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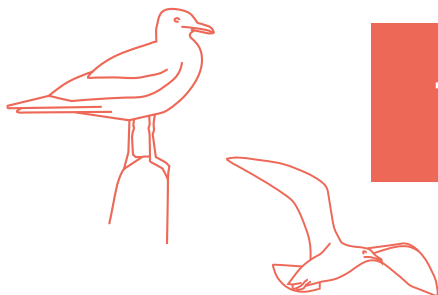
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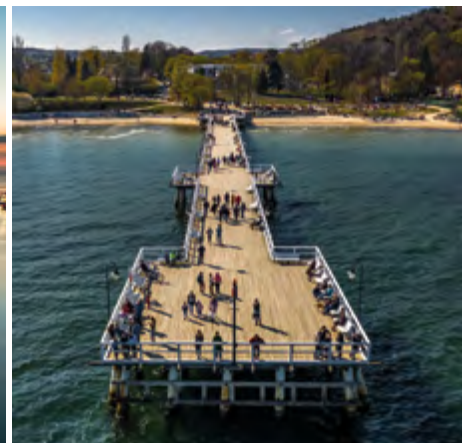
Did you know that there is a legendary city on the Polish Baltic Sea?

First, a port was built, then a city. The pride of the Second Polish Republic. A city built on sand, which in less than fifteen years became home to over a hundred thousand inhabitants. All of this happened before World War II.

Today it is still young and vibrant, and invites you to the seaside. It is famous for great outdoor events. **Open'er, Cudawianki, Globaltica, Aerobaltic AirShow, Volvo Gdynia Sailing Days** – just to name a few. Gdynia is also popular with runners and triathlonists, as there are sports events organised for them here. On the stage of the Music Theatre you can see world musical hits straight from Broadway.

Sailors set sails from Gdynia to all corners of the world, and the proud **“Dar Pomorza”** frigate invites you to a visit on board. It is now a museum ship, but a skilled ear can still hear the buzz of the former crew, which was the first to sail

the world under the Polish flag. Another witness of history, **ORP “Błyskawica”**, is moored not far from the legend of Polish sailing. It is the world's oldest preserved destroyer. All year round the beach and the boulevard invite you to take a walk at the seaside. The city is surrounded by forests growing on picturesque moraine hills. The hilly landscape distinguishes Gdynia, and its symbol is the steep cliff in Orłowo. A walk along the edge of Kępa Redłowska, part of which is the Orłowo cliff, is an amazing experience and a visit there is a must. As is a walk along the sea from Orłowo to the city centre – it is impossible to resist the sound of the sea waves. Gdynia is beautiful at any time of the year, but it is in the summer when the lush greenery of the forests and the blue sea turn it into the most beautiful city in Poland. You can take a deep breath here, because there is always a light, fresh breeze, Visit Gdynia and taste the happiness! And if you are already here, immerse yourself in the atmosphere of this amazing city and come back as many times as you wish!



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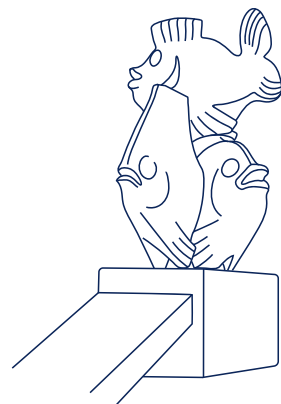
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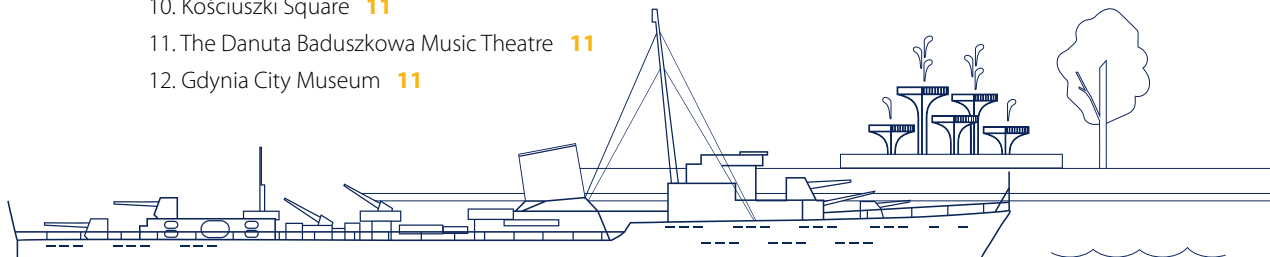
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When you arrive in Gdynia, it is best to start with a perfect walk to the sea. It is often quiet and peaceful, sometimes loud and noisy – these are the attributes of Gdynia you can't overlook! A special trolleybus line no. 320 runs to the Southern Pier during the summer season straight from the Gdynia Główna railway station. You can also choose to go on foot. If so, from the railway station head towards 10 Lutego Street and follow it straight to the sea. After crossing the busy Świętojańska Street, the route leads to Kościuszki Square, the symbol of maritime Gdynia.

An aerial night photograph of Gdynia, Poland, showing the city's lights reflecting on the water of the harbor. A large, illuminated sailing ship is docked in the foreground. The city skyline is visible in the background, with a prominent tall building featuring red lights. The overall scene is vibrant and captures the maritime atmosphere of the city.

Discover Gdynia in one  
or two days

# Day one

## 📍 KOŚCIUSZKI SQUARE AND SOUTHERN PIER

We head towards the Monument of **Maritime Poland**, the symbol of Polish presence at the seaside and a memorial to fallen seamen. Behind it, on the left, is the President's Basin, where the most famous Polish ships moor. First, it is worth visiting **Museum Ship ORP "Błyskawica"**. The permanent exhibition on the ship is connected with the history of the Polish Navy until today. Artillery armaments and underwater weapons are presented on board, engine and boiler rooms under the deck.

Tickets are sold in a booth on the left side of the ship, which is part of the Naval Museum.

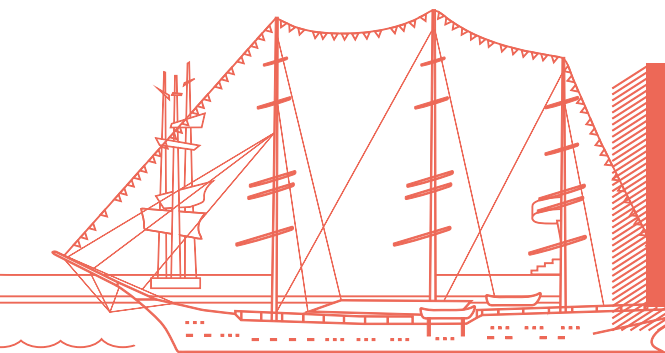
One of the latest exhibits at ORP "Błyskawica" is the uniform of Admiral Andrzej Karweta, in which he died in the plane crash near Smolensk on 10.04.2010.

The ORP "Błyskawica" destroyer was one of the most modern ships of the pre-war navy. During the war, the ship was damaged three times during the performance of combat tasks. It is the only ship to have been awarded the *Virtuti Militari* Order in recognition of its wartime merits. After the war the ship returned to Gdynia and for twenty consecutive years it was used as a classic destroyer. Since 1976 it has been a museum ship.

Going Along the quay we reach "**Dar Pomorza**", the most famous Polish frigate. It is a branch of the National Maritime Museum in Gdansk. The ship is over 100 years old and sailed around the world several times. It sailed under the Polish flag from 1930 to 1982. Today, the role of a training vessel of the Gdynia Maritime University is fulfilled by "**Dar Młodzieży**", whose home port is also Gdynia. If we are lucky, we will see the two largest Polish sailing ships at one quay. Annually, the White Frigate is visited by 150 to 200 thousand guests.

On July 30, 1930, it was ceremonially handed over to the Maritime University of Gdynia. In 1934 and 1935 "Dar Pomorza" was the first Polish vessel to circumnavigate the world. On September 1, 1939, it was interned in Stockholm. It returned to Gdynia in 1945, bringing the war wanderers. After the war, students of maritime schools trained on the ship, and for over a quarter of a century its commanding officer was Captain Kazimierz Jurkiewicz, master mariner. In autumn 1981 it made its last voyage.

Over 14 thousand students of maritime schools trained on "Dar Pomorza". It is said to be a world record. The guests of the ship's commander in his living room, by the regulars called *łańcut*, were Eugeniusz Kwiatkowski, Saint Maximilian Kolbe. Many writers took part in the voyages: Leszek Prorok, Leonid Teliga, the most popular Polish seafarer - Captain Karol Olgierd Borchardt, who was a navigation officer here when he was young.





