

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**


1. Name of Traveler: \_\_\_\_\_
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Return: \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_ Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ Return City: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a.  I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*  
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature of Traveler:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Supervising Member:  \_\_\_\_\_

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center

2. Travel Destination(s): Kyiv, Ukraine; Warsaw, Poland

3. Date of Departure: August 23, 2025 Date of Return: August 29, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached list of invitees

*Note:* You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$2541.12	\$614.20	\$420	\$400; \$10 - Private security in Ukraine; museum entrance cost (Warsaw Uprising Museum)
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6.  All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box.*

**I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Julie Varghese Date: 9/3/25

Name: Julie Varghese Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: Atlantic Council of the United States Inc.

**I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.**

Address: 1400 L St. NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-213-8200 Email: JVarghese@atlanticcouncil.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

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## TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.


This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

**Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Ethan Sorcher

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**I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Wesley Bell

Office Address: 1429 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-2406

Email Address of Contact Person: ethan.sorcher1@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

**NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.**

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.** Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

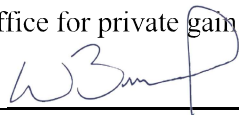
## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Ethan Sorcher
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: The Atlantic Council
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Warsaw, Poland and Kyiv, Ukraine
4. a. Date of Departure: August 23 Date of Return: August 29  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
  - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
I work as the Congressman's MLA, advising on national security and foreign affairs. This trip is crucial for understanding the current security situation in the region, the ongoing war in Ukraine, and the U.S.' role in global security.
9. **Yes  No  Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 07/16/2025

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## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

The Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc.

2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**

b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**

c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): See attached list.

5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: August 23, 2025 Date of Return: August 29, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC, USA

b. Destination(s): Kyiv, Ukraine; Warsaw, Poland

c. City of return: Washington, DC, USA

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**

b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**

c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
  - d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. \_\_\_\_\_
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10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
  - b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor’s interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:  
 The Atlantic Council promotes constructive leadership and engagement in international affairs. The Council's Eurasia Center aims to enhance transatlantic cooperation and generate awareness about the region. The Atlantic Council is the full sponsor of the trip and is organizing and conducting all aspects of the trip.
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13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: Private Bus)
  - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
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14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
  - b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If “b” is checked:
    - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
Kyiv \$76; Warsaw \$109. (for each: maximum, appropriate).
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Insight from Ukraine and from Ukraine's neighbor is key to the Western response to Russia's full-scale war in Ukraine.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Intercontinental Kyiv City: Kyiv Cost Per Night: \$195.81  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Location, rate, availability, security (bomb shelter), prior experience with the hotel

Hotel Name: Hotel Bristol City: Warsaw Cost Per Night: \$190  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Location, rate, availability, prior experience with the hotel, and included breakfast.

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

17.  I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$2622.69	\$575.81	\$372
For each Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a	n/a

	<b>Other</b> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$8; \$845.45	Educational Activity - Museum Visits; and Private Security in Ukraine, respectively
For each Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a

19. **Check only one:**

- a.  I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: 7/15/2025  
 Name: Julie Varghese Title: Chief Operating Officer  
 Organization: Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc.  
 Address: 1400 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20005 USA  
 Email: JVarghese@atlanticcouncil.org Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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# US House of Representatives

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## Primary Trip Sponsor Form supplemental documentation

Atlantic Council of the US, Inc.

House of Representatives employees that attended:

1. **Naajidah Khan**
  - a. *Military Legislative Assistant*, Office of Representative Veronica Escobar
  - b. Reason for inviting: The impact of Russia's war in Ukraine and the associated impacts on US national security interests are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio in the United States House of Representatives.
2. **Daniel Lemire**
  - a. *Military Legislative Assistant*, Office of Representative Joseph D. Morelle
  - b. Reason for inviting: The impact of Russia's war in Ukraine and the associated impacts on US national security interests are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio in the United States House of Representatives.
3. **Andrew Maloney**
  - a. *Legislative Assistant*, Office of Representative Rob Wittman
  - b. Reason for inviting: The impact of Russia's war in Ukraine and the associated impacts on US national security interests are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio in the United States House of Representatives.
4. **John Murray**
  - a. *Senior Counsel*, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
  - b. Reason for inviting: The impact of Russia's war in Ukraine and the associated impacts on US national security interests are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio in the United States House of Representatives.
5. **Erin Scanlon**
  - a. *Military Legislative Assistant*, Office of Representative Sam Graves
  - b. Reason for inviting: The impact of Russia's war in Ukraine and the associated impacts on US national security interests are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio in the United States House of Representatives.
6. **Ethan Sorcher**
  - a. *Military Legislative Assistant*, Office of Representative Wesley Bell
  - b. Reason for inviting: The impact of Russia's war in Ukraine and the associated impacts on US national security interests are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio in the United States House of Representatives.
7. **Grace Wright**
  - a. *Communications Director*, Office of the Representative Jason Crow
  - b. Reason for inviting: The impact of Russia's war in Ukraine and the associated impacts on US national security interests are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio in the United States House of Representatives.

## Agenda: Eurasia Study Trip

For reference: [Eurasia Center Congressional Fellowship program](#)

(All times listed are local)

### Saturday, August 23 – group departs US

3:25 p.m. – 5:30 a.m. +1      Delegation flies from Washington Dulles (IAD) to Frankfurt (FRA) on Flight LH 417

### Sunday, August 24

5:30 a.m. – 7:15 a.m.      Layover, delegation connects in airport, boards flight to Warsaw

7:15 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.      Delegation flies from Frankfurt (FRA) to Warsaw (WAW) on Flight LH 1346

8:50 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.      Arrival in Warsaw, pick up luggage, meet driver

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.      Delegation transfers to Hotel Bristol Warsaw

Pickup location: Warsaw airport arrivals

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.      Coffee break, change clothes

Location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

10:45 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.      Meet with Ambassador Herbst

Location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

Topics of Discussion: Trip agenda and security



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**Relevance:** Staffers will receive a briefing on the upcoming trip meetings and a short security briefing ahead of Ukraine travel.

11:40 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Delegation transfers to lunch by foot**

**Pickup location:** Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

**Lunch with Aaron Korewa, Director of the Atlantic Councils' Warsaw Office**

**Location:** GOŚCINIEC Polskie Pierogi  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 29, 00-071 Warszawa, Poland

**Topics of Discussion:** Polish domestic and foreign policy, US-Poland relations, Poland-Ukraine relations

**Relevance:** Staffers will receive a briefing on Poland and key policy areas that will be discussed in their meetings in Warsaw.

