Country Profile: Poland

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW

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Country Name:	Poland
Continent:	Europe
Capital City:	Warsaw
Boundary Countries:	Belarus 605 km, Czech Republic 615 km, Germany 456 km, Lithuania 91 km, Russia (Kaliningrad Oblast) 432 km, Slovakia 420 km, Ukraine 428 km.
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Damian Medical Center - Bialystok Szpital Kliniczny - Warsaw Lindleya Hospital - Warsaw Centralny Szpital Kliniczny - Warsaw Wojskowy Medical Institute - Warsaw Szpital Kliniczny - Warsaw Lindleya Hospital - Warsaw Clinica Carolina Medical Center - Warsaw
Main Cities:	Warsaw, Kraków, Wroclaw, Gdansk, Lublin.
Country Size:	312,685 sq km
Population:	38,536,869

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Polish 97.8%, other and unspecified 2.2%.
Currency:	Zloty (PLN)
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic 89.8% (about 75% practicing), Eastern Orthodox 1.3%, Protestant 0.3%, other 0.3%, unspecified 8.3%.
National Holidays:	Constitution Day, 3 May (1791).
Economic Status:	Poland is a stable, free-market democracy. Some services taken for granted in other European countries may not be available in some parts of Poland, especially in rural areas. On May 1, 2004, Poland became a member of the European Union (EU). With its transformation to a democratic, market-oriented country largely completed, Poland is an increasingly active member of Euro-Atlantic organizations.
Security:	Polish Armed Forces: Land Forces (includes Navy (Marynarka Wojenna, MW)), Polish Air Force (Sily Powietrzenje Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej, SPRP)
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy Warsaw Aleje Ujazdowskie 29/31 00-540 Warsaw Poland Tel.: +48 22 504 2000 U.S. Consulate General in Krakow ul. Stolarska 9 31-043 Krakow Tel.: +48 12 424 5100 Consular Agency in Poznan ul. Paderewskiego 8

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Major Airports:	Airports: 122, Airports w/paved runways: 83

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