lemko Rusyn heritage in the scenic and haunting beauty of the Lemko homeland, *Lemkovyna*, nestled in the beautiful foothills of the Carpathian Mountains of southeastern Poland.



Learn about the Lemko people, their history, culture, and the events that helped shape their lives. Enjoy their songs and dances, their delicious foods and wonderful traditions, and the camaraderie of the local Lemko people. Visit the village of your ancestors and walk in their footsteps.

C-RS tour director, Nancy Revak teams up with native Lemko cultural leaders to give you a true taste of Lemko culture and history. It's an experience you will never forget—one from which you will walk away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of your own Lemko ancestry

**Don't miss out. Register NOW!**

This year's Lemko Tour is twelve days full of interesting experiences. Add four more days on the optional extension to Western Poland, where Lemkos were forcibly resettled in the 1947 *Akcja Wisla*, and where many Lemkos still live today. Attend the annual *Vatra Lemkos in Exile*, a traditional bonfire festival, where Lemko Rusyns from many lands reunite to celebrate their survival and revival.

This year, tour members will have the choice of departing the U.S. from two locations:

- **Chicago**—for the convenience of those traveling from the West and Midwest
- **NY/NJ**—for those traveling from the East

Everyone will meet up in Warsaw and continue together from there.

The Lemko Homeland Tour is sponsored by the Carpatho-Rusyn Society (C-RS) in cooperation with the Rusin Association of Minnesota. Polish American Tours (PAT Tours) will book your air travel roundtrip from your local airport and back.

**IMPORTANT:** If you are interested in taking the tour, IMMEDIATELY contact **Nancy Revak** at [lemkotour@c-rs.org](mailto:lemkotour@c-rs.org) or 310-473-8522. EARLY SIGN-UP IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED to take advantage of current airline rates, taxes and fees, which are expected to increase significantly after the first of the year and skyrocket the closer we get to the summer peak travel season.

## **LEMKO TOUR ITINERARY**

### **JULY 20/FRI — USA - WARSAW**

Depart your local airport for Chicago or NY/NJ and our overnight flight to Warsaw, Poland. Be sure to check your BAGGAGE STRAIGHT THROUGH to RZESZOW.

### **JULY 21/SAT — WARSAW - RZESZOW - SANOK**

Arrive in Warsaw airport in the morning. Then meet up with the rest of the group for our connecting flight to Rzeszow.

In Rzeszow, claim your luggage, clear customs, and meet our European tour guide, Eva Čizkova. Board our private, air-conditioned Lemko Tour motorcoach for a leisurely ride south to Sanok. Check into the Jagiellonski Hotel. Settle in, freshen up and relax before dinner at the hotel, featuring delicious local cuisine.

### **JULY 22/SUN — SANOK**

After breakfast, those visiting ancestral villages in the area meet their drivers while those wishing to attend Divine Liturgy attend the Greek Catholic or Orthodox Church. Afterwards, visit to the Icon Museum in the Sanok Palace to view the largest display of icons outside of Moscow, many of them rescued from destroyed or abandoned Lemko villages. Stroll through the adjoining Market Square.





Then sit back and enjoy a leisurely ride through a portion of the Bieszczady range of the Carpathian Mountains. Our route takes us past several of the Lemko villages still standing among the remains of many more that were destroyed during the bloody fighting between the Ukrainian Partisan Army (UPA) and Soviet and Polish forces that led to Akcja Wisla. Return to Sanok in the early evening for dinner at the hotel.

## JULY 23/MON — SANOK- ZYNDRANOWA-KROSNO

Depart Sanok for Zyndranowa. During our drive, watch the Polish award-winning movie with English subtitles), *Moj Nikifor*, about famous Lemko folk artist, Nykifor Drownjak, whose grave and museum we will be visiting in Krynica.

In Zyndranowa, visits the Museum of Lemko Culture, a small outdoor museum (*skansen*) resembling a Lemko farmstead of century or more ago. Wander the grounds. Walk through the floor cottages. See the displays of military items retrieved from World War I and the bloody World War II battle of nearby Dukla Pass, where some 80,000 Russian, Czechoslovak and German soldiers died, along with many innocent Lemko villagers.



