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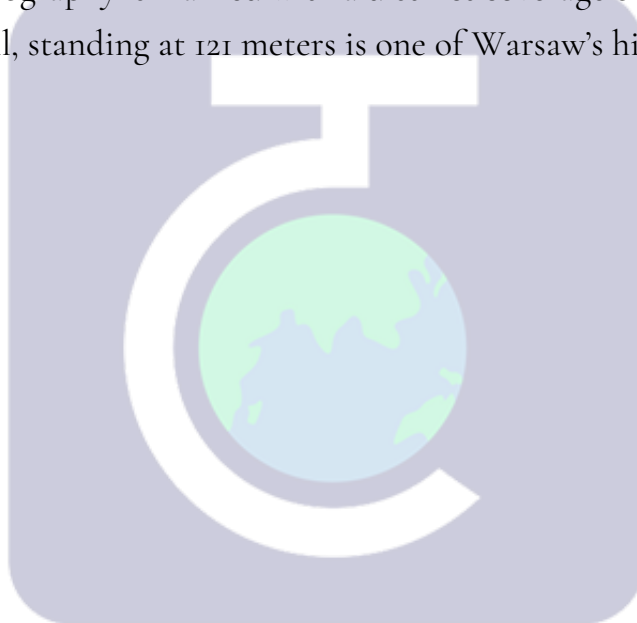
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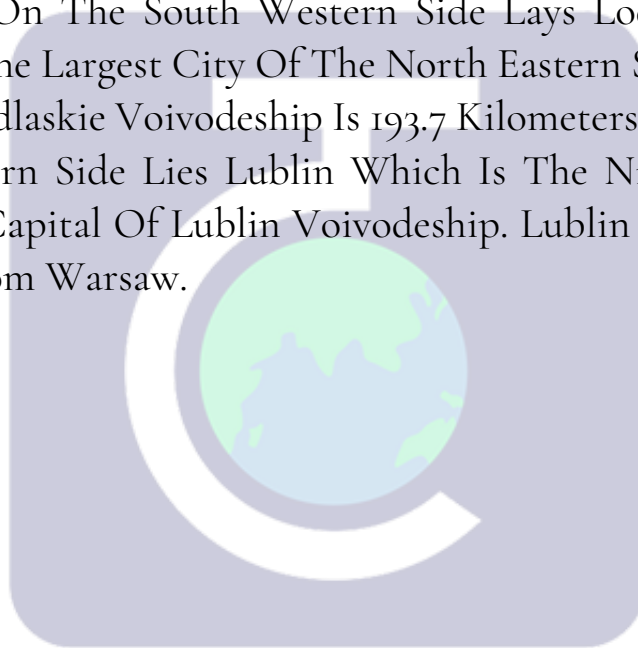
Located in east central Poland on the Vistula River, Warsaw is about 260 kilometers away from the Baltic Sea. The average elevation of the city is 100m above sea level. The distinctive geographical features within Warsaw include the plain moraine plateau and the Vistula Valley. The Vistula river, runs across Warsaw and divides it into two sections. The city covers an area of approximately 516.9 square kilometers and the metropolitan area covers about 6,100.43 square kilometers. The city's topography is marked with a distinct coverage of many hills. For example, the Warsaw Uprising Hill, standing at 121 meters is one of Warsaw's highest points.



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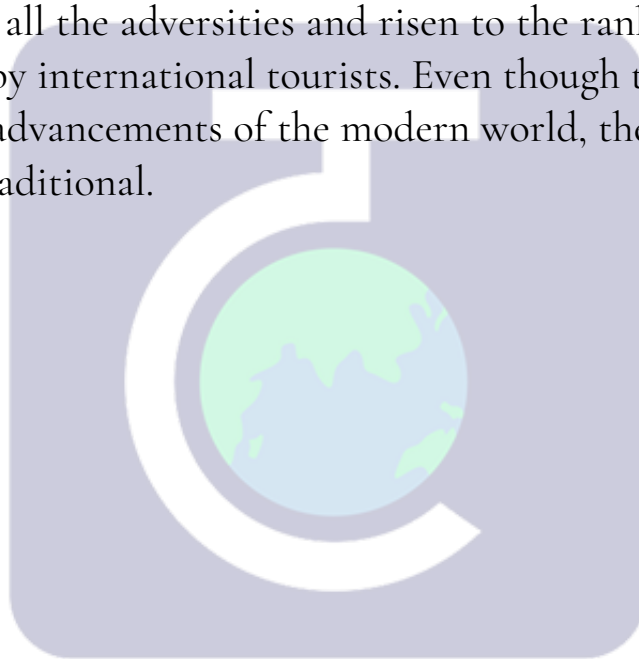
2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Warsaw Is Poland's Largest City And Is Its Capital. It Is Bordered By Five Cities Which Include Bialystok, Wloclawek, Lodz, Radom And Lublin. The Nearest City Is Radom Which Is 103.9 Kilometers Away From Warsaw; It Is Also 92.4 Kilometers Away When Travelling By Air. On The Western Side Lies Wloclawek Which Is 140 Kilometers Away From Warsaw (i.e. The Shortest Distance When Travelling By Air). On The South Western Side Lays Lodz, The City Is 135.7 Kilometers By Air. The Largest City Of The North Eastern Side Is Bialystok That Is The Capital Of Podlaskie Voivodeship Is 193.7 Kilometers Away From Warsaw. On The South Eastern Side Lies Lublin Which Is The Ninth Largest City Of Poland And Is The Capital Of Lublin Voivodeship. Lublin Is Approximately 153 Kilometers Away From Warsaw.



3. Significance

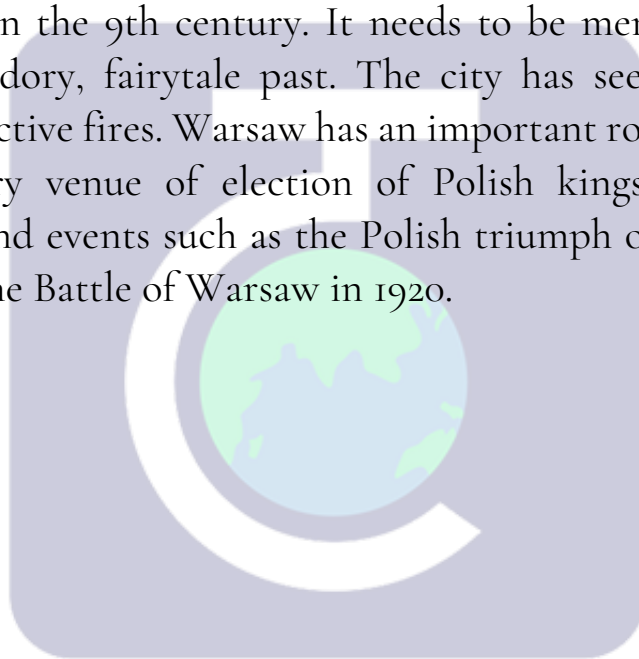
The capital city of Poland is also the economic, political, and cultural hub of the country. Having witnessed many wars, conflicts, and invasions through centuries, the city has showed great resilience and an indomitable spirit of survival and resurrection that has made Warsaw truly a 'Phoenix City'. Though most part of the city including its buildings and structures was destroyed during the World War II, it has braved all the adversities and risen to the rank of a global city that is frequently visited by international tourists. Even though the city has embraced the innovations and advancements of the modern world, the core of Warsaw still remains absolutely traditional.



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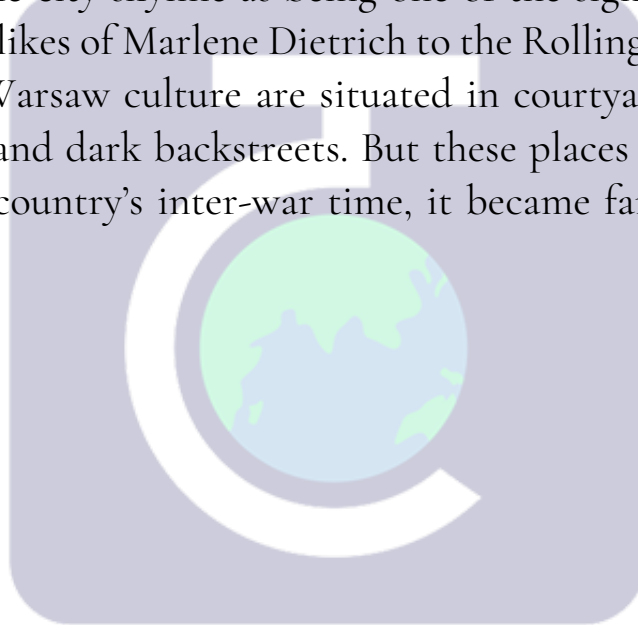
4. History

The history of Warsaw dates back to 1400 years. The city was merely a cluster of villages before becoming one of the most sought-after cities of the world. Prior to becoming the capital of Poland, the city of Warsaw experienced various events and incidents which are the crux of its existence to what it is today. The current Warsaw Old Town which is the crux of the city, is believed to have witnessed its earliest settlements in the 9th century. It needs to be mentioned that Warsaw hardly has a hunky-dory, fairytale past. The city has seen abundant plagues, invasions, and destructive fires. Warsaw has an important role in Poland's history. It has been the very venue of election of Polish kings, meeting of Polish parliament (Sejm), and events such as the Polish triumph over the Bolsheviks at the Vistula, during the Battle of Warsaw in 1920.