1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Atlantic Council WeWork for meeting**

**Pickup location:** GOŚCINIEC Polskie Pierogi  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 29, 00-071 Warszawa, Poland

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**Meeting with Defence24 Ukraine Journalists Dr. Aleksander Olech, LTG (ret.) Jaroslaw Gromadzinski, Dorota Kwasniekwska, Mariusz Marzalkowski, and Magdalena Melke.**

**Location:** WeWork  
5th floor, Hotel Europejski, Krakowskie Przedmieście 13, 00-071 Warszawa, Poland

**Topics of Discussion:** Journalists with Defence24 discuss recent updates in Russia's war on Ukraine and critical news stories from recent weeks in Ukraine.

**Relevance:** Staffers will learn about news updates and war updates with regard to Ukraine in advance of travel there the next day.

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to the Warsaw Uprising Museum**

**Pickup location:** WeWork  
5th floor, Hotel Europejski, Krakowskie Przedmieście 13, 00-071 Warszawa, Poland

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Visit to the Warsaw Uprising Museum**



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Location: Warsaw Uprising Museum, Grzybowska 79, 00-844

Topic: Polish resistance to Soviet invasion.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about the Warsaw Uprising, a seminal moment in 20<sup>th</sup> century Polish history that continues to have significance in the national consciousness and in Warsaw. As Warsaw faces the possibility of further Russian aggression and as Russia continues to wage war in Ukraine, the Warsaw Uprising continues to be relevant to Polish national memory.

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Transfer to Old Town Warsaw**

Pickup location: Warsaw Uprising Museum, Grzybowska 79, 00-844

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

**Break to stretch legs before travel and drop bags on bus, optional guided tour of Old Town Warsaw**

Location: Old Town Warsaw

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to dinner by foot**

Pickup location: Hotel Bristol  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

**Dinner and Pre-Kyiv briefing with Ambassador Herbst**

Location: Der Elefant  
plac Bankowy 1, 00-139 Warsaw

Topics of Discussion: The state of Russia's war in Ukraine, Ukrainian government changes since the spring, recent updates on the US-Ukraine relationship.

Relevance: Staffers will receive a briefing on Ukraine ahead of their subsequent travel, with a focus on the latest political developments relevant to their upcoming meetings.

6:45 p.m. – 10:15 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Chełm Train Station via chartered bus (stop to grab breakfast food along the way to take for the next day)**

Pickup location: Der Elefant  
plac Bankowy 1, 00-139 Warsaw

10:15 p.m. – 11:03 p.m.

**Delegation boards train**

Location: Chełm Train Station, Chełm, Poland

11:03 p.m.

**Depart from Chelm Train Station for Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station on Train number 20 Chelm-Kyiv, Wagons 8 and 9.**

Location: Chelm Train Station, Chelm, Poland

## Monday, August 25

11:20 a.m.

**Arrive to Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station from Chelm Train Station**

Location: Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

11:20 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

**Delegation transfers to the Hotel**

Pickup location: Kyiv- Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Drop off bags at the hotel**

Location: InterContinental Kyiv  
Velyka Zhytomyrska Street 2A, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01001

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Walking tour of St. Michael's Golden Domed Monastery and St. Sophia's Cathedral**

Location: St Michael's Square  
Mykhailivska Sq, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01018

Briefers and Topics of Discussion: Shelby Magid, Deputy Director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center, will give a tour of St. Michael's Square and the cathedral as well as the memorial wall.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about how Ukraine's resistance to Russia today has been woven in with Ukraine's physical cultural heritage and how those Ukrainians lost to the war are honored by the Ukrainian people.

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Lunch with representatives of the Snake Island Institute and members of the Ukrainian Armed Forces**

Location: Restaurant Olivera  
Velyka Zhytomyrska Street 2A, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01001

Briefers and Topics of Discussion: Representatives of the Snake Island Institute and the Armed Forces of Ukraine will discuss the

state of the battlefield in Ukraine, updates on front lines, and armed forces operations.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about how the Ukrainian Armed Forces and other branches of Ukraine's security and defense services are carrying out the defense of Ukraine from Russian aggression.

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Delegation break in hotel to check in to rooms and shower**

InterContinental Kyiv  
Velyka Zhytomyrska Street 2A, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01001

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Office of Defense Intelligence of Ukraine, goes through security**

Pickup location: Restaurant Olivera  
Velyka Zhytomyrska Street 2A, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01001

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Meeting with representatives of the Office of Defense Intelligence of Ukraine**

Location: Office of Defense Intelligence of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine  
Instytutska St, 26, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000

Topic: Ukraine's intelligence efforts during Russia's full-scale war.

Relevance: Staffers will hear from senior representatives of Ukraine's Office of Defense Intelligence about the status of the Russian government's war efforts and their forces, as well as the Ukraine's defense efforts more broadly.

5:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to the Office of the President of Ukraine on foot, security and entry**

Pickup location: Office of Defense Intelligence of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine  
Instytutska St, 26, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000

5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Meeting with Ihor Brusylo, Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine**

Location: Office of the President of Ukraine  
Bankova St, 11, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01220

Topic: The president's leadership of Ukraine during Russia's full-scale invasion and major government initiatives concerning topics of security and justice as well as foreign relations.



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**Relevance:** Staffers will hear from a senior representative of the Office of the President of Ukraine and learn about the president's role as a wartime President and the President's main goals for domestic policy, security and securing victory, and foreign policy.

6:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to the dinner**

**Pickup location:** Office of the President of Ukraine  
Bankova St, 11, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01220

6:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

**Dinner discussion with Arseniy Yatsenyuk, former Prime Minister of Ukraine, and the Kyiv Security Forum**

**Location:** Fairmont Grand Hotel Kyiv  
St. Naberezhno-Khreshchatytska, 1, Kyiv, Ukraine, 04070

**Topics of Discussion:** Staffers will hear from Arseniy Yatsenyuk about his work when he was Prime Minister and the work of the Kyiv Security Forum.

**Relevance:** Staffers will hear more about the specifics of the security situation in different regions of Ukraine during Russia's full-scale invasion and the work of the Security Forum and foundations in Ukraine.

8:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to hotel**

**Pickup location:** Fairmont Grand Hotel Kyiv  
St. Naberezhno-Khreshchatytska, 1, Kyiv, Ukraine, 04070

## Tuesday, August 26

Until 7:45 a.m.

**Breakfast available for delegation at InterContinental Kyiv**

*Breakfast is optional for all guests and is available starting from 7:00 a.m. in the Olivera Restaurant in the hotel. The delegation will be able to eat breakfast at their leisure but should be ready to depart the hotel by 7:45 a.m., checked out and with their bags packed and ready to go.*

7:45 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.

**Delegation transfers to RECOVERY Rehabilitation Center Kyiv**

**Pickup location:** InterContinental Kyiv  
Velyka Zhytomyrska Street 2A Kyiv, Ukraine, 01001

8:20 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

## Visit to RECOVERY Rehabilitation Center Kyiv

Location: RECOVERY Rehabilitation Center Kyiv  
49 Nekrasova (Pivnichno-Syretska) Street, Kyiv

Topic: Russia's war crimes and the work of rehabilitation center and hospitals to support civilians, members of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, and Ukrainian veterans.

Relevance: Russia's war has caused severe physical and psychological harm against many members of Ukraine's Armed Forces as well as Ukraine's civilians. Staffers will learn about what hospitals face in Ukraine during Russia's war and rehabilitation and recovery efforts.

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

## Delegation transfers to Independence Square and the Heavenly Hundred Memorial

Pickup Location: RECOVERY Rehabilitation Center Kyiv  
49 Nekrasova (Pivnichno-Syretska) Street, Kyiv

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

## Visit to Independence Square and the Heavenly Hundred Memorial, guided by Amb. John Herbst

Location: Independence Square, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000

Topic: Ukraine's historic fight for independence.

Relevance: Staffers will visit the National Memorial to the Heavenly Hundred, the memorial to those who died at the Maidan during the Revolution of Dignity and will learn about Ukraine's historic fight for independence and national heritage. Staffers will also see the makeshift memorial for Ukraine's fallen soldiers who have been killed since 2022.

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

## Delegation transfers to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

Pickup location: Security Service of Ukraine Headquarters

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## Meeting with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Maryana Betsa

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
1 Mykhailivska Sq, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01018

Topic: Ukraine's foreign policy and international relations amidst Russia's war on Ukraine, relationships with the US and allied nations.

**Relevance:** Staffers will hear from a senior representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs about the Ministry's work and how it has changed during the full-scale invasion, their diplomatic efforts involved with Ukraine's negotiations to end the war, and learn about Ukraine's relationships with the United States and other allies.

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## **Delegation transfers to the lunch**

**Pickup location:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
1 Mykhailivska Sq, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01018

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

## **Lunch and break**

**Location:** Veterano Pizza  
Kyiv, Sofiivska St., 8, Kyiv, Ukraine

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

## **Delegation transfers to the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine**

**Pickup location:** Veterano Pizza  
Kyiv, Sofiivska St., 8, Kyiv, Ukraine

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## **Security and entry into the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine**

**Location:** Ministry of Defense of Ukraine  
6 Povitrianykh Syl Ave, Kyiv, Ukraine, 03168

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## **Meeting with Anna Gvozdiar, Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine**

**Location:** Ministry of Defense of Ukraine  
6 Povitrianykh Syl Ave, Kyiv, Ukraine, 03168

**Topic:** Ukraine's war effort, the status of the war, and relations with international partners for defense support.

**Relevance:** Staffers will hear from a senior representative of Ukraine's Ministry of Defense on the Ministry's work defending Ukraine against Russian aggression and violence and will learn about the role of US and allied security packages and other concrete global support, and how American support can impact the state of the war on the battlefield, in the air, and at sea.

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## **Delegation transfers to Kyiv City Council**

**Pickup location:** Ministry of Defense of Ukraine  
6 Povitrianykh Syl Ave, Kyiv, Ukraine, 03168

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Meeting with the Mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko**

Location: Kyiv City Hall  
Khreschatyk St, 36, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01044

Topic: Kyiv's response to Russia's full-scale invasion.

Relevance: Staffers will hear about how the city of Kyiv has responded and adapted to the conditions of war and how the city has transformed because of Russia's full-scale invasion. Staffers will also learn about efforts to address corruption and the broader political landscape in Kyiv and beyond.

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to dinner**

Pickup location: Kyiv City Hall  
Khreschatyk St, 36, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01044

6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

**Media dinner with Ukrainian and foreign journalists including Peter Dickinson, Editor, UkraineAlert; and Sevgil Musaieva, Journalist, Ukrainska Pravda.**

Location: Restaurant O'panas  
Vulytsya Tereshchenkivs'ka, 10, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01004

Topic: The dangers journalists face on the ground in Ukraine and the role of journalism and reporting during Russia's war against Ukraine.

Relevance: Staffers will hear from prominent Ukrainian journalists and foreign correspondents about the dangers they face working on the ground in Ukraine, the state of journalism and access to information in Ukraine today, and the role of journalism in supporting the documentation of Russia's crimes in Ukraine and the developments in the war.

7:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station**

Pickup location: Restaurant O'panas  
Vulytsya Tereshchenkivs'ka, 10, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01004

8:00 p.m. – 8:21 p.m.

**Board train**

Location: Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

8:21 p.m.

**Depart from Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station for Chelm Train Station on Train Number 19 Kyiv-Chelm, W agons 8 and 9.**

Location: Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

**Wednesday, August 27**

- 5:44 a.m. **Delegation arrives at Chelm Train Station**
- 5:44 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Delegation transfers to hotel in Warsaw via private transportation (breakfast on the way)**  
Pickup location: Chelm Train Station
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Delegation drops off bags, coffee at the Bristol**  
Location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Delegation transfers to the Parliament of the Republic of Poland (Sejm)**  
Pickup location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Meeting with Paweł Kowal and Members of the Polish Sejm focused on foreign policy**  
Location: Parliament of the Republic of Poland (Sejm)  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw  
Topic: Polish parliamentary foreign policy.  
Relevance: Staffers will hear from Polish members of parliament about the work of parliament on Poland's foreign policy, especially as related to Russia's war in Ukraine.
- 12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Delegation transfers to lunch at Zapiecek**  
Pickup location: Parliament of the Republic of Poland (Sejm)  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch at Zapiecek with Denise Forsthuber, Deputy Director of Strategic Engagement and Operations at the Atlantic Council's Europe Center**  
Location: Zapiecek  
Nowy Świat 40, 00-363 Warszawa, Poland



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**Topic:** US-Polish relations and cooperation in responding to the war in Ukraine, Polish governmental relations.

