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In its spacious streets, charming parks, promenades and boulevards. In its bustling cafés and a symphony of Bydgoszcz sounds. Listen to a story about a creative city, a cultural melting pot, appreciating the art of craftsmanship and diligent work.





Cross a bridge, one
or several in the city.
Feel the current of the
Brda River.

Don't let its urban restraint mislead you. Although it softens in the embrace of the Vistula River it still holds memory about the forest wilderness and green meadows, clean, live and full of positive energy. It allows to draw strength, is a torchbearer of development, provides relief and fascinates. Never commonplace.

Welcome to our everyday life.

Explore the Bydgoszcz style, stay for a day, a weekend, or longer...



There are places in Bydgoszcz where you lose the sense of movement; you are not sure what moves — the river or the city ...

Water defines the perspective here. The omnipresent bridges hold together the commonplaces of Bydgoszcz, connecting roads, people and events. An organic relationship between the city and the river permeates with its smooth flow the life of local residents and charms visitors. The Bydgoszcz Canal, the Brda and the Vistula, creating the Bydgoszcz Water Junction, connect Bydgoszcz with Europe, serving as part of the E70 international waterway.

These days, the clean water of the Brda allows for full exploration of the river. The riverside boulevards that are enjoyed by local strollers turn into busy arenas flocked with viewers during iconic city events. The Bydgoszcz Water Festival known as “Ster na Bydgoszcz” (Set your heading on Bydgoszcz) or spectacular sporting events such as triathlon, Woda Bydgoska, and Wielka Wioślarska, with the Oxford — Cambridge boat race, that have become permanent fixtures of the Bydgoszcz calendar of events.





*A perfect place
for any water
experience!*

Bydgoszcz launched one of Poland's first water trams years ago. Nowadays, the line operates three vessels (sightseeing boats) — the historical boat MS Bydgoszcz and solar powered boats known as "Słonecznik". Rentals offer kayaks, pedalos, boats, and SUPs. By renting a houseboat built in the local shipyard "La Mare," you may impress your friends and business partners. Tasting of regional food, a business meeting or Finnish sauna during a cruise are interesting experiences.

*Taming water and controlling
it to generate energy
for versatile development
is a Bydgoszcz phenomenon.*

The history of sites and people with ties to water is seen in the unique storytelling on the itinerary of the TeH₂O Bydgoszcz Water, Industry and Craft Trail. The Bydgoszcz Canal Museum, Rother's Mills with such exhibitions as "Węzły" (Junctions) and "Młyn Maszyna" (Mill-Machine), Bydgoszcz Granaries and the "Lemara Barge" moored there, Lloyd Factory, Water Tower with the Pumping Station — combine the locations of the Bydgoszcz water saga.

Młyńska Island along with Bydgoszcz Venice in the narrative of the TeH₂O Trail about “people and technology” tells a story about craftsmen and factory owners, whose production plants and stores developed on the Młynówka River in the past. They included huge mills, dyeworks and laundries, printing houses, lumber yards, and a brush and broom factory. The mixture of industrial odours was most likely neutralized by the smell of baked goods made in the local bakeries and aromas coming from the famous “Lukullus” Sugar, Chocolate and Cocoa Factory.

The city baths, soap and cosmetics manufactures, the traditions of which are cherished by the Museum of Soap and History of Dirt, complete the industrial image of the city centre.

The Exploseum, bordering the Bydgoszcz Forest, is a unique on the worldwide scale industrial architecture facility with an underground tourist trail and the DAG Fabrik Bromberg - Ammunition Factory Museum. This open-air museum unveils the murky mysteries of wartime nitroglycerin production for the military needs of the Third Reich. It shows the work of slave labourers and female prisoners, called “canaries” and “hummingbirds” due to hair and skin discoloration caused by the chemicals used.






The locks of the Old Bydgoszcz Canal, surrounded with rows of centuries old horse chestnuts, elms, lindens and beeches, are a charming site, appreciated by both hydrotechnical heritage enthusiasts and nature lovers.



*Harmonious space conceived
by the imagination of former
and contemporary architects...*



On the streets and squares of the city centre, in the Music District, and around the Old Market Square, Bydgoszcz tells about its past with secession and modernist facades of villas and tenement houses. A theatre of mythological scenes and an abundance of forms and shapes stir the imagination, recalling the times of Bydgoszcz prosperity. Although the origins of the city date back to the epoch of King Casimir the Great, the city's creative boom on its major thoroughfares started two centuries ago, providing the foundation for the present Bydgoszcz style. Secession emphasized a break from traditional constraints, fostering freedom of expression and resonating with our senses. It engaged nature through introducing motifs of roots, creeping vines, and buds.

Bydgoszcz flourished...

Contemporary buildings also blend perfectly with the waterfront, creating a modern, critically acclaimed and awarded image of the city that understands and respects its genius loci - the spirit of a place.

The Philharmonic, Opera, museums, galleries, theatres, small cinemas, and clubs. Art happens here, represented by its various fields, artists and styles. It does not intimidate. It's close to you.



A few dozen murals create an exceptional street exhibition and a colourful narrative for many corners of Bydgoszcz. Singing angels, impressive large-scale Peter Pan, Breakfast of Champions, Birdy, Fantasy, and Time inviting reflection...

Find the time.





