

Welcome to Warsaw

Gay Guide Net, Poland

This gay & travel guide website is made and permanently updated since 2001 in Warsaw, Poland, in Central or Eastern Europe. At least twice per year we visit every place listed on this page and search for new places; we call every phone number and double check every detail. We hope it assists you to you in discovering this town. We enjoy to go everywhere and we are happy to share all the information with you to help you having a pleasant, uncomplicated and safe time without the hassle to figure out everything on your own. If you find anything that is not up2date please contact us rightaway. Tell us everything you know and we will go there and include it to this page. If you take pictures in Warsaw contact us as well. We may use them for this page. We try to describe every place as detailed as possible because we want you to know what to expect before you go to a venue where you have never been before. Also we list entrance fees and other prices. We also have a list of places and groups that do not exist or are not gay anymore (You may find them still listed in other guides).

Warsaw is the capital of Poland with appr. 1.7 million people living here. Best time to visit is from early April to middle of November. However, you will not find gay bars and dance clubs or cafés for a specific audience (like a leather bar, a rent boy bar, a bar for chubbies, etc.). Everyone goes to the same places (age or preference doesn't matter). All gay accommodations listed in our guide are in the center of Warsaw and we believe staying at gay accommodations makes it a lot easier to get access to Warsaws gay life than if you stay islated at regular hotels.

At check in the staff will take the time to give you all the infos that you need to get started. Our Warsaw Gay Guide has also info about baths and saunas, restaurants, media, groups and associations, condoms and lubricant, AIDS, events and gay pride, cruising, sex shops, escorts, laws plus gay listings for Polands countryside and links.

The chapter general tourist info gives you country facts (climate, time, money, national holidays); Info needed to travel to Poland (visa, airlines, trains, busses, ships and cars); travel in Warsaw (map, public transport, taxis, rent a car, lost and found); and about communication (telecom, internet, dictionary, translations, interpreter, radio, TV) plus useful addresses (embassies, health, shopping, postal service, laundry, museums, galleries, tourist info) plus general links.

There is more we can do for you. First you should download and print the pdf file that we prepared and that includes all the info. Then you should subscribe to our newsletter. Don't worry, we send newsletters no more than four times per year. Next subscribe to the Gay Warsaw Yahoo Group. Use the mailing list to introduce yourself to other users of this site and let others introduce themselves to you. Share info and experiences, and meet online before you maybe meet in Warsaw. You may oder books and maps online. You may also get latest event info for the period you stay in Warsaw, and we can email you info about the next gay pride. Currently we do not have gay tour guides, but we hope to find someone who can take you around. That can make it easier for you to discover the city and the gay places and can answer all your questions. And we offer translations of texts and interpreter for meetings. If you like this website you may donate for this website. Every (also small) donation will help to keep this site alive and to add more content in the future.

Warsaw Gay Guide

Accommodation

Get the Up2date List via Email (Gay Accommodation)

GayGuide.Net Warsaw provides information on gay owned and gay operated guest houses and – hopefully soon – apartments in Warsaw. We really carefull select the places and only offer places in the center of Warsaw. Some gay bars, clubs, saunas, restaurants are close. Warsaw has not one certain gay area.

How to make a reservation (gay accommodation)

Please review the web sites of the accommodations below and choose the place you prefer most. In case you fly into Warsaw please check first with the airline if flights are available before you request a reservation, - this helps to avoid that you have to change reservations. If the place is available you will receive a confirmation via email including all the info you will need: Addresses, phone numbers, directions, check in details.

Friends Guest House

ulica Sienkiewicza
Web page: <http://gaystay.net/Friends/Warsaw/>
Reservation: Reservation Form
(Close to Metro Centrum, Rail Station Centralni, Palace of Culture & Science, Fantom Club)
Gay Guest House

Friends guest house is Warsaw's very first gay owned and operated guest house in Poland. It opened in middle of November 2001, is very centrally located, next to the central railway station 'Centralni', the metro station 'Centrum', Kings Road and the famous 'Palace of Culture and Science'. Also the Fantom Club & Sauna (operating every day) is very close and Warsaw's amazing old town is just 700 meters away. 3 minutes walk to the gay district in Warsaw. Only the dance club 'Paradise' is not in the center of Warsaw, but can easily be reached by metro, public bus and taxi as well as night busses. Open all year, Reservations in advance required.