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Then it's on to Krosno, famous for its glassworks production. Tour the Krosno glassworks factory to watch glass products being made, shaped and decorated. Stroll along the town center. Browse the various shops displaying glass products of every shape, style, design and color imaginable that are manufactured here and sold around the world.

Or visit the Craft Museum featuring other crafts unique to the area, such as clock making, woodcarving, weaving, iron work and many others. Check into a hotel near the town center and have dinner at the hotel.

## JULY 24/TUES — KROSNO - GORLICE

Begin the day with a tour of the Subcarpathian Museum, housed in the 15th century former Bishop's Palace. See the amazing collection of historical, archaeological and art objects from the Subcarpathian Region.

Then continue on to Gorlice, stopping briefly along the way at Odrzykon to see the ruins of the Gothic castle Kamieniec. Arrive in Gorlice in the afternoon and check into the Margot Hotel. Settle in and freshen up before making our way to the nearby Ruska Bursa, where our local hosts, Halina and Andreyj Malecki, welcome us in the traditional Lemko way.





This Ruska Bursa is one of three former boarding schools built at the turn of the 20th century for impoverished Lemko schoolboys—and the only one still standing. Learn about the Bursa's history. Visit the Iwan Rusenko Memory Room. Then relax and enjoy a fun-felled dinner with Lemko foods, music, singing, and the fellowship of local Lemkos.

## JULY 25/WED — GORLICE



Today, we visit Holy Trinity Orthodox Church to see its spectacular iconography and the relics of St Maksym Sandowych, a Rusyn priest who was murdered for his religious beliefs and Rusyn nationality and canonized here a few years ago.

Tour a nearby military cemetery where many Russian, Austrian and German soldiers from the brutal World War I Battle of Gorlice are buried. Briefly explore Gorlice's town center on the top of the hill, where you can browse, shop, and change money.

Then drive to nearby Owczary (formerly Rychwald) to see the Greek-Catholic church that is one of the most valuable Lemko churches in Europe (*Prix Europa Nostra*). If time permits, visit a remote sheep farm where highlander men still make sheep cheese by hand in the ancient way. Return to Gorlice for dinner at the popular DARK PUB, an enchanting restaurant hidden off the town square, for a delicious meal of traditional local cuisine.

## JULY 26/THURS — GORLICE

After breakfast, those visiting ancestral villages meet their drivers. The rest explore more of Lemkowyna with a leisurely ride along the Ropa River Valley, which is still home to many Lemkos today. Along the way, look for the stork nests sitting atop poles, trees and chimneys.



In the village of Losie, visit the museum dedicated to its wheel grease trade. See the wagon that Lemko men used to travel throughout Poland and other countries, selling their wheel grease. Stop at a nearby trout farm. In Uscie Gorlickie (formerly Uscie Ruskie), see a display of the oldest photos of Lemkos and the Ropa River Valley.

End the day with a Malecki farewell dinner surprise. Learn to decorate pysanky (Easter eggs) in the traditional Lemko style by pysanky artist, Andreyj Malecki. Join in the eating, singing and toasting with Andreyj's famous, fiery vodka brew (*palunka*).

## JULY 27/FRI – GORLICE - KRYNICA

Depart early for a drive through the beautiful Beskid Sądecki range of the Carpathian Mountains.



Our destination is Krynica, the "Pearl of Poland's Spas" known for its mountain mineral waters reputed to have miraculous healing powers. Krynica also is a center of Lemko culture and was home to the 1992 and 2005 World Congress of Rusyns.

In Krynica, join Lemko poet and cultural leader, Petro Trohanowski, for a walking tour highlighting Krynica's Lemko culture. Study the interesting contrasts between the newer Orthodox Church, the older Byzantine Catholic Church (the largest in all of Lemkowyna), and the oldest authentic Lemko wooden church still standing (St Jacob in Powroźnik built in 1612.) Visit the grave and museum of native Lemko artist, Nikifor (real name Epifaniusz Drowniak aka Nikifor Krynicki).



