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Amber Baltic Golf Club



West Pomerania – A place where your journey begins

West Pomerania is a unique region located in the very heart of Europe, in the north-western part of Poland, where the cultures of the West and East intertwine and where you can marvel at picturesque vistas and feel the extraordinary energy and atmosphere of cities and towns.

A variety of attractions...

The first thought that comes to people's minds with the West Pomeranian Region, are its beautiful, natural landscapes. Moreover, there are the stunning coasts of the Baltic, lake lands and rivers, breath-taking forests and parks filled with adventure. Exceptional protected areas, such as the many national parks and natural reserves in which you can admire rare plants and animals, also await nature lovers. All these are being constantly developed with hiking, cycling, equestrian and Nordic Walking trails. While not interfering with the natural state of the environment, they make it possible to marvel at the natural beauty of the region, which is characteristic of this part of Europe.

Water madness...

West Pomerania is, first and foremost, the Baltic Sea. With 185km of seashore, it constitutes nearly half of Poland's seacoast. It also offers an opportunity for water tourism, peaceful relaxation on the beach and for hiking along the cliffs. The coastal area of the West Pomeranian Region is characterised by the best climatic conditions in the entire Baltic basin.





The waters of West Pomerania create perfect conditions for water-crazy individuals. Sailing, canoeing, snorkelling, windsurfing and kite surfing are available for visitors to the West Pomeranian Region. The newly built campsites, marinas and harbours are havens for all tourists exhausted after their water frolics.

Among these include the West Pomeranian Sailing Route, which is still being created and extensively developed. Thanks to this, all water-leisure enthusiasts will have their own paradise. The Route runs from the Oder and Szczecin Lagoon, along the shores of the Baltic. It starts in Widuchowa, then goes through the region's capital – Szczecin, Trebiez, Swinoujscie, Kolobrzeg, all the way to Darlowo, connecting a dozen or so other towns located along the route into one unique product.

Owing to the Route, all sailors will have a chance to develop their passions while being surrounded by

beautiful nature. The Route re-opens the waterway, making it possible to travel not only through Poland, but also the whole of Europe.

In search of health and beauty...

West Pomerania also means unprecedented spa values and a solid network of Wellness & SPA centres. They guarantee their visitors a unique stay that will do wonders for both their beauty and health, and are a unique way of gaining much-needed respite. The specific microclimate, combined with healthy sea water and the presence of confined ground waters together with healthy raw material deposits, facilitates the development of sanatorium and spa functions of the aforementioned centres.

Get to know European culture...

The West Pomeranian Region is also a place where you can get to know European culture in a unique



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Szczecin, Cathedral

Modry Las Golf Club



way. It is here that the modern western and the traditional eastern parts of the continent meet. The exceptionally charming towns of the region make it possible for the visitors to witness unique architecture. Strolls around atmospheric squares, visits to historical palaces, religious sites and granges will surely make your stay in the West Pomeranian Region even more attractive.

Another element of this unique culture are its culinary traditions, thanks to which every visitor can taste a truly exquisite European cuisine.

Tourists tired after sampling a full-day's worth of attractions can stay in one of our diversified accommodation facilities. In the West Pomeranian Region, you will find high-quality hotels, motels, boarding houses and camping sites. Tourists that like luxury can choose from many hotels that offer European-standard services.