**Relevance:** Staffers will be briefed by Atlantic Council Europe Center leadership to understand Poland's political and security environment and how the government navigates the response to the war in Ukraine.

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

## **Delegation transfers to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland**

**Pickup location:** Zapiecek  
Nowy Świat 40, 00-363 Warszawa, Poland

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## **Meeting with members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland**

**Location:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Al. Jana Christiana Szucha 23 Warsaw

**Topic:** Poland's diplomatic priorities during Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

**Relevance:** Staffers will learn from Ministry of Foreign Affairs representatives about Poland's diplomatic objectives and foreign policy, which has taken on even greater importance since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Staffers will also hear about how the ministry is working with partners to respond to the war in Ukraine and discuss Poland's related foreign policy priorities in the EU and UN.

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

## **Delegation transfers to the residence of the Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in the Republic of Poland**

**Pickup location:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Al. Jana Christiana Szucha 23 Warsaw

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## **Meeting with Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in the Republic of Poland**

**Location:** Residence of the Deputy Chief of Mission of the US Embassy in the Republic of Poland  
Jarosława Dąbrowskiego 48, 02-561 Warszawa

**Topics:** US-Polish and transatlantic relations, Poland's response to Russia's war in Ukraine.

**Relevance:** Staffers will have the opportunity to debrief their findings and impressions from the delegation's meetings in Kyiv, discuss key questions and takeaways, and hear from the US Embassy team on



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the importance of US-Polish relations and how the war in Ukraine has impacted these relations.

4:30 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Hotel Bristol**

Pickup location: Residence of the Deputy Chief of Mission of the US Embassy in the Republic of Poland  
Jarosława Dąbrowskiego 48, 02-561 Warszawa

4:50 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Optional: Guided walk to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Royal Castle area, transfer from hotel by foot**

Topic: History of the national monument Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Royal Castle and surrounding area in Warsaw.

Relevance: Staffers will hear about the history of important Polish national monuments and learn about their destruction, reconstruction, and place in modern Polish culture and memory.

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Break at the hotel**

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Dinner with analysts and think tank representatives, including Ambassador Marek Magierowski, non-resident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council and former Polish Ambassador to the United States, Professor Katarzyna Pisarska, Chair, Warsaw Security Forum and Co-Founder, Casimir Pulanski Foundation, and Marek Menkiszak, Head of the Russian Department, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW)**

Location: Restaurant Marconi, Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

Topic: Assessing Russia's war on Ukraine from a Polish perspective and Ukraine-Poland relations.

Relevance: Staffers will receive a briefing from several of the top think tanks in Eastern Europe covering Russia's war on Ukraine. Top Ukraine analysts will meet with staffers to discuss the state of play on the ground and their view on the future of Russia's war.

## Thursday, August 28

Until 9:00 a.m.

**Breakfast available for delegation at Hotel Bristol**

*Breakfast is optional for all guests and is available starting from 6:30 a.m. in the hotel breakfast room.*

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Delegation transfers to the Embassy of Ukraine in Poland**

Pickup location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw



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Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

## Meeting with the Ambassador of Ukraine to Poland

Location: Embassy of Ukraine in Poland  
ul. Antoniego Malczewskiego 17, 02-617 Warszawa

Topic: Ukrainian-Polish relations from a Ukrainian perspective

Relevance: Staffers will learn from the Ukrainian Ambassador to Poland about Ukraine's diplomatic objectives in Poland and with Ukraine's near-neighbors, which is particularly important with regard to Poland's proximity to Ukraine and location as a hub for Ukrainian refugees.

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

## Delegation transfers to the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Poland

Pickup location: Embassy of Ukraine in Poland  
ul. Antoniego Malczewskiego 17, 02-617 Warsaw

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Meeting with the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Poland

Location: Al. Niepodległości 218, 00-911 Waraw

Topic: Polish defense and Russia's war

Relevance: Staffers will learn about the Polish Ministry of Defense's priorities in the current decade, focusing on Poland and NATO, Poland's work with its allies, and Polish defense posture toward Russian aggression.

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

## Delegation transfers to lunch

Pickup location Al. Niepodległości 218, 00-911 Warsaw

12:45 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

## Lunch

Location: NOA Pizza Neapolitanska  
Świętojerska 5/7, 00-236 Warszawa, Poland

2:10 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

## Delegation transfers to iSANS headquarters

Pickup location: NOA Pizza Neapolitanska  
Świętojerska 5/7, 00-236 Warszawa, Poland

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

## Meeting with iSANS (International Strategic Action Network for Security)



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Location: iSANS Headquarters  
Zgoda 11, 00-018 Warsaw, Poland

Topics: The role Belarus plays in Russia's full-scale war in Ukraine.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about the Belarusian government's involvement in Russia's war in Ukraine and about the Belarusian democratic movement's work to support Ukraine, along with their efforts to shape a free and democratic Belarus.

3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Łazienki Park**

Pickup Location: iSANS Headquarters  
Zgoda 11, 00-018 Warsaw, Poland

3:50 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Guided walking tour of Łazienki Park**

Topic: History of Warsaw and the Palace on the Isle.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about Polish history.

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to the Hotel Bristol**

Pickup Location: Łazienki Park, Warsaw

5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

**Break to rest and pack**

Location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to dinner by foot**

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Dinner discussion with Amb. John Herbst recapping the main takeaways of the delegation's trip**

Location: Rusiko Restaurant, Wierzbowa 11, 00-094 Warsaw, Poland

Topic: Takeaways and remaining questions from the trip.

Relevance: Following all meetings in Kyiv and Warsaw, staffers will hear Amb. John Herbst's main takeaways from both Kyiv and Warsaw and discuss their insights from the trip.

8:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Hotel Bristol by foot**



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8:45 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Dessert with Philip Bednarczyk, Warsaw Office Director, German Marshall Fund**

Location: Restaurant Marconi, Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

Topic: Congressional takeaways from the trip and discussion of how Poland and Ukraine's futures are interrelated

Relevance: Staffers will meet up with Philip Bednarczyk to discuss their takeaways from the trip from the point of view of the nexus of congress and think tanks and how what they learned in Ukraine and Poland informs their understandings of the region.