## 📍 PASSENGER SHIPS ALLEY

At the same quay there is also a docking area for the ships of **Żegluga Gdańska**. The characteristic white ships and slightly larger catamarans will take you on a **cruise to Hel, Sopot and Jastarnia**. You can also visit the port of Gdynia from the water. Having the whole day at your disposal, you can be tempted to sail to Baltiysk (departure in the morning, return in the afternoon). It is worthwhile to stop by the **Passenger Ships Alley**, the only one of its kind in Poland. It presents the plaques with silhouettes of luxury cruise ships calling at Gdynia (their mooring place is the French Quay, 1 Polska Street).



## 📍 GDYNIA AQUARIUM

On the other side of the Southern Pier, you are invited to visit the **Gdynia Aquarium**, which presents almost 300 species of marine animals. These include large sea turtles, crocodiles, sharks, rays, moray eels, electric eels and many, many more. The aquarium also exhibits invertebrates. There are as many as 68 aquariums located on three floors.

## 📍 MARINE MONUMENTS AND THE POLISH SAILOR'S HOUSE

The end of the artificial pier, i.e. Kościuszki Square with the Southern Pier, offers a beautiful view of the entrance to the President's Basin. Here you will find a **monument to the writer Joseph Conrad**, born Józef Konrad Korzeniowski, the world's most famous marine writer, who wrote in English. Next to the stone with the writer's bust there is the **"Polish Sails"** monument. The building on the right side (facing the sea) is the **Polish Sailor's House**, currently housing the Faculty of Navigation of the Gdynia Maritime University. It is one of the best examples of Gdynia's modernist style in architecture.



At the back of the Faculty of Navigation there is a road leading to the marina, and on the way you pass the entrance to the **Planetarium**. It is generally available only to students, but from time to time open shows are organised, for example on the Night of Museums (around 18 May). From there you can see an intriguing figure at sea. It is a boy who conducts waves, and their motion moves his baton (the conductor's instrument to direct an orchestra). Unfortunately, the baton has been destroyed many times and is now gone. However, the charm of this figure still works, and it is known as the **"Wave conductor"** or **"Dreamer"**.

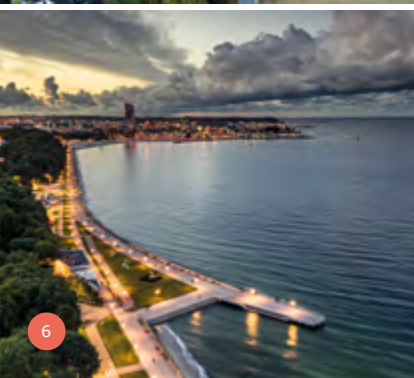
## 📍 GDYNIA MARINAS

**Marina Gdynia** is a place with a soul. It is the base for many sailing events at European and world levels. This is where the Wind and Water Fair, Volvo Gdynia Sailing Days and many other sailing events take place. Its undoubted advantage is the location in the very centre of the city. It is one of the most beautiful corners of Gdynia. Another one – the **Marina Yacht Park** – has been built at the Fishing Pier. Altogether, the marinas can accommodate 380 vessels.



## 📍 SEASIDE BOULEVARD AND KĘPA REDŁOWSKA NATURE RESERVE

From the marina you can already see the beach and **Feliks Nowowiejski Seaside Boulevard**, which is over one and a half kilometres long. The boulevard leads to Redłowo beach in Gdynia. Going up the stairs to the **Redłowska Glade (Polanka Redłowska)**, you can rest and continue along one of the **Kępa Redłowska** trails. It is the oldest nature reserve in Gdynia, established back in 1938. The path through the reserve starts on the left, at the information board. On the way there are wonderful views of the Gdańsk Bay. If we don't have time or are already tired, walking from Redłowska Glade straight through the forest, you will reach the Płyta Redłowska residential area, from where you can comfortably reach the centre by bus line 133. On the other hand, walking down the beach, you can reach the pier in Sopot (about 7.5 km) and further on the beaches of Gdańsk.



# Day Two

Duration  
about  
6-8  
hours

## 🕒 EMIGRATION MUSEUM

The second day of visiting Gdynia can begin in Polska Street. At its end there is the **Pilots Quay**, where you can feel the industrial and port climate of the city and see the port infrastructure, ferry terminal and the impressive size of ships sailing at your fingertips. Looking around this place a bit more closely, it is worth looking at the built in plaque on the quay, commemorating Witold Gombrowicz's departure from Poland on board the ocean liner m/s "Chrobry" in 1939.



One of the most interesting exhibit collections in the Emigration Museum are personal souvenirs of the "Courier from Warsaw". The collection includes 42 items and 137 copies of photographs. They document the private life of Jan Nowak-Jeziorański, among them photographs and personal items - a watch, a prayer book, a wallet and glasses, film and photographic equipment.



At 1 Polska Street, in the historic, modernist building of the Marine Station, there is **Emigration Museum**, the only one in the country. The **Marine Station** in the interwar period was the last Polish building emigrants saw before leaving Poland a better life. It is from this building that they boarded the ocean liners to start their lives abroad. After the war m/s "Batory", and later its successor m/s "Stefan Batory", sailed out for America from here. Creating the Emigration Museum in this very building was an excellent reference to its former function.

More information on maritime traditions of Gdynia in the Gdynia Maritime Legend folder.



## 🕒 GDYNIA CITY MUSEUM AND NAVAL MUSEUM

You can return to the city centre from Polska Street by bus 119 or on foot (about 2 km). At the seaside, there are two more museums waiting for you, both located in one building at 1 Zawiszy Czarnego Street. This is the **Gdynia City Museum** with a permanent exhibition and changing temporary exhibitions and the **Naval Museum**. Apart from the modern presentation of the history of the Navy, opened at the end of 2018, there is also an **Open-air Exhibition of Weapons and Marine Equipment**, where we can see a cannon from the famous Heliodor Laskowski battery, which defended Hel until 2.10.1939.



## 🕒 KAMIENNA GÓRA FUNICULAR

From both museums we return along Armii Krajowej Street towards Świętojańska Street. On the left, behind the Music Theatre, there is the bottom station of the Kamienna Góra funicular. This attraction is completely free-of-charge. The line is 96 metres long and goes 42 metres up. On the top there is a viewing terrace with a cross at 52 metres above sea level.



The history of the cross goes back to the interwar period. When Kamienna Góra was not yet developed, the idea was to erect the Maritime Basilica on top of it. In the end, the basilica was not built. In 1933 a wooden cross was erected at the highest point of Kamienna Góra. In 1939, after the Germans took over Gdynia, it was chopped up and burnt. After the war, it returned to its place for a short time. The present cross has been in this place since autumn 1993. It is 25 metres high and weighs 25 tonnes.



The square around the cross offers a wonderful view of the sea, the marina and the **Polish Sailor's House** with its characteristic semicircular element. On the right side there is an intimate but charming **Lech and Maria Kaczynski Park**, where promenade concerts are held in the amphitheatre in summer.



## 🕒 THROUGH KAMIENNA GÓRA TOWARDS ŚWIĘTOJAŃSKA

Going straight along Mickiewicz Street you will discover the unique villa buildings of Kamienna Góra. Go down Korzeniowskiego Street, then Krasickiego Street. Reach Piłsudskiego Avenue and head right. Here you can get acquainted with the phenomenon of Gdynia's modernism and take a walk along Piłsudskiego Avenue upwards, towards Świętojańska Street. At the intersection of these streets, it is worth looking at the current seat of the **Gdynia City Hall** and a large apartment building on the opposite side (**Ogończyk-Bloch and Mazalon apartment house, 122 Świętojańska Street**). Its glass corner is an excellent example of a winter garden, and the wavy balconies on the facade from Piłsudskiego Avenue side bring to mind the maritime climate of Gdynia. Both buildings are part of the Gdynia Modernism Route.

More at: [www.modernizmgdyni.pl](http://www.modernizmgdyni.pl)

## 🕒 ORŁOWO – AN INTIMATE RESORT

The easiest way to get there is by SKM train (two stops from Gdynia Wzgórze Św. Maksymiliana, about 5 minutes) or trolleybus line 21 towards Sopot. During the season, the historic trolleybus line 326 runs there. Getting off near Klif Shopping Centre, go to the other side and follow Orłowska or Przebendowskich Street towards the sea. Orłowo, which was already a well-known resort over 100 years ago, is the most beautiful district of Gdynia. Taking the promenade of Królowa Marysieńka we reach a wooden pier. It is 180 meters long and was built in 1934. Not far from the entrance to the pier there is the famous **Art School Complex** (8 Orłowska Street).

