



# LET'S PLAY GOLF

## POLAND

- a modern and dynamically developing country, full of smiling people with passion. Passion for life, for freedom, for hospitality, and for golf.

It may come as a surprise to golfers in Western Europe how vast and diverse are the possibilities of enjoying their sport in Poland. The truth is, Poland has excellent conditions for the development of the discipline, including first class courses with varied terrain. In the north-east of the country you will find a true golfers' paradise. Simply fly to Gdańsk and start your adventure.

Tricity, the urban area covering three neighbouring cities: Gdańsk, Gdynia and Sopot, is a dynamic metropolis in perfect harmony with the neighbouring region of Warmia and Mazury - land of a thousand lakes. In this area there are five golf courses within 100 km of the airport, providing a wide network of inexpensive connections to the rest of Europe, as well as car rental. A golfing trip perfectly complements the region's rich tourist offer, which also includes entertainment, culture, and shopping malls. Once you reach the 18th hole, you will be sure to find time to enjoy the excellent regional cuisine and to relax at the spa, in the surroundings of a fine hotel.

Whatever you decide, the level of service and reasonable prices will both delight and surprise.

Good transport connections, high quality service, as well as competitive prices will ensure that your trip to Poland becomes an unforgettable memory. We are sure you will return!

POLAND. COME AND FIND YOUR STORY!









# **ATTRACTIONS IN NORTH-EASTERN POLAND**

#### • GDAŃSK – SOPOT – GDYNIA – Three cities, one destination

An explosive mix of tradition and innovation has shaped the contemporary image of the whole area. One thing is for sure - everyone will find something to enjoy here and one short city-break is definitely not going to be long enough to experience the full range of attractions.

Gdańsk is the city of freedom. As the cradle of the Solidarity movement, it was the focal point of events which changed the course of European history in the late 20th century. You can feel the freedom flowing between the city's old townhouses, on its beautiful sandy beaches, and among its enormous shipyard cranes.

It is near the shipyard cranes that the European Solidarity Centre has been developed, designed to be a symbol of the victory of the Solidarity movement and the way that victory was achieved peacefully, thanks to the power of the people uniting in harmony.

Today, Gdańsk is a modern metropolis and an attractive tourist destination, which plays host to many festivals and international sporting events and is also renowned as the World Capital of Amber. In fact, it has been recommended by a British publication - Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness Travel - as one of the world's top ten cities for tourists to visit. It has also been recommended by The New York Times as one of the forty most tourist-friendly cities in the world, while the Lonely Planet website named it the number one place to visit in Poland.

If you are looking for wild and crazy nightlife, Sopot is the perfect destination for you. Czekolada, Soho, Atelier, Versalka are familiar names to the regular clubbers of Sopot. The town's atmosphere is a combination of fin-de-siècle architecture and cutting-edge entertainment. Sopot is a fashionable resort, vibrant with life throughout the whole year.

Gdynia is the youngest member of Tricity. While it lacks the 1,000-year history of its better known neighbour, Gdynia represents a variety of 20th century styles with its development encompassing the Art Deco period of the 1920s and 30s, the Socialist era of post-war Europe, and the post-modern designs of post-communist Poland. Gdynia is a dynamic, developing city, focused on business and sport as well as tourism. The city is well-known for its design and creative industries, as well as numerous themed events, such as Gdynia Design Days. You simply must see it!

### • ELBLAG

The Old Town in Elblag is a popular meeting place for Elblag residents and is also the focus of many cultural events. There are many prominent Elblag monuments which you can visit. Located in the Old Town, St. Nicolas Cathedral is the most outstanding sacred building in the city. Inside you can discover sacred historic relics. Beside the Cathedral lies the historic Church Path, which is an enchanting passageway between tenement houses. At Stary Rynek you will find the Market Gate, which is one of the most distinctive and recognizable monuments in the town. Next to the Gate stands the monument of the legendary celebrated baker, who saved the city from the invasion of the Teutonic Knights in the 16th century.

Bażantarnia Forest, full of wooded hills, beautiful valleys, and mysterious ravines, is a favourite recreational place for the residents of Elblag.

You will not want to miss a pleasure cruise on the inimitable Elblag Canal. Thanks to the unique slipways and other equipment used to transport the boats on land, travellers can overcome the hundred-metre difference in water levels between Elblag and Ostróda.

## OLSZTYN

Olsztyn is the largest city and the capital of the Warmia and Mazury region. More than 170,000 people live in this city which has over 650 years of history. The most famous monuments in Olsztyn are the gothic castle, the Cathedral of Saint Jacob, and the Upper Gate, which is located on the border of the old city walls.

The greatest advantage of the city is its unique location among forest and lakes. There are twelve lakes - some people even claim fifteen! - and the City Forest, which is one of the biggest European parks - all lying within the borders of Olsztyn. To accent these advantages, Olsztyn has been carefully developed to fit the concept of a city garden. The defensive architecture of 14th century Warmia, combined with architecture from the 19th and 20th century secession, along with interesting performances, concerts and exhibitions, offers the discerning tourist the opportunity to find in Olsztyn the possibility of tranquillity and an escape from the noise and bustle of their usual daily routine. Strolling through the streets of the Old City they might admire the city walls and the massive construction of the castle. Face to face with the original astronomical plaque, which is totally unique due to being hand-made by Nicolaus Copernicus himself, they can hear the echo of history and later discover the most up to date astronomical equipment at Olsztyn's planetarium.