Enjoy the rest of the afternoon exploring the center of Krynica on your own. Change money, have lunch, or shop. Check out the artwork, woodcarvings and other handmade crafts of local artists on display. Browse the various shops and kiosks. Buy books and maps. Enjoy the street performers. Take a tram ride to the top of the mountain overlooking Krynica and beyond. Be brave and sample the mineral waters. But whatever you do, be sure to treat yourself to a scoop of delicious Polish ice cream (*lody*).

## JULY 28/SAT - KRYNICA

After breakfast, those visiting ancestral villages in the area meet their drivers. The rest join Petro for an optional tour to Lemko villages outside of Krynica, such as the church in Berest, the Beekeeping museum in Kamianna, and Florynka where Lemko Republic formed.

The rest of the afternoon is free to do some last-minute shopping in Krynica, catch up on things you didn't get a chance to do yesterday, or just sit back and relax at an outside cafe.

Dinner is a traditional Lemko vatra (bonfire) at the mountain chalet behind the hotel. Have fun toasting kobasi on the open fire, feasting on other foods, drinking, and singing traditional Lemko songs with Petro and his family.

## **JULY 29/SUN - KRYNICA- NOWY SACZ**

After breakfast, depart for Nowy Sacz to tour the Nowy Sacz Ethnographic Park with an English-speaking guide. This outdoor museum (*skansen*) contains many structures moved here from abandoned villages in the Sacz Region of western Lemkowyna, including Lemko houses, the former Greek Catholic church from Czarne, a manorial estate, a gypsy settlement and much more.



Take a lunch break at an underground restaurant in the town square known for having the best food town and featuring many different kinds of pirohy. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the Old Town or just relaxing before dinner in the hotel

## **JULY 30/MON - NOWY SACZ- KRAKOW**

After breakfast, depart for Krakow. Arrive Krakow in the afternoon and check into the Campanile Hotel conveniently located a short walk from the Old Town Market Square. Settle in, relax, take a walk around the square, or change money. Dinner is at the hotel or a nearby restaurant. After dinner, those in the mood for some Krakow night life may want to visit one of its many jazz clubs or drink bars.

## **JULY 31/TUES - KRAKOW**

Today is a free day to start exploring the many wonders of this beautiful, medieval city at your own pace. Visit the Old Town Market Square. At the top of every hour, listen for the lone trumpeter playing the traditional *hejnal*, the same bugle call sounded centuries ago to warn of a Tatar invasion and stopping abruptly on the same note that a Tatar arrow pierced the trumpeter's throat.



Eat, change money, shop for gifts, take a horse-drawn carriage ride, or just sit under an umbrella with a cold drink and watch the hustle and bustle of activity in the square. Check out the amber, linens, woodcarvings and other folk art for sale in the Cloth Hall and the artist's displaying their paintings outside.

Step inside St. Mary's church and see the spectacular high altar illustrating the life of the Holy Family and the Dormition of the Virgin Mary. Stroll along the cobblestone streets lined with shops, boutiques, jewelry stores and more. Tour the castle and cathedral on Wawel hill and the dragon's den underneath. An optional tour to Auschwitz will also be available. Dinner is at the hotel or nearby restaurant.

### **AUG 1/WED – KRAKOW**

There is so much to see in Krakow that it's impossible to do it all in one day. So today is another free day to squeeze in what you didn't get a chance to do yesterday and shop for last-minute gifts. Our farewell dinner is at a nearby restaurant featuring delicious, local cuisine.

### **AUG 2/THURS – KRAKOW-WARSAW-USA.**

Depart the hotel. Those taking the optional tour extension to Western Poland board their private van. The rest board the motorcoach for the Krakow airport and their return flight home. At the Krakow airport, CHECK YOUR BAGS THROUGH TO YOUR FINAL DESTINATION. (You will still need to claim bags at Newark/Chicago customs and recheck them in the same area.)

To ensure a seat on the tour, register as soon as possible.

