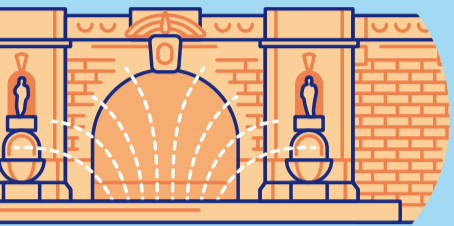


TOP 12

Szczecin has a rich and interesting history. Over the years it has been ruled by Poland, Germany, Sweden, Denmark and France; it had also been a capital city of Pomeranian Duchy. As you travel around the city, you are sure to find echoes of past rulers. Szczecin deftly combines the old with the new, so expect a modern takes on old buildings, as well as wonderful contemporary architecture.

T1 Visit Szczecin's hallmark – the Chrobry Embankment (ger. Hakenterrasse). This is where you can find the city's most recognisable buildings: the headquarters of the West Pomeranian Provincial Office, the National Museum and the Maritime University. It is a good idea to book a tour of the West Pomeranian Provincial Office building – to discover the secrets hidden in its basement depths, the mascarons and the towers. *4 Waly Chrobrego St., www.szczecin.uw.gov.pl*



T2 Visit the amazing interiors of Villa Lentz. Throughout its long history, the sumptuous residence has been home to private art collections, barracks, a seat of the church administration, a youth palace, and today - having regained its former splendour - it serves a thriving cultural institution. *Aleja Wojska Polskiego 84*

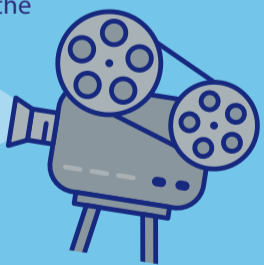
T3 Marvel at the architectural icon of the city – the Mieczysław Karłowicz Philharmonic building. It is a great place to visit, not only for those who love music, but anyone interested in photography and design as well. In 2015, the Philharmonic was honoured by the European Union with the prestigious Mies van der Rohe Award for the best contemporary building, meaning it was considered to be the most beautiful building in the Old World. And this is only one of the many awards the building has received. *48 Małopolska St.*

T4 Step down into the underground Upheavals Dialogue Centre, and discover Szczecin's path to freedom. Similar to the Philharmonic, the Centre has won prestigious prizes in architectural contests. In July 2016, it was named the best public space in Europe. Four months later, on 18 November, it was named the World Building of the Year. *1 Plac Solidarności St.*



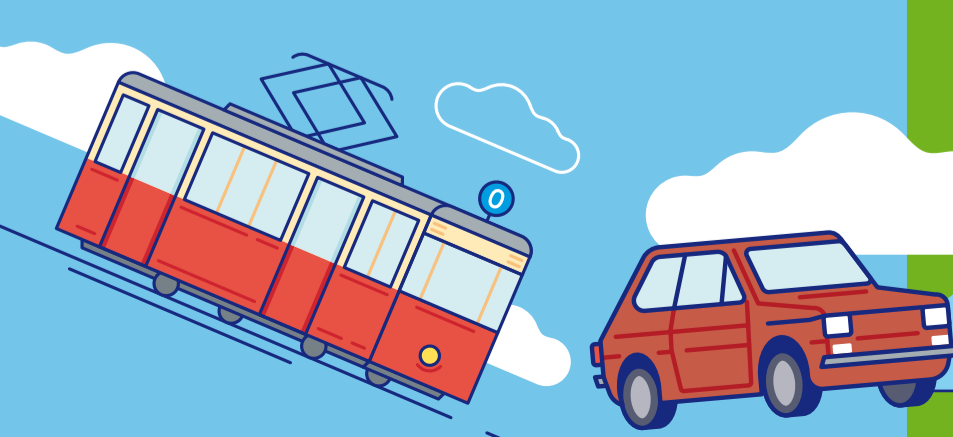
T5 Traverse the courtyards of the Pomeranian Dukes' Castle, feel like a member of the noble House of Griffins, and peek into the Witch's Cell. *34 Korsarzy St.*

T6 Watch a movie with a glass of wine and the accompaniment of a pianist in one of the oldest cinemas in the world. The Pionier cinema has been active for more than 100 years. All films are played in their original language versions, so there is a good chance of finding something to suit your taste! *2 Wojska Polskiego St.*



