*** Poland – Slovakia – Lithuania ***

A unique month in Northern Europe
The High Tatras, Medieval towns, Nazi camps amidst stunning autumn scenery
15th September to 15th October 2020, 31 days
$5995 from Krakow to Warsaw**

Trip leaders: Joe and Vicky Nawalaniec

Price estimated as at November 2019, so subject to currency fluctuations and unforeseen costs, etc
**Price is based on twin sharing, so a solo room supplement would apply (tba)
**Any payment by visa or mastercard adds $150 to the final price
Viability is subject to a minimum of 8 and maximum of 12 participants

PRICE INCLUDES
- All accommodation – 30 nights in comfortable hotels on twin shared basis (solo room would attract a supplement)
- All transport – our own hired vehicle(s) are determined on final numbers
- All breakfasts and 17 dinners (dinners are subject to a final location schedule)
- An experienced and knowledgeable Kiwi trip leader and his wife in a supporting role
- A unique and comprehensive tour through a stunning part of Europe, payment to FMC

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE
- Travel to Krakow and from Warsaw
- Lunches and dinners not otherwise included
- Entrance fees to sights, personal incidental expenses or activities outside the itinerary
- Travel insurance

For many Kiwi trampers, central-east European hiking is off the radar. Throw in some gorgeous old towns, stunning autumnal colours, a bit of stark, sobering WW11 history, some hearty food and drink, and we have the makings of a rather special trip. Our tour covers the highlights of E Poland, N Slovakia and a sliver of S Lithuania, in a mixture of history, tramping, culture, architecture, local cuisine, markets, some rare wildlife and much more. We travel from high summits to forest-wrapped lakes and gorges, to picture-perfect cobblestoned town squares and castles, and marvel at many hundreds of years of dense, layered history.
The region has always been the bulwark of Europe, with a history of oppression, destruction and suffering. Modern Poland embraces its history but throws off its shackles, and deals to some long-held stereotypes in the most charming of ways. She is an unexpected gem to discover – by any measure, perhaps the most surprising and under-rated country on the continent. The Slovak mountain country is likewise easily the best in central Europe. The Lithuanian/Polish commonwealth was once Europe’s largest state.

The Tatra watershed is the highlight of central Europe, and is accessible and exceptionally rewarding. The scenery is gorgeous. The history of the surrounding region is sobering. The tramping is easy and satisfying.

**Trip Leaders**

Joe has been a school teacher for over thirty years (latterly teaching outdoor ed.) and has been poking around in odd corners of NZ’s bush and mountains since his early teens. He and his wife Vicky have enjoyed a lifetime of fun adventures, which have included memorable tramping and mountain bagging trips through Europe, America and Asia, and, of course, NZ.

He led the 2017 and 2018 travel club trips to Ladakh, a region he has explored extensively and also our Poland – Slovakia 2018 trip.

Joe and Vicky have travelled widely in central Europe. The first foray was during the Cold War to places that no longer exist, like East Germany, Yugoslavia, the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia. In 2016, Joe travelled back to Poland and Slovakia to bury his father’s ashes in his grandparent’s home town under the Tatra Mountains. The region is otherworldly, and Joe and Vicky just keep wanting to return there. The Tatra watershed is enigmatic, captivating and quaint, but there is the underlying sense that Poland and Slovakia are changing and globalising. At present there is a dreamy timelessness about the peaks, forests, castles and market places which may not have the same feel in a few years time.