### **INCLUDED**

- Accommodations in first-class and touring-class hotels with private bath or shower, telephone, and satellite TV
- Two meals daily (breakfast and dinner).
- Travel within Poland by modern, air-conditioned motorcoach with panoramic windows, reclining seats, and emergency toilet facilities on board.
- Baggage handling of only ONE BAG PER PERSON at Margot and Campanile Hotels, bag not to weigh more than 50 lbs.
- Entrance fees, taxes, and services of English-speaking guides
- Memory Book to capture remembrances
- Name badge
- Luggage tags

## NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare—round-trip economy, departing U.S. from Chicago or JFK/Newark International Airport to Rzeszow and returning from Krakow at rates in effect at time of booking
- Airport departure taxes, fuel surcharges, currency exchange rates, airport fees, inspection, security and immigration fees, and other fees in effect at time of booking
- Cost of passport and travel insurance
- Excess baggage or overweight baggage charges
- Baggage handling at airports and some hotels
- Any food and beverages not included in tour menu, and any alcoholic and bottled beverages, unless otherwise specified
- Gratuities/tips to tour guide, local guides, bus driver, churches, hotel maid service, etc.
- Items of a purely personal nature, such as room service, laundry, telephone calls, mini-bar, Pay TV and internet charges
- Cost of optional visits to ancestral villages by private car with driver/interpreter plus gratuity

## WESTERN POLAND ITINERARY

### AUG 2/THURS – KRAKOW–WROCLAW

Depart Krakow by van or motorcoach for Wroclaw (formerly Breslau, Germany). Stop at a few interesting spots along the way. Arrive Wroclaw in the afternoon and check into the Campanile Hotel near the Old Town main square and overlooking the Odra River. Settle in, freshen up and relax. Or explore the main square lined with beautiful, multi-colored buildings housing an array of shops, restaurants and bars. Have dinner on your own in the hotel or one of the nearby restaurants.

### AUG 3/FRI – WROCLAW-BOLESLAWIEC-WROCLAW



After breakfast, drive to the "Ceramic City" of Boleslawiec, known for its ceramic manufacturing. Tour the Boleslawiec pottery works, makers of the famous and unique hand-painted Polish stoneware. Watch various ceramic items being made and their various designs being painted by hand. (You can purchase items here at a discount.) Return to Wroclaw for dinner on



your own in the hotel or at a restaurant in the Old Town.

## **AUG 4/SAT WROCLAW-MICHALOW-WROCLAW**



This afternoon, travel to the remote village of Michalow to attend the annual *Vatra for Lemkos in Exile*. Enjoy the many performances on stage by various Lemko folk groups from Poland, Ukraine, and Slovakia. Wander through the festival grounds. Stroll the grounds. Check out the various stalls where vendors sell an array of Lemko crafts, books and music. Stop at the assorted food stalls for traditional Lemko foods. Sit at a table under an umbrella eating, drinking, and mingling with Lemkos from near and far, many of whom speak English. Who knows? You might even find a long-lost relative. Return to

Wroclaw in early evening for dinner on your own at the hotel or a local restaurant.

## **AUG 5/SUN – WROCLAW - LEGNICA-WROCLAW**

After an early breakfast, drive a short distance to Legnica, the Lemko cultural center in Western Poland. Those wishing to attend Divine Liturgy will be driven to the Greek Catholic or Orthodox Church. Those visiting relatives can arrange to meet them at one of the churches. After Liturgy, meet our local host, Wasyl Wozniak, for a tour of the Lemko Museum, the schoolroom where Lemko children are being taught the Lemko language, and the Legnica town square. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore Legnica on your own.

Our farewell dinner (on your own) is at the elegant restaurant in the Rezydencja Hotel, owned and restored by Lemkos Jan and Janina Kopcza. Return to Wroclaw in time to enjoy some of the local night life.

## **AUG 6/MON — WROCLAW-WARSAW- USA.**

Depart Wroclaw for your flight home. At the Wroclaw Airport, CHECK BAGS ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO YOUR FINAL DESTINATION. (You will still need to claim bags at Newark/Chicago customs and recheck them in the same area.)