5. Cultural identity

Warsaw's cultural roots have evolved greatly in the course of its evolution as a city. Today there are several factors there are several places which have come to be known as cultural hotspots of Warsaw. The city boasts of over 30 theatres and 60 cinemas, well-supported by key events such as the Chopin, Jewish Culture and the Warsaw International Film Festival. The landmark Palace of Culture and Science dominates the city skyline as being one of the signature structures. The venue has hosted the likes of Marlene Dietrich to the Rolling Stones. Interestingly the true bearers of Warsaw culture are situated in courtyards, former factories, train ticket stations and dark backstreets. But these places are not the easiest to find today. Due the country's inter-war time, it became famously known as the 'Paris of the East.'



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6. Natural resources

It has a quite rich reserve of natural resources that includes oil, petroleum, coal, silica, zinc, tin, iron ore, limestone, salt, gypsum, arable land, clay, rocks, slate, chalk, etc. It also has a reserve of bauxite, uranium, lignite, manganese and coal. The species of valuable plants and herbs are in abundance. The large number of species of flora and fauna that includes fox, deer, boar, duck, heron, crane, storks are found. It is densely forested and the forest cover includes oak, lime, beech and deciduous plants.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Warsaw Uprising Museum

Located in the Wola district of the city, Warsaw Uprising Museum is dedicated to the cause of Warsaw Uprising cited in 1944. Inaugurated in 2004 post the initiation of construction in 1983, the museum remains as one of the most iconic landmarks in Poland. Scattered over 3 floors, this museum traces the historic uprising via photographs, films, interactive displays and personal accounts.

Address : Grzybowska 79, 00-001 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 00-001

Location : 52.232324, 20.981154000000006

Contact : +48-225397905

Website : <http://www.1944.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Muzeum Powstania Warszawskiego 06 Light Rail Station Siedmiogrodzka 02 Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 18 PLN Concession: 14 PLN Group: 10 PLN / person Sundays:

Free admission Guides: 100 PLN

Open & Close Timing : Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 08:00hrs-18:00hrs Thursday: 08:00hrs-20:00hrs Saturday, Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Closed on Tuesdays

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Wilanów Palace

Wilanów Palace and Museum is one of the most important royal palaces located in the district of Wilanów in Warsaw. The Wilanów Palace is said to have survived the period of Polish partitions and two World Wars, thus serving as a reminder of the dramatic Polish history since the 18th century.

Address : Stanisława Kostki Potockiego 10/16, 02-958 Warsaw, Poland

Zipcode : 02-958

Location : 52.1651749, 21.0905083999999976

Contact : +48 22 544 27 00

Website : <http://www.wilanow-palac.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Wilanów or Bus Station

Entry Fee : The Palace: Regular Ticket: 20 PLN Discount Ticket: 15 PLN Museum: 1 PLN Audio Guide: 12 PLN per person Educational offer [School Museum meetings and workshops are led by museum educator (paid service)]: 10 PLN/person + 100 PLN/group Royal Theater: Regular ticket: 30 PLN Discount ticket: 20 PLN Thursday: Free admission, non-guided tours only The Park: Regular: 5 PLN Discount: 3 PLN Museum for one zloty: 1 PLN Educational offer [School meetings and workshops (description as above)]: 10 PLN/person + 100 PLN/group

Open & Close Timing : The Palace (Winter season - 26th September to 16th December) Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays: 09:30hrs-16:00hrs (last admission of visitors at 15:00hrs), Closed on Tuesdays The Park: Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs 17th-31st October: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs (last admission at 17:30hrs) 1st November to 12th March: 09:00hrs-16:00hrs (last admission at 16:00hrs)

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Copernicus Science Centre

Copernicus Science Centre is one of the major science museums on the bank of the River Vistula in Warsaw. The centre has over 450 interactive exhibits that enable visitors to engage in experiments and discover the laws of science. It is also the largest of its kind in Poland and one of the most advanced science centres in the whole of Europe.

Address : Wybrzeze Kosciuszkowskie 20, 00-390 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 00-390

Location : 52.2418552, 21.02872709999997

Contact : +48-225964100

Website : <http://www.kopernik.org.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Centrum Nauki Kopernik Subway station Metro Centrum Nauki Kopernik or Bus Station

Entry Fee : Copernicus Science Centre: Exhibitions Half-price ticket: 18 PLN Standard ticket: 27 PLN Family ticket**: 72 PLN Copernicus Science Centre: Minilabs: weekend courses at laboratories Biology lab: 9 PLN + CSC ticket

Chemistry lab: 9 PLN + CSC ticket Physics lab: 9 PLN + CSC ticket Robotics lab: 9 PLN + CSC ticket The Heavens of Copernicus Planetarium Half-price ticket 2D movie: 14 PLN Half-price ticket 3D movie: 19 PLN Standard ticket 2D movie: 19 PLN Standard ticket 3D movie: 24 PLN Family ticket 2D movie: 52 PLN Family ticket 3D movie: 67 PLN Constellation: Love: 25 PLN Starry Night Concerts: 25 PLN Around Jazz: 25 PLN Right from the Sky half-price: 14 PLN Right from the Sky standard: 19 PLN Dark Side of The Moon: 25 PLN Kids' Concerts: 25 PLN

Open & Close Timing : Copernicus Science Centre: September to December: Tuesday to Friday: 09:00hrs–18:00hrs Saturday to Sunday: 10:00hrs–19:00hrs Monday closed Garden on the rooftop: September to October: Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs–17:00hrs November to April: Winter break, the garden is closed May to August: Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs–20:00hrs The Heavens of Copernicus Planetarium: September to December: 5-18 September - Technical break, Planetarium is closed Tuesday to Wednesday: 09:30hrs–19:00hrs Thursday 09:30hrs-20:00hrs Friday 09:30hrs–21:30hrs Saturday 10:30hrs–20:30hrs Sunday 10:30hrs–19:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Palace of Culture and Science

Warsaw's Palace of Culture and Science is one of the most contrasting centers in Poland. The center is believed to have been influenced by the times of oppression to the Poles and remains as the symbol of the 45 years of Russian suppression, ever since the end of World War II.

Address : Plac Defilad 1, 00-901 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 901

Location : 52.23177769999999, 21.006162399999994

Contact : +48-226567600

Website : <http://www.pkin.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Centrum Subway Station Centrum 03 Bus Station Centrum 07 Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Normal ticket – 20 PLN Reduced ticket – 15 PLN Normal group ticket (for groups over 10 people admission tutor / guide free) – 15 PLN Group

ticket (school for a group of more than 10 people admission tutor / guide free) – 12 PLN Ticket "Warsaw" (for bearer cards Warszawiak) - 17 PLN Family ticket (for bearer cards Large Family) – 12 PLN Night ticket (from May to August every Friday and Saturday – 12 PLN

Open & Close Timing : Observation Deck -10:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. The National Museum in Warsaw

The National Museum in Warsaw is one of the largest museums in Poland and also the largest in the Warsaw. The museum comprises of a rich collection of ancient arts from Egyptian, Greek, Roman cultures and civilizations with about 11,000 pieces along with an extensive gallery of Polish painting belonging to the Italian, French, Flemish, Dutch, German and Russian artistic impressions including some rare paintings from the private collection of Adolf Hitler.

Address : Aleje Jerozolimskie 3, Warszawa, Poland, 00-495

Zipcode : 495

Location : 52.23159870000001, 21.02479870000002

Contact : +48-226211031

Website : <http://www.mnw.art.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Muzeum Narodowe 06 Light Rail Station Muzeum Narodowe 01 Bus Station

Entry Fee : Normal - 15 PLN Reduced - 10 PLN Family - 30 PLN (2 adults + children under 18 years, max. 6 people) Group - 10 PLN / person (min. 10 persons)

Children, pupils and students under the age of 26 - 1 PLN Museum lesson - 100 PLN Guided tour (1.5 hours) - Polish language - 120 PLN; Foreign language (English, German, French, Russian, Italian) - 150 PLN

Open & Close Timing : Tuesdays-Sundays 10:00hrs-18:00hrs; Thursday – 10:00hrs-21:00hrs; Mondays Closed

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. The Royal Castle in Warsaw

The Royal Castle in Warsaw is a castle residency that has been the stronghold of the Polish Monarchs for more than 3 centuries. Located on the Castle Square, the Royal Castles is an unrivaled tourist destination that reflects the classics of the Polish Baronial architecture.

Address : Plac Zamkowy 4, 00-277 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 277

Location : 52.24797599999999, 21.015256000000022

Contact : +48-223555170

Website : <https://www.zamek-krolewski.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Stare Miasto or Travel Terminals (Light Rail, Bus)

Entry Fee : Regular rate – 30 PLN Reduced rate – 20 PLN Family ticket (family with children under 17 years old) – 15 PLN Children aged up to 16 – 1 PLN Group ticket (per person): regular – 25 PLN, Reduced – 15 PLN, children aged up to 16 – 1 PLN; Free on Sundays AUDIOGUIDE Regular rate – 17 PLN; Reduced rate – 12 PLN; Ticket for a group (min. 4 people; per person) – 11 PLN

Open & Close Timing : Winter Season : Tuesday to Saturday 10:00hrs-16:00hrs Sunday 11:00hrs-16:00hrs Summer Season: Monday to Wednesday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs; Thursday 10:00hrs-20:00hrs Friday & Saturday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs; Sunday 11:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. Fryderyk Chopin Museum

The Fryderyk Chopin Museum was established in 1954 as the dedication to the Polish composer, Frédéric Chopin. The museum has 2 areas, the Birthplace of Frédéric Chopin and Chopin Family Parlor. It remains one of the most prolific modern art museums in Warsaw.