A walk on the pier reveals a perspective on the **Orłowo cliff**, the most frequently photographed symbol of Gdynia. This cliff hanging over the surface of the sea is constantly changing after every storm, and the sea is taking it away time and time again. It is a natural process, and the cliff with its forest crown and the waters around it are a strict nature reserve. On a bench near the pier sits the painter **Antoni Suchanek**. Right next to it you can visit the **Żeromski House** with a small cafe. From the beach you can take a forest path to the top of the cliff and find yourself in the **Kępa Redłowska Nature Reserve**. The path will lead you to the beach in Gdynia Redłowo. There the Seaside Boulevard starts (or ends), which will take us back to the beach in the city centre.

In the forests of Kępa Redłowska there is a historical trail for lovers of military equipment. There you will find four posts of the **11th Permanent Artillery Battery**, which were created between 1946 and 1947. The posts were staffed by 76 soldiers. Soviet sea cannons B-13 cal. 130 mm were used. The 11th Permanent Artillery Battery in Redłowo is the best preserved Polish coastal artillery battery.

It takes about 40 minutes to walk the trail (2 km).



# Selected attractions of Gdynia

An aerial photograph of Gdynia, Poland, showing a long pier extending into the Baltic Sea. The pier is a concrete structure with a railing, and several cars are parked on it. To the left of the pier, there is a sandy beach and a cluster of buildings, including a large white hotel-like structure. The background is dominated by a large, densely forested hill. In the distance, the city of Gdynia is visible on the coast, and the sea extends to the horizon under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

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## Seaside Boulevard and the City Centre beach



It is a promenade running along the seashore - from the very centre of the city to the beach in Redłowo and Redłowska Glade (Polanka Redłowska). It is about 1.5 km long, a walk of about 30 minutes. The beginning of the boulevard is one of the symbols of the city – the “Gdynia Fish” sculpture.

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## Emigration Museum



It is the most recent museum in Gdynia. It tells the story of Polish emigrants and the contribution of Poles to the world's history.

1 Polska Street  
www.polska1.pl

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## ORP Błyskawica

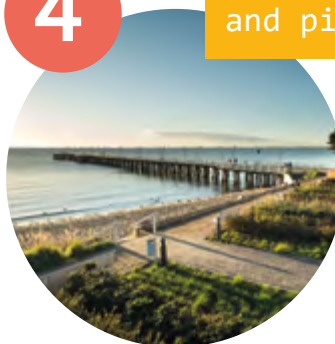


It is the only preserved destroyer from World War II. Since 1976 it has been a museum ship, part of the Naval Museum.

It is moored at Jana Pawła II Avenue.  
www.muzeummw.pl/orp-blyskawica

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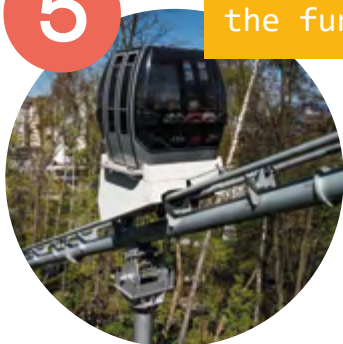
## Orłowo cliff and pier



The place was already famous at the end of the 19th century, and in the 1920s Stefan Żeromski spent the summer here. There are no entrance tickets to the pier, there is a beautiful walking trail and a fishing harbour nearby, where boats are pulled directly ashore. On the left side of the pier you can see the Orłowo cliff, the symbol of this area.

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## Kamienna Góra and the funicular



It used to be an unforested coastal hill, today it is a park with quiet alleys and a viewing platform with an illuminated cross. You can take the funicular to get there, free-of-charge both ways. The bottom station is behind the Gdynia Film Centre.

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## Gdynia Aquarium



Located at the end of the Southern Pier, on the extension of Kościuszki Square. There are special attractions awaiting children – you can touch a live fish, see how a coral reef is created and learn how to protect the marine environment.

1 Jana Pawła II Avenue  
www.akwarium.gdynia.pl



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## Dar Pomorza



The three-mast frigate Dar Pomorza is more than 100 years old and has been famous in the Polish merchant navy since 1929. Since 1983 it has been a museum ship, part of the National Maritime Museum.

It is moored  
at Jana Pawła II Avenue  
[www.nmm.pl/dar-pomorza](http://www.nmm.pl/dar-pomorza)

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## Gdynia Modernism Route



The city centre of Gdynia was created at a rapid pace and it is here that the most outstanding Polish pre-war architects realised their visions, building a sunny city, open to the sea and spacious. The buildings were erected according to the assumptions of modern architecture, which was broadly called modernism. They often referred to the shapes of ships. The walk is facilitated by information boards on the most important buildings and a leaflet available in tourist information point.

[www.modernizmgdyni.pl](http://www.modernizmgdyni.pl)

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## Experyment Science Centre



It is an unusual experimentation studio for small and big explorers, where you can conduct experiments on your own, learning about the laws of nature. No one gets bored here and Experyment often organises thematic workshops for children and adults.

96/98 Zwycięstwa Avenue  
[www.experyment.gdynia.pl](http://www.experyment.gdynia.pl)

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## Kościuszki Square



Gdynia's tourist centre. Its extension is the Southern Pier, formed on an artificial peninsula, reaching all the way to the sea, with Jana Pawła II Avenue. In this place there is a monument to Maritime Poland, modernist apartment houses and a fountain. Museum ship ORP "Błyskawica" and sailing ship "Dar Pomorza" are moored at the quay, a little further away you can see the only Passenger Ships Alley in Poland and the statue of Joseph Conrad, and closer to the sea the "Sails" monument.

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## The Danuta Baduszkowa Music Theatre

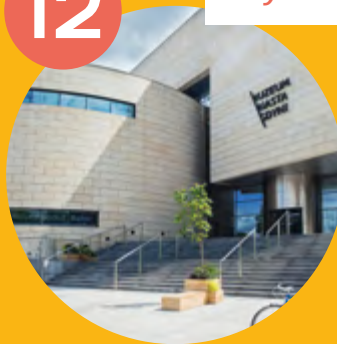


It is one of the most popular and the largest music stages in Poland. Its main stage auditorium seats over 1100 spectators. The theatre has made Polish theatre history with such productions as: *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Les Miserables*, *Hair*, *The Doll*, *Shrek*, *The Peasants*, *The Notre Dame de Paris* or *The Witcher*. The architecture, especially the large, glass foyer, impresses with its grandeur.

1 Grunwaldzki Square  
[www.muzyczny.org](http://www.muzyczny.org)

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## Gdynia City Museum



The museum documents the history of Gdynia and also serves as a centre promoting Polish and European design. The "**Gdynia - Open Work**" permanent exhibition is a journey through the stories of often less known Gdynia families, shown against the panoramic background of the history of the Pomerania region and Poland. In addition, the Museum presents temporary exhibitions worth visiting, including those from the "Polish Designs. Polish Designers" series. 11

1 Zawiszy Czarnego Street  
[www.muzeumgdynia.pl](http://www.muzeumgdynia.pl)



Gdynia is famous for a really big number of cultural and outdoor events, gathering thousands of people. They are organised not only in the summer, and everyone can find something for themselves. It is worth checking the calendar of events in advance and coming to Gdynia to become a part of something extraordinary.

## Save the date

### Open'er Festival

It is one of the biggest Polish music festivals. What attracts participants is an excellent selection of performers, a great place (Babie Doły-Kosakowo Airport), a multitude of stages and accompanying events. All of this makes it necessary to buy tickets for this festival well in advance. The event opens the summer season in Gdynia as it traditionally takes place at the turn of June and July. It is hard to find a world class rock star that has not been to Gdynia. In 2020, the festival did not take place, but in its previous editions there were concerts of, among others, **Kylie Minogue, The Smashing Pumpkins and Lana Del Rey**.

 [facebook.com/openerfestival](https://facebook.com/openerfestival)



### Ladies' Jazz Festival

While on the subject of music, Gdynia is also a capital of women's jazz. For many years the **Ladies' Jazz Festival**, during which you can listen to the world's greatest ladies jazz, has been held in the summer. Artists perform on several stages, also in Wejherowo. Apart from the main programme, the event is also a showcase opportunity for young jazz singing students – their concerts are free.

 [facebook.com/Ladies-Jazz-129312497091593](https://facebook.com/Ladies-Jazz-129312497091593)





## National Meetings of Travellers, Sailors and Alpinists

The biggest travel event in Poland, commonly called **Kolosy (Colossi)** – like the awards presented during the meetings. It is usually held in the first half of March and lasts three days. Meetings take place in the huge Gdynia Arena hall which can accommodate up to four thousand people. This is where travellers tell about their expeditions to both the farthest and quite near corners of the world. Photo exhibitions, specialist seminars, meetings with authors of books, and tourist equipment fairs accompany the shows. Since March 2000 the **Kolosy** awards have been awarded in five categories. The event has a circle of loyal fans from all over Poland.