## Friday, August 29

6:50 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

**Delegation transfers to Warsaw Chopin Airport via private transportation. Breakfast to-go bags provided.**

Pickup location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

7:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

**Check-in, security, boarding**

9:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Delegation flies from Warsaw (WAW) to Frankfurt (FRA) on Flight LH 1347**

11:30 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

**Layover, additional US security screening, delegation boards flight to Washington**

1:10 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

**Delegation flies from Frankfurt (FRA) to Washington Dulles (IAD) on Flight LH 418**



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August 21, 2025

Mr. Ethan Sorcher  
Office of the Honorable Wesley Bell  
1429 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Sorcher:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Ukraine and Poland,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for August 23 to 29, 2025, sponsored by Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or [ohsstaff@mail.house.gov](mailto:ohsstaff@mail.house.gov). House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Michael Guest  
Chairman



Mark DeSaulnier  
Ranking Member

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Ethan Sorcher  
Military Legislative Assistant  
Office of Congressman Wesley Bell

July 14, 2025

Dear Ethan,

On behalf of the Atlantic Council, it is my pleasure to invite you to join a staff delegation to Kyiv, Ukraine and Warsaw, Poland led by the Council's Eurasia Center. The trip will take place between **August 23 and August 29, 2025.**

Since its founding, the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center has been a key resource on issues relating to Ukraine. The Eurasia Congressional Fellowship program connects a group of congressional staff members from the US House and Senate with leading experts to learn about Ukraine and the region. A crucial part of the program is this study trip to Ukraine, where staffers can learn more about the impact of Russia's war on Ukraine from the Ukrainian people and meet with Ukraine's leaders to better understand the need for American support. This staff delegation will take congressional staffers to Kyiv, where they will meet with senior representatives from the Ukrainian government, Ukrainian civil society, global NGOs, and the private sector.

The Eurasia Center has experience organizing successful travel to and from Kyiv on multiple occasions since February of 2022, including a congressional staff trip to Kyiv, Ukraine in August 2024, and will take utmost care to monitor the security situation and plan accordingly. The delegation will travel via Poland to take the train into Ukraine.

We hope that you can join this timely trip. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me, or my colleague Shelby Magid ([smagid@atlanticcouncil.org](mailto:smagid@atlanticcouncil.org)).

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Herbst".

Ambassador John Herbst  
Senior Director, Eurasia Center  
Atlantic Council

## Agenda: Eurasia Study Trip

For reference: [Eurasia Center Congressional Fellowship program](#)

(All times listed are local)

### Saturday, August 23 – group departs US

3:25 p.m. – 5:30 a.m. +1      Delegation flies from Washington Dulles (IAD) to Frankfurt (FRA) on Flight LH 417

### Sunday, August 24

5:30 a.m. – 7:15 a.m.      Layover, delegation connects in airport, boards flight to Warsaw

7:15 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.      Delegation flies from Frankfurt (FRA) to Warsaw (WAW) on Flight LH 1346

8:50 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.      Arrival in Warsaw, pick up luggage, meet driver

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.      Delegation transfers to Hotel Bristol Warsaw

Pickup location: Warsaw airport arrivals

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.      Coffee break, change clothes

Location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.      Meet with Ambassador Herbst

Location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

Topics of Discussion: Trip agenda and security



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Relevance: Staffers will receive a briefing on the upcoming trip meetings and a short security briefing ahead of Ukraine travel.

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Delegation transfers to lunch**

Pickup location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

**Lunch with Aaron Korewa, Director of the Atlantic Councils' Warsaw Office**

Location: Aioli Warsaw  
Świętokrzyska 18, 00-052 Warsaw, Poland

Topics of Discussion: Polish domestic and foreign policy, US-Poland relations, Poland-Ukraine relations

Relevance: Staffers will receive a briefing on Poland and key policy areas that will be discussed in their meetings in Warsaw.

1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Atlantic Council WeWork for meeting**

Pickup location: Aioli Warsaw  
Świętokrzyska 18, 00-052 Warsaw, Poland

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**Meeting with Defence24 Ukraine Journalists Dr. Aleksander Olech, LTG (ret.) Jarosław Gromadzinski, Dorota Kwasniekwska, Mariusz Marzalkowski, Magdalena Melke, and Antoni Walkowski**

Location: WeWork  
5th floor, Hotel Europejski, Krakowskie Przedmieście 13, 00-071 Warszawa, Poland

Topics of Discussion: Journalists with Defence24 discuss recent updates in Russia's war on Ukraine and critical news stories from recent weeks in Ukraine.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about news updates and war updates with regard to Ukraine in advance of travel there the next day.

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Łazienki Park**

Pickup location: WeWork  
5th floor, Hotel Europejski, Krakowskie Przedmieście 13, 00-071 Warszawa, Poland

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Guided walking tour of Łazienki Park**

Topic: History of Warsaw and the Palace on the Isle.



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Relevance: Staffers will learn about Polish history.

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Transfer to Old Town Warsaw**

Pickup location: Łazienki Park, Warsaw

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

**Break to stretch legs before travel, optional guided tour of Old Town Warsaw**

Location: Old Town Warsaw

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Dinner**

Pickup location: Hotel Bristol  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Dinner and Pre-Kyiv briefing with Ambassador Herbst**

Location: Der Elefant  
plac Bankowy 1, 00-139 Warsaw

Topics of Discussion: The state of Russia's war in Ukraine, Ukrainian government changes since the spring, recent updates on the US-Ukraine relationship.

Relevance: Staffers will receive a briefing on Ukraine ahead of their subsequent travel, with a focus on the latest political developments relevant to their upcoming meetings.

7:00 p.m. – 10:15 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Chełm Train Station via chartered bus (stop to grab breakfast food along the way to take for the next day)**

Pickup location: Der Elefant  
plac Bankowy 1, 00-139 Warsaw

10:15 p.m. – 11:03 p.m.

**Delegation boards train**

Location: Chełm Train Station, Chełm, Poland

11:03 p.m.