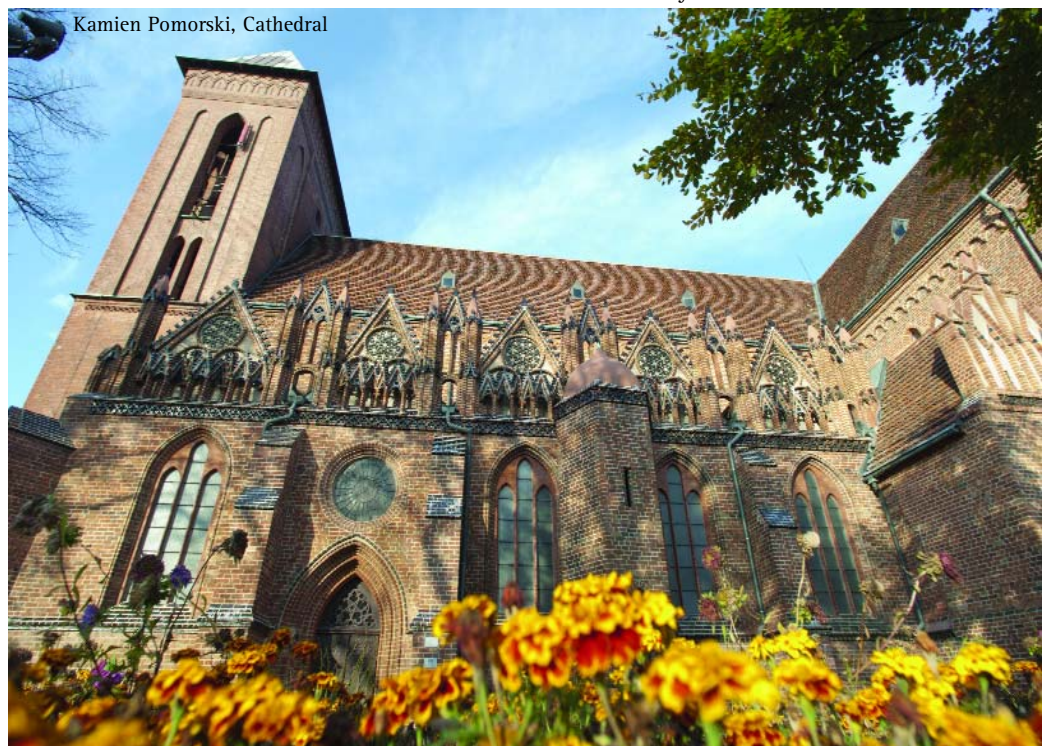
Time for some golf...

The natural conditions and varied topography of the West Pomeranian Region allowed the creation of golf courses of various difficulties. The Region also features golf courses suitable for professionals and amateurs alike, for those experienced and those who are just starting their adventure with this unique sport. West Pomeranian golf clubs would like to invite all to try their hand at their amazing courses. It's also an opportunity for both peaceful and active leisure with family and friends.

There are four major golf courses in the Region that cater for both the beginners and advanced players, each of which, due to their unique location and attractive packages, is worth recommending.

- Amber Baltic Golf Club in Kolczewo which is near Miedzzyzdroje,
- Binowo Park Golf Club in Binowo near Szczecin,
- Modry Las Golf Club in Choszczno,
- Kamien Country Club in Grebowo near Kamien Pomorski.

Kamien Pomorski, Cathedral



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Over the last dozen or so years, the “Amber” 18-hole championship golf course has hosted many national and international tournaments. The unique atmosphere of this course results not only from its close proximity of the Wolin National Park and its varied topography, but also from the plethora of hazards and obstacles which guarantee unforgettable golf.

The 18-hole, par 72 course is dedicated to both beginner and advanced golfers. The “Baltic” 8-hole, par 25 course is the perfect place for you to start your golfing adventure. It is aimed not only at those who take their first golfing steps, but also at the professionals who wish to perfect their game and develop their passion. You can also find here training grounds – a driving range and a putting green, and also a clubhouse with a restaurant.

For further information visit www.abgc.pl

Binowo Park Golf Club

Binowo Park Golf Course was opened in 2000, in a marvellous area of the Szczecin Landscape Park.

Modry Las Golf Club

The Modry Las is an 18-hole (par 72) golf course equal to some of the best such facilities in the world. It encompasses an area of 130 hectares and features some of the best natural characteristics – a gentle hill covered with birch and pine forests including a truly stunning lake.

Such amazing vistas guarantee an unforgettable golfing experience. Also available are a driving range, plus a putting and chipping green.

You are also invited to take golfing lessons. The Modry Las was designed by the world-class golfer, Gary Player, and is regarded one of the most beautiful golf courses in Europe.

For further information visit www.modrylas.pl

Kamien Country Club

The Kamien Golf and Country Club golf course is located in the lovely town of Grebowo, a few kilometres from Kamien Pomorski, among the beautiful landscapes of forests and grasslands.

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In the picturesque surroundings of Puszcza Bukowa (Beech Woods) are a 9-hole golf training and 18-hole championship golf courses, as well as exercise areas – a driving range and a putting green, and also a clubhouse with a restaurant, a conference room and a fireplace room. In close proximity to the building, there is a banquet tent. Here you can organise events for up to 150 people.

Binowo Park is the perfect place to organise integration events, conferences, corporate events and all kinds of parties. There is also a golf course designed for children and young people. This comes as part of our Junior holiday camps.

