



What to eat?

Szczecin's pasztecik is a local yeast pastry with a savoury filling, but it's also the name of an eating place whose decor takes you back in time. A mosaic wall, red neon lights and decorations from the time of the Polish People's Republic era create a unique atmosphere.

+ In Szczecin, you'll discover even more unique flavours and aromas. Be sure to try coffee from Poland's oldest roasting house, Korona, gingerbread in nautical shapes, rolls with herring, or paprykarz (paprikash) from local producers.

Where to eat?

The greatest variety of restaurants can be found on the Bogusława Promenade and in the Castle Boroughs area. The number of eateries along Szczecin's boulevards continues to grow, with new restaurant pavilions and food trucks popping up. Nearby you'll find Hala Odra (H. Beniowski Boulevard), a place with an atmosphere reminiscent of nearby Berlin, where you can not only enjoy a tasty meal, but also dance the night away!



Recommended by a local:

- Szczecin smells like chocolate! This is thanks to the factory located right next to Szczecin's boulevards, where the aroma is most intense.
- See Szczecin from above... Take the lift to the top of St James' Cathedral tower or visit Cafe22, a café on the 22nd floor of the PAZIM skyscraper.
- Try to find as many **griffins** as you can. The legendary creature that symbolises Szczecin and Pomerania adorns pavements, lampposts, gates and the facades of many buildings.
- Discover the watery Szczecin by kayak or motorboat. You don't need a licence to explore the waterways, the Venice of Szczecin, and many canals and islands. The **ExploreOder app** will provide you with a safe and adventurous journey, allowing you to discover the water surroundings of Szczecin by bike! Once you're back on land, you can use another app – **ExploreSzczecin** – to help you explore our beautiful city on foot.
- Try the beers brewed in the **craft breweries** in the Old and New Town: Pod Zamkiem, Wyszak, Nowy Browar and Stara Komenda. You can also buy a small souvenir beer glass with a map of Beer Szczecin at the Tourist Information Centre.
- Szczecin is a city of great events! When planning your visit, take a look at the events calendar at wydarzenia.szczecin.eu

How to get to Szczecin?

By train

Szczecin Main Railway Station is located on the banks of the Oder River, close to the Old Town. It is only a few minutes' walk or a short ride by public transport or taxi from the city centre. Inside the station building there are luggage lockers, cafes, newsagents, a post office and fast food outlets.

By coach

There are flights to the airport near Szczecin from several European capitals and cities in Poland. Szczecin-Goleniów Airport is located about 40 kilometres from the city centre, and airport transfers are provided by private bus companies and taxis. There is also a car rental service on site and a railway station next to the terminal, with several daily trains to Szczecin.

By car

If you're travelling by car, it's important to remember that there is a charge for parking in the Paid Parking Zone. Parking meters are available at each car park and payment can also be made using mobile apps. For more information, visit spp.szczecin.pl.



How to get around?

It's worth using public transport in Szczecin. Tickets can be bought from ticket machines installed in most vehicles and at selected stops. You can also buy them using popular apps such as Skycash, moBiLET or zBiletem, as well as some bank apps. The Szczecin Tourist Card replaces tickets for 24 or 72 hours and also offers attractive discounts. Convenient ways to get around the city are Szczecin City Bikes Bike_S (bikes-srm.pl) and electric scooters offered by several companies.

SZCZECIN for weekend

Where to stay?

Accommodation in Szczecin is offered by numerous hotels, hostels, and apartments.

+ A database of facilities is available on the website: www.visitszczecin.eu

What should you know before you arrive?

You can find all the information needed to plan your visit to Szczecin on the website: www.visitszczecin.eu. It's a good idea to start your sightseeing with a visit to the Tourist Information Centre (Żołnierza Polskiego Square 20), where all your questions will be answered and your trip plan tailored to your expectations. You'll also be given a pack of maps and guides full of interesting facts and tips. The Tourist Information Centre also sells a wide range of souvenirs.