Hotels in Poland (not gay)

You need accommodation in other cities of Poland than Warsaw? Or you are used to stay at 3 or 4 star hotels? We believe that staying at one of the gay owned at operated accommodations has a lot of advantages (see listings above). But you may book hotels at <http://gayguide.net/Europe/Poland/Hotels/>. We don't know if they are gay friendly or not ...

Bars & Clubs

Barbie Bar

ul. Zurawia 6/12
Phone +48 (22) 625 4619
Email: Go online to send Email
Web: Go online to visit this link
(In the back of the building, behind club 6/12 turn left, then left again and go till the end of the building, in the cellar)
Gay Bar

Review soon.
Daily 8 pm til midnight
\$: No Cover charge or minimum consumption

Scotty, who visited Warsaw in January 2005 wrote: 'My partner and I decided to check this bar out (since we couldn't seem to get into the stuffy Utopia bar because of the pretentious face guard). We had a REALLY great time here. The music was amazing and the people were all having a great time, laughing and enjoying themselves, just like one should do at a club like this. We are going back again while we're here. The entrance to the bar is actually BEHIND the building so you have to go all the way around the block from the address you have to get to the door. You'll look back through a parking area and see a door with a pink light. It looks like it might be a door for deliveries but it's actually the bar door. The bar itself is downstairs. Very interesting but fun place!'

Fantom Club

ulica Bracka 20 a
Phone +48 22 828 54 09
Email: Go online to send Email
Web: Go online to visit this link
(located in the cellar in Brzozowski Palace, Third backyard, bar entrance left gate)
Gay Bar (Men only), Back room, Video, Sex shop

See also the chapter Saunas. The club and the sauna are very hard to find. There are no signs outside at the building and only a small sign on the door bell. Ring the bell. Late in the evening the bar is more crowded than the sauna; in the

afternoons and evenings the sauna is busier. Very cruisy sex club in a cellar, one bar, booths, cruising labyrinth. Party every Saturday from 10 pm. Sundays theme parties (SM parties, under 26 parties and others) from 6 pm till midnight.
Mondays till Thursdays 2 pm till 2 am, Fridays 2 pm till 3 am, Saturdays 2 pm till 4 am, Sundays 6 pm till 2 am
\$: Cover charge 15 PLN. Youth discount (under 26) 9 PLN.

Galeria

ul. Plac Mirowski 1
Phone +48 22 850 41 55
Email: Go online to send Email
Web: Go online to visit this link
(from Central Railway Station Bus 148, 601, 604; Tram 16, 17, 19, 29, 33)
Bar, Gay

Bar with little dancefloor and drag queen shows.
Openinghours: Open daily from 6 PM till ???
\$: No cover charge or minimum consumption ??

Kokon

ulica Brzozowa 37
Phone +48 22 831 95 39
Email: Go online to send Email
Web: Go online to visit this link
(go down from Rynek Starego Miasta to Kamienne Schodki)
Bar, Gay Friendly

Nice designed cosy bar in the Old Town district. They have door selection. The admission is upon the good or bad mood of the special person on the door called selekcjoner.
Openinghours: Daily from 4 pm till last guest leaves. Busy on the weekends, Sundays drag show.
\$: No cover charge or minimum consumption

Lodi Dodi

Wilcza 23 (next to police station)
Phone +48 22
Email: Go online to send Email
(No bus or tram nearby. The closest is Plac Kostytucji metro, but it's over 500 meters)
Bar, Gay, Cinema, Darkroom/Backroom

Small cosy bar in the centre of Warsaw. Apart from the bar there is a room downstairs. Recently opened a cinema and darkrooms.

Openinghours: Mondays til Thursday 6 pm till midnight (and often longer, until 2 or 3 am), Fridays & Saturdays 6 pm till 2 am
\$: Entrance Fee 7 PLN (One free beer, juice or vodka included)

Przychodnia

ul. Prózna 8
Phone +48 603 95 85 67
Email: Go online to send Email
Web: Go online to visit this link
Bar, Gay, Darkroom, Sex Club

(Prózna is a small street on the back of commercial pavillions on Marszalkowska street leading to Plac Grzybowski. The nearest metro station is Swietokrzyska)
New sex-club. Video bar, video rooms, labyrinth.
Sundays to Thursdays from 4 pm to 2 am, Fridays and Saturdays from 4 pm to 4 am
\$: Entrance fee is 15 PLN, Free entry from Monday till Thursday for everyone born in 1982 or later. No minimum consumption.