Address : Pałac Gnińskich, 00-368, Okólnik 1, 00-368 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 368

Location : 52.23653969999999, 21.022934399999994

Contact : +48-224416251

Website : <http://chopin.museum/en>

Nearest Public Transport : Ordynacka 02 Bus Station

Entry Fee : Regular – 22 PLN Reduced – 13 PLN Normal Group Ticket (min. 15 people) – 18 PLN Reduced Group Ticket (organized groups of school children of at least 15) – 11 PLN Family Ticket (parents or legal guardians with children under 18 years old; one ticket is giving access to the museum only for 6 people) – 62 PLN

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday 11:00hrs-20:00hrs Closed on Mondays

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Łazienki Palace

The Łazienki Palace, also called the Palace on the Water, and the Palace on the Isle is a magnificent mansion in Warsaw's Royal Baths Park that covers around 76 hectares of the city center. The palatial structure is richly decorated with artistry, monuments and paintings, with intricate architectural details.

Address : Agrykoli 1, 00-460 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 460

Location : 52.2150475, 21.035813999999996

Contact : +48-225060028

Website : <http://www.lazienki-krolewskie.pl/pl/zwiedzanie/godziny-otwarcia>

Nearest Public Transport : Agrykola 02 Bus Station

Entry Fee : PALACE ON THE ISLE - Adult - 25 PLN Reduced - 18 PLN Children and students under 26 - 1 PLN GTS/audio guide - free OLD ORANGERY, ROYAL THEATRE - Adult - 20 PLN Reduced - 10 PLN Children and students under 26 - 1 PLN MYŚLEWICKI PALACE - Adult - 10 PLN Reduced - 5 PLN Children and students under 26 - 1 PLN WHITE PAVILION - Adult - 6 PLN Reduced - 4 PLN Children and students under 26 - 1 PLN

Open & Close Timing : PALACE ON THE ISLE - Monday: 11.00hrs – 18:00hrs; Tuesday through Sunday: 9:00hrs – 18:00hrs OLD ORANGERY, ROYAL THEATRE - Monday: 11:00hrs – 18:00hrs; Tuesday through Sunday: 09:00hrs – 18:00hrs MYŚLEWICKI PALACE - Monday: 11.00hrs – 18:00hrs; Tuesday through Sunday: 9.00hrs – 18:00hrs WHITE PAVILION - Closed THE IGNACY PADEREWSKI MEMORABILIA ROOM - CADET SCHOOL Monday: 11.00hrs

– 18:00hrs; Tuesday through Sunday: 9:00hrs – 18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. Warsaw Zoo

The Warsaw Zoo is a notable scientific zoo located on Ratuszowa Street in Warsaw covering around 40 hectares in central Warsaw. The zoo is home to over 4,000 animals belonging to 500 species. It is amongst the most visited facilities in Warsaw with over 600,000 visitors annually.

Address : Ratuszowa 1/3, 03-461 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 461

Location : 52.2581092, 21.021575600000006

Contact : +48-226194041

Website : <http://www.zoo.waw.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pl.Hallera 04 Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : March to October – Adults – 20 PLN Children (0 to 3) – FREE
Children (3 to 16) – 15 PLN Teenagers (17 to 20) – 15 PLN Students (

Open & Close Timing : December to January: Monday to Friday 09:00hrs-15:30hrs
Saturday & Sunday 09:00hrs-16:00hrs February, November: Daily
09:00hrs-16:00hrs March, October: Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs April to September:
Monday to Friday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday & Sunday 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 6

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Maria Skłodowska-Curie Museum

The Maria Skłodowska-Curie is a devoted museum that relates to the life and work of Polish scientist, Maria Skłodowska-Curie (1867–1934) who was a two-time Nobel laureate and is sponsored by the Polish Chemical Society. The museum is also the only biographical museum in the world devoted to the Marie Curie who discovered radioactive elements - polonium and radium.

Address : Ul. Freta 16, Warsaw 00-227, Poland (Nowe Miasto)

Zipcode : 227

Location : 52.2515469, 21.00854579999998

Contact : +48-228318092

Website : <http://en.muzeum-msc.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pl.Krasieńskich or Bus station

Entry Fee : Normal tickets - 11 PLN Reduced tickets - 6 PLN Ticket with movie - 16 PLN

Open & Close Timing : June to August: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-19:00hrs

Monday closed September to May: Tuesday to Sunday 09:00hrs-16:30hrs Monday closed

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.11. Mausoleum of Struggle and Martyrdom

Mausoleum of Struggle and Martyrdom is a historic museum in Warsaw and is associated with the Museum of Independence. The museum depicts the era of Polish movements and represents the conditions of the Polish patriots and fighters in the resistance, who were jailed by Nazi Germany in the Second World War.

Address : aleja Jana Chrystiana Szucha 25, 00-580 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 580

Location : 52.2178146, 21.023166700000047

Contact : +48 22 629 49 19

Website : <http://muzeum-niepodleglosci.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pl.Na Rozdrożu or Bus Station Trasa Łazienkowska or Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Normal - 20 PNL Reduced – 10 PNL Thursday – Admission free

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-16:00hrs Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.12. Pawiak Prison Museum

Pawiak Prison Museum was established in 1965. The museum building is constructed on the foundations of the surviving underground prison that was blown up by the Germans during the Second World War. The remains of the old prison have been elegantly restored and the area has been a major tourist attraction ever since.

Address : Dzielna 24/26, 00-001 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 001

Location : 52.2462904, 20.991000600000007

Contact : +48-228319289

Website : <http://muzeum-niepodleglosci.pl/o-muzeum/>

Nearest Public Transport : Anielewicza 01 Bus Station Anielewicza 06 Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Normal - 10 PLN Reduced ticket - 5 PLN Common Normal - 20 PLN Reduced - 10 PLN Thursday - Free entry

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Sunday 10:00hrs–17:00hrs Mondays and Tuesdays closed exhibitions October 31 - Museum closed November 11 (free entrance) 11:00hrs–16:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.13. Museum of the History of Polish Jews

Museum of the History of Polish Jews is built on the site of the former Warsaw Ghetto. The museum is one of the most recently opened cultural entities initiated in 2007 and opened on 2013. It features references to the Jewish history in Poland and the narrative exhibition about the Jewish community.

Address : Anielewicza 6, 00-157 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 157

Location : 52.24937430000001, 20.993183899999963

Website : <http://www.polin.pl/en>

Nearest Public Transport : Muranów 06 Light Rail Station Nalewki-Muzeum 02 Bus Station

Entry Fee : Differs with respect to the type of reservation and program Core Exhibition – Individual Tickets – Regular 25 PLN; Reduced 15 PLN; Family

Ticket (for maximum 2 adults and children up to 18 years) – 55 PLN Group Tickets – Regular 15 PLN; reduced 10 PLN Guided Tour – Regular – 35 PLN; Reduced – 25 PLN

Open & Close Timing : Monday, Thursday & Friday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs
Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00hrs-20:00hrs Tuesday Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.14. National Stadium

Also known as the PGE Narodowy, this is a football stadium with a retractable roof and a seating capacity of 58,145. It is the home ground of Poland's national football team.

Address : aleja Poniatowskiego 1, 03-901 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 901

Location : 52.2394957, 21.04579089999993

Contact : +48 22 295 90 00

Website : <http://www.pgenarodowy.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rondo Waszyngtona Bus and Light Rail stop

Entry Fee : Individual – 20 PLN to 55 PLN (varies according to different tours)

Group (min. 20 people) – 20 PLN to 65 PLN (varies according to different tours)

Reduced – 12 PLN to 30 PLN (varies according to different tours)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-20:00hrs (varies according to different tours)

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Okopowa Street Jewish Cemetery

The Okopowa Street Jewish Cemetery is amongst the largest Jewish cemeteries in the world. The Jewish necropolis was established 1806 over 83 acres of land and has 200,000 marked graves, as well as mass graves of victims of the Warsaw Ghetto. Abandoned after the German invasion of Poland and the Holocaust that continued, the cemetery remained in ruins until it was reopened recently.

Address : Okopowa 49/51, 01-043 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 043

Location : 52.2462866, 20.975466600000004

Contact : +48-228382622

Website : <http://beisolam.jewish.org.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cm.Żydowski 02 Bus Station Cm.Żydowski 04 Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Thursday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Friday 09:00hrs-01:00hrs Sunday 09:00hrs-16:00hrs Closed on Saturdays

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Teatr Wielki Opera Narodowa

Teatr Wielki is a Grand Theatre and National Opera House in Warsaw. The theatre is also the largest in Europe and is the venue for some of the most popular artists from all across the world. Inviting several guests, there is a great history associated with the theatre.

Address : plac Teatralny 1, 00-950 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 950

Location : 52.2435324, 21.010663600000004

Contact : +48-228265019

Website : <http://teatr Wielki.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pl. Teatralny 01 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday 09:00hrs-19:00hrs Saturday, Sunday 11:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Ghetto Heroes Monument

The Ghetto Heroes Monument is a notable monument in Warsaw that commemorates the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1943 during the period of the defeat of the Axis forces in World War II. The monument was completed by 1948 and has since been a part of Polish legacy in the Second World War.