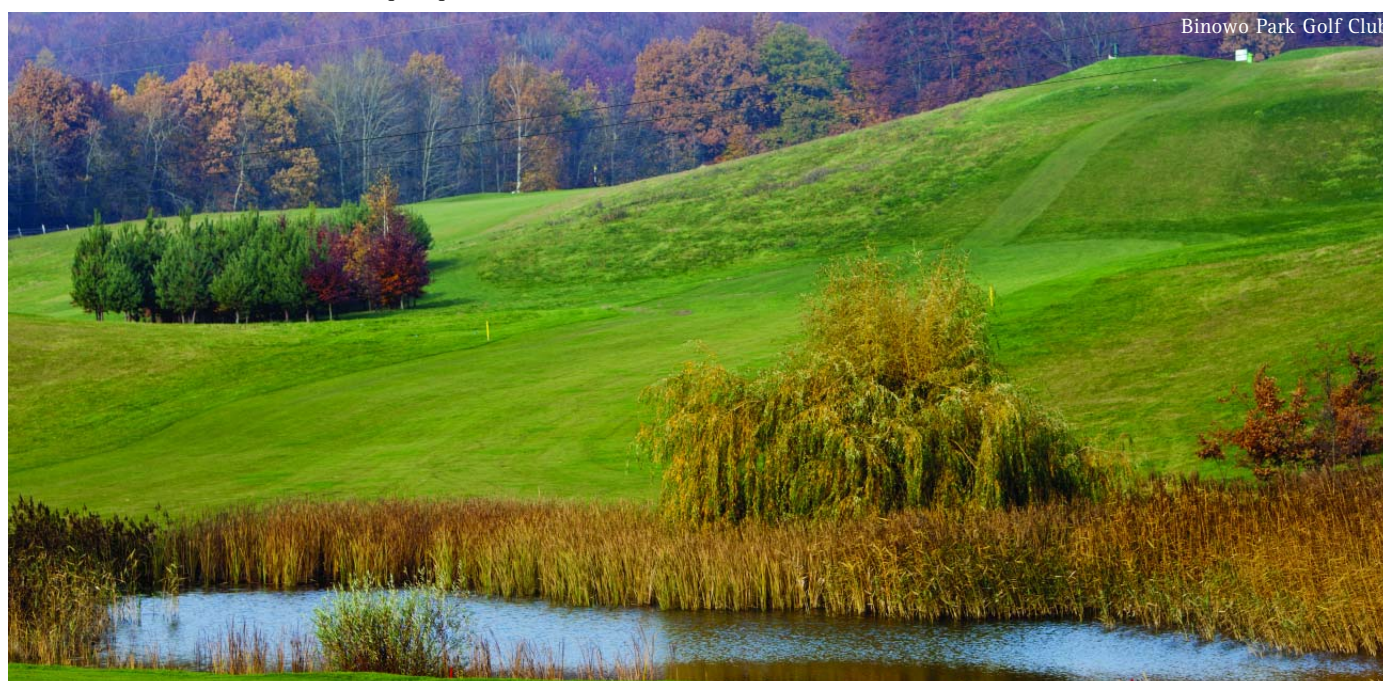
For further information www.binowopark.pl

This 18-hole championship golf course is located on 65 hectares, along with a practice area – a driving range – and a clubhouse with a café and bar.

The course is open for everyone (not only Kamien Country Club members), so you are free to try your hand on this stunning course.

This modern golf course is attractive for both professionals and amateurs. Its beauty and special atmosphere draw players from all over Poland and abroad. The course was designed by David Donnellan, an American golf designer.

For further information visit the website www.golfkcc.pl



Binowo Park Golf Club



Pomorskie Region

Gdansk – Sopot – Gdynia – Three Cities, One Destination

The spirit of Poland's seaside metropolis is best defined as an energetic mix of tradition and innovation. Each visitor will find here something special, and an abundance of choice will make your feel your weekend break is too short to experience it all.

Gdansk is the City of Freedom. The cradle of the Solidarity movement, Gdansk was the scene of the momentous events that shaped the modern history of Europe. The spirit of freedom is present everywhere, in the architecture of the Old Town houses, the beautiful sandy beaches and the towering shipyard cranes.

In the shadow of the shipyard cranes stands the European Solidarity Centre. It is an exhibition hall which opened in August 2014 to tell the story of the triumph of the Polish popular movement over communism and the power of the people united to topple the regime in a non-violent way.

