

THE POLSKI-SILESIA Flyer

(A FOUR-DAY TOUR BY TRAIN AND COACH

Thursday 9th to Sunday 12th May 2019



All Inclusive Fare - Only £434.95

Hotel Single Room Supplement £108.00 (optional)

**A minimum deposit of £110 will secure your seat on this tour,
and the balance must be paid by 22nd March, 2019**

IMPORTANT NOTE - MEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID AN INITIAL £50 DEPOSIT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEND IN A FURTHER £60 TO MAKE UP THE FULL DEPOSIT.

It has become standard practice for STARS to organise a “Flyer” preceding the Charter Train and given the success of recent Polish tours, and the vicinity of our charter destination, Southern Poland was the obvious choice.

We aim to visit all the main depots in the area and should have sufficient time to explore the area for locomotive dumps, given the increasing numbers of locomotives being withdrawn and stored by PKP Cargo. We will also include a number of private depots in the area. Due to slow line speeds in the area we will undertake most of the tour by coach. This is something STARS have not undertaken in Poland for a very long time but will allow us far greater depot coverage.

The success of this tour could very well form a blueprint for future Polish tours given the inaccessibility of some depots by rail. CD fans will also be highly likely to see a variety of CD163s and 754s on loan to PKP, as well as the numerous Class 181 and 182 electrics operating with the various freight companies.

The entire tour will be based in the historic city of Krakow.

Overnight (throughout) - Hotel PTTK Wyspianski, Krakow

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Day One - Thursday 9th May

A morning arrival will provide plenty of time for visits in the city in the afternoon. We will use local services to travel to the main **Prokocim intercity depot** (which is actually at Biezanow), and the unit stabling point at the former **Plaszow Depot**. Between the two sites is a dump of locomotives which we will also visit near to **Prokocim station**. The rest of the afternoon is free and may be best used at Plaszow or Krakow Główny.

Day Two - Friday 10th May

Today we use the coach and head south east to **Nowy Sacz Depot** and mop up what may be stored around the station area. We then head north to **Tarnow Depot** where many locomotives are stored and follow this up with a visit to **Debica Tabor CTL Depot** before heading back to Krakow.

Day Three - Saturday 11th May

Another day on the coach, this time heading West and South of Katowice. First call of the day will be a visit to the **Oswiecim Rail Polska Depot**. This is followed by the **Czechowice Dziedzice cargo depot**, before moving on to **Rybnik** where there is a significant locomotive store at the depot. **Tarnowskie Gory** also contains a significant store, our last depot before returning to Krakow.

Day Four - Sunday 12th May

Our final day on the coach sees us focus on the Katowice area. First up is **Lazy Depot** followed by a visit to the narrow gauge at **Bytom**. We will then visit the EMU depot at **Katowice Główny** and then focus of the freight depots. We begin with **Sosnowiec Jezor DBS depot**, followed by the nearby **CTL Depot**. Finally, we visit the prolific **Jaworzno Depot** where the number count should approach 100. We then head back to Krakow for our final night.

Monday 13th May

Dispersal day, but for those participating on Ostrava Trambulator and/or Explorer charter train it will be an early start for our rail journey to Ostrava. STARS will arrange group fares for those who require them.