Address : Zamenhofa, 00-001 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 001

Location : 52.2497492, 20.994183799999973

Nearest Public Transport : Ratusz Arsenal 10 Metro Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Warsaw's Castle Square

Warsaw's Castle Square is a historic hub located at the front of the Royal Castle that was once the official residence of Polish monarchs. The region remains one of the most popular meeting spots for tourists and locals and is surrounded by historic townhouses with complete reference to the Polish architecture and influences.

Address : plac Zamkowy, 00-001 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 001

Location : 52.2480498, 21.013889199999994

Nearest Public Transport : Stare Miasto 01 Travel Terminals (Light Rail, Bus)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Warsaw Old Town

Warsaw's Old Town Market Place is located at the center of the city. Immediately after the Warsaw Uprising, it was blown up by the German Army. No matter

what time of the day you visit, you will find something to keep you engrossed.

Address : Stare Miasto, Warszawa, Poland, 99-200

Zipcode : 200

Location : 52.24773309999999, 21.01360790000001

Nearest Public Transport : Stare Miasto 01 Travel Terminals (Light Rail, Bus)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Łazienki Park

Łazienki Park is the largest park in Warsaw spread over 76 hectares of the city center. The park has an inclusive palace complex within the premises along with the linking routes to the Royal Castle and Wilanów Palace to the south. The monumental Ujazdów Castle is also within close proximity.

Address : Aleje Ujazdowskie, Warsaw 01-999, Poland (Ujazdow)

Zipcode : 999

Location : 52.2151532, 21.034999200000016

Website : <http://www.lazienki-krolewskie.pl/pl>

Nearest Public Transport : Agrykola 02 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Old Town Market Place

The Old Town Market Square is located in the heart of this historic district in Warsaw. Reconstructed after World War II, the market has retained the Renaissance-era look and each building has a special architectural paradigm that signifies the history and significance of the medieval Polish life and culture.

Address : rynek Starego Miasta, Warszawa, Poland, 00-001

Zipcode : 001

Location : 52.249738, 21.012012400000003

Website : <http://www.um.warszawa.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bolesć 01 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is constructed alongside the palace that is built in the surviving part of the once destroyed Saxon Palace. Constructed in the 17th century, the tomb was added to the complex in 1925. The monument remains one of the most popular destinations in Warsaw dedicated to the unknown soldiers who gave their lives for Poland.

Address : Plac Marszałka Józefa Piłsudskiego, Warszawa, Poland, 00-001

Zipcode : 001

Location : 52.2409605, 21.011289499999975

Nearest Public Transport : Pl.Piłsudskiego 01 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Krakowskie Przedmieście

Krakowskie Przedmieście is one of the most prestigious and popular streets in the Poland's capital city of Warsaw surrounded by magnificent palaces, historic churches and manors. Krakowskie Przedmieście Royal Avenue constitutes the northernmost part of Royal Route in Warsaw that links the Royal Castle and the Old Town. Other regions include the Warsaw University, Presidential Palace and the Polish Academy of Sciences.

Address : Krakowskie Przedmiescie, Warsaw, Poland, 00-325

Zipcode : 325

Location : 52.2425963, 21.015040600000002

Nearest Public Transport : Hotel Bristol 01 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Praga

Praga is one of the most beautiful regions in the district of Warsaw. Located on

the east bank of the river Vistula, the region of Praga has a long history that dates back to 1432; it formed a separate town with its own city charter. There are beautiful, classical localities that are worth some memorable times in the original cast of the Polish culture and impressions.

Address : Warsaw, Poland, 03-472

Zipcode : 472

Location : 52.2471608, 21.0344245

Nearest Public Transport : Stadion Narodowy Subway Station Park Praski 02 Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. St. John's Archcathedral

One of the 3 cathedrals in Warsaw, St. John's Archcathedral is a Catholic church in the city's Old Town. St. John's Archcathedral is often referred as one of the national pantheons of Poland and is located adjacent to Warsaw's Jesuit church. The church has been listed by UNESCO since it has immense cultural significance.

Address : Kanonia 6, 00-278 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 278

Location : 52.2488475, 21.01362169999993

Contact : +48 22 831 02 89

Website : <http://www.katedra.mkw.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Stare Miasto 01 Travel Terminals (Light Rail, Bus)

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Janki Shopping Mall

For a qualitative shopping rendezvous, very few can match the experience provided by the Janki Shopping Centre. Spread across 75,000 square meters, visit this place for the shopping and dining options it offers. From big brands to modest small outlets, there is something for everyone here.

Address : Mszczonowska 3, 05-090 Janki, Poland

Zipcode : 090

Location : 52.1354833, 20.889572300000054

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Galeria Centrum

This shopping locale boasts of all things which would enliven every female shopper's day - from accessories and clothes to beauty and skincare products. That's not to say that this place is out of bounds for the male folk. The shopping center has something for everyone at a reasonable price.

Address : Krucza 50, 00-581 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 581

Location : 52.231767, 21.011049999999955

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Wola Park

Lined up with 160 stores, boutiques, restaurants, cafés and service outlets, this shopping complex is a must-visit for a lot of reasons. Its two-storey Auchan hypermarket is deemed to be a tourist attraction in itself. Apart from the joy of shopping, this venue also has lots of recreational options which visitors can explore, such as a fitness club, volleyball and public basketball court and a winter ice-skating rink.

Address : Górczewska 124, 01-460 Warszawa, Poland

Zipcode : 124

Location : 52.2415386, 20.9317231

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

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8. Key sites sports & adventure

Each season provides a different kind of adventure for the visitors in Warsaw. Ice diving, ice yachting, camping, motor sports, paragliding, parachuting, ballooning, and rock climbing are a few of the thrilling activities that tourists can enjoy in the city.

- **Paragliding -**

Address : Aeroklub Warszawski, Księżycowa 1, 00-001 Warszawa, Poland

Location : 52.27165,20.915340000000015

Contact No : +48 22 834 93 35

Website : <https://www.aeroklub.waw.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Maszewska 02 Bus Station

Entry Fees : 3000 PLN to 14,400 PLN

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 4

- **Ballooning -**

Address : Widok 5/7/9, 00-023 Warszawa, Poland

Location : 52.2313481,21.015397600000003

Contact No : +48 664 702 755

Website : <http://www.warsawtraveltours.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Chmielna 02 Bus Station

Entry Fees : 2900 PLN

Time Required : 3

- **Rock Climbing -**

Address : Centrum Wspinaczkowe Murall, Annopol 3, 03-236 Warszawa,

Poland

Location : 52.30265800000001,21.0193133999999987

Contact No : +48 22 744 59 40

Website : <http://www.murall.pl/>

Nearest Public Transport : Inowłodzka 03 Light Rail Station

Entry Fees : 10 PLN to 370 PLN

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday 08:00hrs-22:30hrs Saturday & Sunday 08:30hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 3



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football is the most popular sport in Warsaw with two leading professional clubs Legia Warszawa and Polonia Warszawa. Basketball, volleyball, handball, American football, baseball, swimming, and boxing are also played in the city. There are a number of sporting venues in Warsaw.

- **Torwar Hall:**

Address : Łazienkowska 6A, Warszawa, Poland, 00-001

Location : 52.2224432,21.0405753

Contact No : +48 22 529 87 77

Website : <http://www.torwar.cos.pl/7/warszawa>

Open/Close time : Tuesday and Thursday 08:00hrs-21:30hrs Saturday 18:30hrs-20:30hrs Sunday 11:00hrs-12:30hrs; 18:30hrs-20:30hrs Monday, Wednesday and Friday closed

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10. Spas and relaxation

The spa and relaxation centers in Warsaw help you with various personalized and signature treatments that makes you more energetic to enjoy the tour.

- **Oasis Beauty Day Spa:**

Address : Al. Jerozolimskie 65/79, 00-697 Warsaw, Poland

Location : 52.2276596,21.004348299999947

Contact No : +48 22 630 64 70

Website : <http://www.oasisbeautydayspa.pl/>

- **Pearl Beauty Clinic & Spa:**

Address : Hotel InterContinental, 49, Emilii Plater Street, Warsaw 00-125

Location : 52.2324569,21.002827600000046

Contact No : +48 22 328 8643

Website : <http://www.pearlspa.pl/>

- **Sungate Beauty & Spa - zabiegi SPA:**

Address : Pl. Powstańców Warszawy 2 00-030 Warsaw

Location : 52.23454889999999,21.013993000000028

Contact No : +48 22 582 94 74

Website : <http://www.spasungate.pl/>

11. Events calendar

Month

Events

The Great Orchestra of the Christmas Charity @ Mazowieckie (11th)

An annual event which takes place on the first or second Sunday of every new year. It is organized by a NGO which collects money for children with different kinds of medical problems.

3D Prehistoric Oceanarium @ Stadion Narodowy, Al. Ksiecia. Poniatowskiego 1(26th)

An event featuring exhibition of prehistoric sea creatures. The exhibit has been created through reconstruction of prehistoric marine creatures in the ocean depths. Visitors walk through large labyrinths with large 3D screens.

Ludwig van Beethoven Easter Festival @ mazowieckie , Krakow (6th to 19th)

Prestigious musical and cultural event where classical musicians are invited from all around the

world. It commemorated the 200th anniversary of the birth of Franc Listz.

Witold Lutoslawski's Contemporary Artform @ Warsaw Philharmonic (16th to 19th)

An event showcasing the finest pieces of artwork of the 20th Century. Enjoy Witold Lutoslawski's various European and Polish compositions with instrumental works.

Baroque Organs Concert @ St. Anne's Church (2nd)

A live event whereby baroque organs are played. The concert will feature playing of one of the most famous Baroque pieces by major Poland organists.