T7 Marvel at the details of the downtown tenements in the 'Paris of the North' and lose yourself in the starry network of streets! According to a theory by Szczecin astrologers Małgorzata and Edward Gardasiewicz, the palaces of Szczecin and the radiant layout of its streets are a reference to the Orion constellation and the Giza pyramid complex. *Plac Szarych Szeregów St., Plac Odrodzenia St., Plac Grunwaldzki St.*

T8 Travel back in time – hop on an antique bus or tram, and become a driver at the Museum of Technology and Transport. The museum is based in an old tram depot building. *18A Niemierzyńska St.*

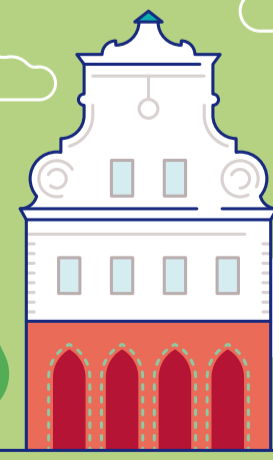


T9 Try to interpret modern art at Trafostacja Sztuki. To find out more about current exhibitions, see www.trafo.art/en

T10 Take a closer look at the Grumbkow Palace, and try to guess its former purpose. The building is currently the headquarters of the Academy of Fine Arts. *2 Plac Orła Białego St.*



T12 Let your blood run cold in the air raid shelters under the Central Railway Station. Two routes are available – one taking you back to World War II, and the other to the Cold War era. *Szczecin Underground Routes, 1/6 K. Kolumba St.*



T11 Discover Szczecin's Old Town – take a stroll through the Castle Boroughs and visit the Old Town Hall, the headquarters of Szczecin's History Museum. Make sure to include Kuśnierska Street – it is perfect for taking photos! *8 Księża Mściwoja II St.*

GRIFFINS

Szczecin is the City of Griffins! Try to find as many griffins as you can on Szczecin's buildings, pumps, doors and pavements, and mark them on your map.



BUSES AND TRAMS

Take advantage of free public transport with the Szczecin Tourist Card. In order to find convenient connections install JakDoJade application.



LET'S GO!

- Go to visitszczecin.eu, and check what attractions await you, call a taxi, check the weather forecast and more.
- Drop into a **Tourist Information office** for a free set of maps and guides. We are always happy to help you plan your stay in our city and answer any questions you may have. *Tourist Information Office, 20 Plac Żołnierza Polskiego St. / Pomeranian Dukes' Castle*



- Purchase a **Szczecin Tourist Card** to enjoy discounts and free municipal transport. The discounts apply to dozens of places, including museums, cruise ships, pubs, cafes, restaurants and hotels. More information at www.visitszczecin.eu
- Become your own tour guide! Follow the red lines on the pavements to discover points of interest and historical buildings on the **City Tourist Trail**. **Red line on the map**
- Want more? Follow the **"Szczecin Tenements" trail**, or maybe the tourist trails at the Central Cemetery and the Golden Path. The latter is a straight route leading from the Castle, along the green avenues of the city centre, through parks, the rose garden, and finishing at the Arkona Forest. **Golden line on the map**
- The Golden Path is perfect for **cycling**. Hop on a city bike, and try to make it all the way to the end! www.bikes-srm.pl



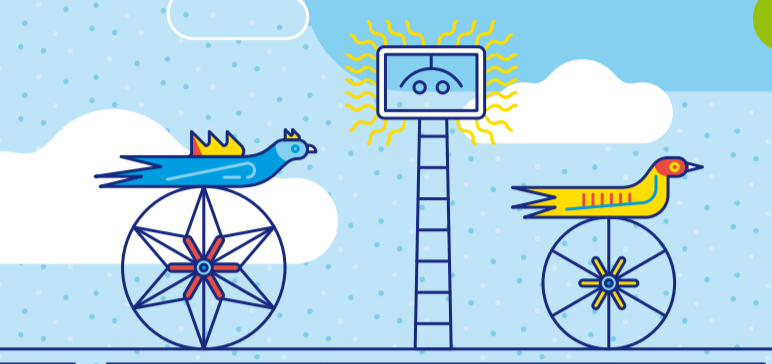
VIEWPOINTS

Everything looks different from above. This is the only way to see the entire layout of streets and parks of this, Poland's third largest city. Try to climb as high as you can!