Gdansk attracts with its modern, cosmopolitan lifestyles and the aura of centuries old tradition. It hosts many festivals and international sports

events and is the undisputed World Capital of Amber. It was recommended by the UK's travel guide Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness Travel as one of the world's top ten city breaks. Also The New York Times praised Gdansk as one of the forty most tourist-friendly cities in the world and the Lonely Planet website named it the top visitor's choice in Poland.

Culinary Gdansk

The rich history of Gdansk is reflected in its culinary tradition. Over the course of centuries the maritime, multi-cultural character of the city has influenced local tastes, and produced a unique blend of old and new recipes.

As a coastal harbour city, Gdansk has always welcomed travellers from distant lands and had a palate for new flavours and culinary delights they brought with them from all over the world. Exotic ingredients, gourmet food, and culinary delights always appealed to the tastes of wealthy burghers of Gdansk, resulting in a local cuisine with a very unique character. Today, such a blend of flavours also appeals to popular tastes and the restaurants offering local menu are doing better than ever before.



Gdansk Old Town
Photo M. Szajewski



Their increasing popularity owes to the distinctive mix of traditional cooking with contemporary trends, which perfectly complement each other. The chefs of Gdansk rely on the highest quality ingredients and the philosophy of Slow Food. They are perfectly aware that food is a serious business and haste can only spoil it. Produce is obtained mainly from small and medium sized local farms where quality comes first. Meat and vegetables both come from organic farms and fish are only line caught.

To stay ahead of the competition local chefs create new flavours or resurrect old recipes to serve new, exciting delicacies and menus. This approach places Gdansk at the top table of Poland's culinary attractions and is one of the main reasons to visit this wonderful city. The proof is in the pudding, as they say, so do click on www.pomorskie-prestige.eu and find out for yourself.

Sopot is without doubt the most celebrated coastal resort in Poland, but its fame did not come by chance. The city has made its way to the top through persistent effort to complement a hundred years of tradition with investment in modern infrastructure.

In the 19th century Sopot was a popular spa, famous for its healing baths and mineral waters. As time went by, Sopot's offer was enhanced with massage,

20th century city whose life started in the Art Deco period of the 1920's and 1930's. Gdynia saw a rapid growth during the post-war era and acquired a post-modern character due to extensive redevelopment in post-communist Poland. Gdynia is a dynamic, vibrant city, focused on attracting business, sports events and tourism. The city is well-known for its design and creative industries and for hosting a number of themed events, such as Gdynia Design Days.

Gdynia is often referred to as "a city made of the sea and dreams", which is a tribute to its extraordinary origins. It came to life on the wave of Poland's euphoria about regaining independence in 1918 following two centuries of foreign rule. At a pace unprecedented for the pre-war era, in the span of just ten years, a modern port city sprung into existence on the sandy beaches of the Baltic Sea. A successful start was just the beginning. During the coming few years the city will undergo another far-reaching re-development, which can only be compared in scale and extent to the city's meteoric rise between the 1920's and 1930's. Another milestone will be marked when the vast industrial spaces occupied by harbour installations, shipyards, fishing industries and processing plants are reclaimed for

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dry baths and irradiation. In the 1920's Sopot gained the status of an international spa resort. For visitors from all over Europe who used to come to the Polish seaside, a stay in Sopot was considered not only beneficial to one's health, but also as an important social occasion.

Sopot calms, and stirs your senses

Sopot, currently inhabited by almost 40,000 people, is home to more than a dozen top class SPA centres. They offer an astounding variety of treatments and SPA products, from exotic massage to traditional treatment and practically everything in between. What all local Spa & Wellness clinics have in common is that they all draw on the riches of the Baltic Sea. Salts, amber and algae are essential ingredients of many unique treatments.

Sopot also has another, fun-loving side. Monte Cassino Street, popularly called "Monciak", is the local landmark and a symbol of the night life allures. Czekolada, Spatif, Soho, Atelier, Versalka – for club-goers in Sopot these are all familiar names. The city's appeal is a combination of fin-de-siècle architecture and top rated entertainment, giving Sopot a distinctive character of a fashionable, vibrant, all-season destination.

