Land degradation and reclamation in the Silesian Upland and the Polish Carpathians

Date: 14-17 August 2014  
Fee: 1 710,00 PLN  
Registration deadline: 6th April 2014  
Number of participants: minimum 10 persons, maximum 20 persons  
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Day 1 (14 August 2014)  
Route: Kraków – Silesian Upland  
8:00 – departure from Kraków and transfer to the Silesian Upland  
10:00 – historic silver mine in Tarnowskie Góry (more information: http://www.kopalniasrebra.pl/EN/)  
12:00 – nature reserve Segiet  
14:00-15:00 – lunch  
15:00 – subsidence basin, waste heap in Bytom and sanctuary in Piekary Śląskie  
19:00 – dinner at hotel Pałac Kawalerów

Day 2 (15 August 2014)  
Route: Silesian Upland - Kraków  
7:00-8:00 – breakfast at hotel Pałac Kawalerów  
8:00-13:00 – medieval castle in Będzin, anthropogenic lakeland in Dąbrowa Górnicza, the Blędów Desert (more information: http://www.geo.lt/geo/uploads/media/34-41.pdf)  
13:00-14:00 – lunch  
14:00-18:00 – the largest sandpit in Poland in Bukowno, GEOsfera - educational centre in a quarry in Jaworznko  
18:00 – departure to Kraków  
20:00 – dinner at Jagiellonian University Guest House in Kraków

Day 3 (16 August 2014)  
Route: Kraków – Zakopane (the Tatra Mts.) – Szczawnica (the Pieniny Mts.)  
7:00 – breakfast at Jagiellonian University Guest House in Kraków  
7:30 – departure from Kraków and transfer to Zakopane (more information: http://www.discoverzakopane.com/kasprowyen.html)  
11:00 – cable car to summit Kasprowy Wierch (1987 m a.s.l.) – the Tatra Mts. (anthropopression in national park)  
13:00-14:00 – lunch break in Zakopane  
14:00 – departure to the Pieniny Mts. and the Gorce Mts.  
15:00 – water reservoir and castle in Niedzica (the Pieniny Mts.) (more information: http://www.pieninypn.pl/index.html?id=30324&location=f&msg=1&lang_id=UK)  
16:30 – recent environmental changes due to the collapse of communism in the Gorce Mts.  
18:30 – arrival to Szczawnica  
20:00 – dinner Hotel Smile in Szczawnica

Day 4 (17 August 2014)  
Route: Szczawnica – Gorlice (the Low Beskids Mts.) – Kraków  
7:00-8:00 – breakfast Hotel Smile in Szczawnica
8:00 – departure to the Low Beskids Mts. (environmental changes related to displacement after II World War)
10:30 – Klimkówka water reservoir
13:00-14:00 – lunch break in Wysowa
14:00-16:00 – Szymbark Research Station (more information: http://www.igipz.pan.pl/szymbark.html)
19:00 – arrival to Kraków

Although organizers will make efforts to fulfill whole plan, some of the stops may be omitted in case of time shortage.
Meals consist of European and regional Polish dishes.