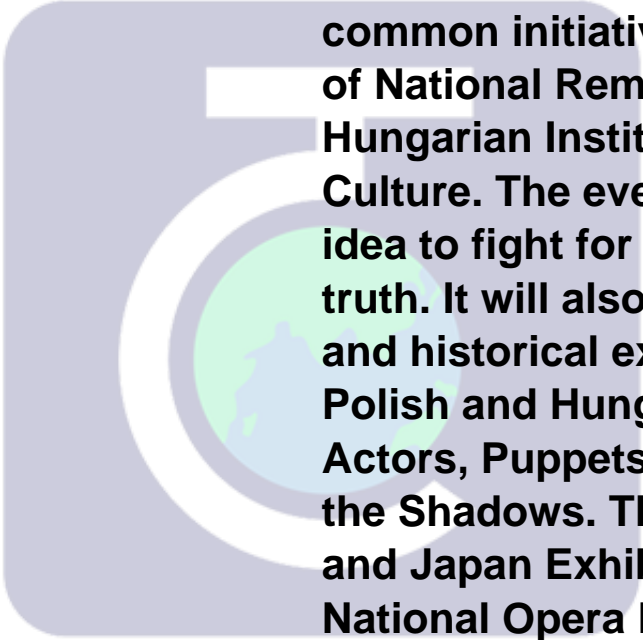
Football Stories Exhibition @ Ethnographic Museum ul. Kredytowa 1, Warszawa (June 10th to October 30th)

An event featuring showcasing the collection of Stetan Szczepiek, a legendary sports commentator in Poland.

Coldplay @ Stadion Narodowy w Warszawie (18th)

Concert by the Coldplay Band where they will be singing their highly rated songs.

1956. Poland, Hungary History and Remembrance Exhibition @ Royale Castle. Plac Zamkowy 4, Warsaw (19th to 26th October)



An annual event which is a common initiative of the Institute of National Remembrance and Hungarian Institute of National Culture. The event celebrates the idea to fight for freedom and truth. It will also feature artifacts and historical exhibits of the Polish and Hungarians.

Actors, Puppets and the Play of the Shadows. Theatre in China and Japan Exhibition @ Polish National Opera Plac Teatralny 1, Warszawa (16th to October 30th)

In association with Manggha Museum of Japanese Art and Technology, the Japanese artwork will be classical themed such as noh, bunraku and kabuki along with other well-known Chinese traditional theatre.
Poland Design Festival @ Ptak Warsaw Expo, Al. Katowicka 62, Nadarzyn (21st to 23rd)

Polish designers and interior designers present their services and products during this event. The main theme of the event is industrial design, graphics and decoration.

**Warsaw Build @ Warsaw
International Expocenter 12/14
Pradzynskiego Street Warszawa,
Mazowieckie (16th to 18th)**



A building Premier event in the Building Construction Industry. Latest technologies and trends are introduced by the regional construction industry.

**2 Unlimited, Dr Alban, Captain Jack, La Bouche @ Warsaw,
Torwar, Lazienkowska (11th)**

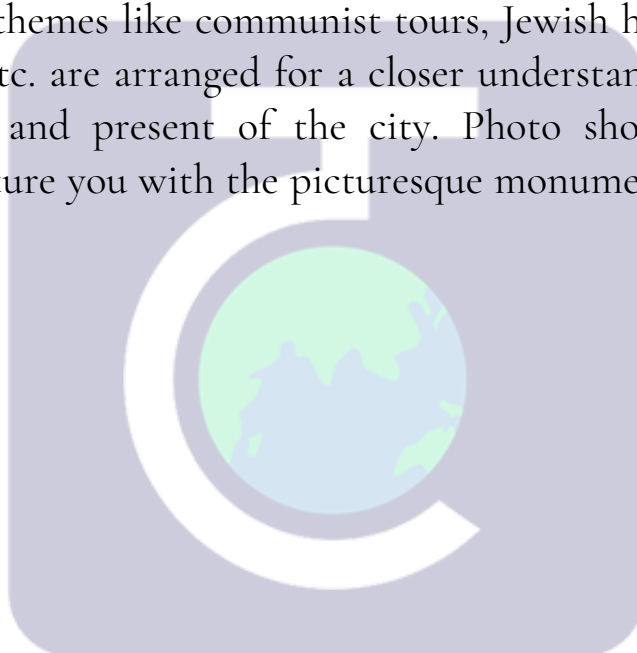
**A concert lasting for more than three hours where the band will sing their hit songs including, 'no limit', 'be my lover', 'sing hallelujah' and 'sweet dreams.'
Christmas Day (25th)**

The celebrations for Christmas Day start at 24th December which is also known as Vigil of Christmas. The day is celebrated in association with the birth of Jesus Christ.

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12. Key local guides and tours

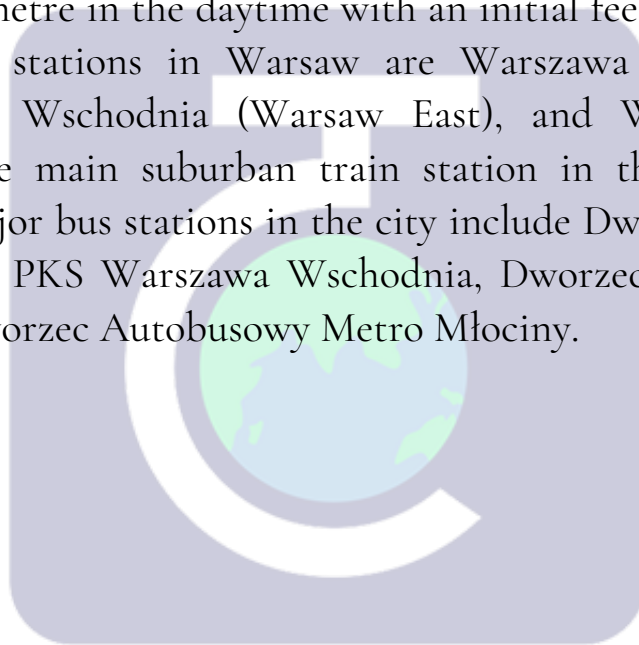
Warsaw has a great collection of historical as well as cultural sights and attractions that the tourists can explore. Different types of tours are available to suit the priorities of each visitor. Biking tours are very popular as bicycles are the most favored mode of transport in Warsaw. Trips to the important sites with guides are really enjoyable for the experiences and views these offer. Walking tours with different themes like communist tours, Jewish heritage tours, history and heritage tours, etc. are arranged for a closer understanding of the different aspects of the past and present of the city. Photo shoot tours are unique opportunities to capture you with the picturesque monuments and backdrops in and around the city.



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13. Transportation hubs

The major international airport in Warsaw is Warsaw Chopin Airport located 10 km from the downtown area. The city centre can be accessed by train, taxi, or local buses. Two operators run trains from the airport to the city. The SKM train is cheaper at about 3.4 PLN. The KML train ticket cost is around 5.5 PLN. The ticket fare of local buses is 4.40 PLN. Taxi fare from the airport to the city centre is 3.40 PLN per kilometre in the daytime with an initial fee of about 9 PLN. The three main railway stations in Warsaw are Warszawa Centralna (Warsaw Central), Warszawa Wschodnia (Warsaw East), and Warszawa Zachodnia (Warsaw West). The main suburban train station in the city is Warszawa Śródmieście. The major bus stations in the city include Dworzec PKS Warszawa Zachodnia, Dworzec PKS Warszawa Wschodnia, Dworzec Autobusowy Metro Wilanowska, and Dworzec Autobusowy Metro Młociny.



Index**14. Transportation cost**

Taxi fares are based on the zones in which they run. The base fare for zone 1 on weekdays is 3 PLN per kilometre. 150% of the base fare is charged at night, and on weekends and public holidays. A journey into the suburbs will cost 200% of the base fare. Zone 2 taxis charge 300% of the base fare at night, on weekends and public holidays, and in suburban areas. For public transport systems like buses, trains, and trams the minimum full fare ticket costs 3.40 PLN for a 20-minute ride. For longer rides the fare is 4.40 PLN. A 24-hour ticket costs 15 PLN. The price of weekend ticket is 24 PLN. Group weekend ticket (up to 5 people) costs 40 PLN. 30-day and 90-day travel cards are also available. All the prices are for rides within the city. Suburban journeys cost more. Veturilo, the public bicycle sharing system requires a 10 PLN initial fee and the first 20 minutes are free followed by 1,3,5,7 PLN for 1-4 hours of use respectively.

15. Baggage allowance

The free baggage allowance in buses is limited to two pieces of luggage. Luggage weighing 20 kilograms is transported in the luggage compartment of the bus. Passengers are also allowed to carry hand luggage when boarding the bus. There are luggage storage areas within the city such as PKP Intercity left luggage areas. Luggage can be left in such storage areas for a maximum of 10 days. It is advisable not to leave your luggage unattended in railway stations. Most of the hotels within Warsaw also offer luggage delivery services from the train station or the airport at their varied costs.



Index**16. Must try food and local savouries**

You must try the Soviet styled European dishes or the famous varieties in ducks here.



