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Weekend in SZCZECIN

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Does the capital of West Pomerania still seem like undiscovered land? Would you like to see its most interesting places during one weekend? It surely looks like too little time but definitely enough to feel the atmosphere of the city and see what it has to offer. Let that weekend be a foretaste which will make you come back and stay in Szczecin longer.

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Day one

FRIDAY



Good Day (in) Szczecin! (3 h)

Have you just arrived in the capital of Western Pomerania? It's time to get to know the city and taste its specialities. The list of culinary establishments is quite extensive but **there is only one king and has been for over 50 years: pasztecik**. You will find it in a little bar at the Wojska Polskiego Avenue. It's a cult dish and a symbol of the city. The recipe has remained unchanged over the years and in 2010 Szczecin's pasztecik was entered into the prestigious List of Traditional Products and is protected by EU law.

Would you believe that the next gem is at the same street? Just 550 m away, when going towards the **Port Gate**, there is the **oldest non-stop running cinema in the world**. The **Pionier** cinema was entered into the Guinness Book of World Records in 2005. You will surely find the time to enjoy a movie in the main hall or in the charming Kiniarnia. But you will not find any blockbusters here, only ambitious movies for true connoisseurs. And forget about popcorn or nachos; these are – as the staff likes to call it – non-smacking screenings. Surely it is late now, so it's time for a rest! Tomorrow morning we're hitting the town again to give you even more surprises.





Day two

SATURDAY

Let's meet at Jasne Błonia (2h)

Good day... is a day we start with a delicious coffee. If this is what you believe plus you like to surround yourself with greenery, then you must start your visit in Szczecin at **Jasne Błonia**. Drinking coffee from a local coffee-roasting shop, you may listen to birds singing and in early spring – see a carpet of crocuses in bloom. The aromatic drink is served by a **coffee-bike**, which will also satisfy your hunger with its assortment of home-baked cakes. You simply can't miss this mobile café, and after the caffeine kick-start it's time to walk around the **Kasprowicz Park**. The park alleys will lead you down to the **Helena Majdaniec Summer Theatre**. It is one of the biggest amphitheatres in Poland and in the 1960s it hosted the Young Talent Festival. If you follow the guideposts, you will find yourself in the Rose Garden, located near the amphitheatre. On summer Saturdays and Sundays the **Rose Garden** organises various concerts, workshops for children and dancing parties.

Architectural gems and a bit of history (2h)

Let's walk – along the John Paul II Avenue (al. Jana Pawła II) and Flower Avenue (Aleja Kwiatowa) – to the Solidarity Square (Plac Solidarności). Are you there? Under your feet there is the **Centre for Dialogue "Przełomy"**. The museum tells Szczecin's history from the end of the World War II to the fall of communism. Before you leave the Centre for Dialogue "Przełomy", you should try a **sandwich with herring** or with the famous **paprykarz szczeciński**, served at the exit. Across the street there is the **Mieczysław Karłowicz Szczecin Philharmonic**.

The philharmonic looks like a cross between an iceberg and Hanseatic tenement houses. If there is no closed event inside, you may enter the building and see what has left you more impressed – the outside shape or the hall.

Both places – since they are so young – are relatively new on the list of Szczecin's landmarks. Since time immemorial, however, this list is opened by **Wały Chrobrego**. The place was created as the initiative of Hermann Haken. The central building in the area is the **National Museum**, on top of which you will find a viewing terrace.



Szczecin Boulevards and Cranosauruses (3h)

Once you are at Wały Chrobrego (Haken's Terraces), you may also want to take a walk along the nearby **boulevards**.

You can start for instance at the **Piast Boulevard** (Bulwar Piastowski), where the famous **Sailors' Alley** (Aleja Żeglarzy) is situated. The Alley features many elements emphasising the marine nature of the city, e.g. sculptures of sea captains.

Additional charm to the Boulevard is added by three historic cranes, affectionately called **Cranosauruses** (Dźwigozaury).

At night they are illuminated in various colours. After coming back from the walk along the banks of the Oder, you can treat yourself to a little cruise in one of the Szczecin's **motorboats**.

You don't need a sailing licence to see interesting places, such as **Szczecin's Venice**, **Lake Dąbie** and many canals and islands. This trip is also a great chance to encounter wild nature!

Day three

SUNDAY



Central Cemetery and Old Town (4h)

You should know that Szczecin calls itself a Floating Garden. 25% of the city's surface is water and 20% is greenery. In the city centre you will find it at... the **Central Cemetery**. It is Europe's largest necropolis. We hope that our extraordinary botanical garden has left you impressed. You can go back to the **Old Town**, which is next to the boulevards. This charming place is famous for its restaurants. And now for a little fun fact: the Old Town is not as old as the name would suggest. This part of Szczecin was obliterated during World War II. Only the **Old City Hall** and a few tenement houses have been rebuilt according to their original state. While visiting the Old Town, take a look at the courtyard of the Pomeranian Dukes' Castle.