Vicky knows Poland and Slovakia as well as Joe, and her second pair of hands will be invaluable in organising things, moving vehicles, etc. The other advantage is that the group has two competent trekking and touring guide/leaders available. This is an essential highlights itinerary, personally created by Joe and Vicky and I’m delighted that they are available to lead this for the travel club programme. I’m sure you will have a brilliant time. You are welcome to contact them with questions, or if you need more information: [aspiring3033@hotmail.com](mailto:aspiring3033@hotmail.com)

The following photo shows Joe and Vicky running through Monument Valley, Utah USA
Photo 1 - Nowy Sacz, hometown of the Nawalaniecs, during winter

Photo 2 - Our proposed route to climb Poland’s highest peak, Mt. Rysy (showing the alpine chalet)

Photo 3 - Mt. Rysy from the north, in winter

Photo 4 - Zamek w Krasiczyn, our (quite literally!) palatial digs near the Ukraine border
To Note

• We have included our signature ‘welcome to’ and ‘farewell from’ dinners with drinks. In addition, we have included 15 extra dinners, sprinkled through the itinerary. The location of these may be moved around a bit, depending on location and situation. These dinners don’t include drinks. Closer to departure we will be able to confirm final arrangements.

• The free Auschwitz ticket must be pre-arranged online, well in advance, as there is high demand and a strict quota. The other camps and sites of WW2 visited are either free or have a small entry fee. Treblinka is currently 6 Zlotys, and Adolf Hitler’s Wolf’s Lair is currently 15 Zlotys. Czersztyn Castle shows 5 Zlotys and Neidzica Castle shows 28 Zlotys. There also may be minor entry fees to the national parks visited. Any fees associated with entry to war sites and national parks are your own cost. An an indication as at early November 2019, NZ$1 buys approximately 2.5 Polish Zlotys.

• There is an additional ticket price for our (extremely worthwhile) serenading Klezmer quintet band at the Mandragora, in Lublin.

• The cost of the hired bikes to cycle the Dunajec River Gorge is included, however.

Itinerary

Day 1. Tue 15th Sep – Arrival in Krakow
The name Krakow comes from the name of a pre-Polish king, Krak, from the 9th or 10th century, who according to legend founded the town. Krakow has been voted the most beautiful medieval town in Europe. Meet up with Joe and Vicky for a “welcome to Poland” dinner and drinks at a local restaurant. D.

Day 2. Wed 16th Sep – To Nowy Sacz
A relaxed start and late morning departure, but don’t worry, we will be back to properly explore Krakow later on. We drive out through the old Jewish town of Kazimierz, past Oscar Schindler’s factory, through the old Jewish Ghetto, skirt past the remains of the Plaszow Concentration Camp, and then on the autobahn system heading East. We then turn south at the old town of Bochnia and wind into the forested foothills of the northern Tatras past the towns of Limanowa and Mordarka (of Nawalaniec family heritage). Driving time of around 2 hours brings us to Nowy Sacz on the Dunajec River for the overnight stop. This afternoon, we will explore on foot the quaint old town centre – the
main centre of the clan Nawalaniec. Enjoy dinner in the old town or we may visit an authentic rustic alpine chalet a short drive from town for dinner. **B. D.**

**Day 3. Thu 17th Sep – To Szczawnica and a bike ride through the Dunajec River Gorge, then to Kluszkowce**

An early breakfast and buy lunch supplies for today’s bike ride option (walking instead, but biking is better). Driving through the town of Podegrodzie we reach Szczawnica in an hour, where we can hire bikes (cost is included) for the spectacular 25kms return cycle through the famed Dunajec Gorge. After a few minutes of riding, we cross the border into Slovakia for another 12kms of track to the upstream roadend. Cross the cycle bridge back into Poland a couple of kms further upstream. Here we park the bikes for a hike traversing the summit of Trzy Korony (Three Crowns) peak (982m), before returning to the bikes and cycling back through the gorge. There are a number of colour coded tracks and a viewing point giving superb views of the gorge and surrounding country.

We finish with a short drive to Kluszkowce for our overnight stop and may enjoy the onsite hot tub or sauna after the day’s exertions, before enjoying dinner in the restaurant. **B.D.**

**Day 4. Fri 18th Sep – Castle visits, then to Strbske Pleso and Popradske Pleso**

We check out the ruins of Czorsztyn Castle and then the still functioning Neidzica Castle, the prettiest in Poland. After lunch, we’ll stock up on local Polish goodies, before crossing the border into Slovakia again. A 1.5 hour drive across the eastern extant of the Wysokie Tatry climbing through high rolling country, then dropping down towards Poprad and then a big climb up to the ski resort town of Strbske Pleso.