- P1** Go all the way to the top of Szczecin's "skyscraper", often called the "thermos" by locals, and enjoy a 360° view over the city from *Cafe 22, 8 Plac Rodła St.*
- P2** See the Old Town from the tower of the **St. Jacob's Cathedral** – the second largest in Poland. *1 Św. Jakuba St.*
- P3** Climb the hills of the **Beech Forest** and enjoy the city panorama from the vantage point on *Zdroje*. **Family Trail**
- P4** Count the steps up to the **Viewing Terrace of the National Museum building**. Your reward – a beautiful view of the Oder. (Insert number here) *3 Waly Chrobrego St.*
- P5** **Wheel of Szczecin** Take a ride on the largest Ferris wheel in Poland while admiring the panorama of Szczecin.
- P6** While strolling around the Pomeranian Dukes' Castle, don't forget to climb the **Bell Tower**.

SZCZECIN FLOATING GARDEN!

Water and landscaping form almost half of Szczecin, a fact which was the source of inspiration for the Floating Garden. Discover the parks and green spaces around every corner, while the nearest forest can be reached by tram. Looking at Szczecin from above, it is surprising how much water there is around the city. The Oder Boulevards are great choices, as well as the numerous lakes and the Szczecin Lagoon. This combination of woods and forest with blue water makes Szczecin the perfect place for leisurely relaxation and active weekends.

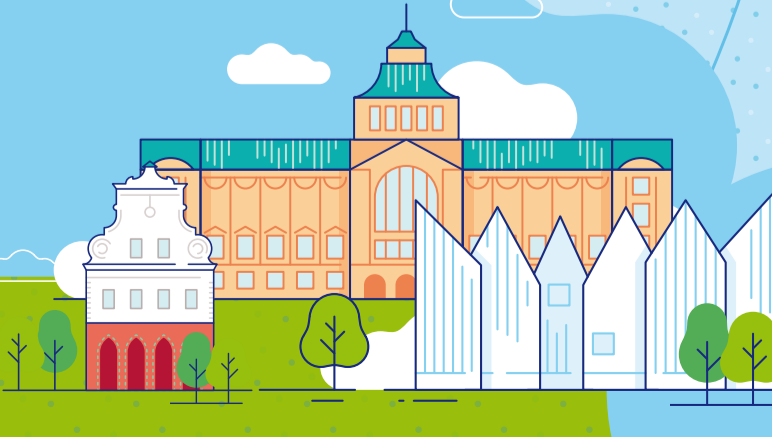


- Walk down the sycamore avenues of **Jasne Błonia**, and enjoy a cup of coffee with a view of the Three Eagles. Look for the Rusalka and the Firebirds in Kasprowicz Park, or relax at the Siren Ponds. The Jasne Błonia park features the largest concentration of sycamore trees in Poland and, in early spring, the largest concentration of visitors taking photographs of themselves against the background of a million crocus blooms. *Jasne Błonia im. Jana Pawła II*
- Drop by the **Rose Garden** and see which of the more than 100 rose species is your favourite. (Aromatherapy free of charge!). *8 Pawła Jasionicy St.*
- View the **Emerald Lake from 40 metres** above the ground. See if you can spot any old mine carts. The Emerald Lake is named not without reason! In the past, this place was a chalk mine, and it is the calcium carbonate content in the water that gives the lake its unique colour. *Kopalnia St.*
- Visit the **Beech Forest** and feel like you are hiking in the mountains as you travel along its numerous trails. Download the **Android app**, "Puszcza Bukowa". The app shows you points of interest in the forest.



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- Get in shape on the **Arkona Forest** fitness trail, or by taking a walk around the Deep Lake. If you want to relax surrounded by verdant nature, how about a picnic in one of the local glades? Maybe the Sport Glade? *Zegadłowicza St.*
- Visit the third largest necropolis in Europe, and witness its uniqueness. **The Central Cemetery** is sure to surprise you with its greenery, architecture and, of course, atmosphere. *125A Ku Słońcu St.*
- Szczecin has no ocean waves, but you can still need a towel. Try out all the water attractions offered by the **Arkonka bathing complex!** *30a Arkonka St.*
- **Explore Szczecin on a city bike!** You can also rent an electric scooter via one of several mobile apps operating in Szczecin. www.bikes-sm.pl/en



- On a hot day, cool off in one of **Szczecin's bathing areas**. Dziwoklicz is a place where you can enjoy nature (*Floriana Krygiera St.*), the Deep Lake is perfect for kitesurfing (*1 Zegadłowicza St.*), while Dąbie beach is just like being at the seaside (*1 Zagłowa St.*).
- In Szczecin, you can feel like you are hiking in the mountains! Test your skiing skills at **Szczecin's Gubałówka** (*5 Lisiej Góry St.*) or at the Ski Park, which is open all year round (*5 Twardowskiego St.*).
- **Are you a fan of racing?** Be the first to cross the finish line at one of Szczecin's go-kart circuits. *237a Wojska Polskiego Avenue*
- **How about becoming Tarzan?** Test your skills at the Tarzania Zipline Park! *Zegadłowicza St.*
- Leap off the **highest rope jumping platform** in the world! 252 metres of thrills! www.dreamjump.pl
- Don't want to jump from the tallest chimney? Start with a **trampoline park** then. You will find several places friendly to small and big kangaroos in Szczecin.



