Poland, Powiśle, Kwidzyn, and Powiślański University

Kwidzyn/Powiśle/Poland 2018

St Adalbert of Prague & the origins of Poland (X century)

Bohemian missionary and Christian saint.

Martyred in his efforts (some 200km from here) to convert the Baltic Prussians to Christianity.

Body (cleverly) ransomed by Bolesław Chrobry (king of Poland) and buried in Gniezno (near Poznań).

Gniezno was transformed from obscure place at the end of Christian world and stained by (pretty recent) pagan rites into 1st class religious center famous of relics of well-known martyr/saint.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adalbert_of_Prague

Crash course of the history of Prussia (X–XVII century)

Kwidzyn is at the borderline between Prussia and Mazowsze which is one of historical parts of Poland with Warsaw as its capital (the two other are Greater Poland/Poznań and Lesser Poland/Cracow)

Till XVI century Poland enlarged to the east while loosing its western territories. After World War II Poland regained territories which although historically (often only historically with 90% population German) Polish were for years part of pre-war Germany (sometimes for centuries).

Recovered or Regained Territories aka *Ziemie Odzyskane*: official propaganda term for *eastern parts of pre-war Germany that became part of Poland after World War II.*

`https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Recovered_Territories`

Crusaders and Knight Orders (XIII–XV century)

Several religious military orders were formed in the Holy Land during the Crusades Templars Hospitallers Teutonic Knights

The Teutonic Knights or the Teutonic Order of the Hospital of St. Mary in Jerusalem, were known in Poland as Krzyżacy on account of the black cross they wore on their white coats. Established in 1190 to protect German pilgrims in the Holy Land, the order was later transformed in order to fight heretics.

In 1226 the Teutonic Knights came to Chełmno in Poland, invited by Duke Konrad I of Mazovia to convert the pagan Prussians.

They conquered Prussia, exterminated the locals and founded a state with Malbork as its capital

`https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Crusades`

Map of Teutonic Knights castles (in Poland)

Top-tier:

– Malbork/Marienburg
– Kwidzyn/Marienwerder
– Frombork/Frauenberg*

2nd-tier:

– Gniew/Mewe
– Sztum/Stuhm
– Lidzbark Warmiński/Heilsberg
– Reszel/Rössel

3nd-tier: – Radzyń Chełmiński/Reden
– many others

Other:

– many

Most interesting castles

The Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork is the largest castle in the world by surface area, and the largest brick building in Europe.

In 1278 the Teutonic Knights started to build a castle and an adjacent town on a high Nogat bank.

In 1309, the Grand Master transferred his headquarters from Venice to Malbork

Never captured by the enemy but 2 times bought (from the hands of the Teutonic Knights' unpaid mercenaries)

Kwidzyn/Marienwerder – no castle except extensive latrine tower (aka Danzker) but interesting places to see: cathedral, and burial place of 3 "unlucky" Grand Masters: Werner von Orseln (murdered), Ludolf Koenig von Wattzau (abdicated) and Heinrich von Plauen (overthrown).

http://pomorskie.travel/en/Discover-Regions-Powisle/815/

The Malbork castle

Other worth seeing places (nearby)

– Gutenberg Bible and magnificent cathedral in Pelplin (no Castle sorry)

– Regional Museum / cathedral at Kwidzyn/Marienwerder

– Führerhauptquartier Wolfsschanze at Kętrzyn/Rastenburg

– Kanał Elbląg-Ostróda/Elbing-Osterode canal

– Frombork (Copernicus)

– Grunwald/Tannenberg (If you are not a pacifist and has free time around 15 July :-) `https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLr58r41AV0` `http://www.cda.pl/video/15606869`

SideNote: strong anti-German propaganda during communist era (partially understandable due to atrocities of war) as counterbalance to not-so-warm attitute of average Pole towards our official ally (#SovietUnion)

Olędrzy (aka Netherlands in Zulawy)

The first Dutch settlers arrived in Prussia 300 years before the Mennonites, invited there by Teutonic Order to dry the swamp lands. They founded Pastek (aka Preußisch Holland, XIII)

Many Dutch people decided to leave their homeland due to persecution of the Catholic Habsburgs in 16th century. They were mostly Mennonites.