From there, it’s a 4km 1 hour hike with full packs up to Popradske Pleso alpine lake at 1500m, to our accommodation for the next 4 nights – the Horsky Hotel.

Late afternoon optional explorations around the lake or enjoy the hot tub, sauna and bar. The hotel provides a substantial daily breakfast, along with packed lunches and economical dinners – a wonderful base for day hikes in the local area. **B.**

**Day 5. Sat 19th Sep – Ostrava Pass and beyond hike**

Take a day pack with lunch for a wonderful day. Head around the lake to a long zig-zag up to the Ostrva Pass at 1966m. A good sidge track offers spectacular views south over Slovakia. Depending on weather conditions and how the group feels, there are a number of potential goals here : Lucne Sedlo Pass (2168m), Tupa summit (2285m), or even a look at Koncista peak (2538m).

We return late afternoon, perhaps having glimpsed a chamois, wolf or even bear. The hot tub and bar may be calling before dinner. **B.**

**Day 6. Sun 20th Sep – Koprovsky Stit hike**

The same as yesterday, but we head in the opposite direction climbing NW up a valley to the large Velke Hincovo Pleso alpine lake, where we veer left up to the Vysne Koprove Sedlo Pass (2180m). From here, an easy 30 minute scramble to reach the airy summit of Koprovsky Stit (2363m) for all encompassing 360 degree views. We can then optionally descend to the north of the lake, and pick up the far trail back down the valley to our hotel. Enjoy a similar programme as yesterday evening. **B.**

**Day 7. Mon 21st Sep – Mt. Rysy**

This is the main goal of this section of our trip : an attempt to climb to the summit of Poland’s highest peak, Rysy (2499m). The name describes the big scratches on its steep Polish face. Our well trod popular trail takes us past Chata pod Rysmi ‘the hut under Rysy’, which at 2250m, is the highest refuge/hut in the Wysokie Tatry. There is a very memorable and photogenic toilet here, plus cheap meals, hot drinks and a bar! We can avail ourselves in both directions!

But first - onwards and upwards to the Waga ‘Weight’, a col at 2340m, with its giddy view down into the Tazka Dolina and over to the impressive spires of Cesky Stit ‘Czech Peak’ (2500m) and Vysoka ‘Tall One’ (2547m). Some zig-zag scrambling, a wee sidge, and then we are on the Slovak summit of this double-peak (2503m). A couple more minutes, a small saddle, and then we are on the “Roof of Poland”, Mt Rysy.

Note the alpine scenery beneath your feet – we’ll be hiking through here in a few days! The descent back to the hut, and the hotel is easy and exhilarating. **B.**

**NOTE :** Depending on weather forecasts, we may vary the order of these days. **Mt Rysy really deserves the best weather day. If there are some not feeling quite up to this. Vicky or Joe will offer an alternative trek.**

**Day 8. Tue 22nd Sep – two options to Zakopane**

**Option1.**
We leave the Horsky Hotel early and drive for an hour around to Tatranska Javorina, back near the Polish border.
After a coffee break we head up the beautiful Javorinka Valley for our last walk in the Slovak Tatras, 2 – 3 hours up to Kopske Sedlo pass (1750m), a height gain of about 750m. Enjoy late lunch with a view of the Belianske Tatras, the only part of the range comprised of limestone, before returning to Tatranska Javorina. We then drive across the border and into Zakopane, where we are based for 3 nights. B. D.

Option 2.
Leaving the Horsky Hotel, continuing on through Slovakia past Mt Osobita for potentially some more hiking there. We then continue across into Poland to the very pretty border village of Chocholow for lunch at a favourite café and then into Zakopane. The beauty of this second option is that it enables us to do a complete circle of the Tatras, both High and Western, seeing the range in its entirety, and from a different series of vantage points. B. D.