## **INCLUDED**

- Accommodations in first-class and touring-class hotels with private bath or shower, telephone, and satellite TV
- Breakfast only
- Travel by modern, air-conditioned van or motorcoach
- Entrance fees, taxes, and services of English-speaking translator

## **NOT INCLUDED**

- Baggage handling
- Lunches and dinners
- Gratuities/tips to local guides, bus driver, churches, hotel maid service, etc.
- Items of a purely personal nature, such as room service, laundry, telephone calls, mini-bar, Pay TV and internet charges

*Note: Roundtrip airfare will include return to U.S. from Wroclaw.*

## **AIRFARE**

Airfare is priced separately for this year's Lemko Tour for several reasons:

- We are providing two points of departure from the U.S. and the return home—CHICAGO (for the convenience of those traveling from the West and Midwest) and NY/NJ (for those traveling from the East). Fares may differ from each.
- Airline taxes and fees continue to rise rapidly, causing airfares to increase daily. A substantial jump in price is expected after the first of the year and predicted escalate rapidly as we approach the peak travel season in summer. Those who sign up early for the tour (before the end of the year) will benefit from lower prices, which can be cheaper than group fares. Those who sign up after the first of the year will face increased prices in effect at the time of their booking. So the earlier you book, the better your chances of locking in a lower fare.
- Members of the C-RS Rusyn Heritage who may wish to join the Lemko Homeland Tour, which immediately follows, can do so by adding the ground price to their plans.

PAT Tours will book your flights as soon as you contact them after having registered for the Lemko tour. This will enable them to lock in the lowest roundtrip airfare available at that time. Roundtrip airfare is calculated from your local airport and back, including all international connections. Booking your travel as a roundtrip international ticket is not only more economical, but it also allows you to check your luggage FREE at your local airport all the way through to Rzeszow and then back from Krakow to your local airport.

## **ANCESTRAL VILLAGE VISITS**

For a truly remarkable and moving experience, visit and explore the village(s) of your ancestors. No words can truly convey the feelings of actually walking in their footsteps.

If you would like to visit your ancestral village(s) while we are in that area, mark an X in the box next to the village name(s) on your Registration Form. We will arrange for transportation and an English-speaking local guide to take you there at a very reasonable price.

The price quoted will be based on the mileage and travel time to the village(s) you indicate and gasoline prices in effect in Poland at the time. Since gasoline prices cannot be predicted in advance, a price will be quoted prior to your village visit for you to accept or reject.

## TOUR PRICING

### **LEMKO HOMELAND TOUR: JULY 20 – AUGUST 2, 2012**

\$2,498 per person, double occupancy, plus airfare. Singles supplement is an additional \$480 per person. Deposit of \$300 per person required at time of registration. Final payment due JUNE 1, 2012.

### **WESTERN POLAND EXTENSION : AUGUST 2 – AUGUST 6, 2012**

\$797 per person double occupancy in addition to Lemko Tour price (\$2,498 + \$797 = \$3,295 total), plus airfare. Singles supplement is \$190. Deposit of \$350 required at time of registration (\$300 for tour plus \$50 for extension). Final payment due JUNE 1, 2012.

### **SINGLES WISHING TO SHARE ACCOMMODATIONS**

If you are traveling alone and would like to share a room with another tour member to avoid having to pay the singles supplement, PAT Tours can provide you with names of other tour members traveling alone who have expressed an interest in sharing accommodations so that you can contact them directly. However, there are no guarantees that all sharing requests can be accommodated.

## TOUR REGISTRATION

1. Complete the Tour Registration Form on the last page of this brochure.
2. Include your deposit:
  - \$300 deposit per person for those taking the Lemko Tour only
  - \$350 deposit per person for those taking both the Lemko Tour and Extension to Western Poland

Deposits may be made by check or credit card.

- Indicate **credit card number** on Registration Form.

- Checks must be made **Payable to PAT TOURS**.
3. Send in your Registration Form and deposit as follows:
- By mail to Nancy Revak, 10966 Rochester Ave. 6-D, Los Angeles, CA 90024
  - By email to Nancy Revak at [lemkotour@c-rs.org](mailto:lemkotour@c-rs.org).

Space cannot be reserved without deposit. Deposits are refundable under the terms listed under Cancellation Policies.

People traveling together who have different addresses should fill out separate Registration Forms, writing the name of the person with whom they will be rooming in the space provided.

Final payment is due to PAT Tours **JUNE 1, 2012**. If making payment by credit card, PAT will automatically bill your account at that time.