- Rent a kayak and paddle away from the hustle and bustle of life, on the river **Pionia or the Oder broads**. Enjoy the water and relax surrounded by nature. www.visitszczecin.eu
- **Venice? In Szczecin?** Of course! While it does not have its own gondoliers, it does have kayakers and buildings sprouting from the water. *Kolumbia St.* (several dozen metres from the Central Railway Station)

- Sail off into the unknown on a **Szczecin motorboat**, and let the channels and cuttings through the port guide you. No sailing licence required. You will find motorboat rentals e.g. on Szczecin's boulevards.
- Embark on a beautiful cruise between the islands of **Międzyzdrze**, and be on the lookout for rare bird species, or simply enjoy the sounds of nature. With a Szczecin Tourist Card, you can enjoy a discount for cruises on the Odra Queen, Penne Queen (www.statki.net.pl) and the M/S Joanna (www.msjoanna.pl)
- Sit back and take a water tram to **Grodzka Island**, enjoying the view of the expansive castle boroughs, the "Cranesaurus" port and the Chrobry Embankments along the way. The tram sails in the summer season, *between the Piast Boulevard and the Old Town waterfront.*



ALTERNATIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Do you enjoy urbex, discovering mysterious and abandoned buildings? There are several places you should visit. Just watch your step!

- If you like unorthodox sightseeing opportunities, make sure to visit **the old Wiskord factory!** It is one of the most recognisable urbex sites in Szczecin. *1 Transportowa St.*
- Urban exploration near Szczecin? **The Police Fuel Refinery never disappoints.** Book a tour at: www.skarb.police.pl/wycieczki
- **While taking in Arkona Forest**, make sure to drop by the ruins of Quistorp's Tower, a pre-war city attraction. *Arkona Forest*
- Will you dare to take the 6 line tram to **wild Goctaw?** Atop the hill at the end of the line is another viewing tower (Bismark's or Goctaw Tower), which is closed to visitors. *Lipowa St.*



FOR EXPLORERS

Before starting your trip, make sure to check through this list of different points of interest, which are sure to make your stay in Szczecin much more memorable. Listen to our trumpet call, find the Wrocław dwarf or take to the skies! If you're lucky, you will discover that Szczecin smells of chocolate, and learn why it is called the city of empresses.

- **Kraków is not the only city with a famous trumpet call** – come to the City Hall at 12:00 PM and listen to the Szczecin trumpet call, a local tradition since 1964. *1 Plac Armii Krajowej St.*
- One of **Wrocław's dwarves** has immigrated to Szczecin! See if you can find him near the Pleciuga Puppet Theatre. *1 Plac Teatralny St.*
- See the court jester strike the hour on the castle clock – a souvenir left by the Swedes. *34 Korsarzy St.*
- **Enjoy the scent of chocolate**, which is at its strongest near the Szczecin Boulevards. *Gdynia Boulevard*
- Take off for an unforgettable **adventure in Szczecin!** A glider, a helicopter, or perhaps a paraglider? Find out what the Szczecin Aeroclub has to offer. www.aeroklub-szczecinski.pl
- **See how beautifully Szczecin is blooming!** Carpets of crocuses and numerous magnolias herald spring. Look for crocuses on Jasne Błonia, Wąly Chrobrego and on Trasa Zamkowa. Magnolias wonderfully decorate downtown squares and park areas.
- **Converse in another language** with foreigners and locals alike, learn more about different cultures over a beer. The Language Tandems take place every Tuesday in the cellar of the Kana Theatre. *4/5 Pl. św. Piotra i Pawła St.*
- After dark, witness the wonderful, illuminated dance of the **Cranesaurus!** *Old Town River Bank*
- Stop by the tenement house where Sophie Friederike Auguste of Anhalt-Zerbst was born, later known as **Catherine the Great** – Russian Empress who partitioned Poland. *1 Farna St.*
- **Szczecin is a city of fountains and unique street water pumps** known as "Berliners". Try to photograph as many as you can while walking around the city.



