

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, 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: Kim Waskowsky
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☐ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 21, 2026 Return: August 28, 2026
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☐ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Kyiv, Ukraine; Warsaw, Poland Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Meetings and site visits with government officials, private industry, and subject matter experts to better understand how Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine has impacted Ukraine, Europe, and the rest of the world.
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: Kim Waskowsky Digitally signed by Kim Waskowsky
Date: 2026.09.02 18:01:38 -04'00' Date: 9/2/26

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: Chairman Brett Guthrie Date: 9/3/26

Signature of Supervising Member: Brett Guthrie

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ Original ☐ Amendment

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 21, 2026 Date of Return: August 28, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached list of main itinerary attendees

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	\$2,296.48	\$996.62	\$429.00	\$357.14: Private security in Ukraine
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:  Date: _____

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

1. Name of Traveler: Kim Waskowsky
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: The Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc.
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Kyiv, Ukraine; Warsaw, Poland
4. a. Date of Departure: August 21, 2026 Date of Return: August 28, 2026
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 **7/15/26** 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.**
My job title is Professional Staff Member and the activities on the itinerary relate to my duties because I work on oversight related to global and domestic energy 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: Brett Guthrie Date: 7/15/26

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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 21, 2026 Date of Return: August 28, 2026

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. _____

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.

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:

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 \$72; "Ukraine, Other" \$97; Warsaw \$107 (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: \$205.20

Reason(s) for Selecting: Location, rate, availability, security, prior experience with the hotel

Hotel Name: Hotel Bristol City: Warsaw Cost Per Night: \$190.51

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:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$2,216.48	\$996.62	\$408
For each Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a	n/a

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$357.14	Private security in Ukraine
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: 7/13/2026
Name: Julie Varghese Title: Chief Operating Officer
Organization: Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc.
Address: 1400 L St. NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20005 USA
Email: JVarghese@atlanticcouncil.org Telephone: _____

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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August 17, 2026

Ms. Kim Waskowsky
Committee on Energy & Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Waskowsky:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Ukraine and Poland,¹ scheduled for August 21 to 28, 2026, sponsored by Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc. We note that the governments of Ukraine and Poland will be providing food during in-country meetings while on this trip.

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 \$525 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 \$525] 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.

¹ 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. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The first letter "M" is large and stylized, with a loop that extends upwards and to the left.

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark DeSaulnier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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Primary Trip Sponsor Form supplemental documentation

Atlantic Council of the US, Inc.

House of Representatives employees that attended with no itinerary changes:

1. **Michael Corcoran**

- a. *Senior Policy Advisor – Foreign Policy and Immigration*, Office of Representative Mike Quigley
- 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. **Rachel Everette**

- a. *National Security Advisor*, Office of 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.

3. **Zach Huff**

- a. *National Security Advisor*, Office of Representative Abraham J. Hamadeh
- 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. **Julia Snodgrass**

- a. *Press Secretary*, US House of Representatives Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party
- 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. **Kim Waskowsky**

- a. *Professional Staff Member*, US House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
- 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.

August 21, 2026 to

August 28, 2026

Kyiv, Ukraine and
Warsaw, Poland

Agenda: Eurasia Study Trip

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

(All times listed are local)

Friday, August 21 – 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

Saturday, August 22

5:05 a.m. – 8:10 a.m. Sami Araboghli flies from Tel Aviv (TLV) to Warsaw (WAW) on Flight LO 152

5:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. Layover, delegation connects in airport, boards flight to Warsaw

7:10 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. Anna Owens flies from Frankfurt (FRA) to Warsaw (WAW) on Flight LH 1346

8:10 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Sami Araboghli arrival in Warsaw, pick up luggage, free time in Warsaw, transfer to Hotel Bristol Warsaw and meet the group

8:50 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Anna Owens arrival in Warsaw, pick up luggage, free time in Warsaw, transfer to Hotel Bristol Warsaw and meet the group

10:35 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. Delegation flies from Frankfurt (FRA) to Warsaw (WAW) on Flight LH 5714

12:25 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Arrival in Warsaw, pick up luggage, transfer to Hotel Bristol Warsaw



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1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Lunch briefing with Ambassador Herbst

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

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

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break to stretch legs before bus and train

Location: Warsaw Old Town

3:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Chełm Train Station, pick up dinner on the way at McDonald's

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

7:15 p.m. – 8:14 p.m.

Delegation boards train

Location: Chełm Train Station, Chełm, Poland

8:14 p.m.

Depart from Chełm Train Station for Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station on Train 24

Location: Chełm Train Station, Chełm, Poland

Sunday, August 23

8:50 a.m.