Gdynia is the youngest city in the metropolitan conglomerate called Tri-City. It may not have a thousand years' old history like its better-known neighbour, Gdansk, but it is proud to be a modern,

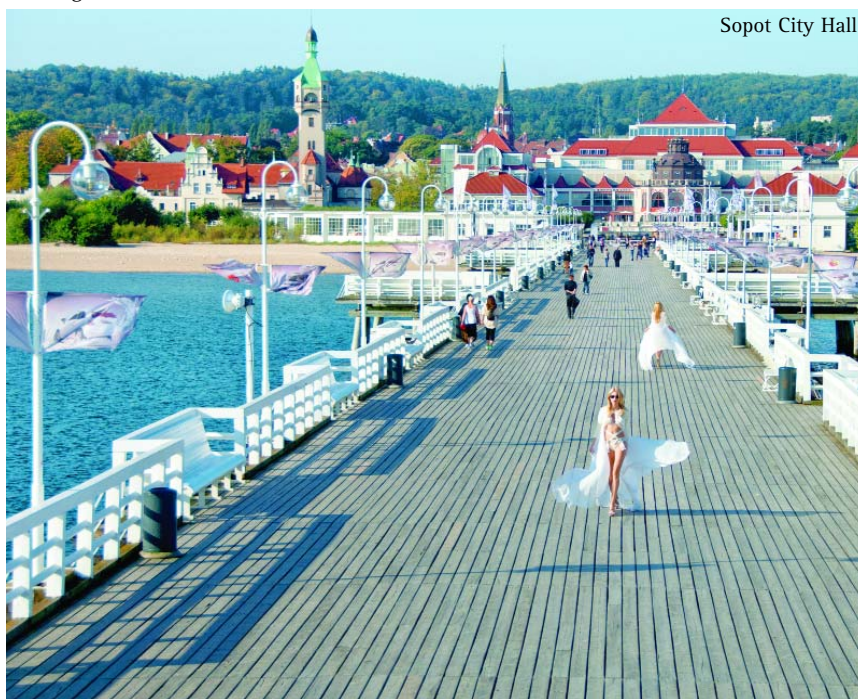
urban re-development. These spaces are considered prime locations, situated in the very heart of the city, surrounded on three sides by the sea. Where heavy industry once existed, Gdynia will gain a new centre, with restaurants, hotels, services, offices, housing developments and welcoming public spaces consisting of wide boulevards along the piers, marinas and the Sailing Museum soon to be erected.



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Sopot City Hall



Gdynia Shopping Centre
photo: CH Riviera



Exclusive Gdynia

KLIF is a classy shopping centre, one of the best in Poland. It was opened 18 years ago in Orlowo, which is a fashionable and very luxurious district of Gdynia. Named after the picturesque coastal cliff situated in the nature reserve nearby, KLIF offers a unique experience. The cliff and the shopping centre share more than the name – they both have a “magnetic pull” that attracts both locals and visitors from abroad.

Quite recently in 2013, the RIVIERA shopping centre, the newest and largest in northern Poland, entered the competition. Because of its location next to an integrated transport hub, it also attracts huge crowds of customers. Offering more than the shopping experience, RIVIERA tempts customers with an array of outlets selling all leading brands, both

international and local. You will be positively surprised by the cool fashion designs offered at prices that have no match in other European capital cities.

The Pomorskie region is not just the Tri-City urban area and the sea coast. This fascinating part of Poland offers a great deal more. It has diverse tourist attractions and natural and cultural sites catering for various interests throughout the year. One of them, without doubt, is golf.

The region ticks all the boxes as a golfing destination. At present, it has two master golf courses, coupled with several other, smaller centres perfectly integrated into the picturesque post-glacial landscape of the Pomorskie region.

Sierra Golf Club

We definitely recommend visiting Sierra Golf Club, designed by the celebrated Scotsman Cameron Sinclair. It is situated some 15.5 miles from Tri-City’s western border. Magnificent surroundings, excellent infrastructure and friendly, professional staff add up to the club’s unique appeal.

Sierra Golf Club meets all world standards. It is a full sized, 18-hole master class golf course (par 72), equipped with a modern driving range (26 rainproof posts), putting, chipping and pitching green. Carts are equipped with 11” touchscreen and GPS terminals connected to the local Wi-Fi network. This allows golfers to directly follow the results, get some useful tips or just comfortably move around the course. The system also keeps you informed about possible weather changes and lets you order drinks from the bar.

The natural landscape was enhanced by the addition of numerous hillocks and ravines. The existing streams and water features were enlarged and the entire area was drained when an integrated computer controlled irrigation system was installed.