 [facebook.com/kolosy.org](https://facebook.com/kolosy.org)

## Film festivals

Every year in September, the cinematic Poland comes to Gdynia because of the **Polish Film Festival**. In 2020 the 45th edition of the event was organised. A possibility to meet film stars and watch the most important Polish films of the passing year is a real attraction. The Festival venues are the Music Theatre and the Gdynia Film Centre. Another film festival is the **Unruly, Unbreakable, Cursed International Film Festival**, which is dedicated to the people and events connected with the fight for independence in 1939-1989. Gdynia is also one of the cities that holds the **Millennium Docs Against Gravity** documentary cinematography festival. Traditionally, it is organised in May.

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## Gdynia Literary Prize



**Gdynia Literary Prize** has been awarded since 2006. It is one of the most significant Polish literary awards. The jury presents it annually to authors of books issued in the previous year. What distinguishes the prize is the fact that it is awarded in four equal categories: prose, poetry, essay and translation. Its symbol is the Literary Cube, and a number of cultural events are held as part of the GLP. The most important one is the **Gdynia Literary Prize Gala**, accompanied by the **City of Word Literary Festival**. It includes not only literature but also theatrical performances, films and concerts, debates about culture and its contexts, visual arts and, above all, meetings with authors of the nominated books. The festival takes place in the last week of August, thus finishing the cultural summer in Gdynia.

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## Globaltica. World Cultures Festival

If you are an enthusiast of the sounds of the world, you cannot miss this event. Music from the wide stream of world music dominates in the park of Gdynia Kolibki on an open-air stage. It is accompanied by music and artistic workshops integrating participants from all over the world. It is a real ethno festival! Its unique atmosphere makes it highly popular with the audience every year.

 [facebook.com/globalticafestival](https://facebook.com/globalticafestival)

## Architecture festivals

Gdynia is also a symbol-city of the modernist architecture. The whole city centre has been built in less than ten years, all in a uniform modernist style, which adds a huge value to the city. Here you can participate in debates, walks and displays connected with the promotion of the 20th and 21st century architecture. Traditionally, in May, the **Open House Gdynia** takes place, and its main idea is to open the doors of private apartments, houses, places inaccessible on a daily basis. The festival lasts the whole weekend and attracts enthusiasts of the Gdynia modernism from all over the country. The **Weekend of Architecture**, usually organised in September, has a bit different character. It consists of the architecture films screenings, experts' lectures, debates and meetings.

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## Gdynia Design Days

**Gdynia Design Days** is a design festival. Each edition is a pretext to address issues related to broadly understood design in the context of changes that take place in our surroundings. This event brings together professionals and people fascinated by design and interested in transformations within the dynamically developing world. Workshops, lectures and discussions touch on such topics as: technology, process design, ecology, design, fashion, urban development or crafts. The festival takes place in the Pomeranian Science and Technology Park in Gdynia in the first half of July.

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## Volvo Gdynia Sailing Days

Gdynia is also a place where world-famous racing sailors compete. The event lasts two weeks, and you can observe the regatta struggles from the coast. Some of these races are organised at the European championship or even the world championship level!

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## Grand Prix Gdynia i Ironman 70.3

Gdynia is also the Running Capital of Poland and a venue of the prestigious IRONMAN 70.3 triathlon competition. Every year, the **Grand Prix Gdynia** series consists of four runs. It begins with the Birthday Run (on the occasion of the anniversary of granting Gdynia city rights, which is February 10th) and finishes with the Independence Run in November. Additionally, the **IRONMAN 70.3 Gdynia** is a competition for about four thousand athletes from several dozen countries. In previous years the event was attended by, among others, **Jan Frodeno, Daniela Ryf, Timothy O'Donnell, Mirinda Carfrae, Boris Stein, Nils Frommhold**, as well as leaders of the Polish competitors. The challenge was also taken up by many amateurs.

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## Lotos Gdynia Aerobaltic Show

Enthusiasts of the great skyward performances wait all year long to participate in the **Lotos Gdynia Aerobaltic Airshow**. After a huge success of the Red Bull Air Race World Championship, that took place in Gdynia only once in July 2014 (it was the first and still the only Polish edition of the Championship), every year a big air event is held here. The shows are organised above the waters of the Gdańsk Bay and attract dozens of thousands of spectators to Gdynia.

 [facebook.com/gdyniaaerobaltic](https://facebook.com/gdyniaaerobaltic)



From the very beginning, Gdynia's picturesque location was of great value to the city, accounting for its unique appeal. The diversity of its terrain makes an immediate impression: on one side, the Baltic Sea, on the other, a wooded moraine deceptively similar to the mountainous areas typical of southern Poland. Gdynia has as many as 15 kilometres of sandy beaches, towering cliffs and beech forests with dozens of hiking and biking trails, and plenty of hills, which extend its breathtaking views.




Nature  
at your fingertips



# Forests

Forests cover as much as 46% of the city area. The largest section of Gdynia's forest forms a nearly 20 thousand hectare Tricity Landscape Park. Running into a wild boar, roe deer, deer, hares, squirrels or bats is a distinct possibility on one of its paths. There are many species of birds, with the ordinary black stork and white-tailed eagle taking the lead. While enjoying forest excursions, take advantage of the trails marked for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. Younger and older nature-lovers can also use educational routes and visit the **Marszewo Forest Botanical Garden**.



There are four nature reserves in Gdynia: Kępa Redłowska, Cisowa, Kacze Łęgi and Łęg nad Sweliną. The oldest one is Kępa Redłowska (1938) and the youngest is Łęg nad Sweliną (2005).

## Forest viewpoint towers

There are two attractions of this kind in Gdynia: one on the highest hill of the city, the **Donas Mountain** (208 metres above sea level) and the other in the area of the seaside park in Kolibki. The easiest way to the Donas Mountain is from the bus terminus in Miętowa Street in Gdynia Dąbrowa district. On the top of the hill, a tower with an observation deck was built and you can admire the best panoramic views of Gdynia, Sopot and Gdańsk, and when visibility is good, all the way to Hel Peninsula. The **tower in Kolibki** rises to a height of 85 m above sea level. The tower structure itself, at 50m, has an observation deck open to tourists 28m above ground. You can get to the tower from the Kolibki bus stop in Zwycięstwa Avenue. The black route leads to both viewing points in 15 minutes.







# Historic Parks



There are a few of them, but two are undoubtedly worth getting to know closer: the **Kolibki Palace Park** and the **Orłowo Palace Park**.

## 📍 PARK IN KOLIBKI

is one of the few places of this type preserved in the Gdynia area. It is located along the shore, just a short distance from the city centre. The current palace park occupies more than 14 acres, on which you can find a manor house built in the nineteenth century, stables, fragments of a viewing pavilion called "Marysieńka's Cave", outbuildings, and the remains of the demolished St. Joseph's Church with its cemetery. The park itself is extremely interesting. It sits high on a cliff, a huge area covered with centuries-old trees of fine varieties and flowering spring bushes, between which, from below, the glassy surface of the Baltic shines. It's the perfect place for a walk and a history lesson. Legend has it that it was here that queen Marysieńka awaited the arrival of King Jan III Sobieski from Vienna.



## 📍 THE PARK WITH A NEO-GOTHIC PALACE IN FOLWARCZNA STREET IN ORŁOWO

is a charming place at any time of the year. The palace was built in the 18th century by the von Krockow family (Krokowscy) in the baroque-rococo style. After about 100 years, it was rebuilt by new owners, and its architecture gained features of the then fashionable English neo-Gothic movement and it remained in this style until today. The palace is surrounded by a park with valuable trees species and a pond, in which fish were bred years ago. Until 2007, it housed the 1st Academic High School. Now, the building has been exquisitely restored and can be visited as the Quadrille Relais & Châteaux Hotel \*\*\*\*\*.

## Marszewo Forest Botanical Garden

A little further from the centre, in the forest north of Wiczlino, at 5 Marszewska Street you can visit an unusual place. It is an educational centre of the State Forests, in which the secrets of the forest's wilderness are presented in an especially attractive way. The entire area covers 50 hectares of woods, which are shown around by real enthusiasts taking this opportunity to teach how to use a map.

You can use bus lines 172 and 288 to get there.



Gdynia tempts its inhabitants and tourists with excellent cuisine. You can find here restaurants offering dishes from all over the world, following the world culinary trends. You can immerse yourself in the historical heritage of the region by tasting Kashubian delicacies, often in new versions.