Their daily life, similar to American Amish (cf Harrison Ford in Witness), was simple and crude, in line with the virtues of modesty and economy.

Mennonites did not integrate with the rest of the inhabitants of Zulawy, living in their villages by the rules, which were imposed on them by their religion.

At the end of XVIII century most of them fled to Russia (Ukraine). Used by 3Rd Reich propaganda (pioneers at the east). Thus considered Germans, (remains) fled from Żuławy after 1945...

`http://www.polenvoornederlanders.nl/`

Crash course of modern history of Prussia (XX century)

So where all those German gone?
to Germany (1945–47) as a result of Allies agreement to ultimately resolve the problems by separating divided nations (the process is now reversed?)

And who lives here now?
Poles from all corners of Poland (Poland isnt' so homogenous as it may looks like)

Poles experience differs depending on the regions. Despite frequent wars Poles from Mazowsze/Lesser Poland and part of Greater Poland live there for generations while those from former German territories/border territories arrived there pretty recently from all parts of Poland (usually East).

Powiślański University in Kwidzyn (Poland)

Powislanski University is a non-state school established under the decision of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 22 September 1999.

Our qualified teaching staff of 87 includes 9 professors, 5 doctors with habilitation, 29 doctors and 44 masters of arts or masters of science who ensure high teaching standards.

These are respected academics with practical knowledge and scholarly achievements recognised both in Poland and abroad.

The core of our staff is experienced practitioners from renowned specialist hospitals, manufacturing plants and public institutions.

Faculties

Faculty of economic and social sciences (Bachelor and Master degree)

managerial economics: economics of services and production processes transport/shipping/logistics – finance/banking/accounting – Applied Computer Science – agricultural economics – human resources

Faculty of Health Sciences / Field of Nursing

(Bachelor and Master degree Bachelor)

Field of Emergency Medicine

Postgraduate studies: – management in health care – career counsellor – education and rehabilitation of people with intellectual disabilities – teacher qualifications – management in education – gerontology and geriatrics with basics of management and longterm care

Scholarships

Powislanski University in Kwidzyn takes a number of measures to make studies accessible to as many people as possible. Students in a financial hardship receive low income scholarships and allowances whereas capable students are granted the Rector's scholarship.

Scholarships for low income students and persons with disabilities can be received throughout the entire period of studies, also during the first year, while scholarship for academic or sports achievements can be obtained from the second year of studies.

Students' practical placements, are guided by the principle that traineeship must help students prepare for moving into the labour market by gaining the right experience, being able to determine their position on the competitive labour market and helping them to choose their own path of development.

Currently, more than 100 major employers from the Pomerania region cooperate with the University, including International Paper Kwidzyn, Jabil Circuit Poland, Lacroix Electronics...

International cooperation

Contacts with foreign universities and partner institutions within the Erasmus+ programme provide our students with mobility opportunities for study and student traineeship.

We realize also mobilities for our staff, training mobilities and mobilities for teaching.

Within Erasmus+ PSW cooperates with foreign partners from 30 countries from around the world, including: Albania Algeria Armenia Argentina Azerbaijan Bangladesh Belarus Estonia Bosnia and Herzegovina Czech Republic France Georgia India Iraq Jordan Kazakhstan Kosovo Lithuania, Lebanon Malaysia Moldova Montenegro Marocco Palestine Portugal Romania Serbia Slovakia Spain Syria Turkey, Ukraine Uzbekistan

Why PSW?

Powislanski College is the higher educational institution offering practical programmes which allow starting a career in the chosen profession.

– We are here for the student

– We have the best teaching staff from across Poland

– We focus on the quality of education and individual approach to the student

– We value the comfort of learning, which is why classes are held in small groups

– We are a friendly school – we provide support, help and advice

Studying in PSW means also interesting free-time opportunites, which include:

– Trips to vibrant nearby cities of Gdańsk, Bydgoszcz and Toruń, Scandinavia (thanks to nearby ports) and Europe

– Opportunity to see one of the most interesting part of Poland

Welcome to Kwidzyn—Zapraszamy do Kwidzyna

Thank you