**Depart from Chełm Train Station for Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station on Train number 20 Chelm-Kyiv, Wagons 8 and 9.**

Location: Chełm Train Station, Chełm, Poland

**Monday, August 25**

- 10:45 a.m. [Arrive to Kyiv-Pasazhyrskiy Train Station from Chelm Train Station](#)
- Location: Kyiv-Pasazhyrskiy Train Station
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. [Delegation transfers to Ukraine's National Prayer Breakfast](#)
- Pickup location: Kyiv- Pasazhyrskiy Train Station
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Ukraine's National Prayer Breakfast](#)
- Location: Ukraine's National Prayer Breakfast 2025 Location
- Topics: Ukraine's religious freedoms and the role of faith leaders, civil society, and government in responding to the full-scale invasion and recovery efforts.
- Relevance: Staffers will learn about religious plurality in Ukraine and the role religion and religious communities play in Ukraine's response to Russia's war and US-Ukraine relations.
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m. [Delegation transfers to hotel](#)
- Pickup location: Ukraine's National Prayer Breakfast 2025 Location
- 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. [Check in and drop off bags](#)
- Location: InterContinental Kyiv  
Velyka Zhytomyrska Street 2A, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01001
- 12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. [Delegation transfers to lunch](#)
- Pickup location: InterContinental Kyiv  
Velyka Zhytomyrska Street 2A Kyiv, Ukraine, 01001
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. [Lunch with Representatives of the Ukraine Facility Platform including Lana Zerkal, Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine for European Integration](#)
- Location: Restaurant Mama Gochi  
Arkhitektora Horodetskoho St, 6, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01001
- Briefers and Topics of Discussion: Representatives of the Ukraine Facility Platform will discuss Ukraine's strategic development and recovery efforts, including EU integration and engagement with the US to drive Ukraine's economic self-sufficiency and reforms. Staffers will speak with the Ukraine



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Facility Platform's lead Lana Zerkal about the role of civil society in Ukraine today.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about opportunities and challenges facing Ukraine's economic recovery and how this relates to public and private engagement and investment, including the US-Ukraine Recovery Investment Fund.

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine**

Pickup location: Restaurant Mama Gochi  
Arkhitektora Horodetskoho St, 6, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01001

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Meeting with Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine**

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
1 Mykhailivska Sq, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01018

Topic: Ukraine's foreign policy and international relations amidst Russia's war on Ukraine, relationships with the US and allied nations.

Relevance: Staffers will hear from representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs about their work and how it has changed during the full-scale invasion, their diplomatic efforts involved with Ukraine's negotiations to end the war, and learn about Ukraine's relationships with the United States and other allies.

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Kyiv City Council**

Pickup location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
1 Mykhailivska Sq, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01018

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Meeting with the Mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko**

Location: Kyiv City Hall  
Khreschatyk St, 36, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01044

Topic: Kyiv's response to Russia's full-scale invasion.

Relevance: Staffers will hear about how the city of Kyiv has responded and adapted to the conditions of war and how the city has transformed because of Russia's full-scale invasion. Staffers will also learn about efforts to address corruption and the broader political landscape in Kyiv and beyond.

5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to the Office of Defense Intelligence of Ukraine**

Pickup location: Kyiv City Hall  
Khreschatyk St, 36, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01044

5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting with representatives of the Office of Defense Intelligence of Ukraine

Location: Office of Defense Intelligence of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine

Topic: Ukraine's intelligence efforts during Russia's full-scale war.

Relevance: Staffers will hear from senior representatives of Ukraine's Office of Defense Intelligence about the status of the Russian government's war efforts and their forces, as well as the Ukraine's defense efforts more broadly.

6:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Delegation transfers to dinner

Pickup location: Office of Defense Intelligence of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine

6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Dinner discussion with Arseniy Yatsenyuk, former Prime Minister of Ukraine, and the Kyiv Security Forum

Location: Fairmont Grand Hotel Kyiv  
St. Naberezhno-Khreshchatytska, 1, Kyiv, Ukraine, 04070

Topics of Discussion: Staffers will hear from Arseniy Yatsenyuk about his work when he was Prime Minister and the work of the Kyiv Security Forum.

Relevance: Staffers will hear more about the specifics of the security situation in different regions of Ukraine during Russia's full-scale invasion and the work of the Security Forum and foundations in Ukraine.

8:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to hotel

Pickup location: Fairmont Grand Hotel Kyiv  
St. Naberezhno-Khreshchatytska, 1, Kyiv, Ukraine, 04070

## Tuesday, August 26

Until 7:45 a.m.

Breakfast available for delegation at InterContinental Kyiv

*Breakfast is optional for all guests and is available starting from 7:00 a.m. in the Olivera Restaurant in the hotel. The delegation will be able to eat breakfast at their leisure but should be ready to depart the hotel by 7:45 a.m., checked out and with their bags packed and ready to go.*

7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Delegation transfers to Okhmatdyt Children's Hospital

Pickup location: InterContinental Kyiv  
Velyka Zhytomyrska Street 2A Kyiv, Ukraine, 01001

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**Visit to damaged Okhmatdyt Children's Hospital and briefing from United Nations Human Rights Council Ukraine team**

Location: Okhmadyt Children's Hospital  
Mykoly Shpaka St, 3, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000

Topic: The Russian attack against the children's hospital and the pattern of attacks against medical institutions, UNHCR's response to this attack, and other humanitarian needs in Ukraine.

Relevance: On July 8, 2024, the children's hospital was hit by a missile strike. The staffers will learn about this attack and the impact of the war on Ukrainian medical institutions, the risks children face during the war, and the role UNHCR plays in responding to attacks, aiding vulnerable populations, and supporting internally displaced people in Ukraine. Staffers will hear about the humanitarian situation in Ukraine.

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Delegation transfers to the Security Service of Ukraine Headquarters**

Pickup Location: Okhmadyt Children's Hospital  
Mykoly Shpaka St, 3, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Meeting with Representatives of the Security Service of Ukraine**

Location: Security Service of Ukraine Headquarters

Topic: The Security Service of Ukraine's work during war, how the service has changed and evolved since Russia's full-scale invasion, and the service's role in wartime Ukraine.

Relevance: Staffers will hear from senior representatives of Ukraine's Security Service about the Security Service's counter-intelligence work and role in protecting Ukraine from Russia's attacks.

10:15 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

**Delegation transfers to the Office of the President of Ukraine**

Pickup location: Security Service of Ukraine Headquarters

10:25 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Security and entry into the Office of the President of Ukraine**

Location: Office of the President of Ukraine  
Bankova St, 11, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01220

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

### Meeting with representatives of the Office of the President of Ukraine

Location: Office of the President of Ukraine  
Bankova St, 11, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01220

Topic: The president's leadership of Ukraine during Russia's full-scale invasion and major government initiatives concerning topics of security and justice as well as foreign relations.

