



Vintage Poland 2016



The tour consists of four distinct parts as follows -

Vintage Krakow
+
Chabówka steam festival
+
Classic Traction and Vintage Silesia
+
Chabowka Regular Steam

Tour participants may choose to join one, two, three, or all four parts. Alternatively they may choose to miss the last day of the Classic Traction and Vintage Silesia tour and instead join the "Wolsztyn Experience" tour.

To join the tour it is possible to fly to either Katowice or Krakow, or travel by train from London St. Pancras 15:04, changing in Brussels, Koln and Poznan.

Vintage Krakow

Thursday
18th August

Visit Museum of Municipal Engineering [Muzeum Inzynierii Miejskiej Krakowie] Krakow
The Museum of Municipal Engineering in Krakow was established in 1998 in a tram depot, built in 1882 and successively enlarged in 1896, 1900, 1913-4 and 1926-9. It is primarily a museum of public transport displaying horse-drawn and electric trams, and a collection of motor buses.



Transfer to Chabówka

Chabówka steam festival

Friday
19th August

Visit to the Rolling Stock Heritage Park [Skansen taboru kolejowego] Chabówka
The museum, opened in 1993, is located in a locomotive depot built during the Second World War. About 90 railway vehicles are displayed, steam, diesel and electric locomotives, multiple units, cranes, snow ploughs and historic coaches and wagons.
Charter with OKz32 steam loco. Chabówka/Zakopane.



Dinner and overnight Hotel Kasprowy, Zakopane.

Saturday 20th August and Sunday 21st August

Early charter with OKz32 Zakopane/Chabówka, to connect with regular steam tour (which could be Tkt48 or Ty42) dep. 10:45 for Msana Dolna (arr. 11:24). Return with 11:45 Msana Dolna/Chabówka 12:35 in time for lunch, then repeat with 15:10 Chabówka/Msana Dolna 15:58, returning 16:18 Msana Dolna/Chabówka 17:00.

Road transport available and included in the tour price, for linesiding



Dinner and overnight Rabka/Chabówka area.



Classic Traction and Vintage Silesia

Monday 22nd August

Charter train with EU06 01 from Chabówka to Katowice.

Dinner and overnight Katowice, Hotel Silesia.

Tuesday 23rd August

Charter train Katowice – Bytom with EU06-01. Upper Silesian narrow gauge Bytom – Miasteczko Sl. The 785mm gauge railway is the world's oldest narrow gauge railway in continuous service.

Visits to

1) Historical Silver Mine [Zabytkowa Kopalnia Srebra] Tarnowskie Góry

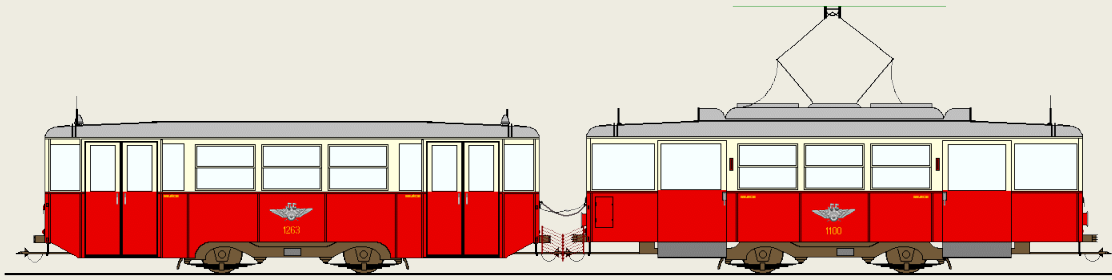
The heritage park of steam machinery boasts 31 exhibits including industrial and narrow gauge locomotives.

2) Bytom Karb Wąsk.

Railway repair workshops where the railways surviving steam locomotives are being restored.

Charter s.g. train Bytom – Tarnowskie Góry with EU-06; shed visit Tarnowskie Góry. Tarnowskie Góry – Gliwice Run round then to Katowice all with EU06-01, for dinner/ overnight Hotel Silesia.





Wednesday
24th August Charter tram Zawodzie Zajezdnia – Katowice – Zabrze
We plan to use an historical N class two-axle tram and trailer.
Visits to Skansen Luiza for the stationary steam engines and Skansen Guido for underground train ride.

Return with tram to Katowice for dinner/ overnight Hotel Silesia.



Thursday
25th August Charter train with EU06 01 from Katowice to Wroclaw.

Visit to see the “The train to heaven”, which features Ty2 1035

Dinner and Overnight Wroclaw



Friday
26th August Return with EU06 01 to Katowice, Krakow and Chabowka.



Chabówka Regular Steam

Saturday
27th August Regular steam tour (which could be TKt48 or Ty42) dep. 10:45 for Msana Dolna (arr. 11:24). Return with
and Sunday
28th August 11:45 Msana Dolna/Chabówka 12:35 in time for lunch, then repeat with 15:10 Chabówka/Msana Dolna 15:58, returning 16:18 Msana Dolna/Chabówka 17:00.



OR “Wolsztyn Experience” tour

- Friday
26th August Service train to Jaworzyna, then charter with Tkt48.18 to Kamienec, Klodzko and Kudowa, Zdroj, before retracing steps to Jaworzyna via Klodzko (with a possible return trip down the valley to the Czech border at Miedzylesie, and return, before returning from Jaworzyna to Walbrzych by service train).
- Saturday
27th August Service train to Wroclaw to join our charter train, with OI49 to Klodzko and Nowa Ruda – the “line of the viaducts”. Then to Walbrzych over the line missed in 2015 because of engineering works. Return to Walbrzych (where is the hotel although the steam train continues to Jaworzyna and you can stay on it if you wish, returning to Walbrzych under your own steam).
- Sunday
28th August Today we travel from Walbrzych to Skarlaska Poreba (although, again, the steam starts at Jaworzyna where you can join it if you can get there under your own steam) and right from the start, we are on a 1 in 30 gradient from Walbrzych Miasto to Walbrzych Glowny. We are hoping to get clearance from the Czech authorities to continue over the border to Harrochov. Return via Jelenia Gora to Walbrzych.
- Monday
29th August To Jelenia Gora and on to Lwowek which most people missed last time due to late running. On to Zebrzydowa, Wegliniec and Zary (close to Stalag Luft III – the location of the “Great Escape”. Then north to Zielona Gora before descending steeply into the Odra valley through Sulechow and Zbaszynek, where our steam loco. comes off to return to its home depot of Wolsztyn.