

GUIDEBOOK OF GDAŃSK'S

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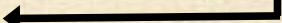
WESTERPLATTE

Westerplatte holds significant historical importance as the site where World War II began. Situated at the entrance to the Gdańsk harbor this peninsula became a symbol of Polish




resistance and courage during the early days of the war

Key Attractions:

1. Monument to the Defenders of the Coast: 
 - Dominating the landscape this monument pays tribute to the brave soldiers who fought on Westerplatte. It stands as a symbol of Polish resistance and resilience.

2. Ruins of Guardhouse

Number. 1: 

The remains of Guardhouse Number. 1, where the Polish garrison made their last stand, provide a poignant reminder of the intense battle that took place.



3. Cemetery of the Defenders:

- A solemn cemetery on Westerplatte honors the memory of those who gave their lives during the battle. It is a place of reflection and remembrance.



Old Town

Gdańsk's Old Town is a Captivating blend of history, architecture and vibrant culture. Steeped in centuries of maritime trade and medieval charm it stands as a testament to the city's resilience and rich heritage.



Długi Targ and Długa Street

- **Długi Targ:** This central square is lined with picturesque townhouses painted in an array of colors. It serves as a lively gathering place featuring cafes, restaurants, and bustling markets.
- **Długa Street:** Adjacent to Długi Targ, Długa Street is a charming thoroughfare adorned with ornate facades. The street is a testament to the city's historical and architectural significance.



Neptune's Fountain

Situated in the heart of Długi Targ, Neptune's Fountain is an *iconic symbol* of Gdańsk. The statue of the Roman god of the sea adds a touch of grandeur to the square and is a popular meeting point.



St. Mary's Basilica

Dominating the skyline St. Mary's Basilica is a Gothic masterpiece. The interior is adorned with intricate details including the famous astronomical clock. Climbing to the top provides panoramic views of the city.



Golden Gate

The Golden Gate an exquisite example of Gothic architecture marks the historic entrance to the Old Town. Decorated with sculptures and coats of arms it welcomes visitors into this enchanting district.



Museums

National Museum in Gdańsk: *Located in the heart of*



the Old Town, the National Museum showcases an extensive collection of Polish and European art. From paintings to decorative arts, it offers a comprehensive overview of cultural heritage.

Museum of the Second World War:

- A compelling and interactive museum dedicated to the history of World War II. Through multimedia exhibits, artifacts, and personal stories, it provides a profound understanding of the global conflict's impact on Gdańsk and beyond.



Museum of Gdańsk:

- *Located in the Main Town Hall*, this museum delves into the history of Gdańsk.

Exhibits cover the city's development,

key events, and the lives of its residents over the centuries.



Gdańsk's shipyard

European Solidarity Centre

- The shipyard gained global prominence during the Solidarity movement. The European Solidarity Centre,



located on the shipyard grounds, is a museum dedicated to this historic movement. *It chronicles the struggle for*

workers' rights, led by the charismatic Lech Wałęsa, and the eventual fall of communism in Poland.

Historical Significance

- Dating back to 1945 the Gdańsk Shipyard has been witness to pivotal moments in history. The birth of the



Solidarity movement in the **1980s** is a testament to the shipyard's role not only as an industrial hub but also as a beacon for social change.

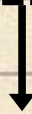


Monument of the Three Crosses

- The shipyard's main gate became the symbolic birthplace of Solidarity. The Monument of the Three Crosses stands at this historic site,

commemorating the workers who initiated strikes in 1970 and 1980, marking a turning point in the fight against authoritarian rule.

Old town restaurants



Brovarnia Gdańska:

Address: ul. Szafarnia 9

Brovarnia Gdańska, **located near the Motława River**, is a microbrewery and restaurant. Relish their craft beers paired with a menu featuring regional and European cuisine.

Kubicki Restaurant:

Address: ul. Wartka 5

- Situated in a historic tenement house, Kubicki Restaurant offers a blend of Polish and international cuisine. The elegant setting is perfect for a sophisticated dining experience.



