

Gdansk's History & Culture: A Journey Through Time

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“History is not just the story of the past; it is the story of the present, and it helps us understand the future.”

They say you understand a city/country better if you know its history. One of the best ways to familiarise yourself with a city is to plan a walking tour of its historic sites and learn about its culture, traditions, history, and architecture. This is a starting point for your explorations. The next step is to secure an experienced and knowledgeable guide, and we found that in Izabella Daszkiewicz. See: GEDANKA – Izabella Daszkiewicz gedanka@op.pl.

She said, “I enjoy working with people, telling them about culture, traditions, history, and architecture.” So that’s what we did. Izabella kept us spellbound by her stories of the city she clearly loves. Before we left her, she suggested we see several museums and sights in Gdansk, all free with the Gdansk Tourist Card. A package of free admissions to museums and the Zoo and discounts for cultural facilities, entertainment venues and restaurants, tailored specifically for your needs.



Malbork Castle



Traditional gothic houses – The Artus Court – Gdańsk

However, let's explore some Historical and Cultural Sites:

- Old Town: Explore the charming streets, admire the colourful buildings, and visit the iconic Neptune's Fountain and Artus Court.
- St. Mary's Church: Marvel at the largest brick church in the world.
- Motława River Embankment (Długie Pobrzeże): Stroll along the picturesque waterfront and see the Gdańsk Crane.
- Westerplatte: Visit the historic peninsula and learn about its role in World War II.
- Museum of the Second World War: Gain insights into the war's impact on Gdańsk and Poland.
- European Solidarity Centre: Discover the history of the Solidarity movement and its significance.
- Mariacka Street: Wander down this charming street known for its amber shops and cafes.
- Amber Museum: Explore the history and significance of amber in Gdańsk.

- Main City Hall
- St Bridges Church
- Uphagen Court and Artists Court



Basilica of St. Mary, Gdansk

Other Activities:

- Walk the Long Market (Długi Targ): Enjoy the vibrant atmosphere, shops, and restaurants along this main street.
- Take a boat tour: See the city from a unique perspective and enjoy the scenery of the Motława River.
- Visit Oliwski Park: Relax and enjoy the greenery and tranquillity of this park.

- Explore the Tri-City (Gdynia and Sopot): Take a day trip to the nearby coastal towns of Gdynia and Sopot, known for their beaches and piers.
- Sample local cuisine: Try traditional Polish dishes like pierogi dumplings filled with various ingredients and Sernik, a Polish cheesecake.

In addition, get the Gdańsk Tourist Organisation Tourist Cards Premium with transport for 72 hours.

I can't say we covered it all, but we certainly got our money's worth for the Tourist Card, which is free for all visits. A destination like Gdańsk, with all it has to offer, deserves whatever you can allow on your trip. We took eight days, having initially set aside five days. It was all worth it. Enjoy, and remember Gdańsk.

"In essence, history offers a valuable lens through which to view human experience, providing insights into our shared past and helping us navigate the complexities of the present and future."

Excellent and informative guided tours by: Izabella Daszkiewicz, gedanka@op.pl.

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