Day 9. Wed 23rd Sep – Zakopane hiking options
A smorgasbord of outdoor choices:
• A lighter round trip hike up lovely Nosal mountain (1206m)
• A highly recommended cable-car trip up the summit of Kasprowy Wierch (1987m) and hike back down
• A skyline walk along a section of the great peaks including Swinica (2300m)
• Exploring the network of forests, valley and ridge trails
There are also caves to see and bikes to hire. Vicky can lead an easier option while Joe will look after the peak enthusiasts. B. D.

Day 10. Thu 24th Sep – Day trip from Zakopane
With lunches packed, we make an early start for the 22km drive to Lysa Polana and our day hike up to Morskie Oko ‘Eye Sea’ and then Czarny Staw pod Rysami ‘Black Lake under Rysy’ (actually a pretty blue). Right under the raw sheer northern wall of our old friend Mt Rysy – we should see the scratches. The lake is believed to be the deepest in the Polish Tatras.
Those who wish could even continue on the well marked network of beautiful trails through a succession of alpine tarns and passes, allowing a solid 4 – 5 hours tramping via the Kuznice trailhead, back to Zakopane. B. NOTE : Joe could accompany those who wish to ‘tramp through’ the tarns and high passes on what would be a very long day back to Zakopane. Vicky could return with the others to the transport and return to Zakopane.

Day 11. Fri 25th Sep – Zakopane
One more day in this lovely town and essentially a free day for all.
Another good hike is the traverse over Nosal or Giewont peaks. Or perhaps clan up the mountain railway (eisenbahn) to Gubalowka Park. Perhaps prowl the cafes and relax.
NOTE : we may flip the order of these days at Zakopane, as Kasprowy Wierch deserves the best weather. B. D.

Day 12. Sat 26th Sep – Auschwitz /Birkenau camps visit, then return to Krakow
We have completed our 10 days trekking and cycling in the Tatras, so now to begin the historical, cultural and ‘lighter walking’ part of our trip.
After an early start, we drive 3+ hours via Sucha Beskidzka, to the infamous town of Oswiecim. After lunch, for those who have pre-ordered an entrance ticket off the website are free to look around Auschwitz 1 camp. This is a very emotional, moving experience and exceptionally recommended. After this, we hop onto the free shuttle bus which takes us to Auschwitz 11 Birkenau camp. Likewise, there is no charge for this, no requirement to be guided, and is very extensive, so you can wander at will. Again this is must see and exceptionally sobering.
Late afternoon, when everyone has experienced enough, we then drive the 70kms to Krakow, check in at the hotel and return the rental vehicles. The Carrefour supermarket is nearby to stock up again and we can hit the town for dinner. B.

Day 13. Sun 27th Sep – Krakow area walking tour (war history and food)
Taking a local tram, our first stop will be to Oscar Schindler’s factory, and then walk from there to look around the old Jewish Ghetto. For lunch, we will treat ourselves to a bar mleczny (‘Milk Bar’) meal, in a classic socialist styled cafeteria serving large helpings of tasty, Polish tucker. After this, we head through the beautiful Park Bednarskiego, then across to the ‘Krakus Mound’. This is the 9th century tumulus of King Krakus, the legendary founder of Krakow. We explore around the remains of the Plaszow Forced Labour camp, including Kommandant Amon Goeth’s restored villa. We then return the way we came, crossing the Vistula River, and wander around the fascinating old Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz, named after Casimir 11 the Great (1310 – 1370), one of the great modernisers of Poland. It was here that Schindler’s list was filmed, and Joe can point out some of the locations. We head back past the market
and then maybe past the Przystanek Pierogarnia, 'Dumpling Stop', or Resturacje Fabryka Smaku, perhaps for some pierogi or tasty golabki.

A pretty full and interesting day! B. D.

