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Grade 6

Discovering the Roots of Polish Science and Legends

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Grade 7

An Exploration of Polish History, Nature, and National Pride

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Grade 8

A Journey through Polish Innovation, Resilience, and Art

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At ISK we firmly believe that field trips are a vital extension of our classroom learning, providing unique opportunities for growth, exploration, and real-world connections.
In ensuring that these experiences are intentionally enriching and meaningful for our students, we guide all our field trips by three foundational pillars: Relevance, Impact, and Reflection.







These pillars ensure that each trip is intentionally directly aligned with our mission, curriculum goals, and the attributes of the IB Learner Profile. They also ensure that each trip provides a structured opportunity for students to reflect on their experiences, further embedding their learning and sharing their insights with the wider ISK community and beyond.

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Toruń

GRADE 6

Purpose and Expected Outcomes



Grade 6 students will explore Toruń, a city rich in history, science, and tradition, immersing them in the foundational aspects of Polish culture. This trip is an introduction to how scientific achievements and historical events have shaped modern Poland. Students will leave with a sense of curiosity and respect for the nation's intellectual heritage, setting a tone for future exploration and study.





History - City Tour "Young Explorers" & Krzyżacki Castle

The "Young Explorers" tour allows students to explore the medieval origins of Toruń, home to one of the oldest fortifications in Poland. The visit to Krzyżacki Castle gives students a hands-on experience of Poland's medieval history, engaging them with stories of knights, castles, and historical conflicts that shaped Polish identity. This experience provides historical context and encourages students to think critically about Poland's role in European history.



Science - Copernicus's House, Museum, and Planetarium

As the birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus, Toruń offers students an entry point into Poland's contributions to science. By visiting Copernicus's house, museum, and planetarium, students will explore the scientific discoveries that changed humanity's view of the universe. This is a key moment for students to see the impact of Polish minds on global science, fostering a sense of national pride and inspiration for their own studies in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) .



Polish Language and Tradition - Museum of Toruński Piernik & House of Toruński's Legends

Students will engage in interactive experiences at the Piernik Museum, learning about the iconic gingerbread that is a symbol of Toruń. At the House of Toruński's Legends, they will hear folklore that has been passed down for centuries. These activities deepen their appreciation of Polish language, culture, and traditions, fostering a strong connection to their heritage and understanding of local symbolism in literature.



Social Connection and Fun

The trip also includes time for students to bond and socialize, which is critical at this stage of personal development. These experiences create a shared sense of belonging and foster friendships that will continue through middle school.

Wrocław

GRADE 7

Purpose and Expected Outcomes

The Grade 7 trip to Wrocław builds upon the foundations of Polish history, art, and science introduced in Grade 6. Students will see how historical events, literature, and the natural environment intersect, providing them with a holistic view of Poland's diverse culture and natural beauty.







History - Panorama Racławicka and National Museum

Viewing the Panorama Racławicka—a monumental painting depicting the Battle of Racławice—is a powerful experience that allows students to grasp Poland's history and struggle for independence. The National Museum's exhibits help students contextualize Poland's art, history, and culture through visual storytelling, deepening their understanding of national identity.



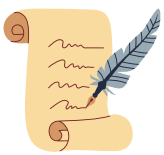
Sport and Nature - Biking in Szczytnicki Park, Japanese Garden, and along the Odra River

Biking through Wrocław's parks and along the Odra River allows students to enjoy Poland's natural landscapes, promoting physical well-being and environmental awareness. These outdoor activities foster teamwork, resilience, and a love for Poland's natural beauty.



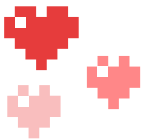
Social Studies/Biology - Wrocław Zoo

Known as the oldest and most popular zoo in Poland, the Wrocław Zoo gives students insights into biodiversity and conservation efforts. They'll have the opportunity to discuss environmental issues, linking their experiences to science and social studies concepts.



Polish Language and Literature - Museum of Adam Mickiewicz

At the Museum of Adam Mickiewicz, students are introduced to one of Poland's most famous poets, whose work resonates with themes of patriotism and resilience. Through guided activities, students will connect to Polish literature and language, understanding its role in shaping national identity.



Social Connection and Fun - PixelXL

The PixelXL gaming experience is an opportunity for students to socialize and unwind, building camaraderie in a relaxed setting. This supports personal growth, social skills, and positive group dynamics.

Warsaw

GRADE 8

Purpose and Expected Outcomes

The Grade 8 trip to Warsaw focuses on Poland's modern history, scientific advancements, and artistic achievements. This trip helps students appreciate the complexity of Polish identity as it has evolved through historical challenges, making connections between past resilience and present-day innovation.





Science - Copernicus Science Center

At the Copernicus Science Center, students will experience Poland's dedication to scientific inquiry and innovation. This hands-on museum encourages curiosity and critical thinking, aligning with the STEAM curriculum and inspiring students to explore scientific fields.



Art and Polish Culture - Łazienki Park

A visit to Łazienki Park offers students a chance to experience Polish art, music, and landscape design. They will see monuments and sculptures that honor Polish culture, allowing them to connect with Poland's artistic heritage and develop an appreciation for the nation's commitment to preserving its cultural identity.



History - Old Town and Warsaw Uprising Museum

Walking through Warsaw's Old Town—a UNESCO World Heritage site rebuilt after WWII—students witness Poland's resilience and determination. At the Uprising Museum, they will learn about the bravery and sacrifices made during the Warsaw Uprising, fostering a deep appreciation for Poland's fight for freedom and sovereignty. These experiences encourage empathy, historical understanding, and a respect for the struggles that shaped modern Poland.



Social Connection and Fun - Museum of Illusions and Old Town Treasure Hunt

The Museum of Illusions provides an interactive and fun environment where students can engage in creative thinking. The "Gra Miejska" or treasure hunt through Warsaw's Old Town encourages teamwork, problem-solving, and exploration, fostering a sense of adventure and discovery.