Arrive to Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station from Chełm Train Station

Location: Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

8:50 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Delegation de-boards and transfers to the National Prayer Breakfast of Ukraine

Pickup location: Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Delegation attends National Prayer Breakfast of Ukraine



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Location: Ukraine's National Prayer Breakfast 2026 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.

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Delegation transfers to the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine

Pickup location: Ukraine's National Prayer Breakfast 2026 Location

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Security and entry into the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine

Location: Ministry of Defense of Ukraine

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting with senior representatives of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine including Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine for European Integration Sergiy Boyev

Location: Ministry of Defense of Ukraine

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 will learn about the role of US and allied security packages and how American support can impact the state of the war on the battlefield, in the air, and at sea.

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Veterano Pizza

Pickup location: Ministry of Defense of Ukraine

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch

Location: Veterano Pizza
Sofiivska Street, 8, Kyiv

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra and goes through security and entry

Pickup location: Veterano Pizza



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Sofiivska Street, 8, Kyiv

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Visit to the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra

Location: Ivan Mazepa St, 21, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01015

Topic: Ukraine's historical and religious history and Russia's violence against Ukraine's national identity.

Relevance: Staffers will visit the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra, a UNESCO World Heritage site and symbol of Ukraine's religious and cultural history. Staffers will experience firsthand the damage wrought on the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra by recent Russian drone attacks and take part in a discussion on freedom of religion in Ukraine and in Russia led by Eurasia Center senior director Amb. John Herbst.

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to InterContinental Kyiv hotel

Pickup location: Ivan Mazepa St, 21, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01015

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Delegation break to check in to hotel rooms, shower, and security team and US Embassy Kyiv RSO briefing

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

5:30 p.m. – 5:45 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

Topic: Shelby Magid, deputy director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center, will give a tour of St. Michael's Square and the cathedral across the street from the hotel 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 killed by Russia are honored by the Ukrainian people. Staffers will learn about key elements of Ukraine's history and centuries-long resistance to foreign aggression, crucial context ahead of the next days' meetings with top Ukrainian experts, government leaders, and military officials.

5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to dinner with representatives of the Kyiv School of Economics



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

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner with representatives of the Kyiv School of Economics including Tymofii Brik, Rector of the Kyiv School of Economics and Olga Slyvyvnska, Dmytro Krukovets, Pavlo Shkurenko, and Vlada Grudova of the KSE Institute

Location: Kyiv School of Economics
Obolonska Naberezhna 20

Topic: Experts with the Kyiv School of Economics will discuss the state of the battlefield in Ukraine, updates on front lines, the security situation in Ukraine's cities, education in Ukraine, and Ukraine's economy and recovery efforts.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about the battlefield and Russia's tactics in Ukraine, Ukraine's economy, and recovery efforts in Ukraine.

8:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Delegation transfers to hotel

Pickup location: Kyiv School of Economics
Obolonska Naberezhna 20

Monday, August 24

Until 8:25 a.m.

Breakfast available for delegation at InterContinental Kyiv

Breakfast is optional and is available for all guests 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 8:30 a.m.

8:25 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Delegation transfers to the offices of SkyFall

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

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Meeting with representatives of SkyFall and Mark Savchuk, member of the Ukrainian Armed Forces

Location: SkyFall production facility

Topic: Ukraine's defense technology ecosystem and the impact on European and Allied security.



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Relevance: Staffers will hear about Skyfall's unmanned aerial vehicle capabilities and how they fit into the Brave1 ecosystem, hearing from one of Ukraine's leading defense technology companies about their extensive research and development capabilities, large-scale production lines and developing industry partnerships to advance European and Ukrainian air defense technology.

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Delegation transfers to the Khartiia Corps and Rubizh Brigade in Hostomel

Pickup location: SkyFall production facility

10:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch and briefing with Rubizh Brigade commanders as well as the head of International Relations for Khartiia Corps, members of the Ukrainian National Guard, and Oleksandra Berchenko, Operations Manager of the Serpens Center for International Security

Location: Rubizh Brigade Hostomel garrison

Topic: The National Guard of Ukraine's role in territorial defense, drone technology, and military life.

Relevance: Staffers will meet with Rubizh Brigade commanders and see what life is like for Ukrainian defenders, as well as see drones used for defense against Russia's aggression and how a command post operates.

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Bucha

Pickup location: Rubizh Brigade Hostomel garrison

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Visit to the Memorial to Slain Civilians in Bucha with Father Andriy Galavin and Mykhailyna Skoryk-Shkarivska, Former Deputy Mayor of Bucha and Founder of the Institute for Sustainable Community Development

Location: St. Andrew's Orthodox Church, Bucha

Topic: The Russian military's massacre of civilians in Bucha.