Rasko

ulica Krochmalna 32a
Phone +48 22 890 02 99
Email: Go online to send Email
Web: Go online to visit this link
(Krochmalna near the Jana Pawla II intersection)
Cafe Gay Bar Gallery

Description soon
5 pm till late
\$: No cover charge or minimum consumption

Comment from Maya, a visitor (January 2005): This is a nice place to go. Although the 'design' is definitely something that should be changed, the atmosphere is surprising. Really great service, very, very nice staff. They have Drag Queen shows, strip-tease and others - not in the best taste, but always a lot of fun. If you have a spare evening, it's worth it.)

Baths & Beaches & Saunas

Fantom Sauna

ulica Bracka 20 a

Phone +48 22 828 54 09

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

(located in the celler in Brzozowski Palace, Third backyard, sauna entrance right gate)

Gay Sauna (Men only), Massage

See also the chapter Bars. The club and the sauna are very hard to find. There are no signs outside at the building and only a small sign on the door bell. Ring the bell. Late in the evening the bar is more crowded than the sauna; in the afternoons and evenings the sauna is busier. Jacuzzi, steam sauna, dry sauna, back room, lockers, cabins, bar with refreshments.

Mondays till Thursdays 2 pm till midnight, Fridays and

Saturdays 2 pm till 2 am, Sundays 4 pm till midnight

\$: Cover charge 23 PLN. Youth discount (under 26) 15 PLN (Free Entrance to Fantom Club included).

Comment from Buddy, who visited Warsaw in October 2004: Just read the comment on gaysauna Galla. I am also an asian looking guy but live in amsterdam. When I walk through the streets of warsaw people are really looking at me like an alien, no asians nor blacks to see anywhere. Strange but also special I think. For colored people: be prepared! Now back to the sauna. I really had a good time in Fantom, Its very hard to find but keep searching and you will find the door where you have to ring. You enter the sauna but there is also a darkroom labyrinth and shop connected to the sauna but that area has an own entrance that I did not find. I was surprised to find a sauna and asked for the sexshop. The staff spoke a bit of english and were very friendly to me. They brought me to the sexshop which was crap (ok, I\'m spoiled and from amsterdam), I had a look around and than drank something at the bar. Cruised around abit , but the boys there were very pushy and I did not feel very comfortable. The average age of the guys there was pretty young between 18 and 30. I decided to check out the sauna and asked how much it costs. They said 25 slotty normal price (which is about 6 euro or 7 dollars), 15 if you already payed at the sexshop for a visit to the darkroom. I did not pay for this darkroom so again I must say these people were really friendly! They let me in for free. So the man of the sexshop brought me to the sauna where I had a good time! The men were much more attractive here. Probably because the entree is higher. A mix of young and old and everything in between. No blacks, asians or colored people ... Just polish but that was also what I came for :-P The sauna it self is not vey special, small and not to clean. Bring your own slippers! They provide slippers there but they are old and not to clean aswell. Cabins are allright and the sauna and steamroom

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Klub Sauna Galla

ulica Ptasia 2

Phone +48 22 652 19 86

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

(ul. Ptasia is a small threet next to Plac Bankowy - Metro stop Ratusz)

Gay, Sauna, Massage, Back room, Bar, Cabins, Gym

2 Levels. Sundays also for women, all other days men only.

Mondays til Thursdays 2 pm until 11 pm; Fridays 2 pm til

1 am; Saturdays 12 noon til 1 am; Sundays 12 noon til 11 pm.

\$: Admission before 5 pm 17 PLN, after 5 pm 20 PLN.

Comment sent by Andrew Lee (August 2004): I would like to make a complaint about this gay sauna Galla at ulica Ptasia 2, Warsaw. I visited Warsaw this weekend for holiday from the UK, where I live. I am Asian in origin and as soon as I entered this sauna, at about 6pm, 28/8/04, the man on the desk looked at my face and said in a poorly spoken English, ,no locker, we are busy.' So I left but just as I was stepping out of the door a white man entered and he was given a key and towel right away to go to the sauna. This man (and the management of this sauna) is clearly a racist and does not want foreigner/tourist to visit his sauna. Please could you remove their business from your guide as what they do is disgraceful to their country and a complete waste of our time to visit them if they don't want to do business with tourists.