## Places with taste

### USEFUL LINKS:

[www.kulinarnagdynia.pl](http://www.kulinarnagdynia.pl)  
[www.haletargowegdynia.pl](http://www.haletargowegdynia.pl)





The “Culinary Świętojańska” event received an honorary mention from the Marshal of Pomorskie Voivodeship during the World Tourism Day celebrations in 2020.

## The Culinary Świętojańska

It is the biggest cyclical “street food” festival in northern Poland. The festival offers a possibility to spend free time in open urban space with friends and family, with good cuisine close at hand. Following this most famous street in Gdynia, you can try dishes from dozens of places in one day. There are plenty of stalls with local products.



## The Gdynia Centre Culinary Route

The route is made up of 74 restaurants and still new ones join it. In the latest edition of the **Gault&Millau Yellow Guide (2020)** two of them received “**3 hats**” – **Biały Królik** (restaurant in Quadrille Hotel, 2 Folwarczna Street) and **Sztuczka Restaurant** (40 Abrahama Street). The guide recommends as many as 12 Gdynia restaurants. The city also attracts the best chefs.

The best restaurant in Gdynia in 2020, according to the popular Tripadvisor portal, is **Oberża 86** situated in the historical Abraham’s House (30 Starowiejska Street). Winning the competition, it defeated 251 restaurants in Gdynia.



*For me Oberża 86 is a must on the map of Gdynia. Soon it will be an iconic place, congratulations to the chef for creating such a place in such a small space. As usual, I love soup and soup again. Traditional pork chop in a new version – a revelation for me. I highly recommend it! (Tripadvisor review, September 2020, author: klincz)*



## Well-designed interiors

Places recommended within the Culinary Route are mainly restaurants run with passion and love for cooking. But also their interiors surprise with a unique character. Many of them received awards in architecture or design competitions. Every year, during the **Gdynia Design Days** festival, commercial interiors with the best design are awarded, and they are often Gdynia restaurants and bistros. In 2019, **the Internet users' award for Best Interior** went to **MORA** bistro.



## Overlooking the sea

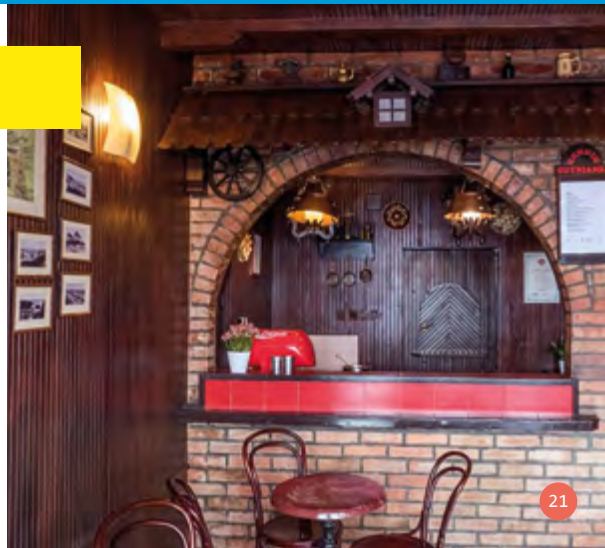


The location by the sea is an asset of many restaurants in Gdynia. The easiest way to the Seaside Boulevard, where you can choose one of several restaurants, leads from the city centre side. However, for those who appreciate the pleasure of watching the sunset on the restaurant's terrace, a visit to the **"Browar Port Gdynia"** brewery (at the beginning of the boulevard) or the **"Vinegre"** restaurant (entrance to the Naval Museum and lift to the second floor) is recommended. The view of the entrance to the port of Gdynia and the harbour-master's office can be seen when visiting **"Mondo di Vinegre"**. This restaurant is situated in the building of the Emigration Museum, on the second floor (1 Polska Street).



## Unique pizza in "Gdynianka"

While in Gdynia, you cannot miss the **"Gdynianka"** pizzeria (65 Świętojańska Street), an iconic place for the residents of Gdynia. **It can definitely be classified in the vintage category and has been operating continuously since 1987.** Its interior is a real "time capsule", practically unchanged for over 30 years! Gdynianka deliberately chooses originality – for years it has been serving a thick crust pizza, covered with a homemade tomato sauce, which you can sprinkle on your own with marjoram and herbal pepper – a spice to a large degree strange for Italians. But this pizza is truly delicious! You need to be patient as there usually is a queue.





## Market Halls

Every summer many culinary events takes place in **City Market Halls** built before the war. This is a perfect shopping spot for those, who care about quality, taste and unique relationship with the seller. Market Halls promote the philosophy of **slow food, bio and ecological goods**, the air is filled with thousands of aromas. Chefs from trending restaurants purchase their products here. The Fish Hall offers local fish, as well as those imported to Gdynia from distant seas. The underground of the hall was transformed into space for culture activities – their host is the “**Halo Kultura**” association. **The Small Market Hall Museum** also operates there. The highlights are the **Day of Market Halls** and the **Creative Day of Market Halls**, organised several times a year.



During the communist era in Poland, the Market Halls were the symbol and taste of “forbidden” capitalism. It was the place to buy the latest models of Wrangler and other jeans, orthallions, non-iron shirts, vinyl LPs, aromatic Arabica or real chocolate brought by Polish sailors. Nowadays, there are over 400 retail points here.

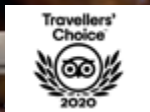
## Where to get fish



Herring is the king of Kashubian table. Pomeranian cuisine values this fish because it has been cheap and available for centuries, and there are at least several dozen ways of preparing it. Herring might be marinated, fried or even served raw as refined Baltic sushi. It is best to buy the fish straight from the fishing boat. There is a fishing harbour in Orłowo, but you have to get there before 7 am! There is also the hospitable **Tawerna Orłowska**, where the undoubted king is herring caught right on the spot. There is also a shop, which specialises in smoked fish.

## Not just fish

In Gdynia, we also find spots with delicious desserts. The queen of ice cream is “**Café Mariola**”, operating since 1966. The interior of the main restaurant (24 Prusa Street) has been unchanged for years, you can feel the family tradition and the atmosphere of the cafe from the period of Polish People’s Republic (PRL) with the best ice cream in the world. The people from Gdynia have been coming here on dates, and on Sundays it is difficult to find a free table. What distinguishes the ice cream served here is a secret homemade recipe, based only on four ingredients: milk, cream, eggs and sugar, as well as a lack of preservatives. Another iconic place is “**Pączuś**” (18 Świętojańska Street). It is a place with tradition, which leads among “sweet” places in Gdynia, taking first place in this category on the Tripadvisor portal. As a review, let us use the opinion from this portal (July 2020):



*Every time we stay in Gdynia we drop in to Pączuś for the best doughnuts (pączki) in Tricity. Great quality, delicious taste and also extremely nice and friendly service.*



# People and places



What defines Gdynia's uniqueness? Its history, landscape, architecture, quality of life? Surely all these elements combined make it impossible to find another city of this kind in Poland. Is any one of them decisive? It is hard to say. **One thing is certain - in all rankings, it is Gdynia citizens who are the most satisfied with their place of residence. The affirmative answer is indicated by almost 90% of the inhabitants.** This sociological phenomenon is explained by the great attachment of Gdynia residents to their place in the world. Most of them are descendants of the builders of the city, however, many of them are also of Kashubian origin.



# Kashubian roots

**Oksywie** is the oldest part of modern Gdynia. The first traces of the settlement date back to 2200 years ago. On a high hill, the oldest Gdynia church is situated – 13th-century **church of Saint Michael the Archangel**. It is the oldest monument not only in Gdynia but also in the whole Tricity. Only the western wall of the church has survived from the original construction. Right next to the churchyard, there is a cemetery where Antoni Abraham, the famous “king of Kashubians”, is buried.

For the first time Gdynia is mentioned as Gdina in a document from 1253 and refers to a village belonging to the parish in Oksywie. It was then owned by Cistercians from Oliwa and later by Carthusians. They owned Gdynia until 1772 (the First Partition of Poland). From the late 18th century to 1920, Gdynia belonged to Prussia and then to the German Empire. At the beginning of the 20th century, thanks to its convenient location by the sea, a seaside resort began to develop here, which was visited by more and more Poles from the inland. In 1919 the first Polish head of Gdynia commune was elected. **Jan Radtke** was appointed for this position.

He was soon appointed head of the Chylonia commune, whose part was the village of Gdynia. He held both functions till 1926, when on February 10th Gdynia was granted city rights. His house was the corner building with a turret at 10 Lutego Street no. 2.