Currently, the club has more than 280 members and each year adds new, prestigious events to the

Sierra Golf Club





agenda. Luxurious guest apartments are also available, offering cosy and comfortable accommodation in perfectly harmony with the natural surroundings.

Postolowo is another location that should feature high on each discerning golfer's itinerary. This golf course is situated 17 miles south of Gdansk. It was designed by the very experienced and talented golf course architect Jeremy Turner of Sweden, whose portfolio contains almost 50 top class golf facilities.

Postolowo is an 18-hole master class course spreading over nearly 250 acres. The length of the professional course exceeds 7,500 yards. To add to the master par 72 course, a 6-hole par 20 course was created for beginners, offering perfect conditions for the growing number of newcomers attracted to golf in the Pomorskie region.

The welcoming Tokary Golf Club provides its guests with a driving range, putting green, chipping green and a 3,200 yards, 9-hole course. Covering an area of 111 acres and situated ca. 12 miles from the centre of Gdansk, this is a perfect addition to your itinerary.

Enjoy life! Fly to Gdansk

For more information visit the websites www.pomorskie.travel and www.48magazine.com

Warmia and Masuria – The Northern part of the Polish paradise for golfers!

Warmia and Masuria – it's wonderful to be here! This is a place which is famed for its beautiful nature, and at the same time demonstrates how life

is intertwined with history, modernity, and luxury. Like most places in Poland, Warmia and Masuria is a modern and dynamically developing area, where you will find contented folk who are full of 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 for enjoying golf in Warmia and Masuria. The truth is, this area has excellent conditions for the development of golf design, including two first class courses with varied terrain. In Warmia and Masuria, northern Poland, you will find a true golfers' paradise.

At present, the most convenient way to begin your golfing adventure in Warmia and Masuria is via the airport in Gdansk (www.airport.gdansk.pl).

The Ryanair flight takes only two hours. Furthermore from January 2016, a new regional airport will open near Olsztyn, which is the capital of the region, and well worth a visit in its own right, since it is known as the land of a thousand lakes. In this area there are two excellent golf courses within 100 km of Gdansk Airport – Sand Valley Golf & Country Club and Mazury Golf & Country Club.

The airport offers 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 delights, which also includes entertainment and culture. 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!



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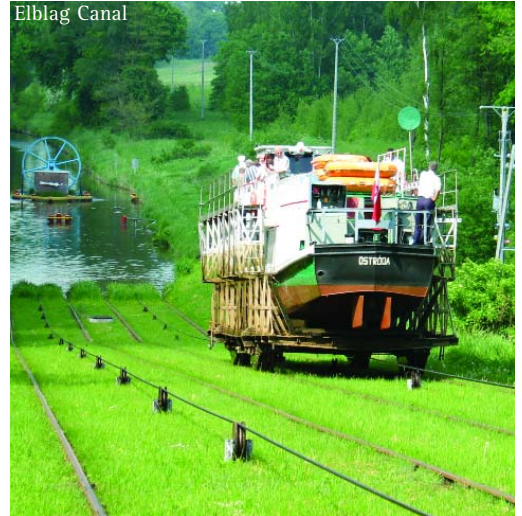
Major tourist attractions in Warmia and Masuria

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 significant Elblag monuments which you can visit, for example St. Nicolas Cathedral in the Old Town is the most significant 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 also recognizable monuments in the town. And 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.

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

You will not want to miss a pleasure cruise on the incomparable Elblag Canal. Thanks to the unique slipways and other equipment used to transport the

Elblag Canal



canoes, ships, and boats on grass, perversely working against a natural barrier in the form of a 100-metre difference in water levels between Lakes Druzno and Pniewo. There are five inclined planes located in Buczyniec, Katy, Olesnica, Jelenie, and Caluny over which boats are pulled by ropes. This old design is based solely on the strength of the

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boats on land, travellers can overcome the hundred-metre difference in water levels between Elblag and Ostróda. This unique world-class attraction will re-open in 2015, following renovation.

Construction work on the canal was begun in 1844 by Dutch engineer Georg Jacob Steenke. Measuring 147 km in total length, the canal gained its Polish name from the longest stretch between Ostróda and Elblag (82 km). The famous stretch between Maldyty and Elblag utilises unique hydro-technical solutions. Steenke copied engineering technologies from other countries, notably the Morris Canal in the USA, which was the prototype of Elblag Canal. What is surprising is that in this day and age the machinery and the Masuria canal work tirelessly transporting

water, which can be seen in one of the engine rooms. The inclined planes range between 350 to 550 meters in length, and the cruise across the grass takes about 20 minutes.