Relevance: Staffers will visit the memorial to the civilians murdered by the Russian military in Bucha, one of the most prominent sites in Ukrainian recent memory concerning Russia's mass violence and war crimes since February of 2022.

2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Bucha Car Cemetery

Pickup location: St. Andrew's Orthodox Church, Bucha

3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Drive through Bucha Car Cemetery

Location: Bucha Car Cemetery

Topic: The Russian military's massacre of civilians in Bucha.

Relevance: Staffers will see remnants of cars and other vehicles destroyed during Russia's occupation of Bucha and the massacre of civilians in Bucha.

3:10 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to the Foreign Intelligence Service of Ukraine Headquarters

Pickup location: Bucha Car Cemetery

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting with Representatives of the Foreign Intelligence Service of Ukraine

Location: Foreign Intelligence Service of Ukraine Headquarters

Topic: Ukraine's national security.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about key issues related to Ukraine's national defense including Kremlin strategy, politics, and tactics including information warfare and hybrid operations, Russia's economy, and other matters critical to Ukraine's war effort.

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Delegation transfers to hotel, break at InterContinental Kyiv hotel

Pickup location: Foreign Intelligence Service of Ukraine Headquarters

6:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to dinner at Selyam

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

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner with Oksana Nechyporenko, nonresident senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center, Peter Erban, Principal Advisor at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, and Roman Vybranovskyy, Co-Founder, Ukraine Facility Platform

Location: Selyam
Petra Sahaidachnoho St, 35, Kyiv, Ukraine, 04070

Topic: Ukraine's domestic landscape, including civil society's work, social cohesion and human capital, and Ukraine's military.

Relevance: Staffers will hear from a variety of experts on Ukraine's domestic landscape to synthesize their findings from their time in Kyiv, learn more about Ukraine's domestic situation, and discuss with the experts.

8:00 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.

Delegation transfers to InterContinental Kyiv hotel

Pickup location: Selyam
Petra Sahaidachnoho St, 35, Kyiv, Ukraine, 04070

8:20 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Tea with Jose Andrés, Founder, World Central Kitchen and Mark Savchuk, member of the Armed Forces of Ukraine

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

Topic: Humanitarian aid work in Ukraine and innovation in the Armed Forces of Ukraine and US-Ukraine technology collaboration.

Relevance: Staffers will hear from Jose Andres, founder of World Central Kitchen, on humanitarian work in Ukraine and Mark Savchuk, member of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, about how the Ukrainian military adapts to new technological needs at speed and how what they learn on the battlefield gets translated into technological development brought to collaboration with the United States.

Tuesday, August 25

Until 8:15 a.m.

Breakfast available for delegation at InterContinental Kyiv

Breakfast is optional and is available for all guests 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 8:15 a.m.

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Delegation transfers to RECOVERY Rehabilitation Center Kyiv

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

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Visit to RECOVERY Rehabilitation Center Kyiv

Location: RECOVERY Rehabilitation Center Kyiv

Topic: Casualties from the war, and the work of rehabilitation centers and hospitals to support civilians, members of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, and Ukrainian veterans with their recovery.

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

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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

Pickup location: RECOVERY Rehabilitation Center Kyiv

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting with Serhii Kyslytsia, First 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, justice, recovery, and foreign relations.

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

12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Lviv Croissants

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

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch

Location: Lviv Croissants
Ivan Mazepa St, 3, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000

1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to the War Museum

Pickup location: Lviv Croissants
Ivan Mazepa St, 3, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Guided visit to the War Museum with Yurii Savchuk, Director General, Kyiv War Museum

Location: Kyiv War Museum

27, Lavrska St, Kyiv

Topic: Ukraine's military history today in the context of WWI, WWII, and Russia's contemporary invasion.

Relevance: Staffers will visit the War Museum in Kyiv to hear from the Director General and learn about the history of Ukraine during WWII, which led to the loss of over 10 million lives during Nazi aggression, as well as explore artifacts and testimonies from Ukraine's history after WWII, during the fight for independence, and today.

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Independence Square and the Heavenly Hundred Memorial

Pickup Location: Kyiv War Museum

27, Lavrska St, Kyiv

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 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 Independence Square and the National Memorial to the Heavenly Hundred, honoring those killed by Russia-aligned security forces during the 2014 Revolution of Dignity, which saw peaceful Ukrainian protestors eventually oust their corrupt president. This will be an opportunity for staffers to gain a better understanding of independent Ukraine's struggle for freedom from Russian influence, and the lengths Ukrainians have gone to protect and grow their country's democracy. Staffers will also see the adjacent makeshift memorial to soldiers killed since Russia's full-scale invasion began in 2022, a visual and human reminder of the war's cost that informs oversight of military aid, casualty reporting, and long-term reconstruction and veterans' policy.