## **CONFIRMATION, TICKETING, ETC.**

Once your completed Registration Form and deposit have been received, you will be sent confirmation by telephone or e-mail. IMMEDIATELY after receiving confirmation, contact PAT Tours to book your international roundtrip flight from your local airport and back.

- Approximately two weeks prior to departure, you will receive your copy of the Memory Book, your name tag and packing suggestions. The Memory Book lists all hotels and contact information for you to give to family members or friends in case of emergency.
- Approximately 7-10 days prior to departure, PAT Tours will send you your airline tickets along with two luggage tags, information about travel insurance, and tips and information about traveling to Poland. Be sure to **FILL OUT AND ATTACH THE LUGGAGE TAGS** to your bags so they can be easily identified as belonging to a member of the Lemko Tour.

No tickets will be issued without final payment.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS**

The Lemko Homeland Tour is a vigorous tour with ample time for rest and relaxation. However, it includes a fair amount of walking, often in hilly and remote areas, up and down stairs, and along poor paths and cobblestone streets. The nature of the Carpathians is mountainous and rural. Comfortable walking shoes are a necessity. Most attractions are not handicap accessible. And

some hotels in the areas where we will be staying do not have porters to carry your bags to your room. So you will need to carry them yourself.

Those with walking or other difficulties should seriously consider whether this tour is right for them. People with allergies or other health conditions should bring a sufficient supply of their medications to last the duration of the trip, plus a few extra days in case of emergency. No provisions can be made for special health, dietary, or handicapped needs.

## **PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS**

A valid U.S. passport is required for the tour. It should be valid for six months after your return date. If your passport expires before January 20, 2012, be sure to **APPLY FOR A NEW PASSPORT IMMEDIATELY**. (You can do this online.) Visas are not required for U.S. citizens for stays up to 90 days.

Passport information must be provided on the tour Registration Form. If you are applying for a passport and do not yet have your new passport information, you may submit the Registration Form without it on the condition that you provide it immediately after receiving your new passport. Tickets cannot be issued without passport information.

Passports are required by airlines at check-in, at airport security, when entering or exiting a country, at customs, and when checking into hotels. So **BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR PASSPORT HANDY** at all times.

## **BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE**

At the time of this printing, the airline baggage restrictions for international flights are as follows:

- 1 checked bag per person - maximum 50 lbs.
- 1 carry-on bag per person - maximum 13 lbs. and 45 inches (length x width x depth)
- 1 personal item (such as a handbag or laptop)

For the most current baggage restrictions and allowable and prohibited items, check the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) website at <http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/index.shtm>

It is advisable to pack light. Don't worry about wearing the same clothes several times. Everyone else will be doing it, so no one will notice.

## **MOTORCOACH ACCOMMODATIONS**

The motorcoach used for the land portion of the tour is modern and air-conditioned with reclining seats, large windows, and emergency toilet facilities onboard. (Rest stops are taken

approximately every 1 ½ to 2 hours.) Entry and exit of the motorcoach is by stairs. There are no special accommodations for disabilities. Seating is open, so you may sit wherever you like—except for the first row, which is reserved for tour guides.

## **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

PAT Tours will mail you a brochure describing travel insurance, its coverage and costs when it sends you your airline tickets. All-inclusive insurance (cancellation, accident, health, baggage, delays) is strongly recommended.

If you have a preexisting condition, notify PAT Tours and request an insurance application immediately. In such cases, insurance must be purchased within 7 days of receiving your deposit.

## **CANCELLATION POLICIES**

If you decide to cancel your reservation, notify PAT Tours immediately. The refund policy is as follows:

<b>Prior to Departure</b>	<b>Refund</b>
60 days	Full refund less \$25 administration fee
45-59 days	Forfeit deposit
31-44 days	Forfeit deposit plus pay expenses to cover taxes, airline and hotel cancellation charges, any event cancellation fees, and an administration fee
30 days or less	No refund. Forfeit full amount.

All cancellation claims for refund **MUST BE IN WRITING** no later than 30 days after completion of the tour. Should the number of tour registrants be less than the minimum required 45 days before departure, CRS reserves the right to cancel the tour if no other option is feasible.

