

## 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 East part of Polish Baltic seaside  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U18j0Gfua2Q>)

**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](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](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://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>

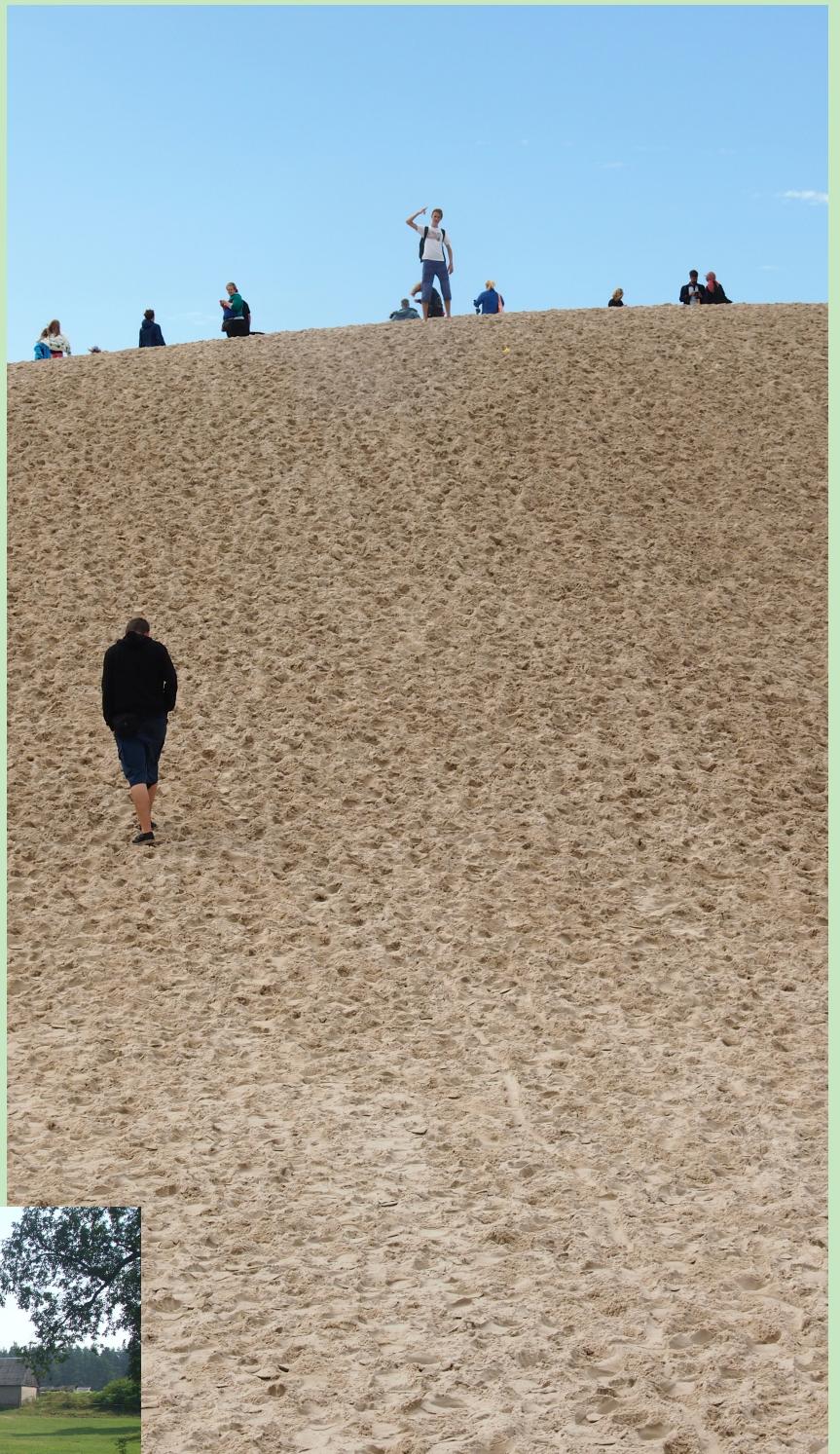
## Pomorze bucket list (short)

**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). Fine dunes/sand beaches are also at Sobieszewo island near Gdańsk or Kopalino (ca 20 kms east of Łeba.)

**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**