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to InterContinental Kyiv hotel

Pickup Location: Independence Square, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Break at hotel

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

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to dinner

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

5:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

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

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

Topic: Arseniy Yatsenyuk's work as Prime Minister and the current work of his Kyiv Security Forum team.

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 KSF and other analytical organizations in Ukraine.

7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Air Defense Coordination Center

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

8:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Meeting with Air Defense Coordination Representatives

Location: Air Defense Coordination Center

Topic: Ukraine's counter-drone and nationwide air defense capabilities, including satellite tracking, air defense technologies, and coordination efforts.

Relevance: Staffers will gain insight into Ukraine's approach to countering Russian aerial attacks, including how its air defense network is coordinated, the technologies and systems used to respond to evolving threats, and how this organization contributes to the country's broader defense architecture.

8:45 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to InterContinental Kyiv hotel

Pickup location: Air Defense Coordination Center

Wednesday, August 26

Until 7:30 a.m.

Check out of hotel

The delegation should be ready to depart the hotel by 7:30 a.m., checked out, and bags packed on the bus.

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Delegation transfers to the Hilton Kyiv

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

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast meeting with Chargé D’Affairs of the US Embassy Kyiv Paul Houston, Deputy Chief of Mission Meghan Gregoria, Political Counselor Baron Lobstein, Public Diplomacy Council William Coleman, Economic Counselor Anya Brunson, Assistance Coordinator Brian Roraff, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Director William Soley, and Deputy Economic Counselor Brad Hopewell

Location: Hilton Kyiv
Tarasa Shevchenko Blvd, 30, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01030

Topic: US-Ukraine relationship.

Relevance: Staffers will have the opportunity to hear from the Embassy team about how the US Embassy supports Ukraine on the ground and the status of US support for Ukraine during Russia’s war.

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Delegation transfers to Lukianivka Metro and McDonald’s

Pickup location: Hilton Kyiv
Tarasa Shevchenko Blvd, 30, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01030

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Tour of site of recent Russian destruction and impact on American businesses

Location: McDonald’s
Yuriia Illienka St, 3, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000

Topic: How Russia’s aggression impacts civilian life and American businesses.

Relevance: Staffers will visit the McDonald's in the neighborhood in Kyiv that has been most frequently targeted to see damage and learn about how civilians have adapted to living among and beside damaged civilian infrastructure and how American businesses have adapted to conditions of war in Ukraine.

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Delegation transfers to Naftogaz Headquarters

Pickup location: McDonald's
Yuriia Illienka St, 3, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting with senior representatives of Naftogaz including Acting CEO Serhiy Fedorenko

Location: Naftogaz Kyiv Offices

Topic: Ukraine's energy security and Russia's assault on energy.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about Ukraine's preparations for the winter in terms of their energy supply and how Russia targets critical energy infrastructure and energy transit.

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

Pickup location: Naftogaz Kyiv Offices

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Meeting with senior representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine including Deputy Foreign Minister Olexandr Mischenko

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 senior representatives 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 about Ukraine's relationship with the United States and other allies.

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Glek

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



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1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Lunch

Location: Glek

Velyka Zhytomyrska Street, 6/11

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to the Security Service of Ukraine Headquarters

Pickup location: Glek

Velyka Zhytomyrska Street, 6/11

3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.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 Russia's full-scale invasion, how the service has changed and evolved since Russia's full-scale invasion, and the service's role in wartime Ukraine.

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

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Restaurant O'Panas

Pickup location: Security Service of Ukraine Headquarters

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Dinner with Peter Dickinson, editor of UkraineAlert with the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center, Andy Hunder, President, American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine, and Brian Mefford, nonresident senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center

Location: Restaurant O'Panas

Vulytsya Tereshchenkivs'ka, 10, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01004

Topic: US-Ukraine economic ties and Ukraine's business and investment climate.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about journalism in Ukraine during war time and the work of the Atlantic Council's team and fellows in Kyiv. Staffers will also learn about how Russia's war in Ukraine has impacted how organizations working with the United States operate.

6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station



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

7:00 p.m. – 7:29 p.m.

Board train

Location: Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

7:29 p.m.

Depart from Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station for Chelm Train Station on Train 19

Location: Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

Thursday, August 27

5:00 a.m.

Delegation arrives at Chelm Train Station

5:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

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

Pickup location: Chelm Train Station, Chelm, Poland

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Delegation drops off bags at the Hotel Bristol Warsaw

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

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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

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

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting with the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Poland

Location: Aleja 11 Niepodległości 218, 00-911 Warsaw

Topic: Polish defense and Russia's war.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about the Polish Ministry of Defense's priorities focusing on Poland, NATO, and Polish defense posture toward Russian aggression.