Relevance: Staffers will hear from senior representatives of the Office of the President of Ukraine and learn about the president's role as a wartime President and the President's main goals for domestic policy, security and securing victory, and foreign policy.

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

### Delegation transfers to the Residence of the US Ambassador to Ukraine

Pickup location: Office of the President of Ukraine  
Bankova St, 11, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01220

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### Lunch meeting with the staff of the US Embassy in Ukraine

Location: US Ambassador's Residence

Topic: US support for Ukraine and oversight of aid, US-Ukraine relationship.

Relevance: Staffers will have the opportunity to debrief their initial findings and impressions from the delegation's meetings in Kyiv, discuss key questions and takeaways, and hear from the embassy team about how the US Embassy supports Ukraine on the ground, what the embassy's role is in oversight of aid, and the status of US support for Ukraine during Russia's war.

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

### Delegation transfers to the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine

Pickup location: US Ambassador's Residence

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### Security and entry into the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine

Location: Ministry of Defense of Ukraine  
6 Povitrianykh Syl Ave, Kyiv, Ukraine, 03168

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine

Location: Ministry of Defense of Ukraine  
6 Povitrianykh Syl Ave, Kyiv, Ukraine, 03168

Topic: Ukraine's war effort, the status of the war, and relations with international partners for defense support.

Relevance: Staffers will hear from senior representative of Ukraine's Ministry of Defense on their work defending Ukraine against Russian aggression and violence and will learn about the role of US and allied security packages and other concrete global support, and how American support can impact the state of the war on the battlefield, in the air, and at sea.

3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine (NSDC)**

Pickup location: Ministry of Defense of Ukraine  
6 Povitrianykh Syl Ave, Kyiv, Ukraine, 03168

3:20 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Meeting with representatives of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine (NSDC)**

Location: National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine (NSDC)  
Petro Bolbochan str., 8, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01601

Topic: The current security status of different regions of Ukraine and the NSDC's role in Ukraine's security efforts and defense against Russian aggression.

Relevance: Staffers will hear more about the specifics of the security situation in different regions of Ukraine during Russia's full-scale invasion and will learn about the NSDC's role in Ukraine's war effort, and how different agencies work to defend against Russian aggression.

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine**

Pickup location: National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine (NSDC)  
Petro Bolbochan str., 8, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01601

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Meeting with Representatives of the Office of the Prime Minister of Ukraine**

Location: Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine  
Mykhaila Hrushevskoho St, 12/2, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01008

Topic: The prime minister and the prime minister's team's work during Russia's war in Ukraine and Ukraine's government processes and economy.

Relevance: Staffers will hear from senior representatives of the Office of the Prime Minister of Ukraine about the Prime Minister's work as well as

governance in Ukraine and the state of Ukraine's economy today and moving forward.

5:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

[Delegation transfers to Independence Square](#)

Pickup location: Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine  
Mykhaila Hrushevskoho St, 12/2, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01008

5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

[Visit to Independence Square and the Heavenly Hundred Memorial, guided by Amb. John Herbst](#)

Location: Independence Square, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000

Topic: Ukraine's historic fight for independence.

Relevance: Staffers will visit the National Memorial to the Heavenly Hundred, the memorial to those who died at the Maidan during the Revolution of Dignity and will learn about Ukraine's historic fight for independence and national heritage. Staffers will also see the makeshift memorial for Ukraine's fallen soldiers who have been killed since 2022.

6:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

[Delegation transfers to dinner](#)

Pickup location: Independence Square, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000

6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

[Media dinner with Ukrainian and foreign journalists including Peter Dickinson, Editor, UkraineAlert; Olga Rudenko, Editor-in-Chief of the Kyiv Independent; Christopher Miller, Ukraine Correspondent with the Financial Times, Oliver Carroll, Foreign Correspondent for the Economist, and Tanya Kozyreva, Investigative Reporter for the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists.](#)

Location: Selyam Restaurant  
Petra Sagaidachnoho 35, Kyiv, Ukraine, 04070

Topic: The dangers journalists face on the ground in Ukraine and the role of journalism and reporting during Russia's war against Ukraine.

Relevance: Staffers will hear from prominent Ukrainian journalists and foreign correspondents about the dangers they face working on the ground in Ukraine, the state of journalism and access to information in Ukraine today, and the role of journalism in supporting the documentation of Russia's crimes in Ukraine and the developments in the war.

7:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

[Delegation transfers to Kyiv-Pasazhyrskiy Train Station](#)

Pickup location: Selyam Restaurant  
Petra Sagaidachnoho 35, Kyiv, Ukraine, 04070

8:00 p.m. – 8:21 p.m.

Board train

Location: Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

8:21 p.m.

Depart from Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station for Chelm Train Station on Train Number 19 Kyiv-Chelm, W agons 8 and 9.

Location: Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

## Wednesday, August 27

5:44 a.m.

Delegation arrives at Chelm Train Station

5:44 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Delegation transfers to hotel in Warsaw via private transportation (breakfast on the way)

Pickup location: Chelm Train Station

9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Delegation drops off bags, coffee at the Bristol

Location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Delegation transfers to the Parliament of the Republic of Poland (Sejm)

Pickup location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meeting with Paweł Kowal and Members of the Polish Sejm focused on foreign policy

Location: Parliament of the Republic of Poland (Sejm)  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

Topic: Polish parliamentary foreign policy.

Relevance: Staffers will hear from Polish members of parliament about the work of parliament on Poland's foreign policy, especially as related to Russia's war in Ukraine.

12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to lunch at Zapiecek

Pickup location: Parliament of the Republic of Poland (Sejm)  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch at Zapiecek with Denise Forsthuber, Deputy Director of Strategic Engagement and Operations at the Atlantic Council's Europe Center and Philip Bednarczyk, Warsaw Office Director at the German Marshall Fund**

Location: Zapiecek  
Nowy Świat 40, 00-363 Warszawa, Poland

Topic: US-Polish relations and cooperation in responding to the war in Ukraine, Polish governmental relations.

Relevance: Staffers will be briefed by Atlantic Council Europe Center leadership and German Marshall Fund Warsaw office leadership to understand Poland's political and security environment and how the government navigates the response to the war in Ukraine.

1:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland**

Pickup location: Zapiecek  
Nowy Świat 40, 00-363 Warszawa, Poland

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Meeting with members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland**

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Al. Jana Christiana Szucha 23 Warsaw

Topic: Poland's diplomatic priorities during Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Relevance: Staffers will learn from Ministry of Foreign Affairs representatives about Poland's diplomatic objectives and foreign policy, which has taken on even greater importance since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Staffers will also hear about how the ministry is working with partners to respond to the war in Ukraine and discuss Poland's related foreign policy priorities in the EU and UN.

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Warsaw Uprising Museum, quick break for restroom**

Pickup location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Guided tour of Warsaw Uprising Museum**

Location: Warsaw Uprising Museum, Grzybowska 79, 00-844 Warsaw

Topic: Polish resistance to Soviet invasion.



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Relevance: Staffers will learn about the Warsaw Uprising, a seminal moment in 20<sup>th</sup> century Polish history that continues to have significance in the national consciousness and in Warsaw. As Warsaw faces the possibility of further Russian aggression and as Russia continues to wage war in Ukraine, the Warsaw Uprising continues to be relevant to Polish national memory.

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Hotel Bristol**

Pickup location: Warsaw Uprising Museum, Grzybowska 79, 00-844 Warsaw

4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Optional:** Guided walk to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Royal Castle area, transfer from hotel by foot

Topic: History of the national monument Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Royal Castle and surrounding area in Warsaw.

Relevance: Staffers will hear about the history of important Polish national monuments and learn about their destruction, reconstruction, and place in modern Polish culture and memory.

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Break at the hotel**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Dinner with analysts and think tank representatives, including Ambassador Marek Magierowski, non-resident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council and former Polish Ambassador to the United States, Professor Katarzyna Pisarska, Chair, Warsaw Security Forum and Co-Founder, Casimir Pulanski Foundation, and speakers from the Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM), the Center for Eastern Studies (OSW), College of Europe (Natolin), and the Polish-American Freedom Foundation

Location: Restaurant Marconi, Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

Topic: Assessing Russia's war on Ukraine from a Polish perspective and Ukraine-Poland relations.

Relevance: Staffers will receive a briefing from several of the top think tanks in Eastern Europe covering Russia's war on Ukraine. Top Ukraine analysts will meet with staffers to discuss the state of play on the ground and their view on the future of Russia's war.

## Thursday, August 28

Until 9:00 a.m.

**Breakfast available for delegation at Hotel Bristol**



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*Breakfast is optional for all guests and is available starting from 6:30 a.m. in the hotel breakfast room.*

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Delegation transfers to the Embassy of Ukraine in Poland**

Pickup location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Meeting with the Ambassador of Ukraine to Poland**

Location: Embassy of Ukraine in Poland  
ul. Antoniego Malczewskiego 17, 02-617 Warszawa

Topic: Ukrainian-Polish relations from a Ukrainian perspective

Relevance: Staffers will learn from the Ukrainian Ambassador to Poland about Ukraine's diplomatic objectives in Poland and with Ukraine's near-neighbors, which is particularly important with regard to Poland's proximity to Ukraine and location as a hub for Ukrainian refugees.

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

**Delegation transfers to the residence of the U.S Ambassador to Poland, goes through security**

Pickup location: Embassy of Ukraine in Poland  
ul. Antoniego Malczewskiego 17, 02-617 Warszawa

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Coffee with Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in the Republic of Poland**

Location: Residence of the Deputy Chief of Mission of the US Embassy in the Republic of Poland  
ul. Dąbrowskiego 48

Topics: US-Polish and transatlantic relations, Poland's response to Russia's war in Ukraine.

Relevance: Staffers will have the opportunity to debrief their findings and impressions from the delegation's meetings in Kyiv, discuss key questions and takeaways, and hear from the US Embassy team on the importance of US-Polish relations and how the war in Ukraine has impacted these relations.

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to lunch**

Pickup location: Parliament of the Republic of Poland (Sejm)  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

12:45 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

**Lunch**



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Location: Otto Pompiery, p  
lac Bankowy 1, 00-139 Warsaw

2:10 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to iSANS headquarters**

Pickup location: Otto Pompiery, plac Bankowy 1, 00-139 Warsaw

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Meeting with iSANS (International Strategic Action Network for Security)**

Location: iSANS Headquarters  
Zgoda 11, 00-018 Warsawm Poland

Topics: The role Belarus plays in Russia's full-scale war in Ukraine.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about the Belarusian government's involvement in Russia's war in Ukraine and about the Belarusian democratic movement's work to support Ukraine, along with their efforts to shape a free and democratic Belarus.

3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to Presidential Palace**

Pickup Location: iSANS Headquarters  
Zgoda 11, 00-018 Warsawm Poland

3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Security and entry to the Presidential Palace**

Location: Presidential Palace  
Krakowskie Przedmiescie 48/50, 00-071 Warsaw

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Meeting with the Director of the President of Poland's Foreign Policy Bureau**

Location: Presidential Palace  
Krakowskie Przedmiescie 48/50, 00-071 Warsaw

Topic: Poland's foreign policy priorities.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about the most important security issues facing Poland today, as the war in Ukraine continues and the Kremlin threatens hybrid aggression in Europe. Staffers will have the opportunity to discuss the role of NATO in Polish security, as well as the role of the United States in the region.

5:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.

**Delegation transfers to hotel by foot**

Location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw



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5:10 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Break

Location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to dinner by foot

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Dinner discussion with Amb. John Herbst recapping the main takeaways of the delegation's trip

Location: Rusiko Restaurant, Wierzbowa 11, 00-094 Warsaw, Poland

Topic: Takeaways and remaining questions from the trip.

Relevance: Following all meetings in Kyiv and Warsaw, staffers will hear Amb. John Herbst's main takeaways from both Kyiv and Warsaw and discuss their insights from the trip.

8:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Hotel Bristol by foot

## Friday, August 29

6:50 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

Delegation transfers to Warsaw Chopin Airport via private transportation. Breakfast to-go bags provided.

Pickup location: Hotel Bristol Warsaw  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw

7:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Check-in, security, boarding

9:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Delegation flies from Warsaw (WAW) to Frankfurt (FRA) on Flight LH 1347

11:30 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

Layover, additional US security screening, delegation boards flight to Washington

1:10 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Delegation flies from Frankfurt (FRA) to Washington Dulles (IAD) on Flight LH 418