

THE FLAVOURS OF SZCZECIN

Pasztecik Szczeciński (pastry with a meat or vegetarian filling)

Find out why Pasztecik is the favourite snack of Szczecin residents and tourists! Yeast dough with a savoury filling is a kind of... salty doughnut that tastes best with hot borsch. Bars serving Pasztecik can be found all over the city, and the most iconic one, with its atmospheric decor and the famous mosaic, is located at 46 Wojska Polskiego Avenue.

Paprykarz Szczeciński (a spicy fish spread with rice)

This delicacy with African roots has made Szczecin famous all over Poland. Real paprykarz, prepared on site, is served in local bars and restaurants, such as Rybarex, Spiżarnia Szczecińska lub Zakotwiczony (restaurants offering the Szczecin Tourist Card discount). The Paprykarz restaurant is also famous for its... paprykarz! This famous delicacy is served as a starter with every ordered dish.

Herring roll

The herring roll is a Szczecin delicacy that combines a crispy bread roll, marinated herring and traditional toppings. It is not without reason that a sculpture was erected on Piastowski Boulevard, depicting barrels with herring (called the city's silver), referring to the times when trade in these fish - crucial to the city's history - flourished in Szczecin. You can get a discounted herring roll with the Szczecin Tourist Card at the Przełomy Kafe.

Coffee and tea

You certainly didn't know that! Szczecin is home to Poland's oldest coffee roastery - Korona 1912, which operates in a tenement house at 86 Jagiellońska Street and has been in operation since 1936. If, however, you are a fan of tea, be sure to visit the Fanaberia teahouse in the pedestrian zone - Deptak Bogusława. Here, you can enjoy a brew with magnolia petals!

Craft breweries

This is the real Szczecin gold, for which the Fort Griffin has been famous for centuries. In the very centre of the city, you will find as many as four restaurants that brew craft beer on site.

1. **Browar Pod Zamkiem** - 12 Panieńska Street
 - the breweries are named after Szczecin housing estates,
 - Stoneczne beer won a bronze medal in the „Hefeweizen” category in the Craft Beer Competition - Craft of the Year (2021) - with the Szczecin Tourist Card - tasting plate complementary with every order,
2. **Browar Stara Komenda** - 3 Batorego Square
 - is the first restaurant brewery in Szczecin established after the World War II,
3. **Browar Wyszak** - 8 Mściwoja II Street
 - Browar Wyszak is located in the stylish cellars of the historic Old Town Hall building,
4. **Nowy Browar** - 2 Partyzantów Street - the history of this place dates back to 1853, and the current premises have been operating since 2015.

MORE FLAVOURS OF SZCZECIN AND RESTAURANTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE: visitszczecin.eu

LOCAL RESIDENTS RECOMMEND

Nobody knows a city better than its residents. Let us show you Szczecin through our eyes:

Discover the history of the Quistorp family

The Quistorp family has long been woven into Szczecin's history, leaving behind traces of their generosity and vision. Discover the ruins of the Quistorp Tower in Arkonian Forest Park, then stroll down the elegant streets of Łekno and Pogodno.

Dance the night away on the Oder River

Feel a touch of Berlin without leaving Szczecin. Hala Odra is an industrial riverside space, buzzing with life thanks to its bar and several stages where music plays until dawn. Sounds wonderful, doesn't it?

Meet up with friends at the Ogrody Śródmieście

Ogrody Śródmieście has quickly won over the locals. A huge bar behind a historic villa, a stage with live music, several food stalls, the famous neon sign, and greenery everywhere — all of it makes events at the Downtown Gardens a real pleasure.

Head to „Szczeciński Bazar Smakoszy” on Sunday

Housed in a former furniture factory, the Szczecin Food Lovers' Market opens every Sunday. Local craftspeople and caterers set up their stalls there, and it's also a great spot to hunt for antiques.

Szczecin free of charge

It's not only budget-conscious tourists who like to keep a few extra złoty in their pocket. Check this guide to see when you can visit Szczecin's museums for free:

- Tuesdays: Museum of Technology and Transport
- Thursdays: „Trafostacja Sztuki” modern art gallery
- Saturdays: National Museum, Museum of Regional Traditions, Szczecin History Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art, The Dialogue Centre Upheavals



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DAY ONE



1. SZCZECIN BOULEVARDS, MARITIME SCIENCE CENTRE, THE BOSS OF ALL BOSSES AND PAPRYKARZ TIN

The quays on both sides of the Oder River are vibrant promenades. The Piastowski Boulevard is, in fact, the Sailors' Alley. Here you will find numerous monuments and nautical imagery. Cross to the other side of the river and you'll find yourself on Łasztownia Island. Here you can visit the Maritime Science Centre if you're interested in science and sailing in the broadest sense. If you walk further, there's also a food truck zone during summertime and on the left another island — a city beach. At the end of the island, you'll find the „Boss of All Bosses” monument (Krzysztof Jarzyna is the legendary “Boss of All Bosses,” the fictional kingpin of Szczecin from the Polish cult film Poranek Kojota) and the largest tin of paprykarz!



2. WAŁY CHROBREGO (HAKEN'S TERRACE)

Built in the beginning of the 20th century, the terrace boasts monumental buildings — the Maritime University of Szczecin, the National Museum also home to the Contemporary Theatre), and the West Pomeranian Voivodeship Office. The Chrobry Embankment is an excellent viewpoint: watch the activity in the port of Szczecin by day, and in the evening, admire the illuminated Craneosaurs and the Maritime Science Centre.

- The National Museum building is also home to the Contemporary Theatre.



