

### THE TALL SHIPS IN SZCZECIN

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Another month has passed in what has felt like the blink of an eye. Now only 120 days are left before the tall ships gather once again! How much have we accomplished, and how much is there still left to do? Enjoy the presentation.



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# Along the regatta route

On July 31 Szczecin will greet the sailing ships, which will have completed their six-week race on the Baltic. But before the vessels cross our border, they will visit four other ports in Klaipeda, Turku, Tallinn and Marienhamn. Here are some interesting facts about these locations:

Klaipeda is the former capital of Prussia, previously known as "Memel". The sea port connects Lithuania with Scandinavia and other countries. The Akamena-Dane river, which flows through the city, splits it into two parts: the modern New Town to the north and the Old Town to the south. Interesting places worth visiting include the cobbled Old Town with the red brick castle tower and the famous clock museum.

Turku – ships entering the harbour moor at the banks of the Aura river, which are connected by a ferry which is free to board. The harbour itself is only a 15-minute walk





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away from the city centre. There are many restaurants, cafés and museums on the riverbank, and Turku was also declared the European Capital of Culture in 2011. Interesting places to visit include the mediaeval castle, the cathedral and the Forum Marinum maritime centre with its fleet of museum ships. Turku is also a great place from which to set off on a cruise to the old town of Naantala or to Sweden.

Tallinn not only offers extensive harbour infrastructure, but also convenient and quick connections to an international airport, bus station, passenger port and railway station. Interesting spots include one of the best maritime museums in Europe, which is surrounded by many restaurants and shopping centres.

Marienhamn has two picturesque harbours which are only a 10-minute walk away from each other. The port features frequent ferry connections to Turku, Helsinki, Stockholm, Kapellskär and Tallinn. Marienhamn's greatest attraction is the four-mast iron-hulled sailing ship Pommern, which counts among the best-preserved historic ships in the world.













## What is coming?

The finale of The Tall Ships Races is not only about the magnificent sailing ships which delight with their beauty, it is also a **large-scale family event** which has something for everybody. The work is well underway on the accompanying events, but we can shed some light on the programme and tell you what you can experience starting 31 July.

When we greet the incoming ships in the capital of West Pomerania with smiles on our faces. amusement parks will be waiting for us on land, on both banks of the Oder. These include Poland's largest Ferris wheel - more than 55 metres high! Everybody's favourite food trucks will nestle themselves between the rollercoasters and merrygo-rounds, offering you an opportunity to take a culinary trip around the world. As is tradition, the Chrobry Embankment and Jana z Kolna Street will become home to the Fair under the Sails. The banks of the Oder will ring with the sound of music, sea shanties and festivals. Monumental sand sculptures, a colourful children's area and a sports area filled to the brim with activities will also make an appearance.

But that is not all. The **city centre will become home to music stages** where local artists will perform and celebrate the finale of The Tall Ships Races 2021. More information in the next issue of our newsletter!





## Safety

The key challenge while preparing such a big event is the safety of the participants. By organising the first outdoor event in Poland according to the strict sanitary requirements, Szczecin became a model for other cities. Drawing on the experience of last year, the organisers plan the attractions with the greatest care in order to avoid gatherings of thousands and to provide all of the necessary preventive measures. All this is to ensure safety for everyone in Szczecin.







# What is still ahead of us?

We have just finished recruiting liaison officers, and April 7 is the submission deadline for those who would like to take part in the regatta and sail under the navyburgundy flag of the Dar Szczecina or Pogoria. The participants still have intense training sessions and courses ahead of them. Those who successfully complete the recruitment process will be invited to take part in training courses on such topics as team-building, first aid and practical volunteering.

And before the future sailors take to the sea, they will have to practise teamwork and learn the rules which apply on deck. The crew will also learn how to use safety gear and first aid. There will also be art-related activities to help promote Szczecin in a colourful way and encourage visitors to come to our city.



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