Nearby Elblag you can play golf at Sand Valley Golf & Country Club.

Sand Valley is a club built for its members to enjoy. It was also built for their guests to remember and cherish. It's hoped that the members will, on a daily basis, embrace the challenge offered by this classic golf course that is exposed to the elements of wind, rain, and drought. Also that the guests will head home with memories of every single hole they have played.

Playing golf in Sand Valley is different to the experience offered by most modern golf courses. They believe that golf is best played, by friends playing against each other vs. playing for score, and that walking is an essential part of a great round of golf.

Sand Valley offers wide and rumpling fairways, and heavily contoured greens. This is how the course has been designed and built, and this is how it is maintained. Providing firm and fast conditions throughout the golf course makes for a rewarding experience for all levels of golfer.

Sand Valley looks different than most modern courses, as designers Lassi Pekka Tilander and Tony Ristola have created a course that in many ways resembles the grand golf courses built during the early 20th century.

The construction and on-site design work was led by Tony Ristola, whose incredible crafts-manship can be seen throughout the course. Lassi Pekka Tilander is responsible for the natural routing of the



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course and, with that, the majority of the strategies for the golf holes. But most importantly, both golf course architects involved in the project have been working under the premise that Sand Valley should embrace the design ideals of the early 20th century, when the great majority of the most legendary golf courses were created. The result is that playing golf in Sand Valley is very different to most modern golf courses. The fairways are very wide, there is very little water in play, there is no penalizing bunkers on the course, which is always maintained to be firm and fast. In fact, despite not being a seaside course, there are few courses that play more links-like than Sand Valley. Also, the course is not difficult per se, but was designed to test the players' judgment, decision-making, and shot-making skills.

Certainly, players who are unwilling to adjust their game to the prevailing conditions will make the course play difficult.

Conversely, those who successfully take on the challenge of planning their way around the course will be rewarded by good scores and a wonderful feeling of having overcome a true test of golf.

If you enjoy luxury then Sand Valley Villas are just the place for relaxation after a satisfying round. The stunning Villas and Clubhouse, only metres away from the 1st tee box, are styled in the Scandinavian traditions of simplicity and function. The Villas house 4 to 12 people and are equipped with saunas, while the larger houses come complete with a private swimming pool or jacuzzi.

For further information visit www.sandvalley.pl



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Olsztyn Castle

Warmia and Masuria

Warmia and Masuria is a region where history meets the present. You can feel it in their beautifully restored palaces, castles, and houses, where kings once wandered, and where today everybody can enjoy the history contained within their walls. Elblag Hotel **** (www.hotelelblog.eu), located in the heart of the Old Town, is a place which has an enticing historical context and an unusual yet friendly atmosphere. It is situated in the 17th century Royal House. In the hotel restaurant – “Dom Królów” (“House of Kings”) – you can enjoy a glass of wine and discover previously unknown flavours in a royal atmosphere, while at the “So Natural” spa you can feel reborn and discover a sense of the pure idea of a spa and wellness.

The restaurant can be enjoyed by hotel guests and visitors to the city alike. Based on the best products, with no artificial additives or preservatives, the food is served in the style of Slow Food, which offers not only unique tastes and smells, but also greater nutrition. The idea is to discover the flavours of the kitchen instead of passively accepting them.

The “So Natural” spa is a unique area of well-being and beauty care for both body and soul. Guests can enjoy: an aquatic leisure centre with swimming pool, hot springs (hot tub), dry sauna, steam room, and fitness room.

Not far from Elbląg in the heart of Lidzbark Warminski you are invited to stay at the historic Hotel Krasicki **** (www.hotelkrasicki.pl), which is a historical mansion and former residence of the Warmian Bishops – the most precious visible testimony of the history of Warmia and Masuria. In the gothic and baroque part of the hotel, the style of the elegant rooms and suites refers to the aesthetics of the original building. Their names remind you that guests at Lidzbark Castle have included Polish kings and more: King Leszczynski, Sigismund III Vasa, John Sigismund Hehenzollernie, and the Romanov Tsar Paul I have all enjoyed the pleasures of the body

and soul here. Admiring nature, watching the Warmian sky, drinking exquisite wine, listening to concerts, debating, reading... Today, it's your turn! There are 122 rooms available.