Antoni Abraham (1869-1923) is a local hero, he convinced Kashubians to the idea of the Polish state. In 1919, at the Versailles Conference, he stipulated that Kashubia should join Poland. He settled in Gdynia in 1920 and became a member of the Commune Council. He spent the last years of his life in a house at 30 Starowiejska Street. The building has remained to this day and is called the Abraham's House (nowadays it houses the restaurant “Oberża 86”). On Kaszubski Square, there is a monument to Antoni Abraham, the meritorious “King of Kashubia”.



Ceremonial opening of the Temporary War Port and the Fisherman's Haven, April 29th, 1923, attended by President Stanisław Wojciechowski and Prime Minister Władysław Sikorski, photo: Roman Morawski, online Digital Archive Gdynia (collections of the Gdynia City Museum)

In 1920, under the Treaty of Versailles, Poland received 140 km of coastline with Gdynia and Puck. The access to the sea was extremely important, especially as the neighbouring Free City of Danzig quickly ceased to respect Polish rights to use the commercial port. Thus, the Polish government decided to immediately build a seaport near a fishing village and a summer resort called Gdynia. Engineer **Tadeusz Wenda** suggested this place. The first wharf was constructed in 1923, and at the same time, a military port was being built. From the beginning, Gdynia was the Polish window on the world. The port and the city developed side by side, thousands of people from all over Poland came to Gdynia, which offered new jobs and opportunities. The first workers' housing estates appeared, but next to them the modernist downtown was being created. It was developed in a very short time – in about 10 years (1929-1939). On February 10, 1926, Gdynia was granted city rights. Just before the outbreak of WWII, Gdynia already had a population of 128 thousand (in 1910 it was 1008 people).



## Kashubian monuments

In Waszyngtona Street, there is a cross which is very special for Gdynia. In 1922 it was erected by workers who wanted to thank both for the opportunity to construct the port and for the law passed by the Sejm (lower house of the Polish Parliament) which made it possible. The symbolic cross, though no longer the same one, still stands today.

There is a **“Kashubian Bench”** in Kaszubski Square. The bench features a couple: Jakub Scheibe (1858-1939), a fisherman and Elizabeth née Kurr (1871-1956), his wife. Their story is connected with a corner house located nearby (nowadays it is Jakubowy Hotel), which Jakub built in 1928. At his wife's request, he added a room on the top floor with a view of the sea. When you look at the sculpture, you can notice a letter in Jakub's pocket: *Jakub, if you build a room for me on the top floor, I will see when you return from the sea. Elżbieta.* The author of the sculpture is Adam Dawczak-Dębicki.



## The most important names in Gdynia's history

### **JAN RADTKE (1872-1958)**

– the first Polish head of Gdynia commune

### **ENG. TADEUSZ WENDA (1863-1948)**

– chief designer and construction manager of the port in Gdynia

### **EUGENIUSZ KWIATKOWSKI (1888-1974)**

– initiator of the construction of the port in Gdynia, visionary and statesman of the Second Polish Republic

### **FRANCISZEK SOKÓŁ (1890-1956)**

– between 1933-1939 Polish Government Commissioner in Gdynia







## Gdynia Modernism Route

The uniqueness of Gdynia's architecture is appreciated not only in Poland but also abroad. Gdynia is one of the few cities in the world whose very centre has been created in a largely homogeneous modernist style, as reflected in its inscription on the list of **Polish Historic Monuments** (2015) and the **UNESCO Tentative List** (26.09.2019). Gdynia was inscribed there as one of six Polish sites. This is the last stage before the modernist layout of Gdynia's city centre can be included on the **UNESCO World Heritage List**. There are several sightseeing routes running through the historic city centre of Gdynia. All of them form the **Gdynia Modernism Route**. Architecture enthusiasts may be interested in the trails of this route that go through districts adjacent to the city centre. It is a trail through Działki Leśne, Kamienna Góra, Redłowo and Wzgórze Św. Maksymiliana.



More about Gdynia's modernism and its best examples in a folder: **Modernism 2x6. Ships on land. Sail with Gdynia's modernism. Gdynia 2020.**

Descriptions of Gdynia Modernism Routes can be found on the website: [www.modernizmgdyni.pl](http://www.modernizmgdyni.pl)

## The pride of the Second Polish Republic



The city was erected from scratch by the best architects and engineers from Warsaw, Cracow, Lviv. It was then proudly called the sunny city of the north, the Polish window on the world, the city of the future, youth and modernity. A trip to Gdynia was an obligatory point in the education of Polish young people. The Second Polish Republic was proud of Gdynia, which was shown in particular by the celebration of the Sea Day. In 1933 over 100 thousand people came to Gdynia! After the end of World War II, Gdynia quickly recovered from the destruction.





# Most importantly – the quality of life

In 2019, in the LivCom Awards ranking, Gdynia took the third place in the world. It is an extremely prestigious ranking, the only in the world that focuses on the quality of life and rewards the most liveable cities. Gdynia was awarded in the category of medium-sized cities (150-400 thousand inhabitants).





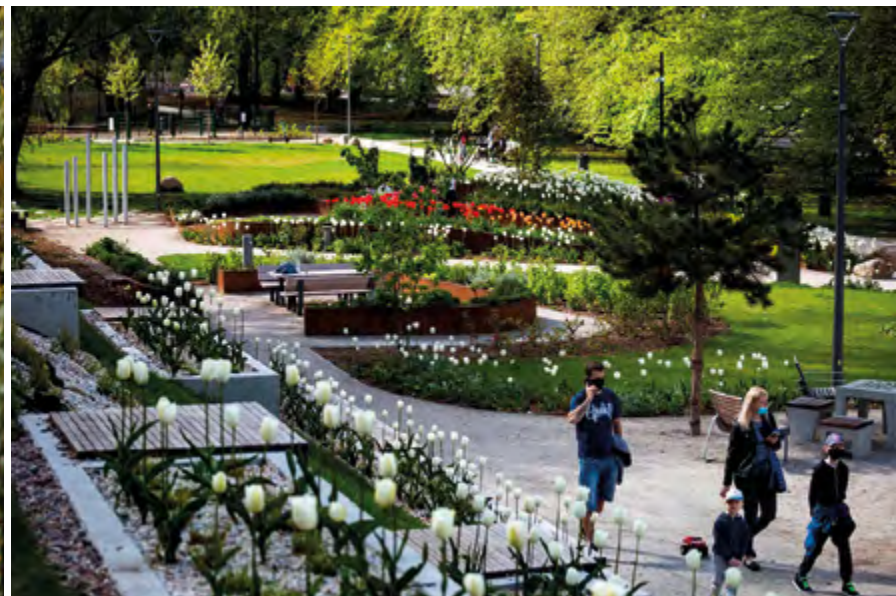
## New city centre by the sea

In the city centre it is clearly visible how fast one of the most important investments – **Sea City**, is progressing, growing at the waterfront. The **New Sea City Centre** is being built on former industrial and port premises. The total area for development is 71 hectares. The new constructions have various functions, including residential, service and business ones. The **Marina Yacht Park** was also built, the second Gdynia marina, with places for 120 vessels. The depth of the Marina allows for accommodating vessels with a draught of up to 8 metres.



## Hand in hand with ecology

You can quickly notice that the air you breathe in Gdynia is very clean, and forest areas and hills surround almost the entire city. The inhabitants of Gdynia take pride in the fact that it is possible to reach the forest in maximum 15 minutes from every point in the city. The most popular green areas in Gdynia are **Redłowska Glade** and the **seaside park in Kolibki**. Since recently, it is possible to spend time actively or just take a walk in the **Central Park**, which stretches along Piłsudskiego Avenue leading to the sea. Moreover, in each of Gdynia's districts there are green areas, places for recreation and leisure.





Trolleybuses are unanimously recognised as the most environmentally-friendly form of transport. They are zero-emission, i.e. they do not emit harmful dust and carbon dioxide. They currently account for over 30% of all public transport vehicles in Gdynia. For this development, Gdynia received the prestigious European Commission REGIOSTARS Award.

## Trolleybuses

Trolleybuses are the symbol of Gdynia, and they are very modern and comfortable vehicles. Most of them are not even three years old. Some of the routes lead to places where there is no overhead line. They use very efficient batteries, which get recharged during the journey. Only three cities in Poland have trolleybuses: Gdynia, Tychy and Lublin, but the Gdynia fleet is the most impressive, with over 100 vehicles.

