

POLAND - PRODUCER'S BRIEFING FOR FIRST CONTACT

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Introduction: By the mid-16th century, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth ruled a vast tract of land in Central and Eastern Europe. During the 18th century, internal disorder weakened the nation, and in a series of agreements between 1772 and 1795, Russia, Prussia, and Austria partitioned Poland among themselves. Poland became a Soviet satellite state after World War II. Free elections in 1989 and 1990 brought the communist era to a close. Poland joined the EU in 2004, though it still uses the Polish Zloty as its currency.

Cultural Practices: Jaywalking, drinking in public places and smoking in non-designated areas are all generally frowned upon. Polish culture values respect, formality, and punctuality. Direct communication is appreciated, and personal relationships are important in building trust. Poles are warmhearted and welcoming.

Tipping Guidelines: Tipping is expected for good service in restaurants, especially in tourist areas such as Krakow or Warsaw. The norm is to tip around 10-15%. Hotel housekeepers do not expect a tip, but leaving a small amount (10 Zlotych), is appreciated. Tipping a tour driver 10-15% is customary.

Climate: Temperate with cold, cloudy, moderately severe winters with frequent precipitation; mild summers with frequent showers and thundershowers

Religion: Roman Catholic 87%, Orthodox 1.3%, other 0.4%, none 10.3%

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General Facts:

Regional Division	Central Europe
Capital	Warsaw
Airport Code / Airport Name	WAW / Warsaw Chopin Airport
Country Code 2 digits / 3 digits	PL / POL
Population	38,746,310
Language (Major Languages)	Polish, Silesian

Travel Facts:

Telephone Code / Code Dial	48
Local Emergency Phone	112 + 999
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Time Zone / Time Difference	UTC +01:00
Currency Code / Exchange Rate \$->PLN	Polish Zlotych (PLN) / 1\$: 4.25 PLN
Electricity / Voltage / Plug Type(s)	230 V / 50 Hz / C, E
Passport / Visa Requirements	Yes / 90 days in 180 days
Working Permits for US Citizens	Necessary

Filming incentives:

Film Commission National	30% cash rebate
Film Commission Federal	Yes
VFX Grant	No

Working conditions:

Working hours per day	11 + break
Working hours per week	66
Working days per week	6
Overtime	+10%, +25%
Breaks	60 min after 5 th hour
Turnaround	10 hours
Fringes / self-employed	self-employed
Unions	common but not mandatory

Filming infrastructure:

Crews	internationally experienced, English speaking
Equipment	equipped with cutting-edge equipment
Studios in the following cities	Warsaw, Kraków, Łódź
Themed backlot sets include	-
Specials	-

Landscape & Architecture: Historic castles, medieval towns, urban cityscapes, and scenic landscapes including Tatra mountains, Baltic Sea coastlines, forests, and lakes. With Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, and modern influences throughout its cities and rural areas.