Day 14. Mon 28th Sep – Krakow area walking tour (Old Town and Wawel Castle)
Continuing to explore Krakow, one of Europe’s treasures. Heading into the Old Town ‘Stare Miastro’ via the Grunwalkski Teutonic wars monument, we then disappear back in time. Krakow is medieval, but also has a pre-war feel, coupled with a funky ’70s socialistic vibe. There’s so much to see : Rynek Glowny, Wawel Castle, the Cathedral (viewing the sarcophagi of Pilsudski, Casimir the Great and other Polish rulers), the Jagellonian University, Smocza Jama ‘Dragon cave’, Church of St. Wojciech – too much to cover here. We’ll find a suitable spot for lunch (possibly the oldest inn in Europe ‘Restauracje Wierzynek’ from 1364!), then resume our explorations. Return to the hotel and rest your weary feet. B. D.

Day 15. Tue 29th Sep – Wielicki Salt Mines
This is optional, you may like to continue your own explorations in Krakow instead. The Wielicki Salt Mines are on the outskirts of the city and there is the Kopiec Kosciuszki, an impressive Austrian fortress high on a hill nearby. Some excellent and good value eateries offering authentic, cheap Polish fare are not far away. B.

Day 16. Wed 30th Sep – To Krasiczyn
We farewell Krakow and drive for 250kms via the famous Lancut Castle, with a stop for lunch enroute. Then we head to our very own magnificent Polish renaissance castle – “Hotel Zamek w Krasiczynie” – ‘tower of Krasiczyn’ on the banks of the San River. Explore the castle and grounds, then enjoy dinner amid the chainmail and armour. B.

Day 17. Thu 1st Oct – Day trip options
• A 2 hour drive each way for hiking in Bieszczadski National Park and a hike up Tarnica Peak (1300m).  
• Or the much shorter drive to Przemysl. This is the second oldest southern city, after Krakow, with a stunning old market square and ancient palaces.

Back to Krasiczyn Castle for our second baroque dinner. B.

Day 18. Fri 2nd Oct – Belzec Camp site to Zamosc
Heading north, our focus is the Belzec Camp museum and memorial, a couple of hours drive away near the Ukrainian border. Several routes are possible, one of which brings us within sight of the actual border at a number of places. Belzec was a Nazi extermination camp with the express aim of eradicating Polish Jewry. While grim, the memorial and museum are well worth a visit and excellently presented, and this site is away from the more visited similar sites. We then have a short drive on to the stunningly beautiful old town of Zamosc. It has World Heritage listing and the town centre is wonderful to explore on foot from our centrally located hotel. B. D.

Day 19. Sat 3rd Oct – KL Lublin / Majdanek Camp visit to Lublin
A final look around Zamosc before an hour or so drive to Lublin, which dates to the 12th century, is now one of Poland’s largest cities. On the city outskirts, we will stop at the remarkably well preserved Konzentrationslager Lublin, also known as Majdanek Camp. Crematoria, gas chambers, guard towers – the Nazis were caught ‘on the hop’ here, and left most things intact when they fled. What was pulled down, the Poles simply rebuilt. It is a thoughtful and reflective place, and we will likely be the only visitors.

Later we will check into our digs, an old monastery in central Lublin, and you can explore the lovely old city centre by foot. B.

A day to thoroughly explore the nooks and crannies of Lublin, including the markets, parks and Europe’s oldest Jewish cemetery. Lublin is very photogenic. A special treat tonight – an authentic dinner at the pre-WW2 “Mandragore Jewish Restaurant”. B. D.

Day 21. Mon 5th Oct – Two more camp visits, the Belarus/Ukraine tri-border and to Biala Podlaska
A 1.5 hour drive, via a quick stop at Trawniki concentration camp, to the Sobibor camp site, wedged right up on the Poland – Belarus – Ukraine tri-border. Like Belzec, there is a memorial in the forest, with the original railway station and museum nearby. Next we drive to and then walk along the Bug River. This 774km long river flows through the three countries, forms part of the border between Poland and Ukraine and flows into the Vistula River a little north of
Warsaw. Our plan is to visit the actual, little visited tri-border place called ‘Trojstyk Granic na Bugu’. The Belarusians clearly don’t trust the Ukrainians, with the amount of razorwire, posts and cleared ‘no-mans land’ between them. Then a bit over an hour driving to our overnight stop in the eastern Polish city of Biala Podlaska. The city dates from the late 1400’s and has some lovely old churches and a strong Jewish heritage.