Nicolaus Copernicus is the most famous person in the history of Olsztyn. While he was resident in Olsztyn, he managed goods and defended the city from Teutonic forces. Here he carried out his great research and wrote magnificent works. Today four of Olsztyn's colleges maintain this tradition of excellence in Science; over 30,000 people study at the largest of them, the University of Warmia and Mazury.

Olsztyn is well worth a visit. It is - genuinely - a natural garden city!













The Sierra Golf Club is located in Pętkowice near Wejherowa, and extends over 82 hectares. The fresh air, great facilities and professional service combine to create the special atmosphere of this club.

Sierra Golf Club is a world-class facility. This full-size, 18hole championship golf course (par 72), is equipped with a modern driving range (26 sheltered from the rain), as well as putting, chipping, and pitching greens. At present the club has over 280 members, and each year more and more prestigious events are added to the calendar.

The course was designed by a Scot, Cameron Sinclair. Among the rich natural features you will find numerous hills and valleys, streams and backwaters. The course is efficiently watered by means of an integrated computerised irrigation system.

Guests also have at their disposal luxury apartments, which fit perfectly into the peaceful environment.



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## SAND VALLEY Golf & Country Club

Home to the Polish Open (2013 and 2014) – Sand Valley Golf & Country Club extends over 104 hectares of picturesque Polish country side. The resort offers 18 hole championship course (par 72), 6 hole par 3 course, roofed 20 bay driving range and a large practice putting green. Tilander-Ristola co-designed Inland Links layout offers wide rumbling fairways and challenging green sites that are the foundation for an exiting round of golf. Everything is tied together by the vast waste bunkers, clever routing and 18 memorable holes that all have their own story to tell.

Finnish owned and Scandinavian in design, the clubhouse and onsite luxury Villas perfectly complement the golfing experience. Thousands of foreign visitors every year stay & play while enjoying the complete Sand Valley experience. All of our Villas are conveniently located just few meter's from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and the Clubhouse – they accommodate 4 to 12 people each and are equipped with saunas, free WIFI and cable TV. Larger houses come complete with their private swimming pool or jacuzzi.



### Sand Valley Golf & Country Club

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## **RECOMMENDED HOTELS:**

Hotel Elbląg\*\*\*\* www.hotelelblag.eu

Hotel Willa Port\*\*\*\* www.willaport.pl









This championship golf course, designed by Martin Hawtree, features a naturally undulating landscape. The very picturesque suburban location has hosted numerous national champion-ship tournaments. Par 72, 6,507m max length. Amateur tees rating men: 69,9/134; women: 71,4/123.

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Mazury Golf & Country Club Golfowa street 20a, Naterki, 11-036 Gietrzwałd, Poland www.mazurygolf.pl, recepcja@mazurygolf.pl

RECOMMENDED HOTELS: Hotel Marina Golf Club\*\*\*\*\* www.marinaclub.pl

Hotel Anders\*\*\*\* www.hotelanders.pl







## TOKARY Golf Club

Currently available: driving range, putting green, chipping green, Golf Academy, and a 9-hole golf course with a total length of 2938m. The complex is located in an area of 45 hectares.



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Hotel Focus Gdańsk\*\*\* www.focushotels.pl/gdansk

Hotel Blick\*\*\* www.hotelblick.pl







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## WHAT THE MEDIA HAVE TO SAY ABOUT GOLFING IN POLAND:

GREAT GOLF MAGAZINE:	'Of course, the greatest pleasure of playing golf in Poland isn't the warm feeling you get as you realize you will be the first to play these relatively unknown tracks, or the satisfaction of choosing courses that are of a surprisingly high standard. It isn't even the bliss of playing golf at your own pace without the frustration of making endless practise swings as you wait for the group in front to finish off. Golf in Poland isn't like that. What it is, is terrifically affordable.' - Mark Alexander
DESTINATION GOLF:	'If you're looking to experience a new golf destination that's rapidly gaining in reputation, look no further than Poland - in my mind, it takes Pole Position.' - Dermot Synnott
IRISH SUN:	'Poland has such a lot to offer - great cities, a proud history, good golf courses, sea and sand, a great climate in winter and summer and shopping. And the best for last? Superb food and drink at prices that are so much cheaper than at home - for everything.' - <b>Ann Mooney</b>
IRISH GOLF REVIEW:	'From my recent experience Poland can compete with other countries as a leading golfing destination' Declan Brennan
SUNDAY WORLD:	'There may not be the slew of courses that you might get here in Ireland, or in the oft-trodden fairways of the UK, Spain or Portugal, but when you come across a golf course in Poland, it is invariably of very high quality indeed.' - Karl Doyle
SUNDAY INDEPENDENT:	'It was a great way to end a hectic five days, and a very pleasant introduction to what's sure to be an up and coming golf destination for the discerning Irish golfer.' - Jamesie O'Connor
DESTINATION GOLF:	'It was a good mix of golf, history and culture.' - Kevin Markham
IRISH GOLF WORLD:	'There is no doubt about it but Poland has more than a few gems of golf courses for every standard of golfer from the dedicated low handicap to the plus 18's. The accommodation is first class and the Polish people are most hospitable.' - <b>Declan Brennan</b>

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