From dawn to dusk,

in street corners, boulevards, old locks and parks... In the Opera and Philharmonic, in legendary clubs and small rooms, by the river and on the river reverberate the sounds of our city. Its pulse ... Unique and one of a kind. Bydgoszcz genetic code. The melody of local fountains, monumental arias, city dancing parties, concerts on big and small stages, colourful festivals. Impressions, expressions, inspirations.



Andrzej Szwalbe • I. J. Paderewski Pomorzanian Philharmonic • Opera Nova • F. Nowowiejski Academy of Music

• Music District • YASS • Mózg • Eljazz • “Muzyka u Źródeł” Chamber Music Festival • Drums Fusion



Buzzing streets, the work of machines, an industrial rhythm of everyday life. Variable, unobvious, penetrating, omnipresent.

Bydgoszcz - a UNESCO Creative City.

You have to earn it.

• Mózg Festival • River of Music • Ethniesy Folk and Traditional Music Festival

• Bydgoszcz Jazz Festival • "Bydgoska Scena Barokowa" Early Music Festival



Locality, nature, unpretentiousness, tradition...



The smell of freshly roasted coffee fills the air in Bydgoszcz in the morning. Here and there someone celebrates urban breakfast. Trendy cafés tease you with colourful desserts, homemade ice cream, and yummy cakes made by master pastry chefs.

Bydgoszcz restaurants are an undeniably delicious melting pot of flavours. Tradition is not served “on a plate” here — it inspires, indulges finesse visions and culinary craftsmanship of local chefs who draw from the riches of Kuyavia, the Lower Vistula River Valley, and the Tuchola Forest.

Kuyavia is a heritage food warehouse of Poland, known for goose and produce cultivated on fertile black soil. In the past, products were transported to the city on the Brda River, from which they were shipped on the Vistula to Gdańsk. These days, they are served in Bydgoszcz restaurants. The Tuchola Forest is a heartland of fruits of the forest and tasty game. The Lower Vistula River Valley offers the best lowland lamb, cabbage, locally grown organic herbs, wines from local wineries, and cheese. In autumn, the orchards on the Vistula River are filled with the smell of plum preserves cooked in traditional copper boilers.



The local food market known as Bydgoski Frymark, an occasional homemade food market, city and regional markets, “Niech Cię Zakole” Culinary Trail Cruises comprise a paradise for those who look for heritage flavours and an authentic relation between the chef and customer purchasing the product of culinary art.





Encountering the city

Bydgoszcz is an open and welcoming city, inviting not only to visit its numerous facilities. The scale of events hosted by the city allows us to meet our guests at every stage of organization of an event — to understand its vision and plans, creating an optimal offer.





Legend has it that the name of Bydgoszcz derives from the Polish words “bądź gościem” that mean “be our guest.”

Visit us in the centre of Poland.

We do not yield to pressure of endless conventions and conferences, constant hurry and unification, in which one loses the essence of encounter. We specialize in tailor made events — uniquely stylish and modern hotels, highest quality catering, cultural diversity, and a well-developed system of roads, railroads and flight connections. The metropolitan character of Bydgoszcz makes possible combining its services with the regional attractions of the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Constellations of must-see sites. A visit to a winery, culinary cruise, forest bathing, narrow gauge railway experience, and the energy of Kuyavian health resorts — all of that is offered to our guests, just outside the city.

Welcome





Alongside the Vistula...

Until the 1970s, Bydgoszcz's Old Fordon had written its own history as a town on the Vistula River. Before the war, it had been the blend of three cultures — Polish, German and Jewish. The Fordon truss bridge, which replaced the previous river crossing, serves today as the symbolical gateway of the Lower Vistula River Valley.

What are owls hooting about...

A charming residence surrounded by old trees, a linden tree alley, a multid denominational family cemetery, hide the intricate fabric of the lives of families who once lived here. The name of Marie von Schonborn was immortalized in the name of the local nature reserve "Las Mariański ("Marian Forest") and "Źródło Marii" ("Maria Spring"), producing one of the oldest mineral waters in Poland, sold under the name "Ostromecko."



Ostromecko Palace



Grand pianos, square pianos, vertical pianos and hybrid pianos... an impressive collection of over 70 pianos was originated by Andrzej Szwalbe — an outstanding animateur promoting culture in Bydgoszcz and Ostromecko Palace enthusiast.

More than 8,000 owls are stored and displayed in the palace attic. They include owls made from wood, glass, paper and ceramics. They came here from a German collector, a Bydgoszcz native, and have settled in here.

Bydgoszcz legends mention the nearby district known as Wyszogród. This old hillfort with a cross seen over it shows a strategic location, the former border area of Kuyavia, Pomerania, Mazovia and Wielkopolska. It was once intersected by the main route of the Amber Road ...

The distinct Vistula River Bend seen on the map of Poland shows Bydgoszcz. You'll find your way easily!



School trip, weekend with family, explorers expedition



Bydgoszcz surprises with adventure education ideas. It takes us smoothly through the twists and turns in its history, culture, architecture, design, and technology. A collection of workshops, museum lessons, theatrical performances, city games, and thematic tourist trails is constantly expanding. It is grist to the mill for all those who are ready for deeper exploration, beyond the well-trodden educational paths.

We decrypt the Enigma ciphers with Rejewski, get involved in target archery with the Archer Lady, invent explosives in Exploseum, and cast spells with Master Twardowski. True magic!





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