Day 22. Tue 6th Oct – Bialowieza National Park and on to Bialystok
A couple of hours driving brings us to a real gem – the Bialowieza National Park. This World Heritage listed park preserves one of the last and largest remnants of the primeval forest that once covered much of Europe, including huge, named oaks. It also contains around 800 of the endangered European bison, which were once more widespread across Europe. We hope to see some of these magnificent animals and do some of the local trails. We will have lunch here or nearby before another drive, a bit over an hour, to the large main eastern city of Bialystok to overnight. This city also dates from the 1400’s.

Day 23. Wed 7th Oct - Crossing the border into Lithuania
Around 200kms north and we cross over the old Soviet border into Lithuania – to say we’ve been there! We are headed to the delightful spa town of Druskininkai, surrounded by stunning forests. The town is blessed with a large pedestrian street, pretty churches and plenty of cafes.

Day 24. Thu 8th Oct – a day off
Explore Druskininkai. Treat yourself to one of the resort spas, travel on the cable car, or visit the eerie Grutas Park, full of old Soviet statues. As an option and if there is enough interest, we could also visit the pretty Lithuanian capital of Vilnus as a side day trip. It is around 130kms each way.

Day 25. Fri 9th Oct – Russian tri-border point and to Ketrzyn
This time our tri-border will be Lithuania, Poland and Russia, also called ‘Trojstyk Granic Wisztyniec’. One can sometimes wave at grim Russian soldiers at this 3-way international border point. We then initially closely follow Russia’s Kaliningrad border via the border town of Goldap for lunch before a couple of hours driving into the heart of old Prussia. Our destination is the small city of Ketzryn, dating from the 13th century but sadly much destroyed during WW2.

Day 26. Sat 10th Oct – day trip to Hitler’s Wolf’s Lair
A short drive to the very centre of the Nazi war machine, Adolf Hitler’s Wolf’s Lair bunker and fortress complex. There’s quite a bit to see here, so we spend the whole morning having a good wander about the ruins, concrete and old forest. On our way back to Ketrzyn, we’ll explore the quaint old Prussian town of Gizycko and its lovely lakeside setting, etc.

Day 27. Sun 11th Oct – Treblinka camp and to Ostrow Mazowiecka
After a 2.5 hour drive we come to Ostrow Mazowiecka where we will return to overnight. On another 20kms and crossing the River Bug, we visit the expansive Treblinka 1 forced labour camp / Treblinka 11 extermination camp. It’s an eerie moody place, set in its boreal forest and we may well be alone here. We won’t rush this, as people will want time to reflect and consider. It is a ghostly spot, apart from the occasional local mushroom forager, there will likely be very few people present. This is the final death camp of the trip: you’re free to wander the ruins, memorials, railway siding and the gravel extraction quarry. This a good spot to have a pre-packed afternoon tea, and reflect on man’s inhumanity to man. Treblinka is a byword for depravity and evil.

Back to Ostrow Mazowiecka to overnight and head out for an evening meal.

Day 28. Mon 12th Oct – to Warsaw
As it is only an hour drive to Warsaw, we can pass through Treblinka once again if anyone wants this. Then to the big smoke – Warsaw (also known as Warszawa and Varsovie), where we return our rental vehicles and check into the hotel before heading out for dinner at a favourite local café.

Day 29. Tue 13th Oct – Warsaw walking tour
After breakfast we will take a tram into Warsaw central and then walk this lovely and livable city - a fascinating mix of very old and ultra modern. The Old Town, Palace of Culture and Science, Jewish Ghetto, Pawiak Gestapo Prison etc are on the agenda today. The post war faithfully rebuilt old town centre and castle actually contrasts nicely with one of Europe’s most striking modern skylines. The tallest building remains the Stalinist gothic ‘Palace of Culture and Science’ (Palac Kultury I
Nauki), and we’ll hopefully take lifts up to the observatory floor. We see scraps of the Jewish Ghetto, and visit the infamous Pawiak Gestapo prison. The Holocaust and Uprising museums may also be visited. There are lovely palaces and parks to wander as well.