## A city for all

Gdynia develops urban public spaces in such a way that everyone can use them: families with children, elderly people with mobility problems, people with disabilities. Urban transport also takes into account the needs of these people – all vehicles are low-floor. There are special markings in the pavement surface near crossroads, benches have armrests, playgrounds accommodate the needs of all children. A person with a disability does not have to give up going to the beach or swimming in the sea. The City Centre beach (entrances **GDY 6, GDY 7**) is the best-adapted beach and a guarded swimming area for people with physical disabilities. There are two wooden footbridges, which make it easier to get around on wheelchairs. At this swimming site, it is possible to use a bathing chair - so-called amphibians. The facility allows you to move on the sand and swim safely in the sea

If you wish to use the bathing chair, you must call a lifeguard between 9:30 and 10:30 am on the following phone number: +48 785 174 737. Before arriving at the beach, it is advisable to make sure that the weather conditions allow for the use of the bathing chair.

On numerous occasions the city has received awards and distinctions in recognition of its activities for people with disabilities.







## Gdynia. Full of culture

Gdynia's distinguishing feature is culture. But what does it mean? Inhabitants are proud to talk about film Gdynia, as the city hosts three national film festivals and is home to the **Gdynia Film School**, whose students and graduates win national and international awards. It is located in the **Gdynia Film Centre**. It's a place where you can always find a "good movie". Among the stages in Gdynia, it is the **Music Theatre** that holds a leading position when it comes to audience size. It can accommodate over 1100 spectators, which makes it the largest music theatre in the country. It is often still difficult to buy a ticket for some shows. These are the legendary performances, such as *The Notre Dame the Paris*, staged for almost three years, or Polish classics like *Chłopi* (The Peasants) or *Lalka* (The Doll). The theatre is one of the best music stages in the country. Apart from it, the **Witold Gombrowicz Municipal Theatre**, the **Gdynia Główna Theatre** and the **Czwarde Miasto Theatre** operate in Gdynia. In the summer, thanks to the "**Pociąg do miasta**" Festival, theatre moves into squares, alleys and streets. An extremely interesting place is the **Consulate of Culture**, which is located in the modernist dark brick building of the Swedish Sailor's House. The **Gdynia Cultural Centre** operates there with its theatre stage, author meetings, film screenings and debates.

[www.gdyniakulturalna.pl](http://www.gdyniakulturalna.pl) - here are all cultural trademarks of Gdynia and information on events organised in the city.

# A children friendly city

Gdynia is a city where children can't get bored. Most of the city's sights will turn out to be interesting and engaging also for kids, especially those at school age. And preschoolers also have something to do here. The **Gdynia Library**, the **Gdynia City Museum**, the **Emigration Museum**, the **Gdynia Aquarium**, the **Consulate of Culture** and, above all, the **Experiment Science Centre** organise various workshops and educational meetings for children. Every institution has its own Facebook profile, which provides easy access to information about events addressed especially to children.

**Family Activity Centre** is a new place in Gdynia. Here visitors can get information about the offer addressed to families, especially children. In the summer, children's games are organised in Kaszubski Square. Gdynia also publishes "**książeczki-gdynieckie**" (**Gdynia books**), which help to learn about the past and present Gdynia. At [www.gdyniarodzinnia.pl](http://www.gdyniarodzinnia.pl) you can download one of those - Rodziny przewodnik po Gdyni (A family guide to Gdynia).



Gdynia is the first and so far the only city in Poland that is a candidate for the UNICEF "Child Friendly City" title (as of December 2020).

More at: [www.childfriendlycities.org/poland/](http://www.childfriendlycities.org/poland/)





The investment attractiveness of Gdynia has been confirmed by a number of independent institutions. Gdynia regularly takes part in the largest trade fairs and conferences in Europe, including **MIPIM in Cannes** or **Expo Real in Munich**. The business services sector is developing more and more rapidly, and Gdynia's activity in this field, which includes creating favourable conditions for developing new office space, was noticed by the **Association of Business Service Leaders in Poland (ABSL)**. It awarded Gdynia in the "Supporting Cities" category twice already (2018, 2019).

Gdynia. This is where  
business is done



# Polish City of the Future



The editorial team of the **Financial Times** owned **FDi Magazine** (addressed to investment professionals) has awarded Gdynia with its top title - **“Polish City of the Future”** - three times in a row.

Gdynia strengthens its investment attractiveness by organizing thematic conferences, including the **Maritime Economy Forum**, which has been held in Gdynia for many years now. The Forum hosts the most important entities and people from the maritime industry.



## Office space

Gdynia offers almost 200 thousand sq m of office space. The office buildings market is located mainly in Redłowo district and the city centre, where owners entice their tenants with stimulating architecture, unique locations, and the highest standards.

Redłowo is home to **Łużycka Office Park**, with 28 thousand sq m of office space. In the middle of 2021, a complex of three office buildings called **3T Office Park** is to be completed, providing a total of 38.5 thousand sq m of new office space. The complex is located at the intersection of Kazimierza Górskiego and Sportowa Streets. By the sea, a new office complex of **Polski Holding Nieruchomości (PHN)** is being built.





## Pomeranian Science and Technology Park Gdynia

**Pomeranian Science and Technology Park Gdynia (PPNT Gdynia) is Poland's largest hub of organizations operating at the junction of business, science and technology.** It hosts nearly 250 companies which operate on 80 thousand sq m of usable space. It is not only offices, but also a prototyping space, 3D Printing Centre, coworking space, start-up zone. Companies located in PPNT Gdynia operate in the fields of biotechnology and environmental protection, ICT, engineering, robotics and automation as well as industrial design. PPNT Gdynia is also home to **Gdynia Design Centre**, modern workshops for engineers, and state of the art laboratories for electronics and biotechnology.

## Baltic Port of New Technologies (BPNT)

BPNT stands for an innovative project of the Pomeranian Special Economic Zone (PSEZ), supporting the reconstruction and development of the shipbuilding industry. It constitutes a base for companies operating on the premises of the former Gdynia shipyard, offers assistance in implementation and transfer of new technologies, research laboratories, offices and conference rooms. BPNT's area is home to companies from the shipbuilding and related industries mainly – **Crist, Nauta Shiprepair Yard, Vistal Gdynia, Hydromega, Gafako and Energomontaż.**



INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT ARE BEING DEVELOPED AT PPNT GDYNIA SURPRISE WITH THEIR SCALE AND UNIQUE APPROACH, AND THEY HAVE A GREAT FUTURE AHEAD OF THEM. HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES:

■ Vika Life company develops an extremely pioneering solution that helps to keep your health in good condition. The VIKA application (under testing, December 2020), namely its algorithm, analyses our health and calculates how long we will live. The application suggests what to do to extend our lifespan and proposes various missions to perform. It can be also useful during the COVID-19 pandemic, as it contains various simulations that help to assess chances for recovery in case of infection.

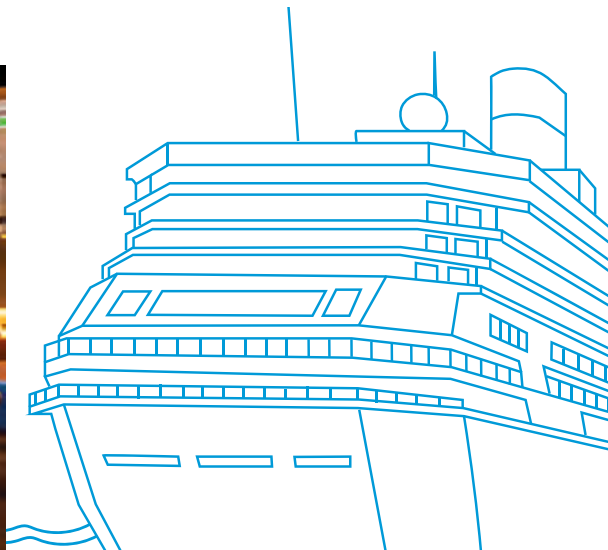
■ At the reception desk of building IV of PPNT, a display with the SKM (urban railway) timetable has been installed. It uses the e-paper technology and is one of the first information boards of this type in Poland. E-paper allows you to read the displayed information from any angle, even in the sun, and it uses minimal energy. This technology is being developed by Mpico company, responsible for creating the world's largest e-paper information wall, which can be admired at the United Nations headquarters in New York. The company has also developed public transportation displays for Dubai and Copenhagen.

■ The Samurai system will protect us from hate speech on the Internet. Its potential was noticed by none other than Robert Lewandowski, who invested in it. Samurai uses the mechanisms of artificial intelligence, which learns, draws conclusions and takes action. It helps wherever Internet users may be exposed to Internet violence: on dating sites, online forums or games. Harmful content will be automatically blocked by the system, and information will be sent to the forum moderator.

## Meetings industry

Gdynia is more and more often chosen as a venue for conferences, industry meetings and various types of events. This sector is often referred to as MICE (MICE: Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions Industry). Pomerania region, and thus Gdynia, successfully attracts the attention of events' organizers. The Gdynia Tourism Council, which makes efforts to build a coherent offer for this sector's professionals, has been operating for several years now. Gdynia offers both large, chain-branded hotels and smaller, boutique facilities, as well as conference rooms of various capacities. A conference at sea can be organized on board of one of Stena Line ferries. A tour of the Swedish Karlskrona may be a highlight of such a solution.

