

CITY GUIDE

# Poznań

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## Old Market Square

It is located in the Old City in Poznań. It was established in 1253 on the left bank of Warta River. It has got a shape of a square with 141 meter sides. The Old Market Square is the third biggest in Poland. You can get to the Market by 12 streets, three for every side. In the center there are: town hall, cloth hall, pillory, Merchants' Houses and even 4 fountains in ancient Greek theme. Every December Christmas market takes place there. During winter we can see the festival of the ice sculpture. If you have some time it is possible to buy some souvenirs and eat good food in many varied restaurants.





## Culture and art in Poznań

Poznań suits everyone. There are numerous libraries, for example Biblioteka Raczyńskich (the Raczyńskis' Library) where there are organised meetings with novelists. Film lovers, on the other hand, are invited to the Apollo cinema where they can watch a movie, and enjoy its unique and remarkable character. The cinema is on Ratajczaka Street. The Rialto cinema and the Muza cinema are yet another cinemas unique in their atmosphere. All those interested in the latest film production may always visit one of the abundant in the city centre multiplexes or go to IMAX for a 3D movie in Plaza shopping centre. In summer one may see interesting films at an open-air cinema, the Zamkowe Kino Plenerowe, in the very centre of Poznań. The films there are shown in the parking lot of the Centrum Kultury Zamek (Cultural Centre Zamek). The Centrum Kultury Zamek is Poznań's hub of tradition and liveliness. The venue is also the seat of two choirs – Skowronki and Słowiki. In the evenings, theatregoers may admire actors and their skills at numerous Poznań theatres, the opera, and the music theatre. In Poznań there are also various museums and among others the Muzeum Narodowe (the National Museum) aimed at art lovers or the Muzeum Archeologiczne (the Archeology Museum) where those interested in the past may learn about the history of Poland and Wielkopolska region (Greater Poland region).







Apart from the two mentioned above museums one may visit other amazing and interesting places like the Rogalowe Muzeum (the Croissant Museum) that reveals the secrets of St Martin Croissants and other Poznań's prides, like Poznań dialect. While at this place you can admire the view of the Old Market and the Poznań Town Hall with its mechanical fighting goats, and feel the real spirit of Poznań. The Brama Poznania (the Poznania Porta) is a place where you can learn about the history of the Cathedral Island (Ostrów Tumski). The museum is ideal not only for adults but it also suits children and teenagers as well. Another place worth seeing is the Muzeum Bambrów Poznańskich (the Museum of Poznań Bambergers) where one may discover the history of German-speaking settlers from Bamberg. Each of the museums houses permanent and temporary exhibitions. The Museum Narodowe (the National Museum) is famous for its art exhibitions of paintings and sculptures by world-famous artists. It also runs interesting workshops. I am sure Poznań makes people inspired.





**Ostrów Tumski, which literally means “royal island”, is an island located on Warta in Poznań. It is one of the most remarkable places in the city.**

The history of Ostrów Tumski started in tenth century. A borough was settled on the island and it broke the ground for the whole city of Poznań. Later on, In 966 Poland became a Christian country. It is probable that it happened right on this island! Than Poznań and Gniezno became capitals of Poland so Ostrów Tumski’s meaning also grown. That was time of development of island. Unfortunately, Ostrów was completely destroyed during invasion of Bretislaus I in 1038. Then it was rebuilt while Casimir I the Restorer was king. But he moved capital to Cracow, so Poznań lost political importance. In that time Ostrów became bishops’ property for centuries.

Most known monuments of Ostrów are:

1- Archcathedral Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul, known as Poznań cathedral.

2-The archbishop’s palace.

3-The Lubrański Academy.

4-The Church of the Most Holy Virgin Mary.

Ostrów Tumski is one of the most beautiful places in Poznań. It is totally worth visiting, even for those who are not really interested in history.

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## Plac Wolności (Square of Freedom):

It is one of the most popular places where people from Poznań meet together. This square is near to the famous street Święty Marcin and has a very long history. First plan of the square was created in the XVI century, but it became an private property scarcely in the 1798. Since this time, the style of the square was changed a couple of times, for example when it burnt in the 1803. Also serves as a high representative function, mainly because of the majestic buildings, which are surrounding it - from the north Raczyński Library, from the east Provincial Museum and Hotel „Bazar”, from the south the Bookstore of St. Wojciech and from the west Arkadia. Nowadays on this square there are organized a lot of events, various tournaments and the giantic number of shows, mainly because of the favorable factors, for example a lot of empty space, a huge

underground parking i and maby one of the most discernible objects in Poznań - great Fountain of Freedom, in which you can cool yourself during the long, hot days.







# Malta

Malta is a part of Poznań, with lots of attractions. The main think, that we can assiocite witch Malta is Malta lake (Jezioro Maltańskie). It has about 6400000 square meters and there is a kayaking track on it. As it is told at the beginning Malta has pleny of attractions like: playgrounds for children, mini golf, ski slope, rope park, small rollercoaster and so on. You are able to borrow a bike and ride on bike paths by the leak. We should also mention "Termy maltańskie", wich is a great swimming pool. You can get thear for example useing "maltanka"(little steam train). Of course there are some pleaces, in wich you can drink caffe, or eat dinner like "Bamboo garden", or "Malta Yaht Club". Next to Malta leak we have shopping center, with beautiful fountain. If you don't know what to do on weekend Malta is perfect place to spend your time.