Lunch must be had at Vicky and Joe’s favourite bar mleczny on aleja Jana Pawla 11, ‘Bar Maslanka’ for heart warming genuine Polish tucker.

A tram back to the hotel late afternoon, then we spill out amongst the crowds again for dinner. Maybe a hot chocolate to end the day at one of Europe’s favourite old cafes, ‘E. Wedel Chocolatiers’. B. D.

Day 30. Wed 14th Oct – free day in Warsaw

Our final day is a free one, and we strongly recommend getting an all day public transport pass (metro, buses, trams and local trains), and go and explore the metropolitan area of Warsaw. This is definitely the way to go – with a map and a sense of adventure, getting on and off doesn’t get much more fun.

Warsaw’s twin eastern city, Praga, on the other bank of the Vistula River can also be explored easily on this ticket.

We will reconvene in the Old City in the late afternoon for our final goodbye dinner and drinks together. B.D.

Day 31. Thu 15th Oct – departure

You are free to depart any time today! B.

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**Booking Conditions : FMC Travel Club and Travel Smart Napier**

1. The FMC Travel Club (FMC) offers this small group trip in conjunction with Travel Smart Napier (TSN). All travel arrangements for the operation of the core trip are made with TSN. Participants agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.

2. FMC and TSN are not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise from weather, defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, or through the acts or default of any person or company engaged in carrying out any of the arrangements of the trip.

3. We reserve the right to cancel the trip if minimum numbers don’t eventuate. In such an event, all monies paid will be fully refunded. We also reserve the right to make any modifications that may be essential, or to offer a modified trip to a smaller number of people.

4. The trip includes a payment to FMC.

5. Registrations are accepted in good faith on a first comers basis on receipt of the Registration Form. The deposit is $3000 per person and will be invoiced once a core minimum number of registrations have been received. Registrations close by 29th February 2020 (or earlier if the trip fills) and final balance is due by 30th June 2020. All payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, internet banking, visa or mastercard to the offices of TSN. All or any payments by Visa or Mastercard adds $150 to the final trip price. Our preferred method of payment is internet banking. Please use : 010685 0151601 46 at ANZ Napier (with a covering email).

6. Events beyond our control such as currency fluctuations or any unforeseen additional costs may affect the overall trip price. We cannot guarantee the price until such times as full payment has been received. Upon full payment, the trip price is guaranteed.

7. Cancellations. If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, you must advise TSN in writing as soon as possible. An email is acceptable, a phone call alone is not. Travel insurance will cover you for unforeseen circumstances but will not cover you for changing your mind after committing to the trip. Cancellation fees apply as follows:
   - Cancellations received from 1st March to 30th June 2020 incur a fee of $3000 (the deposit)
   - Cancellations received from 1st July 2020 onwards incur a fee of 100% of trip costs.

8. Travel insurance is mandatory. We recommend Kiwi Holiday Insurance and can provide a quote and policy details at any time. Details of any travel insurance other than Kiwi Holiday Insurance must be provided before departure. For your own protection, travel insurance should be effective not later than 29th February 2020, the date that trip deposits become non-refundable.
Registration Form: Poland – Slovakia - Lithuania 2020

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Your full name(s) as per passport(s) and please underline or highlight preferred first name(s)

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Email.                        Date(s) of birth

What are your recent tramping experiences? How often do you tramp? Please extend your answers overleaf or on separate paper, or by email.

Specify any dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions

Contact person in NZ for any emergencies: name, address, contact phone numbers, email and the relationship to you. In the event of any emergency, this is the sole person you are authorizing us to liaise with

I/We have read the full trip dossier and I/We agree to pay all trip costs by due date, as advised by invoice. I/We understand that the final trip price is subject to minimum numbers and other cost impacts as detailed under the Booking Conditions section; therefore the final trip price cannot be guaranteed until such times as full payment has been made.

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