10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Olivia Mullaney transfers to Warsaw Chopin Airport via private transportation <u>Pickup location:</u> Hotel Bristol Warsaw Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44, 00-325 Warsaw
10:40 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Olivia Mullaney check-in, security, boarding
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Delegation transfers to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland <u>Pickup location:</u> Aleja Al Niepodległości 218, 00-911 Warsaw
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Meeting with members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland including Bolesław Woźniak, Deputy Director of the Strategy Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland, Marek Kręt, Deputy Director at the Security Policy Department, and Marianna Chlebowska, Career Diplomat with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland <u>Location:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs Al. Jana Christiana Szucha 23 Warsaw, entrance A <u>Topic:</u> Poland's diplomatic priorities during Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. <u>Relevance:</u> 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.
12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Delegation transfers to lunch with iSANS <u>Pickup location:</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs Al. Jana Christiana Szucha 23 Warsaw
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch with iSANS (International Strategic Action Network for Security) <u>Location:</u> Atlantic Council Poland Office Hotel Europejski, Ossolińskich 1 <u>Topics:</u> The role Belarus plays in Russia's full-scale war in Ukraine.



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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.

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to the Chancellery of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland

Pickup location: Atlantic Council Poland Office
Hotel Europejski, Ossolińskich 1

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting with Paweł Kowal and his team focused on foreign policy

Location: Prime Minister's Chancellery
Al. Ujazdowskie 1/3

Topic: Polish parliamentary foreign policy.

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

1:15 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Olivia Mullaney flies from Warsaw (WAW) to Munich (MUC) on Flight LH 1613

2:50 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

Olivia Mullaney layover, additional US security screening, board flight to Washington

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to the residence of Stephanie Holmes, Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in the Republic of Poland

Pickup location: Prime Minister's Chancellery
Al. Ujazdowskie 1/3

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Meeting with Stephanie Holmes, 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

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.

4:20 p.m. – 7:25 p.m.

Olivia Mullaney flies from Munich (MUC) to Washington Dulles (IAD) on Flight LH 414

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Hotel Bristol Warsaw

Pickup location: Residence of the Deputy Chief of Mission of the US Embassy in the Republic of Poland

4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting with Sviatlana Tsihanouskaya, National Leader of Belarus, Franak Viačorka, nonresident fellow at the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center and Chief Advisor to Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya

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

Topic: The Democratic Forces in Belarus and their relationship with the United States Government.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about the Belarusian democratic movement's work to shape a free and democratic Belarus and their engagement with the US government as well as the US government's engagement with the Lukashenka regime.

6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Break at the Hotel Bristol Warsaw

7:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to dinner at Rusiko by foot

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Dinner discussion with Amb. John Herbst recapping the main takeaways from 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.

9:00 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Delegation walks back to Hotel Bristol



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Friday, August 28

5:00 a.m. – 5:40 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

5:40 a.m. – 7:40 a.m.

Check-in, security, boarding

7:40 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Delegation flies from Warsaw (WAW) to Frankfurt (FRA) on Flight LH 5715

9:40 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

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

1:10 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.

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

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1. **Sami Araboghli**
 - a. *National Security Advisor*, Office of Representative Greg Steube
 - 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. **Michael Corcoran**
 - a. *Senior Policy Advisor – Foreign Policy and Immigration*, Office of Representative Mike Quigley
 - 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. **Rachel Everette**
 - a. *National Security Advisor*, Office of 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.
4. **Taylor Fairless**
 - a. *National Security Advisor*, Office of Representative Jimmy Panetta
 - 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. **Zach Huff**
 - a. *National Security Advisor*, Office of Representative Abraham J. Hamadeh
 - 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. **Sam Madsen**
 - a. *Legislative Assistant*, Office of Representative Pat Harrigan
 - 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. **Olivia Mullaney**
 - a. *Military Legislative Assistant*, Office of Representative Pat Ryan
 - 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.
8. **Anna Owens**
 - a. *National Security Advisor*, Office of the Representative Herb Conaway

- 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.

9. **Julia Snodgrass**

- a. *Press Secretary*, US House of Representatives Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party
- 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.

10. **Kim Waskowsky**

- a. *Professional Staff Member*, US House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
- 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.