Underground route and a trip to the past (4h)

You are only 15 minutes away from the **Central Railway Station**. Under the station there is another site of our trip: the **largest civil air-raid shelter in Poland**. The entrance to the shelter is at the first platform. Did you like that? You won't be saying good-bye to history, though, as vis-à-vis the railway station there is a stop where you can catch tram line No. 3. When you go in the direction of **Las Arkoński**, in 20 minutes you will find yourself at a stop called "**Muzeum Techniki**" – Museum of Technology. The old tram depot has been transformed into a real mecca for motorheads who look for gems from eras past. Apart from titbits about the exhibits, you can also listen to the old motors' roar and even feel like a real tram driver. Go back to the city centre by the same tram line and get off at the "Plac Żołnierza Polskiego" stop. You will find many restaurants there, including **Spizarnia Szczecińska**, which offers local cuisine, or **Jak Malina** with vegan menu.

It's been three days since you came to the capital city of Western Pomerania and you still haven't walked around **Lake Szmaragdowe**, visited Szczecin Majorka or jumped out of the **tallest platform in Europe**. These are just a few reasons why you should definitely come back here.



Where to stay?

Accommodation in Szczecin is provided by a number of hotels, hostels and apartments – and each of them meets the current sanitary requirements.

⊕ The list of the facilities can be found here:
www.visitszczecin.eu

What should you know before coming to Szczecin?

Our website www.visitszczecin.pl provides you with all the information you need to plan your city break in Szczecin. You should start your stay by visiting the Tourist Information Centre (at the Central Railway Station and in Plac Żołnierza Polskiego), where we will answer all your questions and help you adapt your trip plan to your needs. You can also get a free package with maps and guidebooks full of interesting facts and tips.

⊕ Szczecin is a city of great events! When planning your trip, check the event calendar at www.wydarzenia.szczecin.eu



What should you eat?

Szczecin's Pasztecik is a local yeast-dough treat with savoury filling – but also a restaurant whose interior will take you for a trip in time. Mosaic on the walls, red neon and decorations taken right out of the 1970s create unforgettable atmosphere.



There are more unique flavours and aromas in Szczecin. You should definitely try **coffee from the oldest coffee roasting house in Poland, marine-inspired gingerbread, a herring sandwich or the world-famous paprykarz**, freshly prepared by local chefs.



Where to eat?

You can find restaurants offering cuisine from the entire world, therefore everyone will find something suitable. The most restaurants are located in the Deptak Bogusława and in the Old Town.

Local people recommend:

- Szczecin smells of chocolate! This is due to a chocolate factory located right next to Szczecin's boulevards, where you can best feel this amazing aroma.
- See Szczecin from up above. Take the lift at the Cathedral Basilica of St. James or visit Cafe22, a café located on the 22nd floor of the PAZIM skyscraper.
- Try to find as many griffins as you can. This legendary creature is a symbol of Szczecin and can be found on pavements, street lamps, gates and fronts of many buildings.
- Discover water Szczecin by taking a canoe, motorboat or a ship cruise. You are only a couple of minutes away from Szczecin's Venice and wild areas of Międzyodrze.

How to get to Szczecin?



By train

Szczecin's Central Railway Station is located at the Oder River, close to the Old Town. To get to the city centre, you need a 15-minute walk or a few minutes' ride on the public transport or a taxi. The railway station features luggage lockers, cafes, grocery shops, newsagents and fast food restaurants.



By coach

Depending on the transport company you choose, the coach will take you to the well-communicated PKS Coach and Bus Station or the nearby Central Railway Station.



By car

When travelling by car, you must remember about the Paid Parking Zone, where you have to pay on weekdays, from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each parking space is equipped with parking meters and you may also pay using Skycash or moBILET platforms.



Check which hotels offer you a discount for the bearers of the **Tourist Card**: www.visitszczecin.eu



How to move around?

You should definitely give public transport a go. You can buy tickets in the ticket machines available in every vehicle or via an app (Skycash, moBILET or zBiletem). Szczecin Tourist Card replaces all tickets for 24-72 hours and additionally provides you with attractive discounts.

A convenient way to go around the city are city bikes (Bike_S, serviced by NextBike), electric scooters (Quick, Cabbi and Volt Scooters) and mopeds (ECOSHARE and Hop.City).