More at: [www.grt-gdynia.pl](http://www.grt-gdynia.pl)





Be our guest



# What you should know before your arrival

If you plan a visit to Gdynia, you can make use of a great deal of information included in the **official Gdynia website [www.gdynia.pl/en](http://www.gdynia.pl/en)** or in the user-friendly **Gdynia City Guide** app. You can also visit the **Tourist Information Office**, offering a number of free tourist guides, genuine Gdynia souvenirs and base of Gdynia city guides contact details. Souvenirs can also be purchased in Kościuszki Square.



## TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

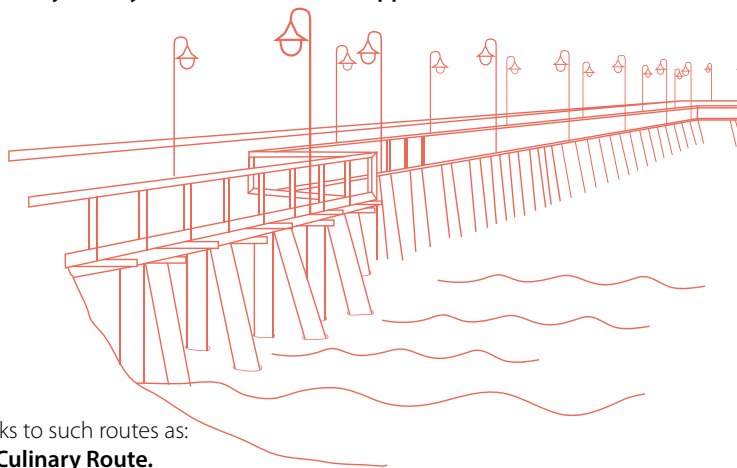
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fb/informacjaturystycznagdynia  
www.visitgdynia.eu



## POMERANIAN CENTRE OF COURIER AND TOUR GUIDE SERVICES

tel. +48 691 634 880

Full Gdynia tourist offer can be found on the website:  
**[www.gdynia.pl/en](http://www.gdynia.pl/en)**. Sightseeing will be easier with the free **Gdynia City Guide** mobile tourist application.



Download the free application.

**Gdynia  
City  
Guide**

You can learn about the tourist attractions and the history of Gdynia thanks to such routes as:  
**Gdynia Maritime Legend, Gdynia Modernism Route, Gdynia Centre Culinary Route.**



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## How to get here

### BY RAIL

#### Gdynia Główna Railway Station pl. Konstytucji 1

An important transport node serving the Tricity, regional, national and international railroad traffic.

#### PKP (Polish State Railways)

tel. +48 58 721 16 44  
gdynia.glowna@pkp.pl www.pkp.pl

#### SKM (Urban Railway) connects Gdynia with the Tricity agglomeration

tel. +48 58 721 21 70  
skm@skm.pkp.pl www.skm.pkp.pl

#### PKM (Pomeranian Metropolitan Railway) connects Gdynia with the region

tel. +48 58 350 11 00  
sekretariat@pkm-sa.pl www.pkm-sa.pl

### BY BUS

**Bus Station** is located next to the Gdynia Główna Station (pl. Konstytucji 1) and offers bus and minibus connections with the country and the region.

#### PKS (Motor Transport Company) Bus Station

tel. +48 801 11 22 11  
biuro@pksgdynia.pl www.pksgdynia.pl

#### FlixBus

www.flixbus.pl

### BY CAR

When travelling by car, pay attention to the paid parking zone, which is active from 9 am to 6 pm during the week. At weekends fees do not apply. Payment can be made in the parking meters or via an online application.

#### Paid parking zone

tel. +48 56 663 76 31  
spp@zdiz.gdynia.pl www.sppgdynia.pl

Close to Gdynia Główna Railway Station there is a charger for electric vehicles and special parking spaces for "electrics", marked with characteristic green colour.

### BY SEA

**Stena Line** - a ferry connecting Gdynia and Karlskrona in Sweden, ul. Kwiatkowskiego 60  
tel. +48 58 660 92 00  
info.pl@stenaline.com www.stenaline.pl

**Żegluga Gdańska** - Hel/ Jastarnia/ Sopot cruises, from May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>  
al. Jana Pawła II 2 / Nabrzeże Pomorskie  
tel. +48 58 620 26 42  
zegluga@zegluga.pl www.zegluga.pl

### BY PLANE

#### The Lech Walesa Airport in Gdańsk Rębiechowo

(ul. Słowackiego 200)  
tel. +48 801 066 808  
www.airport.gdansk.pl  
You can get to the airport easily by PKM Railway.  
Stop: **Gdańsk Port Lotniczy**.

## How to get around

Gdynia is a compact city and while in the city centre, it is comfortable to move around on foot. Planning further trips, you can take advantage of the convenient and round-the-clock bus and trolleybus services. Tickets can be purchased from the driver, in kiosks or using an app.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

**ZKM** (Public Transport Authority)  
tel. +48 801 174 194  
zkm@zkmgdynia.pl www.zkmgdynia.pl

### CARSHARING

#### 4Mobility

tel. +48 222 288 455  
info@4mobility.pl www.4mobility.pl

#### Traficar

tel. +48 123 000 330  
www.traficar.pl

#### MiiMove

tel. +48 539 911 153  
bok@miiimove.pl www.miiimove.pl

#### Panek CarSharing

tel. +48 690 20 20 20  
bok@panekcs.pl www.panekcs.pl

**In Gdynia, rental cars can be parked within the paid parking zone for free. Fully electric cars are allowed to use bus lanes.**

**Thanks to PKP Mobility service, passengers arriving in Tricity by train can book and rent an electric car to continue their journey right after disembarking the train.**

#### **PKP Mobility**

tel. + 48 508 400 400

bok@easysshare.pl www.easysshare.pl

## Where to stay

Gdynia's hotel offer is diverse in terms of standard, services and prices.  
[www.gdynia.pl/noclegiwgdyni](http://www.gdynia.pl/noclegiwgdyni)

## Where to shop

**Market Halls** – a unique shopping centre, characteristic of the city's landscape, referring to the architectural style and functions of the famous metropolitan market halls.

ul. Wójta Radtkego 36/38/40

tel. +48 58 621 02 70

[www.haletargowegdynia.pl](http://www.haletargowegdynia.pl)

**Riviera Shopping Centre** – the largest in Pomerania and one of the largest in Poland

ul. Kazimierza Górskiego 2

tel. +48 58 779 07 10

[biuro@centrumriviera.pl](mailto:biuro@centrumriviera.pl) [www.centrumriviera.pl](http://www.centrumriviera.pl)

**Batory Shopping Centre** – located in the very city centre

ul. 10 Lutego 11

tel. +48 58 661 75 58

[office@batory.com.pl](mailto:office@batory.com.pl) [www.batorygdynia.com.pl](http://www.batorygdynia.com.pl)

**Klif Shopping Centre** – perceived as a centre of fashion and style

al. Zwycięstwa 256

tel. +48 58 664 93 45

[www.gdynia.klif.pl](http://www.gdynia.klif.pl)

## Gdynia a barrier-free

**Information for people with disabilities**

tel. +48 58 668 87 91, e-mail: [niepelnosprawni@gdynia.pl](mailto:niepelnosprawni@gdynia.pl)



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# Wybrane atrakcje Gdyni

## Gdynia's chosen attractions

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- 1 BULWAR NADMORSKI I PLAŻA**  
Seaside Boulevard and Beach
- 2 MUZEUM EMIGRACJI**  
Emigration Museum
- 3 ORP BŁYSKAWICA**
- 4 KLIF I MOŁO W ORŁOWIE**  
Orłowo Cliff and Pier
- 5 KAMIENNA GÓRA Z KOLEJKĄ**  
Kamienna Góra Hill  
with a funicular
- 6 AKWARIUM GDYŃSKIE**  
Gdynia Aquarium
- 7 DAR POMORZA**  
The Dar Pomorza
- 8 SZLAK GDYŃSKIEGO MODERNIZMU**  
Gdynia Modernism Route
- 9 CENTRUM NAUKI EXPERYMENT**  
Experyment Science Centre
- 10 SKWER KOŚCIUSZKI**  
Kościuszki Square
- 11 TEATR MUZYCZNY  
IM. DANUTY BADUSZKOWEJ**  
The Danuta Baduszkowa  
Music Theatre
- 12 MUZEUM MIASTA GDYNI**  
Gdynia City Museum