August 21, 2026 to

August 28, 2026

Kyiv, Ukraine and
Warsaw, Poland

Agenda: Eurasia Study Trip

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

(All times listed are local)

Friday, August 21 – 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

Saturday, August 22

5:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. Layover, delegation connects in airport, boards flight to Warsaw

10:35 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. Delegation flies from Frankfurt (FRA) to Warsaw (WAW) on Flight LH 1346

12:25 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Arrival in Warsaw, pick up luggage, transfer to Courtyard by Marriott Warsaw Airport by foot

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Rest and quick briefing on train travel

Location: Courtyard by Marriott Warsaw Airport
1 J Zwirki I st, Warsaw, Poland, 00906

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Lunch briefing with Ambassador Herbst

Location: Brasserie Restaurant Marriot Warsaw Airport
1 J Zwirki I st, Warsaw, Poland, 00906

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

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

3:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. [Delegation transfers to Chełm Train Station, pick up dinner on the way](#)

Pickup location: Courtyard by Marriott Warsaw Airport

7:15 p.m. – 8:14 p.m. [Delegation boards train](#)

Location: Chełm Train Station, Chełm, Poland

8:14 p.m. [Depart from Chełm Train Station for Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station](#)

Location: Chełm Train Station, Chełm, Poland

Sunday, August 23

7:51 a.m. [Arrive to Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station from Chełm Train Station](#)

Location: Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

7:51 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. [Delegation debarks and transfers to the National Prayer Breakfast of Ukraine](#)

Pickup location: Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. [Delegation attends National Prayer Breakfast of Ukraine](#)

Location: National Prayer Breakfast of Ukraine 2026 Location

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. [Delegation transfers to InterContinental Kyiv hotel](#)

Pickup location: National Prayer Breakfast of Ukraine 2026 Location

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. [Drop off bags at the hotel](#)

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



11:15 a.m. – 12:00 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

Topic: 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 killed by Russia are honored by the Ukrainian people.

12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Delegation transfers to the Kyiv School of Economics

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

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch with representatives of the Kyiv School of Economics including Tymofiy Mylovanov, President of the Kyiv School of Economics; Yevhenii Malik, Head of National Defense and Security Educational Programs at Kyiv School of Economics and former Marine infantry sergeant and defender of Mariupol; and Alexandra Vacroux, Vice President for Strategic Engagement, Kyiv School of Economics

Location: Kyiv School of Economics
Mykoly Shpaka St, 3 Kyiv

Topic: Experts with the Kyiv School of Economics will discuss the state of the battlefield in Ukraine, updates on front lines, the security situation in Ukraine's cities, education in Ukraine, and Ukraine's economy and recovery efforts.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about the battlefield and Russia's tactics in Ukraine, Ukraine's economy, and recovery efforts in Ukraine.

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to InterContinental Kyiv

Pickup location: Kyiv School of Economics
Mykoly Shpaka St, 3 Kyiv

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Delegation break to check in to hotel rooms, shower, and security team briefing

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

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Delegation transfers to RECOVERY Rehabilitation Center Kyiv

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

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Visit to RECOVERY Rehabilitation Center Kyiv

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

Topic: Casualties from the war, and the work of rehabilitation centers and hospitals to support civilians, members of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, and Ukrainian veterans with their recovery.

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

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Independence Square and the Heavenly Hundred Memorial

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

4:45 p.m. – 6:00 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.

6:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Delegation transfers to dinner

Pickup location: Independence Square, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000

6:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

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

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

Topic: Arseniy Yatsenyuk's work as Prime Minister and the current work of his Kyiv Security Forum team.

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 KSF and other analytical organizations in Ukraine.

8:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to hotel

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

Monday, August 24

Until 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast available for delegation at InterContinental Kyiv

Breakfast is optional and is available for all guests 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 8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Delegation transfers to the 3rd Assault Brigade Kill House Academy

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

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Visit to the 3rd Assault Brigade Kill House Academy

Location: 3rd Assault Brigade Kyiv Headquarters

Topic: Ukrainian unarmed aerial vehicle research and development and Ukraine's defense technology, Ukrainian training of drone operators

Relevance: Staffers will learn about Ukraine's technology-driven warfare and how it relates to the future of modern combat, including through Ukrainian research in the development of unarmed aerial vehicles and electronic warfare.

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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

Pickup location: 3rd Assault Brigade Kyiv Headquarters

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 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 military 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 Ukraine's defense efforts more broadly.

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to lunch

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

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch with Ukrainian and foreign journalists including Peter Dickinson, Editor, UkraineAlert; Christopher Miller, Chief Correspondent in Kyiv, the Financial Times; and Sevgil Musaieva, Journalist, Ukrainska Pravda

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

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, access to information in Ukraine today, and the role of journalism in supporting the documentation of Russia's crimes in Ukraine and developments in the war.

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to the Protez Foundation Kyiv location

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

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Meeting with Protez Foundation staff

Location: Protez Foundation Kyiv office

Topic: Prosthetics development and technology in Russia's war on Ukraine and US prosthetics technology collaboration

Relevance: Staffers will hear from the Protez foundation on the prosthetics technologies for civilians and soldiers who have lost limbs in the war and

the role the US has played in civilian and veteran recovery and rehabilitation.