+ Don't forget to ask about the Szczecin Tourist Card, which makes visiting attractions and enjoying Szczecin delicacies cheaper, and public transport – free!

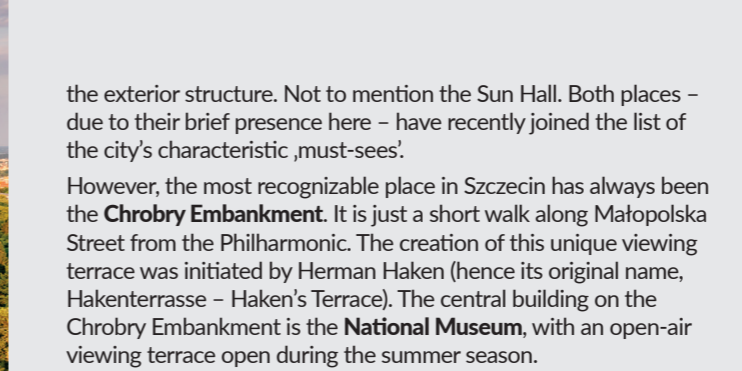


Is the capital of Western Pomerania still an undiscovered land for you? Would you like to explore its most fascinating corners in just 72 hours? It may seem like a short time, but it should be enough to immerse yourself in the atmosphere of the city and see what it has to offer. Let this weekend be the first taste that will entice you to return for a longer stay in Szczecin.

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Day one FRIDAY

Day two SATURDAY

Day three SUNDAY

Good morning (in) Szczecin! (5h)

Have you just arrived in the capital of West Pomerania? It's time to explore the city and taste the local specialities. The map of Szczecin's gastronomy is quite extensive, but at the top of the culinary hit list for over 50 years reigns... the **pasztecik**. You can find it in a small bar on Wojska Polskiego Avenue. This iconic dish is a true legend and symbol of the city. Despite the passing years, the recipe remains unchanged, which led to Szczecin's pasztecik being added to the prestigious List of Traditional Products protected by EU law in 2010.

On the first day, treat yourself to a bit of relaxation and visit our new **Water Factory Aquapark**. Apart from many pools, twisting slides, and one of the largest saunas in Poland, there is also an extensive educational area. Follow the 'spiral of knowledge' and discover the secrets of physics, chemistry, biology, and astronomy. It's the only place in the country where you can see firsthand how the sub-basin works, which is a complex water supply system. On-site, there are also a bowling alley, a climbing wall, a restaurant, and in winter – an ice rink. A visit to The Water Factory is worth dedicating several hours. It's probably already late, so it's time to get some rest. Tomorrow morning, we'll continue exploring the city, which will surely surprise you with even more interesting facts.



Let's meet at Jasne Błonia Square (2h)

Good morning... starts with a good cup of coffee. If you agree with this and also like to be surrounded by greenery, then your stay in Szczecin must begin with a visit to **Jasne Błonia Square**. Sip coffee from one of Szczecin's roasters, listen to the birdsong and, in early spring, see the carpet of crocuses. After a solid dose of caffeine at the bike cafe, it's time to stroll through Kasprowicz Park.

The narrow paths will take you to the **Helena Majdaniec Summer Theater**. It is one of the largest amphitheatres in Poland. Recently modernised, it was named the country's Best Public Space in the Property Design Awards competition. In the 1960s, its stage hosted the Young Talents Festival, and it was here that the Polish Big Beat began. Nearby is the **Rose Garden**, signposted in the park. In summer, on Saturdays and Sundays, there are concerts, children's workshops and dance parties.

Architectural gems and a dash of history (2 hours)

As you head back towards the city centre, it's worth taking a few extra steps to visit the **Lentz Villa** – a prime example of bourgeois architecture in Szczecin. The beautiful interiors of this historic building now house a cultural institution that seamlessly blends the city's past and present bourgeois culture. The Lentz Villa can be explored individually and with a guide. Now it's time for a sip of history.

