

# New Experiences

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Never having left the United States, I knew that my trip to Poland was going to be life changing, and just after a few days here, I was right.

Traveling out of the US and even more so to Poland, I have seen some things both new and old that have just amazed me! The first days of our trip were filled with sightseeing and education from all aspects of Polish agriculture.

### Old Town

Our first day in Poland we went around Warsaw to see most of Old Town Warsaw and it was pretty amazing to see all the architectural differences from what is in the United States. All



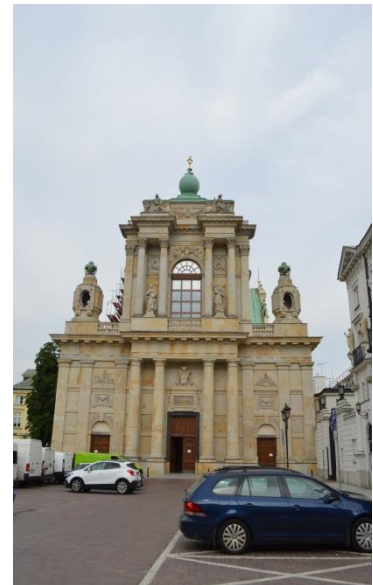
of the vibrant colors and details really make Old Town feel like something out of a story book. It is one thing to hear history about a certain place but to actually witness it, is another.



### Agriculture School



We started off our first full day in Poland with a little road trip to an agriculture school and we were able to get a little background in the history and information on agriculture in Poland. We were greeted with a Texas flag flying in front of the school which was pretty cool!

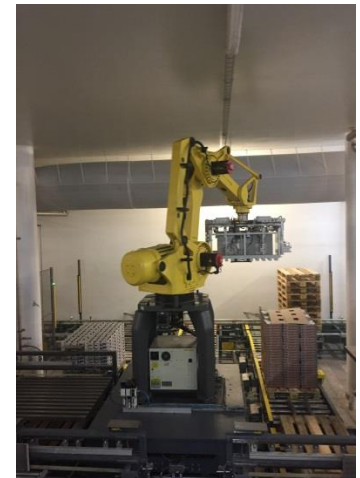


## Factory and Farm Visits

After hearing about all the facts and figures of Poland's agriculture we headed off to a few factory and farm visits where we were able to really see how Poland's agriculture industry runs. The most interesting thing about how these factories run in Poland is that they are all automated. While walking through the Piatnica factory there were hardly any people seen, as machines and robots did 90% of the work, if not more. Even though they had about 600



employees at this particular factory we only saw about 20 because this factory runs 24/7/365 and has three different shifts.



The differences I noticed the most in the Polish farms versus American farms was the fact that these farms still operated with a lot of the same machinery and infrastructure that they had been using for years.



Moving on to more factories the usage of machines and robots instead of people was noticed again even in feed mills we visited.



## Parliament

Before we headed off to meet our host families we met with the Minister of Agriculture and got to go to Parliament and meet some of the members. It was very interesting to see how the Polish government works as it is very similar to the US but also very different. It was a honor to be able



to get to meet with all of the distinguished members of Polish government, as it was a very special opportunity.

