

# POLAND

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## Makow

We left our forest camp and arrived in Makow (the Nowak family centre) early on Saturday. After settling in at Slavek and Dorota's place we got dressed for a family get together - one of 3 to come. Family party time is essentially a time to eat and drink and laugh while trying to work out what was being said in Polish. It was so great to see all of the family again after 4 years. All the kids have grown up and, in the absence of Slawek, who had to play in a band, they took turns to be our interpreters. To say we were mightily impressed is an understatement. Their respect, patience and manners were noticeable. We spent a delightful few hours talking about a whole range of topics whilst eating delicious food.



Family party time in Poland is measured in hours and the number of shots of vodka that can be consumed within such time is phenomenal. What interests Heather and I is why we do not get tipsy after all that alcohol? Eventually we got to bed and, after a late rise, Heather and I and Waclaw took to our bikes for a long ride around the area. We visited 5 villages and I got totally disorientated. The 20km ride was just the thing we needed because as soon as we got back home it was family party time again. Six more hours of eating and talking.



COMMAS Europeans prefer the comma to the full stop. It confuses us. Where we use a full stop they use a comma, and what's worse, it's visa versa too.



BOMB SHELTER? We saw lots of these and questioned Waclaw as to their purpose. He told us that they are outdoor cellars used to keep foods like potatoes cool. Most houses have them in the back yard.



CELEBRATION Everywhere you look you come across a shrine. Even in the most remote places. What's more they are beautifully decorated. Flowers start appearing in May.

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