

POLAND UNUSUAL TRADITIONS (AND PLACES)

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WTF?

google: polish specific activities | poland unusual traditions poland bucket list

The lists are interesting-places-oriented ie *where to go*
(Auschwitz seems to be #1, sad)

activities résumé:

Easter: Egg painting (nobody does now);

Wet Monday Śmi[n]gus-Dyngus (for experts :-);

The Drowning of Marzanna

Wedding: Poprawiny (Party after party);

Religious-based/Religious: All Saints' Day (Zaduszki);

Three Kings Day (Trzech Króli);

Corpus Christi (Boże Ciało);

Christmas (indoors/family)

Misc: CanoeTrip (modern);

Mushroom picking (Traditional and for experts only)

Impress family and friends in your home country:-)

(Impressive to family and friends ITFF)



Religious-based/Religious strange activities

Easter:

Wet Monday Śmi[n]gus-Dyngus (disappearing)

Corpus Christi:

9th Thursday after Easter – Corpus Christi (movable/public holiday) A traditional procession leaves the church and continues on the streets with banners, holy pictures and in the central part of the procession a priest holding The Holy Host covered by a canopy. The street traffic may be blocked

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDKFEsxDMoI> (PC w GDA)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWhj063ft3g> (Feretron dance)

Feretron = banner (saint picture or procession float, see also google: feretron dance)

Three Kings Day (Trzech Króli):

A traditional procession (Three Kings Day Parade)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZzfsk1tlYc>



Secular strange activities

CanoeTrip (modern): Easy – lots of rental service available.

Prices starts from 40 PLN /half a day

Amber collecting: at the Baltic seaside (East of Gdańsk only)

Mushroom picking (Traditional and for experts only)

Problems: Forest ownership (Polish forests are public so no-problem), Eating habits, Fear of mushrooms in general (*mycophobia* or *fungophobia*), fear of being poisoned (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mushroom_poisoning)

fungi poisoning in Poland: 7 (2015), 45 (2016), 26 (2017);
(cf http://wwwold.pzh.gov.pl/oldpage/epimeld/index_p.html)



<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2010/sep/16/wild-mushroom-picking>

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

<https://www.polandunraveled.com/12-things-to-do-in-poland-before-you-leave/>

<https://www.quora.com/Why-do-mushrooms-scare-me>

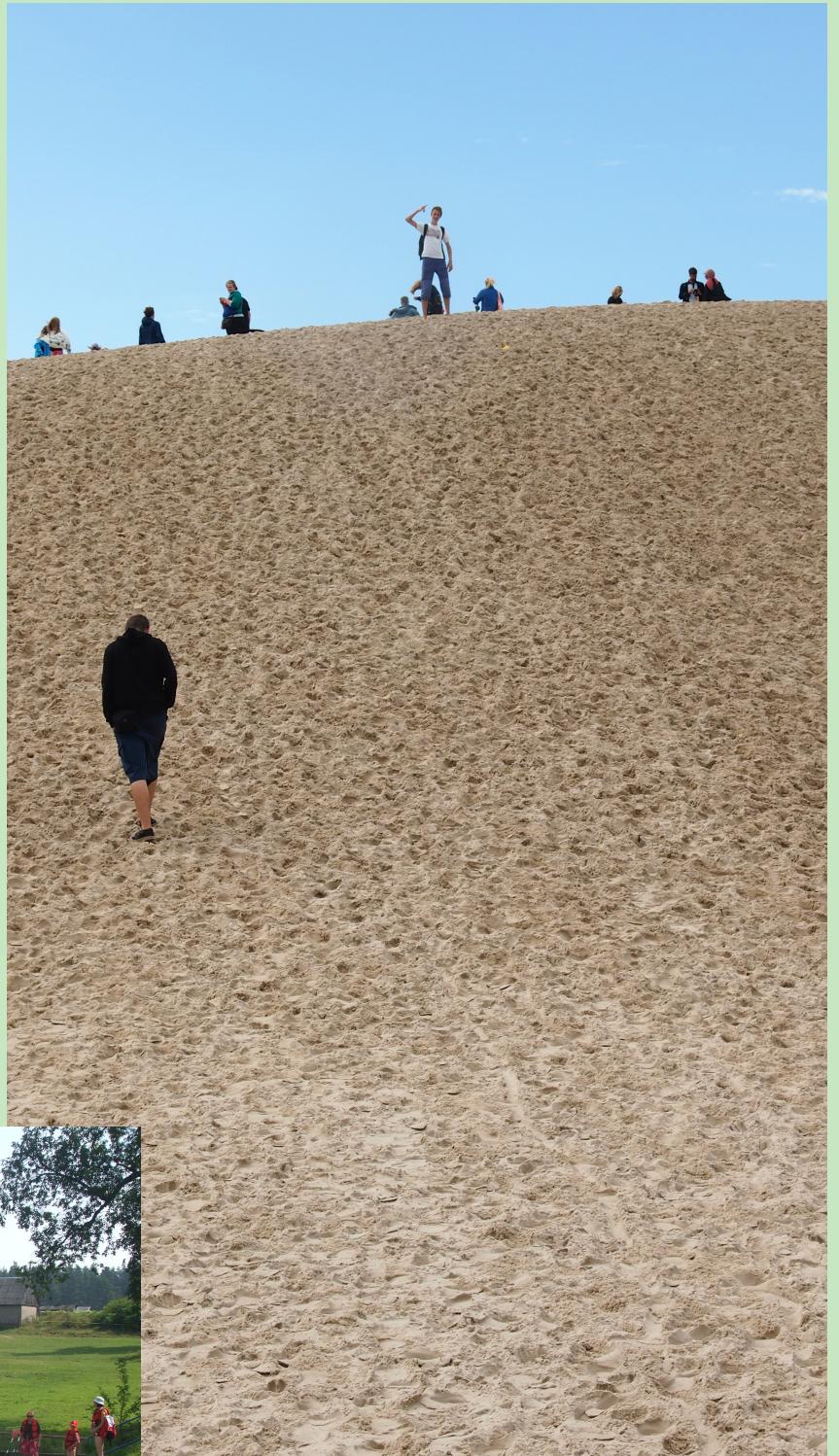
Pomorze bucket list (short)

Dunes: – easy way is to go to Łeba; or (better/non-easy way) go to Smołdzino / Slowinski National Park / Kluki (ethnographic park is a must to visit).

Hel peninsula (by cruise ship and return by (rented) bike).

Malbork (obvious so do not comment, but you can visit *Mennonite Cemetery* in Stogi Malborskie which is nearby and non-obvious)

Canoe trip (various routes/consult google)



More stuff to read

<https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g274723-Activities-Poland.html>

<https://culture.pl/en/article/7-confusing-polish-customs>

<https://theculturetrip.com/europe/poland/articles/7-traditions-only-poles-can-understand/>

The End/Thank you