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Restauracja Ró?ana:**

Address : Chocimska 7, 00-001 Warszawa, Poland

Location : 52.2083889,21.023467900000014

Contact No : +48 22 848 12 25

Website : <http://www.restauracjarozana.com.pl/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Folk Gospoda:**

Address : Waliców 13, 00-865 Warszawa, Poland

Location : 52.23512359999999,20.991975300000036

Contact No : +48 22 890 16 05

Website : <http://www.folkgospoda.pl/pl/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Atelier Amaro:**

Address : Agrykola 1, 00-460 Warszawa, Poland

Location : 52.21889400000001,21.026998999999932

Contact No : +48226285747

Website : <http://www.atelieramaro.pl>

Open / Close Time : Dinner: Monday to Saturday 18:00hrs-22:30hrs

Lunch: Wednesday to Friday 12:00hrs-14:30hrs, 18:00hrs-23:30hrs

- **Restauracja Senses - Private Dining w Warszawie:**

Address : Bielanska 12, 00085, Warszawa, Poland

Location : 52.245106,21.005484000000024

Contact No : +48 22 331 96 97

Website : <http://sensesrestaurant.pl/en>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 17:30hrs-22:00hrs Sunday Closed

- **Buddha Indian Restaurant:**

Address : Nowy Świat 23, 00-029 Warszawa, Poland

Location : 52.2327411,21.0197173000000025

Contact No : +48 2282635 01

Website : <http://www.buddha.info.pl>

Open / Close Time : Sunday-Thursday 12:00hrs-23:00hrs Friday and Saturday 12:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Ober? a Pod Czerwonym Wieprzem:**

Address : Żelazna 68, 00-866 Warszawa, Poland

Location : 52.2369599,20.989673000000004

Contact No : +48 22 850 31 44

Website : <http://www.czerwonywieprz.pl/pl/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Dawne Smaki:**

Address : ul. Nowy Swiat 49, City Center, 00-042

Location : 52.2351418,21.018318300000033

Contact No : +48 22 465 83 20

Website : <http://www.dawnesmaki.pl>

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Thursday 12:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Grand Kredens:**

Address : Aleje Jerozolimskie 111, Warszawa, Poland

Location : 52.225868,20.994173000000046

Contact No : +48 22 629 80 08

Website : <http://www.kredens.pl>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday 10:00hrs-00:00hrs Saturday & Sunday 12:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Dekada:**

Address : Grójecka 19/25, 00-001 Warszawa, Poland

Location : 52.2213284,20.986254599

Contact No : +48 22 668 97 77

Website : <http://dekada.pl/>

- **Level 27:**

Address : Poland, Aleje Jerozolimskie 123A, Warszawa, Poland, 02-017

Location : 52.22499000000001,20.991279999999996

Contact No : +48 733 661 094

Website : <http://level27.pl/>

Open / Close Time : Friday and Saturday 22:00hrs-06:00hrs



Index**18. Average meal cost**

In an inexperienced restaurant a normal meal costs 22.99 PLN. A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant for two people costs 100.00 PLN. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 8.68 PLN. A combo meal at McDonald's can be purchased at 17.00 PLN. 11.2 oz small bottle of water can be purchased at 2.99 PLN.



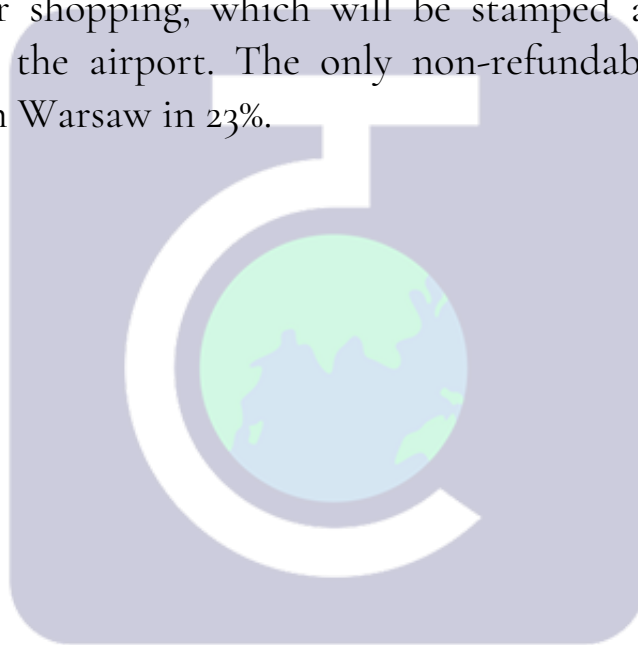
19. Shopping

In order to see how much and how far Warsaw has grown, the extent of the shopping delights this city has could be used a yardstick.



20. Tourist benefits

In Warsaw, the provisions are that non EU residents are allowed to claim for a VAT refund, in the event that they have bought goods that have not yet been used within Warsaw. Goods bought at any shop that displays the Global Blue logo offer such refunds. Another requirement is that the minimum total purchase of the goods purchased must be 75 Euros (325 PLN). As a tourist you can fill out a Tax Free Form after shopping, which will be stamped at the final point of departure that is at the airport. The only non-refundable good is fuel. The standard VAT rate in Warsaw is 23%.



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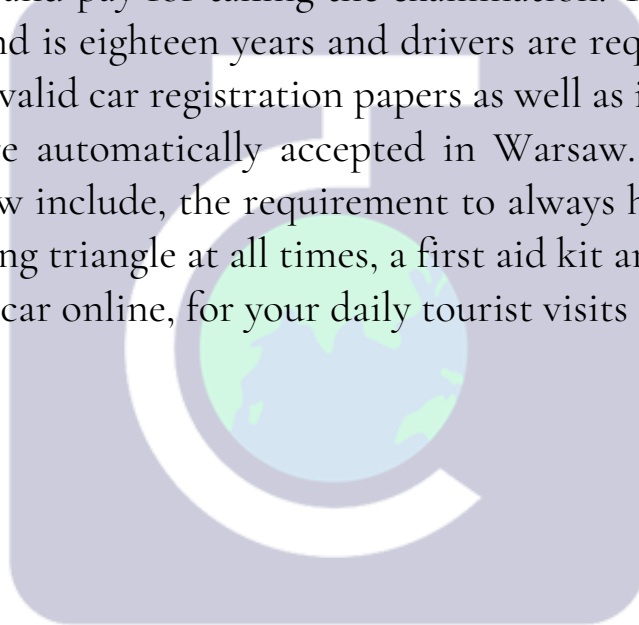
21. Essential local apps

It is useful to have some mobile apps for easy navigation and finding the best places to eat when you are in a new place. Jakdojade is an urban transport app for travel in Warsaw with features like search public transport, current timetables, departures from the nearest bus stop, etc. Mytaxi is helpful in ordering taxis. Features include cashless and card less payments, live trip, favourite drivers, taxi rating, fare calculator, and contacts. Poland 100 Best Restaurants app allows you to search and browse the best restaurants near you. Users can get details of the restaurant like address, description, etc, reviews of diners, and much more.



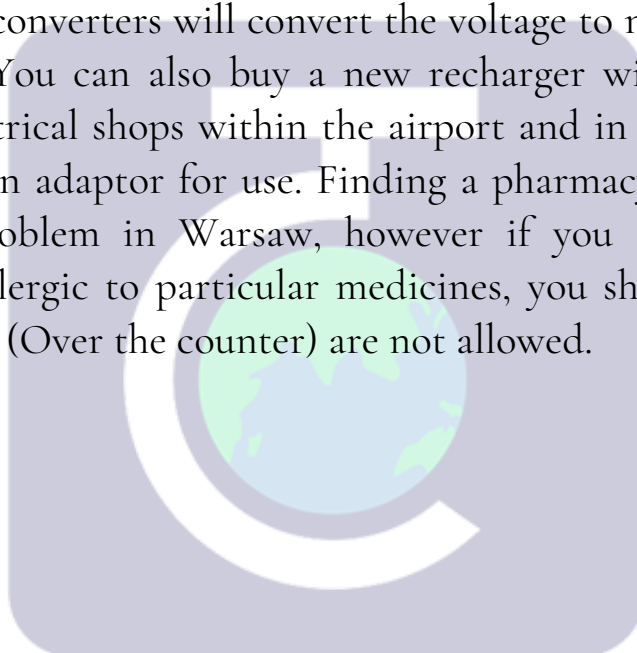
22. Driving

As a foreigner in Warsaw, you must have lived in Poland for a period of 185 days, for you to legally acquire a driving license. When filling out the application for, you must have substantial proof that you have professional or family ties within Warsaw. You also must have an International Driving Permit, which can be used for six months from the date of entry into Poland. You are also required to pass a written examination and pay for taking the examination. The minimum driving age in Warsaw, Poland is eighteen years and drivers are required to always carry their driving license, valid car registration papers as well as insurance documents. Valid EU licenses are automatically accepted in Warsaw. The general driving regulations in Warsaw include, the requirement to always have your seatbelt on, carrying of the warning triangle at all times, a first aid kit and a fire extinguisher. You can easily rent a car online, for your daily tourist visits at an affordable rate.