Take a stroll down **John Paul II Avenue** and **Aleja Kwiatowa** (Flower Street) to reach **Solidarity Square**. Below you is the **Upheavals Dialogue Centre**. The museum tells the story of Szczecin from the end of the Second World War to the fall of communism. Before leaving the **Upheavals Dialogue Centre**, it's worth trying a **sandwich with herring** or Szczecin-style paprika paste called **paprykarz szczeciński**, served at the café by the exit.

Across the street, you'll find the **Mieczysław Karłowicz Philharmonic**. The building resembles a cross between an iceberg with Hanseatic townhouses. See if the white lobby impresses you even more than

the exterior structure. Not to mention the Sun Hall. Both places – due to their brief presence here – have recently joined the list of the city's characteristic 'must-sees'.

However, the most recognizable place in Szczecin has always been the **Chrobry Embankment**. It is just a short walk along Małopolska Street from the Philharmonic. The creation of this unique viewing terrace was initiated by Herman Haken (hence its original name, **Hakenterrasse** – Haken's Terrace). The central building on the Chrobry Embankment is the **National Museum**, with an open-air viewing terrace open during the summer season.



The Oder River Boulevards - The Meeting Place (5h)

While you're at the Chrobry Embankment, take a stroll along the nearby **boulevards**. Start with **Piastowski Boulevard**, home to the famous **Sailors' Alley**. Here, you'll find many elements highlighting the maritime character of the city, including sculptures of captains and a sailor-cat. The charm of the boulevards is further enhanced by three historic cranes, affectionately nicknamed '**Cranosaurus**' by the locals. Nearby stands the **Maritime Science Centre and Planetarium**, where through various experiments, you'll gain a better understanding of different aspects of life and work at sea. Plan to spend at least 3 hours exploring the building.

Visiting Szczecin in the summer? Be sure to take a ride on the Poland's largest Ferris wheel. The **Wheel of Szczecin** offers an unforgettable view of the Szczecin panorama. If you're looking for an adrenaline rush, enjoy the attractions of **Holiday Park** in Łasztownia. After returning from a walk along the Oder River, treat yourself to a small cruise on one of the **motorboats** waiting at the quays.

It has surely been an exciting day, perhaps it's time to round it off with a good dinner. The boulevards are certainly not lacking in culinary inspiration. You can dine in the food court in Łasztownia or in one of the restaurants in the pavilions along the quays.

The Old Town and a trip into the past (5h)

This is your last day in Szczecin. It's worth spending it exploring the history of our city.

Did you know that Szczecin has the largest cemetery in Poland and the third largest in Europe? The **Central Cemetery** is one of the favourite places for Szczecin residents... to take walks. Within the necropolis, you'll find plenty of greenery, water, and examples of outstanding architecture. You can explore the most interesting places in the cemetery through two routes: historical and botanical.

To start the day, visit the **Museum of Technology and Communication**. It's a former tram depot, that has become a paradise for automobile history enthusiasts. Besides interesting facts about the exhibits, you can also listen to the roar of old engines. Thanks to the simulator, feel like a tram driver for a moment. A new attraction is the **Motoexperimentarium**, which invites visitors to experience and experiment. See if you can change a tyre in the Smyk car!

Following your automotive adventure, take a stroll back to the **Old Town**, nestled alongside the Szczecin boulevards. This charming place is famous for its restaurants serving dishes from around the world. And for dessert, here's an interesting fact: the Old Town isn't actually that old. This part of Szczecin was levelled during the war. Only the **Old Town Hall** and a few townhouses were rebuilt to their original appearance. While exploring the Old Town, make sure to visit the atmospheric **Kuśnierska Street**, leading to the courtyard and the viewing tower of the **Pomeranian Dukes' Castle** – you can see the whole of Szczecin from up there!

If your adventure in Szczecin ends at the main **railway station**, you can still visit the **largest civilian shelter** in Poland, which can be accessed from the first platform level.

Download the ExploreODER app – a guide to the Oder River and Dąbie Lake.