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to InterContinental Kyiv

Pickup location: Protez Foundation Kyiv office

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting with Representatives of the Ukraine Recovery Platform including Lana Zerkal, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine for European Integration

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

Topic: Ukraine's strategic development and recovery efforts, including EU integration and engagement with the US to drive Ukraine's economic self-sufficiency and reforms, as well as EU leadership on Ukraine's reconstruction.

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.

5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Delegation transfers to the offices of SkyFall

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

5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Meeting with representatives of SkyFall

Location: SkyFall production facility

Topic: Ukraine's defense technology ecosystem and the impact on European and Allied security.

Relevance: Staffers will hear about Skyfall's unarmed aerial vehicle capabilities and how they fit into the Brave1 ecosystem, hearing from one of Ukraine's leading defense technology about their extensive research and development capabilities, large-scale production lines and developing industry partnerships to advance European and Ukrainian air defense technology.

6:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to dinner

Pickup location: SkyFall offices

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner with Eurasia Center nonresident and distinguished fellows based in Ukraine including Oksana Nechyporenko, Valeriya Ionan, Andriy Zagorodnyuk, D, Volodymyr Havyrlov, Brian Mefford, and Oleh Shamsur.

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

Topic: Ukraine's domestic landscape, including digital transformation work, social cohesion and human capital, and Ukraine's military.

Relevance: Staffers will hear from a variety of experts on Ukraine's domestic landscape to synthesize their findings from their time in Kyiv, learn more about Ukraine's domestic situation, and discuss with the experts.

8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Air Defense Coordination Center

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

8:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Meeting with Air Defense Coordination Representatives

Location: Air Defense Coordination Center

Topic: Ukraine's counter-drone and air defense capabilities, including satellite tracking, air defense technologies, and efforts to streamline and coordinate air defense nationwide.

Relevance: Staffers will gain insight into Ukraine's approach to countering Russian aerial attacks, including how its air defense network is coordinated, the technologies and systems used to respond to evolving threats, and how this organization contributes to the country's broader defense architecture including the protection of critical infrastructure.

9:15 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.

Delegation transfers to hotel

Pickup location: Air Defense Coordination Center

Tuesday, August 25

Until 8:40 a.m.

Breakfast available for delegation at InterContinental Kyiv

Breakfast is optional and is available for all guests 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 8:40 a.m.

8:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Delegation transfers to HALO Trust Chernihiv operation site, briefing by Ambassador Herbst

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

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Meeting with HALO Trust staff and visit to a demining site

Location: HALO Trust Chernihiv base

Topic: Mine proliferation and demining operations in Ukraine.

Relevance: Staffers will hear from members of the HALO Trust team about mines in Ukraine and the role demining plays in Ukraine's physical and economic recovery, how demining works, and HALO's work in Chernihiv.

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Chernihiv City Council

Pickup location HALO Trust Chernihiv base

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch with the Mayor of Chernihiv Oleksandr Lomako

Location: Chernihiv City Council
14000, Chernihiv, st. Magistratskaya, 7

Topic: Chernihiv's response to Russia's full-scale invasion and the impact of Russia's war in Northern Ukraine.

Relevance: Staffers will hear about how the city of Chernihiv 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 Belarus' role in Russia's full-scale invasion and Russia's tactics in Ukraine's north.

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Krasna Square

Pickup location: Chernihiv City Council
14000, Chernihiv, st. Magistratskaya, 7

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Walking tour of Krasna Square

Location: Krasna Square, Chernihiv

Topic: Local history and contemporary culture and resistance to Russian aggression in cities beyond Kyiv.



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Relevance: Staffers will tour Krasna Square, Chernihiv's main public square, and learn about the city's history, including cultural relevance before and after the Soviet Union, occupation during WWII, and damage to cultural monuments and architecture in Russia's contemporary war and resulting UNESCO-led rebuilding efforts.

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to energy facility

Pickup location: Krasna Square, Chernihiv

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting with energy workers and first responders

Location: Energy facility near Chernihiv

Topic: Russia's strikes on energy production in Ukraine, the impact of Russia's campaign against Ukraine's energy infrastructure over the winter of 2026, and Ukraine's efforts to both rebuild and fortify its energy system.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about how Ukraine continues to supply its citizens with energy and resist Russia's campaign to destroy critical energy infrastructure in Ukraine. They will also learn from first responders how Russia targets humanitarian rescues and necessary infrastructure and what response looks like.

4:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Delegation transfers to dinner in Kyiv

Pickup location: Energy facility in Chernihiv

7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Dinner and recap discussion of Chernihiv day with Oleksii Riabchyn, Chief International and Sustainability Officer at Naftogaz of Ukraine and Ambassador John Herbst

Location: Musafir
Saksaganskogo St, 57A Kyiv 02000

Topic: Takeaways from Chernihiv meetings and Ukraine's energy systems.

Relevance: Staffers will discuss efforts to fortify Ukraine's energy systems and preparation for the coming winter, as well as main takeaways from meetings in Chernihiv and time outside of Kyiv.

8:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to hotel

Pickup location: Musafir
Saksaganskogo St, 57A Kyiv 02000

Wednesday, August 26

Until 8:45 a.m.

Breakfast available for delegation at InterContinental Kyiv

Breakfast is optional and is available for all guests 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 8:40 a.m., checked out and bags packed and ready to put on the bus.

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Delegation transfers to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

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

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Meeting with senior 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 senior representatives 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.

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Delegation transfers to Kyiv City Council

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

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.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 the broader political landscape in Kyiv and beyond.

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

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

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting with senior 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, justice, recovery, and foreign relations.

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

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 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

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Lunch meeting with Chargé D'Affairs Daniel Bischof and the staff of the US Embassy in Ukraine

Location: US Ambassador's Residence

Topic: US-Ukraine relationship.

Relevance: Staffers will have the opportunity to hear from the Embassy team about how the US Embassy supports Ukraine on the ground and the status of US support for Ukraine during Russia's war.

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine

Pickup location: US Ambassador's Residence

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 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

2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting with senior 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 a senior representative of Ukraine's Ministry of Defense on the Ministry's work defending Ukraine against Russian aggression and will learn about the role of US and allied security packages and how American support can impact the state of the war on the battlefield, in the air, and at sea.⁴

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine

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

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Meeting with senior representatives of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine

Location: Ministry of Economy of Ukraine
Mykhaila Hrushevskoho St, 12/2, Kyiv, Ukraine, 01008

Topic: The work of the Ministry of Economy during war and the US-Ukraine minerals deal

Relevance: Staffers will hear from senior representatives of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine about the state of Ukraine's economy, priorities for economic recovery, and how the US-Ukraine minerals deal has evolved into a joint fund with the Development Finance Institution.

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Delegation transfers to dinner

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

5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Dinner with Andy Hunder, President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine, Tetyana Prokopchuk, Vice President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine, and Iryna Mudra, Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine

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

Topic: US-Ukraine economic ties and Ukraine's business and investment climate



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Relevance: Staffers will learn about American business in Ukraine and US-Ukraine economic ties, the investment climate in Ukraine today, the impact of war on Ukraine's business environment, and rule of law in Ukraine.

6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

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

7:00 p.m. – 7:36 p.m.

Board train

Location: Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

7:36 p.m.

Depart from Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station for Chelm Train Station

Location: Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi Train Station

Thursday, August 27

5:00 a.m.

Delegation arrives at Chelm Train Station

5:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

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

Pickup location: Chelm Train Station

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Delegation drops off bags, coffee at the Bristol, shower and change

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

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Delegation transfers to the Parliament of the Republic of Poland (Sejm),
security and entry

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

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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



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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.

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Delegation transfers to the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Poland, security and entry

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

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 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 focusing on Poland, NATO, and Polish defense posture toward Russian aggression.

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 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

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 Ambassador Tom Rose, US Ambassador to Poland

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

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Meeting with Ambassador Tom Rose, US Ambassador to Poland and Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in the Republic of Poland Stephanie Holmes

Location: Residence of the Ambassador of the US Embassy in Poland

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.

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Delegation transfers to iSANS headquarters

Pickup location: Residence of the Ambassador of the US Embassy in Poland

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Meeting with iSANS (International Strategic Action Network for Security) as well as Franak Viačorka, nonresident fellow at the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center and Chief Advisor to Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya and Dzianis Kuchynski, Diplomatic Advisor to Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya

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

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



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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.

5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to Hotel Bristol

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

6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Break at the hotel

6:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Delegation transfers to dinner by foot

7:00 p.m. – 8:45 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.

8:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Delegation walks back to Hotel Bristol

Friday, August 28

5:00 a.m. – 5:40 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

5:40 a.m. – 7:40 a.m.

Check-in, security, boarding

7:40 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Delegation flies from Warsaw (WAW) to Frankfurt (FRA) on Flight LH 5715

9:40 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

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

1:10 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.

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



Kim Waskowsky
Professional Staff Member
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Committee on Energy and Commerce

July 13, 2026

Dear Kim,

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 21 and August 28, 2026.**

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 congressional staff trips to Kyiv, Ukraine in August 2024 and 2025, 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).

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Herbst", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ambassador John Herbst
Senior Director, Eurasia Center
Atlantic Council