There is also an observatory, housed in a clock tower and available to guests, which stands as a tribute to Nicolaus Copernicus, the eminent astronomer and creator of the heliocentric theory, who once resided in the castle. Meanwhile, the spa and wellness area in the basement allows you to indulge in relaxation rituals, regenerate, and find harmony of body and soul. Hotel Krasicki is the art of life and the art of hospitality.

Ostróda which is surrounded by nine lakes, is a dynamic town. In summer there are numerous events and parties, including extremely popular concerts on the pier on Lake Drweckie, close to the town centre. You will be sure to receive a warm welcome at the many cosy cafes and restaurants in the vicinity of the promenade, not to mention the luxurious SPA & Wellness Willa Port ***** Hotel (www.willaport.pl), which offers fabulous views of the water skiing on the lake.

Olsztyn is the largest city in the region and the capital of Warmia and Masuria. 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 and combined with architecture from the 19th and 20th century secession, along with the interesting performances, concerts, and exhibitions, offers the discerning tourist the opportunity to find in Olsztyn the possibility of tranquility 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 a resident in Olsztyn, he managed goods and defended the city from Teutonic forces. Here he carried out his great research and wrote magnificent works. And 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 Masuria. Olsztyn is well worth a visit. It is – genuinely – a natural garden city!

Nearby Olsztyn there happens to be another great opportunity for playing a round of golf.



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Mazury Golf & Country Club – An 18-hole golf course

The (par 72) golf course is of a Championship standard and was designed by Hawtree Ltd from UK, the world's oldest golf course architects, with Martin Hawtree at its helm. The company began operating in 1912 and since that time has been continuously designing, building and modernising golf courses. To date, Hawtree Golf Course Architects have been involved in about 750 projects throughout the world! The design of the golf course at the Mazury Golf & Country Club was the first undertaking by Hawtree Ltd in this part of Europe.

The fundamental aim of the designer was to utilize the extraordinary beauty of the Warmian landscape without causing undue interference to the natural environment. The diversity of the terrain at the MG & CC golf course and its exceptional location make it extremely appealing for every golfer, either the experienced or the novice. Thanks to its numerous natural and man-made obstacles, this golf course in Naterki is one of the most interesting but also one of the most difficult courses in Poland.

For further information www.mazurygolf.pl

Next to the Mazury Golf & Country Club visitors can find the 5-Star Hotel Marina Club (www.marinaclub.pl), a unique place in the Masuria District, where stark Scandinavian architecture is combined with the charm of the Land of a Thousand Lakes that is still untouched by civilization. It is the perfect location to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and surrender to the relaxation provided by its spa zone. Windows in every room offer visitors panoramic views over Lake Wulpinski, while the extensive leisure facilities will undoubtedly keep guests entertained throughout their entire stay.

Another famous lakeside hotel is Hotel Anders **** (www.hotelanders.pl). Nestled beside the tranquil Lake Szelag, Hotel Anders is famous for the organization

of sports events, including the Swatch Beach Volleyball World Tour – the volleyball world championships. Apart from sport, Hotel Anders combines history with nature. The property was once the exclusive hunting villa of Richard Anders, once known as the East Prussian Wood King. At that time there were sawmills and forests, and Anders became a famous entrepreneur. It is no wonder that the hotel in Stare Jablonki took its name from of its former owner. The hotel slogan, "Naturally in Masuria", finds its expression in the ecological philosophy of the location, as well as its extensive opportunities for outdoor recreation; not to mention the work of an excellent chef, who has presided over regional cuisine for the past twenty years. Hotel guests also have access to an impressive spa with an indoor pool and saunas.

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Wizzair from London Luton to Szczecin and Gdansk (approx.2.00 hours)

Amber Baltic Golf Club: www.abgc.pl

Binowo Park Golf Club: www.binowopark.pl

Kamien Country Club: www.golfkcc.pl

Modry Las Golf Club: www.modrylas.pl

Sierra Golf Club: www.sierragolf.pl

Tokary Golf Club: www.tokarygolf.pl

Sand Valley Golf and Country Club: www.sandvalley.pl

Mazury Golf and Country Club - Naterki: www.mazurygolf.pl

Gdansk Golf and Country Club - Polstolowo: www.postolowo.com

Warmia and Masuria travel portal: www.mazury.travel

Olsztyn travel portal: www.visit.olsztyn.eu

www.pomorskie-prestige.eu

Pomorskie region travel portal: www.pomorskie.travel

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