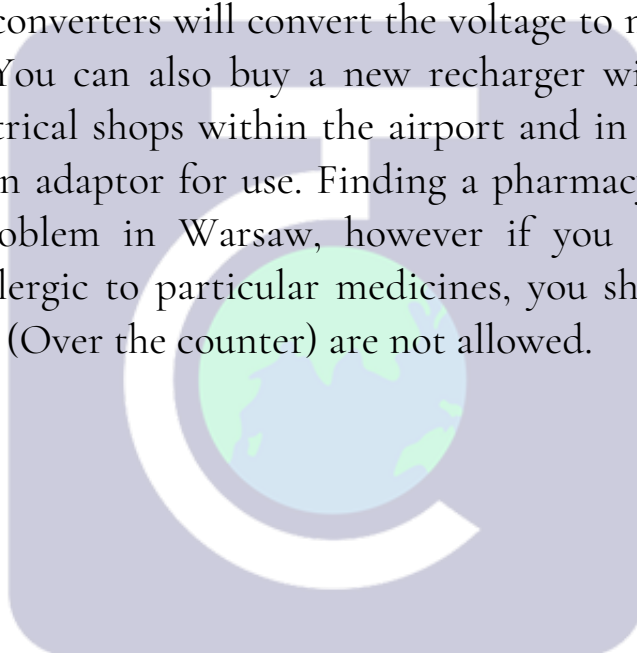
23. Travel essentials

The standard voltage of Warsaw city is 230 volts with a frequency of 50 hertz. The types of plugs found in this city are type C and E. Type E works well with Plug C, it has two round pins fit. It would also combine well with Plug F, if Plug F had two holes. If you are from the United Kingdom or any other part of the world and you do not necessarily use these kinds of plugs, it would be necessary to buy a plug convertor. The converters will convert the voltage to much with that of the appliances' voltage. You can also buy a new recharger with universal fittings. There are many electrical shops within the airport and in the shopping centers where you can buy an adaptor for use. Finding a pharmacy even a 24 hour one should not be a problem in Warsaw, however if you are on some special medication or are allergic to particular medicines, you should carry your own medication as OTC's (Over the counter) are not allowed.



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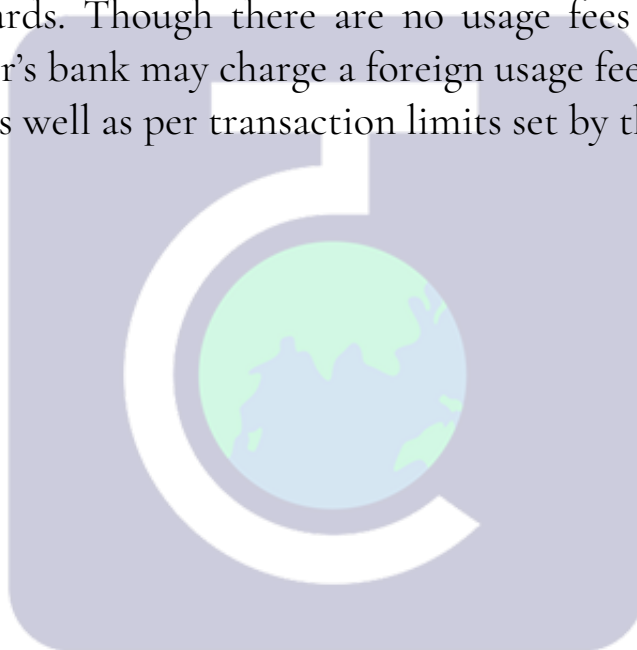
Index**25. Local currency**

Polish złoty is the local currency of Warsaw. It is denoted as PLN. 1 USD = 3.97 Polish złoty



Index**26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Though there are currency exchange offices at the airport, tourists are advised to stay away from these places as they offer the poorest rates. It is better to get the exchange services at the offices in the city centre where the rates are the best and there is no commission for the exchange service. Banks also provide foreign currency exchange services. ATMs are plenty in Warsaw and most of them accept international cash cards. Though there are no usage fees levied by the Polish banks, the card holder's bank may charge a foreign usage fee for each withdrawal. There are also daily as well as per transaction limits set by the Polish banks.



Index**27. Staying connected**

Prior to July 2016, getting hold of a Polish SIM card was amongst the world's easiest things to do, not anymore. Tourists and visitors now need to display their ID-proof – national ID or foreign passport – to procure a phone SIM card. The top for telecom networks of Poland are: Orange, Plus, Play and T-mobile. There are shops and kiosks which are easy to spot across the city and one can easily approach vendors for buying a SIM card. Be informed: minors aged 13 or below need parents' permission to buy a Polish SIM card. Internet and Wi-Fi connectivity is easily gettable in most public places.



28. Time Zone

Warsaw follows Central European Time Zone with UTC + 01:00 hours.



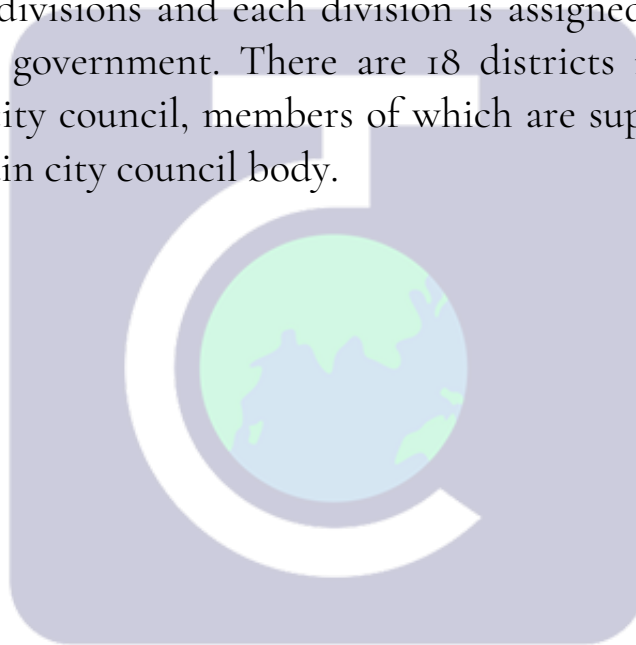
Index**29. Languages**

Polish, English, German and French are the languages spoken here.



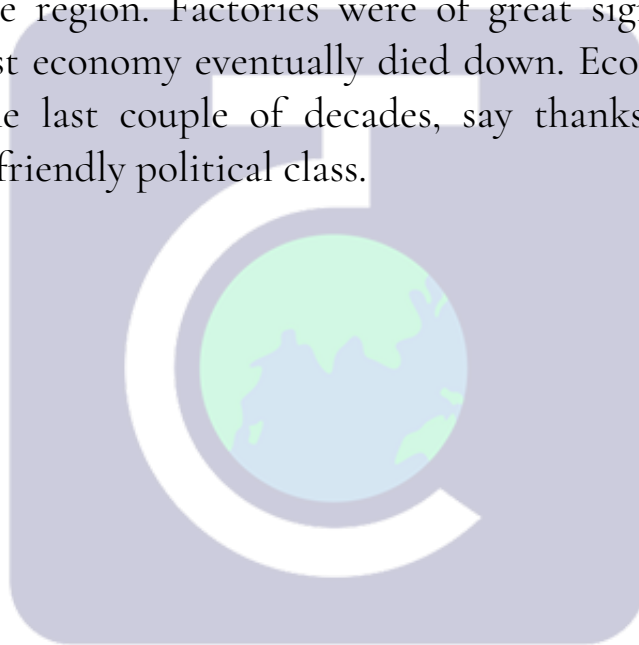
30. Political Scenario

Being the capital territory of Poland, Warsaw is the city where not just great number of governmental bodies and agencies are based; numerous big businesses are also stationed there – national and international. Politically speaking, Warsaw has a municipal governmental body which has a Mayor at its helm. Interesting fact is that Mayors are called as ‘Presidents’ in Poland. The City Council is divided into several divisions and each division is assigned to oversee a certain function of the city government. There are 18 districts in Warsaw and each district has its own city council, members of which are supposed to be assisting the President and main city council body.



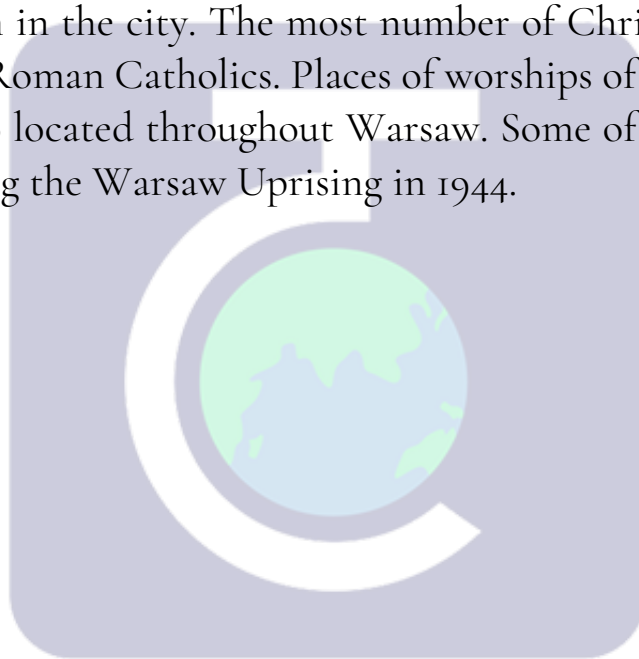
31. Economic Scenario

One of the most expensive cities to live in, many popular surveys and research have declared Warsaw as a 'major world city'. Business-wise, Warsaw is a rapidly-emerging economic hub and commercial center point. Just last year, it was found that Poland is among the group of countries which has a lowest rate of unemployment. The Warsaw Stock Exchange is amongst the largest market establishments in the region. Factories were of great significance to Warsaw before the communist economy eventually died down. Economy of Warsaw has grown rapidly in the last couple of decades, say thanks to a large internal economy, a business-friendly political class.