SZCZECIN RESIDENT'S DAY

Want to feel like a local? Experience a Szczecin local's weekend by following these tips. First, call your buddy "manny" and an attractive girl "szmuka". That's it when it comes to the essential slang. If you thought that German was an official language here, sorry to burst your bubble:)

- **Spend an evening at the Boulevards with a view of the Old Town panorama.** It is currently the go-to meet-up spot for youngsters and is also great for family walks. *Gdynia Boulevard*
- **Visit as many bars as you can, and find your favourite from among the numerous venues near Bogusława Boardwalk and Zamenhofa Square.** If you are looking for a Szczecin equivalent of a town square surrounded by restaurants – this is the place!
- **Experience the party of a lifetime and let the flow take you on board the Joanna.** www.msjoanna.pl



THE FLAVOURS OF SZCZECIN

YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT SZCZECIN SMELLS OF CHOCOLATE. BUT WHAT DOES IT TASTE LIKE? THERE IS MORE TO THE CITY THAN FISH SPREAD AND PASTIES.

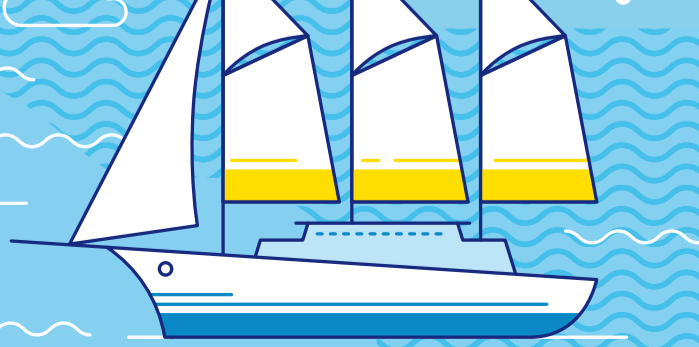
- Make sure to visit a **venue where the interior design has remained unchanged for the past 50 years**, and try the famous Szczecin pasties with borscht. October 26th is Pasty Day! *46 Wojska Polskiego Avenue*
- **Hungry?** Nothing tastes quite like a good chipburger after partying all night long. Where can you get one? Two equally popular places are Bar Bab (*11/13 Bolesława Krzywoustego St.*) and Mak Kwak (*Plac Lotników St.*).
- There is no need to leave for Toruń, as Szczecin also has a long-standing gingerbread tradition! **"Filipinka"** is a confectionery which sells maritime-themed gingerbread cookies. They are a perfect and delicious souvenir from the City of Griffins. *1b Witkiewicza St.*
- **Szczecin is the capital of herring!** Try it prepared in many ways in „Na Kuncu Korytarza" or served on bread on Solidarności square. If you want to eat different fishes, check „Rybarex". *Na Kuncu Korytarza (Pomeranian Dukes' Castle), 34 Korsarzy St.; Przelomy Cafe, 1 Plac Solidarności; Rybarex, 45 Malopolska St.*
- **Fish spread tastes** best where it originates from – Szczecin. *Mala Tumska*, for example, serves it as an appetizer. *26 Mariacka St.*
- **Cheap prices for dinners cooked like they were home-made?** "Turysta" is one of the oldest milk bars in Szczecin, and a legend not only among city visitors. *6A Edmunda Bałucki St.*
- Take with you the **scent of coffee from the oldest coffee roasters in Poland**, or try it at one of many Szczecin venues (full list available at kawakorona.pl). Pst! Szczecin Tourist Card holders can get free coffee at Marshal Food! *23/1 Gen. Ludmilla Rayskiego St.*
- **Enjoy „Szczecin Magnolias" tea or delight your taste buds with „Floating Gardens" or „Szczecin Boulevards" taste.** You can find Szczecin tea blends in Fanaberia Rozmaitości Republic. *5 Ks. Bogusława X Street*
- **What would you say to dinner with strangers**, served by a family really passionate about food? Meet Eintopf and their "Dinner with the neighbours". Perhaps you should book a dinner during your stay in Szczecin? www.eintopf.pl



IS SZCZECIN LOCATED BY THE SEA?

A) WHO'S ASKING? B) NO C) I DON'T KNOW

YES!