3. THE DIALOGUE CENTRE UPHEAVALS

This museum holds the title of best building in the world and best space in Europe! The „Przełomy” Dialogue Centre tells the recent history of Szczecin — from 1939 to 1989. It stands on the site where the first shots were fired at protesters against the communist regime on 17 December 1970. Above the museum lies Solidarity Square, home to the Angel of Freedom, a striking monument symbolizing hope, remembrance, and the struggle for freedom.



4. MIECZYŚLAW KARŁOWICZ PHILHARMONIC

This is the icon and the pride of modern Szczecin. The Philharmonic impresses with both its sound and its architecture — another award-winning building. The most notable of the awards is the Mies van der Rohe Award. You can visit the Philharmonic with a guide — go to tourszczecin.eu and check the current tour schedule.

DAY TWO



1. CASTLE OF THE POMERANIAN DUKES

This is the historic residence of the Griffin dynasty, who ruled over Pomerania from the 12th to the 17th century. Today it's a cultural institution, home to exhibitions, art galleries, a cinema, and the only opera house of its kind in Poland: the Opera at the Castle. Be sure to visit the castle terrace overlooking the Oder. The highest point of the building is the Bell Tower — climb its 200-plus steps and you'll be rewarded with a unique panorama of the city centre and Old Town.



2. OLD TOWN

Though small, Szczecin's Old Town gives you a glimpse of what the city looked like centuries ago. At its heart stands one of the few historic buildings to have survived the test of time — the Old Town Hall, now home to the National Museum. Also worth a visit: Rynek Sienny (Hay Market Square), the Loitz Family House, and the Maiden's Tower, wrapped in the legend of the seven cloaks.



3. CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. JAMES

The Cathedral of St. James the Apostle is visible from many points across the city, thanks to its spire — the tallest cathedral tower in Poland, standing 110 metres high. The tower also has a viewing platform offering a superb view over the whole city.

4. TOBRUCKI SQUARE

Admire the surroundings of Tobrucki Square, dominated by the Red Town Hall, with Batorego Square lying to the west. Looking toward the Oder, you'll spot the Post building — send a postcard from Szczecin, and don't forget to look up at the Post Office's glass ceiling.

DAY THREE



1. CITY HALL

The „Spinach Palace” is the seat of the city authorities. Every day at noon, the Szczecin Bugle Call rings out from here, and the building itself sits within the green surroundings of Jasne Błonia.

THE GREEN HEART OF THE CITY

- **Jasne Błonia Square** is an ideal place for rest and recreation - walking, cycling or relaxing on a bench or grass. The favourite park for Szczecin residents. Visit the Jasne Błonia Square at the beginning of spring to see the **blooming „crocus carpet”** at the feet of the **plane trees** - Szczecin's harbinger of spring.
- The **Kasprowicz Park** was donated to the city by **Johannes Quistorp**, who wanted it to be always used for recreational purposes. From the beginning, the park has been a great attraction, and is the largest park in in Szczecin to-day. In the park, by the **Rusałka Lake**, there is the **Helena Majdaniec Summer Theatre**, a venue for summer concerts and cultural events.
- „Różanka” is the floral showcase of Szczecin. In the magnificent **Rose Garden** grow 9 thousand roses, 99 varieties of them.



2. LENTZ VILLA

An architectural gem of Szczecin from the late 19th century, built by August Lentz. Step inside to see its beautiful interiors — a true treasure trove of art. This villa is just one of many examples of the bourgeois townhouses lining Łekno and Pogodno streets.



3. ALEJA WOJSKA POLSKIEGO

Wojska Polskiego Avenue — or more precisely, its city-centre stretch — is one of the most prestigious streets in Szczecin. It's home to the famous Bar Pasztecik, along with other spots that generations of Szczecin locals have frequented over the years.

The street is also home to Kino Pionier 1907, one of the oldest continuously operating cinemas in the world — a fact confirmed by its entry in the Guinness Book of Records. With over a hundred years of tradition, this cinema offers a truly unique atmosphere. In the „Kiniarnia,” you can watch films at little tables with a glass of wine, or, alternatively, sink into a soft armchair in the intimate historical screening room. What better way to end an evening in Szczecin?

SEE MORE

1. FABRYKA WODY

Beyond the Aquapark, Fabryka Wody is also home to the Edukatorium, where you can learn everything about water! Tourists looking to unwind should definitely check out one of the largest sauna zones in Poland.



2. BISMARCK TOWER

The northernmost of Szczecin's viewing towers. Built in honour of Otto von Bismarck, this structure is one of over 200 of its kind across Europe. Guided tours run every weekend during spring and summer, and the terrace offers a panorama over Szczecin's northern districts, the wetlands of the Oder, and Lake Dąbie.



3. MUSEUM OF TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION

Housed in a former tram depot, the museum's collection includes real gems — a bidirectional Bremen-type tram, prototypes from Poland's post-war automotive industry, and, above all, the fruits of the Stoewer brothers' genius: pioneering, luxury vehicles manufactured in Szczecin until 1945.



4. EMERALD LAKE

This was once an open-pit chalk mine. In 1925, once the deposit was exhausted, water flooded the mine and gave rise to Lake Szmaragdowe (Emerald Lake). Nearby you'll find a WWII military shelter (that can be visited during summertime) and a scenic clearing, from which there's an impressive panorama over the Międzyodrze wetlands, the western part of Szczecin, and Lake Dąbie.



5. CENTRAL CEMETERY

The largest cemetery in Poland and the third largest in Europe. For locals, it serves not just as a place of remembrance but also as a park — it's not unusual to spot a jogger or a cyclist here, and it also hosts concerts. Opened in 1901, the cemetery has two marked tourist trails: a historical one and a botanical one.