Unused hotel accommodations, unused meals, or any other unused features of this tour are not refundable or exchangeable for other services. PAT Tours and C-RS reserve the right to substitute hotels and sightseeing features if it becomes necessary.

## **POLISH CURRENCY—EXCHANGING MONEY**

Poland’s currency is still the *zloty*. Euros are also accepted in major cities. But generally not U.S. dollars.

You can exchange U.S. dollars into *zloty* (and vice versa) at exchange offices, called *Kantors*, located at the airport and throughout Poland. You can also exchange money at major banks in cities. You can exchange bills up to \$100. But bills must NOT be damaged, torn, or marked.

In most areas where we will be traveling, only *zloty* will be accepted. Therefore, you should exchange dollars to *zloty* wherever possible. On the other hand, you may use U.S. currency for gratuities (tour guides, bus driver, etc.), tips, and donations at churches we visit (which open just for us.)

It is recommended that you take mostly cash with you and that you carry it in a money belt or other accessories of this type available in luggage departments and travel stores.

Debit and credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club, American Express, and many of the Carte Blanche) are accepted in many shops in larger cities, major restaurants, hotels and nightclubs. However, American Express is not as widely accepted as VISA or MasterCard. But shops in remote areas and some cities farther east do not take credit cards.

ATM machines (called BANKOMATS) are common in major tourist areas and large cities. But they can give money in *zloty* only. Traveler's checks are NOT recommended because they are not accepted at Kantors and most places and can only be cashed at certain banks.

## **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Polish American Tours (PAT) and/or its associate companies, agents, or the sponsoring organizations (Carpatho-Rusyn Society and Rusyn Association of Minnesota) act only in the capacity of agent for the passengers in all matters connected with hotels, dining services, transportation, sightseeing, and other services associated with the tour. Neither they nor their associate organizations own or operate any of the suppliers or services.

PAT Tours and the Carpatho-Rusyn Society reserve the right to cancel, change, and substitute any service and to decline to accept or retain any tour member at any time for any reason; or to cancel the tour if there is an insufficient number of participants. **THE ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. NO REFUNDS FOR UNUSED SERVICES.**

# CONTACT INFORMATION

## TOUR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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## AIRLINE BOOKING AND GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

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[www.pattours.com](http://www.pattours.com)

## ORGANIZATIONS

**Carpatho-Rusyn Society (C-RS)** ♦ **412-567-3077** ♦ [www.c-rs.org](http://www.c-rs.org)

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## 2012 LEMKO HOMELAND TOUR—REGISTRATION FORM

*Please PRINT CLEARLY—or use 10-12 pt. font*

Name Exactly As Shown On Passport* <small>Last name, first name, middle name or initial</small>		Birth Date	Passport No.		Exp. Date
Street Address		City		State	Zip
Phone	Cell	Email	Occupation		

\*Names on airline tickets cannot be changed. Make sure your name is exactly as it appears on your passport.

### REGISTERING FOR

- Lemko Tour only – July 20 – Aug. 2, 2012 (\$2,498/person dbl., \$2,978/person single)
- Lemko Tour and Western Poland Extension Aug. 2 – Aug. 6, 2012 (\$3,295/person dbl, \$3,965/person single )

### ANCESTRAL VILLAGE INFORMATION

↓ Mark X next to village(s) you wish to visit

X	Ancestral Village Name(s)	County	Family Surnames

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

- Double occupancy     Single occupancy     Single wishing to share     Smoker     Non-smoker

If sharing, name of person with whom you are sharing

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

**Deposits due with registration. Final payment due JUNE 1, 2012.**

- Lemko Tour only - \$300 deposit per person
- Lemko Tour + Extension to Western Poland - \$350 deposit per person

#### Deposit submitted

Check enclosed payable to PAT TOURS    \$     Check no.

Charge debit/credit card no.     Exp. date:     \$

#### NOTE: Make a copy of this form for your records

- If paying by check, mail the original (with deposit) to: **Nancy Revak 10966 Rochester Ave. 6-D Los Angeles, CA 90024**
- If paying by debit/credit card, you may email copy of completed Registration Form to [lemkotour@c-rs.org](mailto:lemkotour@c-rs.org) Put LEMKO TOUR in subject line.