COME FOR A BEER! BEER DRINKER'S BOX:

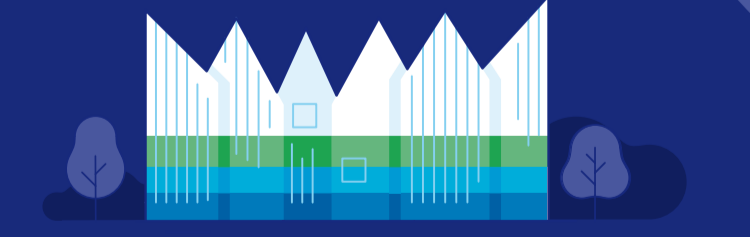
- **Browar Wyszak** 8 Mściwoja II St.
- **Nowy Browar** 2 Partyzantów St.
- **Stara Komenda** 3 Plac Batorego St.
- **Browar Pod Zamkiem** 12 Panieńska St.

- Grab a blanket and plop yourself into a deck chair, to watch your favourite movie on **Grodzka Island**, in the **Castle Courtyard** (*34 Korsarzy St.*) or on the roof of the Kaskada Gallery (*36 Niepodległości Avenue*). The list goes on and on, so make sure to look up all the places online during your visit.

- All roads lead to... **the Hormon club!** It does not matter where you start and what you do all night, your party will inevitably end in this alternative club, referred to as "the Rag" by those in the know. *6 Monte Casino St.*
- Check out the **Cutty Sark Taverna**, where Shanty, Beer, Whisky & Grill reign supreme. *Aleja Bohaterów Warszawy 111*
- **Hala Odra** on Kepa Parnicka has quickly become one of the favourite meeting places for Szczecin's locals. This is due to its unique industrial location right by the river and its wide range of food and events. *5 Maurycy Beniowskiego Boulevard.*
- Make sure you have some free time on a **Sunday to visit Szczeciński Bar Smakoszy**, where connoisseurs can taste local delicacies and do some eco-friendly shopping. OFF Marina offers a terrific atmosphere! *18 Zygmunta Czmieliewskiego St.*
- **Throw a Frisbee, play some volleyball, have a drink or sunbathe on a real beach in the very heart of the city.** The City Summer Zone has something for everybody, regardless of age! *Grodzka Island*

EVENTS

- Have a great time surrounded by **thousands of roses and listening to live music in the Rose Garden**. The Rose Garden of Art combines the beauty of music with that of nature. *Spring and summer weekends, Rose Garden*
- **The Boulevards are the place for meet-ups!** In spring and summer, not one weekend goes by without some family event happening there. Make sure to visit bulwary.szczecin.eu to see what events are planned on the Oder during your stay. A concert, a festival, a food truck meetup, a sailing competition, or perhaps all at once? *April – September, Oder Boulevards*
- **See the great sailing ships in Szczecin!** „Sails - Żagle" is not only beautiful vessels moored at quays at the foot of Wąly Chrobrego, but also fairs, concerts, animations or exhibitions *August, Chrobry Embankment, Łasztownia*
- **Listen to Szczecin, Polish and international jazz masters** perform during the international Szczecin Jazz Festival, which blends styles and connects generations. *March, szczecinjazz.eu*
- Take part in the **KONTRAPUNKT** Small Theatre Forms Festival, one of the oldest and largest Polish theatre festivals. *April/May, www.kontrapunkt.pl*
- **Roll on the floor laughing**, listening to hilarious stand-up routines at the Szpak local comedy festival. *November/December, szpak.info.pl*
- Watch films from **all across Europe at the Szczecin Film Festival**. *June – October, www.europeanfilmfestival.szczecin.pl*
- **Experience a unique festival MUSIC.DESIGN.FORM**, where the lines between art disciplines blur. And all this in the interiors and on the shimmering with patterns and colours elevation of the Philharmonic. www.filharmonia.szczecin.pl
- Commune with culture by participating in the **Spoiwa Kultury festival**. www.spoiwakultury.eu
- Listen to the sounds of January in Szczecin during the **Akustyceń** assorted music festival. [facebook.com/akustyczen](https://www.facebook.com/akustyczen)
- **Taste an old Polish tradition at the Jacobian Fair**. Here you can find a wealth of products by exhibitors from Poland and abroad. www.jarmarkjakubowy.pl
- Celebrate the **Oder Days** with rafters at the Piast Boulevard. *July, Piast Boulevard*



- **Discover a unique combination of magical light shows and music during the Illumination Szczecin**. *August, Chrobry Embankment, Łasztownia and many other places in the city*