



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Poland

Gdańsk Trip

spring 2024
with YFU Poland

10-12
May
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DEAR YFU-er!

Would you like to discover one of Poland's most beautiful regions? How about a fun weekend together with international YFU students and volunteers? If your answer is "Yes", then this trip is for you!

Following the success of reviving the Cracow Trip, after 4 year-break YFU Poland organizes again a 3-day Trip to Gdańsk, Gdynia, Sopot and Malbork City, a chance to visit important sites, not only to Polish, but also to European history and culture. All in a company of exchange students, like you, spending their year in Poland's neighbouring countries.

TRIP OVERVIEW

The trip includes sight-seeing of Poland's northern Tricity area including the cities of Gdańsk, Gdynia and Sopot with addition of Malbork Castle. Participants will visit the region's most important historical and cultural sites and spend some time on a beach!

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

- The best way to get to Gdańsk is by train, bus or plane.
- Arrival: Friday (May 10th) before 4 p.m.
- Departure: Sunday (May 12th) after 4 p.m

PARTICIPATION FEE: 270 EUR

Fee includes

- accommodation in a local youth hostel,
- breakfast served in the hostel,
- lunch and dinner served by local food vendors/restaurants, incl. traditional Polish cuisine,
- all transportation,
- all tourist attractions included in the programme,
- tourist guides telling about Polish history, culture and customs,
- support of YFU Poland's office prior to the trip,
- support and care of YFU Poland's trained volunteers.

Fee does not include

- travel to and from Gdańsk.



PROGRAMME*

OLD TOWN IN GDANSK

Gdansk's Old Town is one of the largest and most memorable complexes of monuments in Poland. Architecture and art located in this area date back to the Gothic, late Renaissance and Mannerist periods.

THE CRANE

Majestic port crane built in the 15th century was used to lift goods shipped by sea. Its driving mechanism made of giant wooden wheels, was originally propelled by men walking in it.

MALBORK CASTLE

UNESCO World Heritage Site and world's largest brick castle, built by the Teutonic Order in the 13th century. It's Gothic and Renaissance architecture, creating a timeless atmosphere bringing us back to medieval Europe

THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CENTER

opened in 2014, museum and library in Gdańsk, devoted to the history of Solidarity, the Polish trade union and civil resistance movement, and other opposition movements of Communist Eastern Europe.

WESTERPLATTE

Ruins of the Polish military base on Westerplatte Peninsula mark the place of the first ever battle of World War II. After the war the area has been turned into an open-air museum.

THE SOPOT LIGHTHOUSE

Built in 1903–04 offers a beautiful view of the Tricity and Hel peninsula.

PIER IN SOPOT

Most famous promenade in Poland, popular both among tourists and locals as a place for meetings and walks. It is the longest pier in Europe.

* the programme may be subject to some changes due to unforeseen circumstances



HOW TO SIGN UP

- 1.** Go to yfu.org.pl/discover-poland/ and fill out the application form or sign up with your hosting YFU.
- 2.** Wait for a confirmation e-mail which guarantees you were put on the participants list. If you are put on waiting list, we will contact you as soon as a spot for you becomes available.
- 3.** Contact your hosting YFU organization and request a travel permission. Only if you receive such permission, will you be allowed to join the Cracow Trip.
- 4.** Transfer the participation fee according to the instructions and deadlines stated in the confirmation e-mail.
- 5.** Once you are confirmed to be on the participants list and you are allowed to travel internationally by your hosting YFU, book your travel tickets accordingly to the arrival and departure times included in the confirmation e-mail. You can contact your local YFU or YFU Poland for assistance with travel booking.
- 6.** About two weeks before the date of the trip you should receive an e-mail containing trip schedule, accommodation details and packing tips. In case you've not received it, contact our office immediately at info@yfu.org.pl.
- 7.** Come over to Poland and enjoy the best weekend ever!

WHO CAN SIGN UP

YFU Exchange Students

YFU Volunteers

If you are currently on an exchange student, a volunteer or your family is hosting an exchange student with one of our partner YFU Organizations.