Piwnica Rajców:

Address: ul. Długi Targg 44

- Nestled in a historic cellar Piwnica Rajców offers a cozy atmosphere. Indulge in Polish cuisine with **a modern twist featuring dishes like pierogi, duck, and regional specialties.**



Elephant Restaurant & Club:

Address: Długi Targ 41-42

- Situated along the riverbank, Elephant Restaurant and Club provides a diverse menu ranging from Polish to Mediterranean cuisine. Listen some music and enjoy your meal too!



Żuraw and Motława river

Żuraw (The Crane):

Location: Szeroka 67/68

- Żuraw, the iconic medieval port crane, **is a symbol of Gdańsk's maritime history.** Built in the 14th century, it once played a crucial role in the city's trade activities. **Today, it stands as a historical monument and a reminder of Gdańsk's rich maritime heritage.**



Historical Significance:

- Żuraw is one of the oldest and largest port cranes of its kind in medieval Europe. It was used for loading and unloading cargo from ships contributing to



Gdańsk's status as a major trading port on the Baltic Sea.

Motława River:

- *Location:* Flows through the heart of Gdańsk

The Motława River is a vital waterway that winds its way through the city, Motława contributes to the



city's unique atmosphere.

- Along the Motława, you'll find a **promenade**. The view includes historic warehouses, waterfront restaurants, and the iconic Żuraw. **It's a popular area for both locals and tourists.**

You can also go on the Boat Tours:

- The Motława River offers boat tours, providing a different perspective of Gdańsk's landmarks, including Żuraw.

And the last one is Gdańsk beach „Brzeźno”

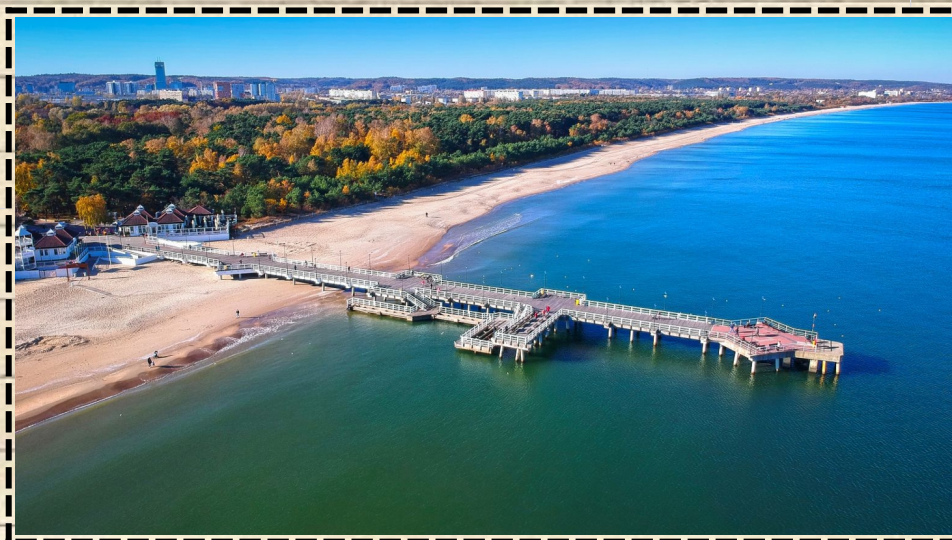
Brzeźno Beach, situated along the Baltic Sea is one of Gdańsk's most popular seaside destinations. Vibrant atmosphere and recreational facilities it attracts both locals and tourists seeking a relaxing day by the sea.

A well-developed promenade runs parallel to the beach, offering

stunning views of the Baltic Sea. Lined with shops, cafes, and restaurants, the promenade is a popular spot for a leisurely walk or a bike ride.



**Beachfront
Cafes and
Restaurants:**



Numerous cafes and restaurants dot the beachfront, offering a variety of culinary delights. Visitors can enjoy a meal with a view or simply relax with a refreshing drink while taking in the sea breeze.



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