Index**32. Religious belief**

Majority of the population adheres to Christianity. Among the Christians, the Roman Catholics form the largest group and their churches have great influence in the social and political structures of the city. The rest of the Christian believers in Warsaw are followers of the Eastern Orthodox, Protestant, and Uniate denominations. There is a considerable presence of Jews as well. Islam also has a minor representation in the city. The most number of Christian churches in the city are those of the Roman Catholics. Places of worships of other denominations and religions are also located throughout Warsaw. Some of the ancient churches were destroyed during the Warsaw Uprising in 1944.



33. Visa requirements

A visa and a valid passport are the key requirements for any foreign visitor travelling to Warsaw, Poland. The passport should remain valid for 6 months after the visit to Warsaw. To acquire a visa, you must show that you are in possession of a valid passport, a confirmation of a travel itinerary, a passport size photo as well as proof of payment of visa fee. However, nationals from certain countries do need to have visas when entering Warsaw. These are visitors from Schengen member countries such as Austria, Belgium, Sweden, Spain, Iceland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Denmark, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Malta, Luxembourg, Norway, Slovenia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Germany. They only require a national ID showing which country they are from. Visitors can only stay within Warsaw for a limited period of 90 days that is three months. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application. You can have a quick view at the requirements of visa at <https://www.warsaw.com/v/visa-requirements/>.

34. Essential vaccination

If you are traveling to Warsaw, then you are recommended to be vaccinated for Hepatitis A, Rabies, Typhoid, Meningitis, Cholera, Hepatitis B, Malaria, Japanese Encephalitis, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Diphtheria, Tetanus and routine vaccines.



Index**35. Theft and Safety**

Generally, violent crimes against tourists are not reported in Warsaw. However, stay away from dark alleys near pubs and clubs at night and do not get into confrontations with drunkards. Beware of pickpockets in large crowds or in busy streets or public transport systems. Snatch-and-run thefts also occur in some areas. Hold on to your belongings while travelling alone at night or in crowded areas. Avoid football hooligans during match seasons.



Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

As Warsaw is the capital city of Poland, it has many foreign embassies and consulates within it. Most of them are located along Warszawa Town, mainly in the following streets, Attowa 1, 02386, Krasickiego 10, Brukselska, Bekasow and Nowogrodzka, 11, Street. You can have more information at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/poland>.



Index**37. Accessibility**

All metro stations have lifts and ramps for wheelchair access. There are special buses with facilities like floors that can be lowered, designated places for wheelchairs, special belts to secure the seats, handrails and handles for the visually impaired, screens displaying the name of the stop for the hearing impaired, etc.



Index**38. Emergencies**

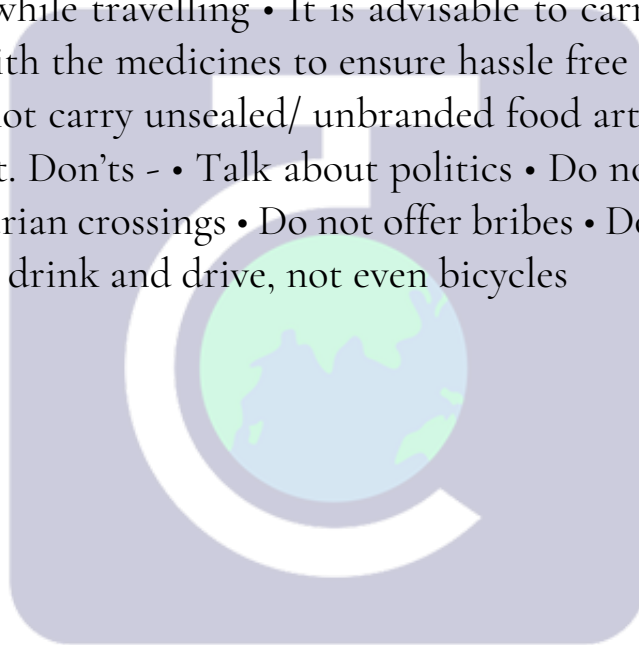
In case of emergencies you can call 997 for police, for ambulance you can dial 998 and for fire 999. You are provided with a top notch service. There are hospitals that accept travel insurance such as Szpital Specjalistyczny Sw. Zofii.



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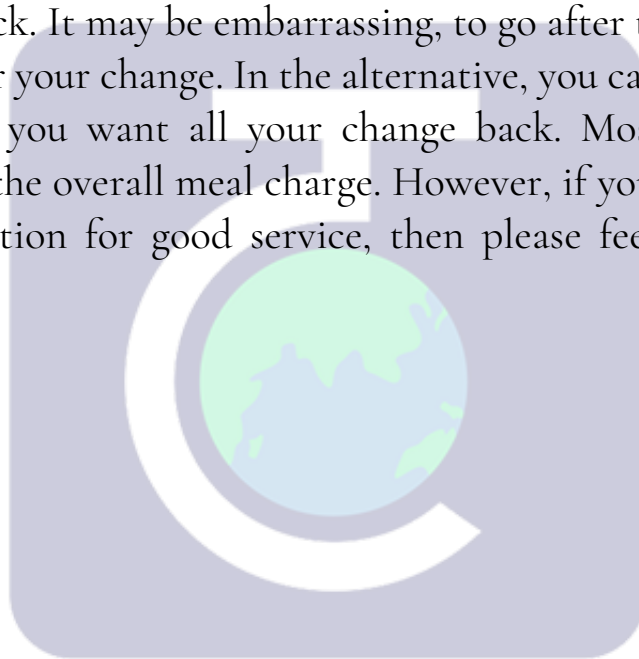
39. Do's and Don'ts

A basic knowledge of the cultural and social etiquette and the state rules of the place they are visiting can be helpful for the tourists for a better travel experience. Do's - • Shake hands when meeting people and when departing • Dress conservatively • Take off your shoes before entering someone's home • Avoid giving yellow chrysanthemum flowers as gift as they are used at funeral • Always validate your ticket while travelling • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. Don'ts - • Talk about politics • Do not cross roads if there are no marked pedestrian crossings • Do not offer bribes • Do not drink alcohol in public place • Do not drink and drive, not even bicycles



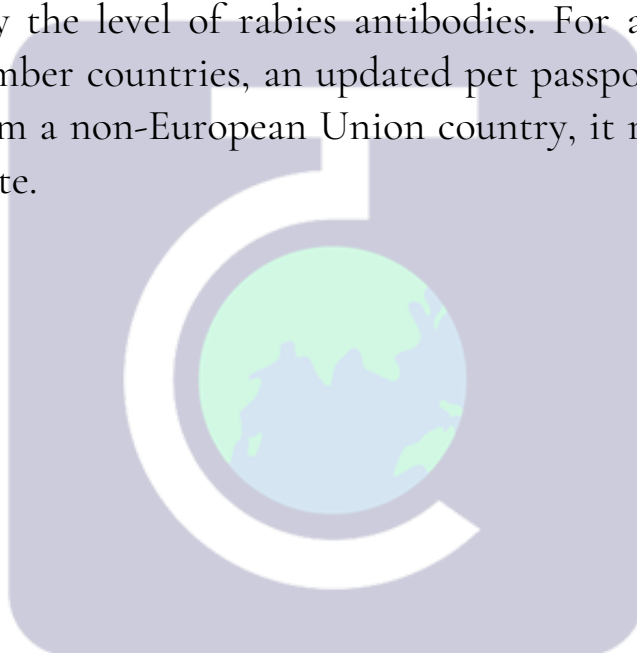
40.Tipping basics

Tipping in Warsaw, Poland can be quite confusing. This is because there is a certain meaning held towards the utterance of particular phrases. While, it may be courteous to say thank you after a good service in other restaurants, worldwide, this may be construed to mean that the waiter should remain with the change. So be careful not to say ‘dziękuję’ which means thank you, if you would want your change back. It may be embarrassing, to go after the waiter or waitress who served asking for your change. In the alternative, you can say ‘please’ which is taken to mean that you want all your change back. Most of the restaurants include a 10% tip on the overall meal charge. However, if you feel the need to pay more as an appreciation for good service, then please feel free to leave more money as a tip.



Index**41. Pet info**

In order to bring a pet into Poland, the animal must be micro chipped at the country of origin before travel. Regardless of whether the animal is coming from a rabies-free or rabies-controlled or high-rabies country, it has to be vaccinated against rabies more than 21 days prior to entry into Poland. For any animals coming from a high-rabies country, a blood titer test has to be performed at a licensed lab to verify the level of rabies antibodies. For animals coming from European Union member countries, an updated pet passport is necessary. If the animal is coming from a non-European Union country, it must be accompanied by a Health Certificate.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Warsaw is a historic city with a rich cultural heritage. The natural landscape and the buildings and other structures of the city offer plenty of entertainment and breathtaking views for the visitors to cherish. No one can ignore the significance this city has in world history. For those who like to explore the past of Warsaw, there are museums, churches, monuments and other buildings, and vintage areas that speak of the grim times the city had witnessed and how the present thriving city of Warsaw had been rebuilt from the ruins. The cultural scene of Warsaw is vivid and vibrant with concerts, festivals, operas, theatre, music, arts, and many other performances. Events are conducted almost every day with traditional and modern performances taking place in the halls and auditoriums that dot the city. One of the coolest attractions in the city is the craft beer tour. This walking and drinking tour through 3 craft beer pubs is a great way to enjoy 9 varieties of craft beer. Food in Warsaw is a range of traditional as well as international cuisine. No visit to this city will be complete without a meal at the communist-era milk bars which were quite popular in the sixties. More than the food it is the ambience of the pre-democratic Poland inside the milk bars that attract most tourists.

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