Reply from Dominik, who lives in Warsaw: It's not a racism thing. They are busy, and sometimes you need to have a locker reservation before you go there. It happened also to me.

Comment from Ivan, who visited Warsaw in November 2004: Don't go, Don't waste your time. They do refuse entrance of foreigners with unfriedly ,sorry, no locker available'.

Comment from Dellas, who visited Warsaw in December 2004: I went yesterday. Bit difficult to find on corner next to a shop selling sunglasses. Across the road is a big apartment block. The entrance has a small grey marble plaque on it. I nearly gave up i nearly missed it. Hope

the above makes it easier for you all. I got the tram from Centrum. Normally you get the metro to Ratusz but it was not working yesterday. It was a clean and pleasant place so I was surprised by the other comment. Maybe it has changed hands or something. Mixed crowd some nice young guys. Bear in mind it was Saturday night dont know what other days are like. Fantom is still the best though but it made a nice change. Worth a visit.

Comment from Jimmy Wang, who visited Warsaw in March 2005: I am Chinese and I had a great time. Not only they let me in, both the staff and patrons welcomed me with a smile. Since prices are very inexpensive, I went for the full package of 1 hr massage, couple drinks, slippers, and the use of the Sauna. I was well fed and I even took a guy back to hotel for more action. The total came out to be 74 Zolty. It was so cool. They are not racist at all. Andrew, you just have to be a little patience and they kept the men at the doors waiting for their locker. Learn your patience like a typical Thai person, you will be welcomed everywhere.

Blota Beach

See below
Public Beach, Cruising

20 kilometers away from Warsaw. Take 146 bus from Dworzec Wschodni (Eastern Rail Station) or Rondo Waszyngtona. Get off at the first stop when the bus takes the road the leaves the anti-flood dam. Then down ulica Romantyczna or Rychonowska up to the end of the street and then left. You will pass the army barracks and come to the river bank. The beach is mixed but gays tend to meet at the island and in the bushes next to the beach
\$: Public, no access fee.

Cafés

Bastylia

ulica Mokotowska 17
Phone ?
(close to plac Zbawiciela)
Cafe, Lesbian & Gay friendly

A Creperia, runned by lesbians and it's gay friendly.
7 am till 11 pm
\$: No cover charge or minimum consumption

Dance Clubs

Klub Paradise

ulica Wawelska 5
Phone +48 (0) 502 222 208 & +48 (0) 604 25 66 82
Email: Go online to send Email
Web: Go online to visit this link
(Bus 175 & 512 from Central Station, at ,Skra stadium')
Gay & Lesbian, Bar, Dance Club

Very popular dance club. Unfortunately not in the center, but you can go there by public bus or taxi. It's in a tennis club. Dance floor, 2 bars, during the summer outside areas as well. Dance music & some techno.
Open Fridays and Saturdays 10 pm till 5 am. Sundays til Thursdays closed.
\$: Free admission before 10 pm, from 10 pm cover charge 10 PLN

Toro

Marszalkowska 3/5 (entrance from Emila Zoli street)
Phone +48/22 825 6014, 695 439 986
Email: Go online to send Email
Web: Go online to visit this link
(Tram 4, 18, 19, 35, stop Unii Lubelskiej Square; from Plac Unii Lubelskiego take Marszalkowska on the left side, after 100 meters turn left (it's Zoli street) and then left again into the courtyard with banners ,Toro'. The club is on the left: take the stairs to the second floor)
Gay, Bar, Dance Club

Big bar with disco, shows and parties.
Open daily from 6 PM till the last guest left (latest at 5 am)
\$: No cover charge and no minimum consumption

Utopia

ulica Jasna 1, 00-013 Warsaw
Phone +48 22 827 15 40
Email: Go online to send Email
Web: Go online to visit this link
(No busses or trams nearby, near Metro stop Centrum. Get off at Centrum, take the front exit and turn right. Cross Marszalkowska underground and go Zlota straight 50 meters. Then turn left into Jasna.)
Gay & Lesbian, Bar, Dance Club
Open daily 10 am til midnight except Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays until 5 am and Sundays from 3 pm.
\$: Entrance fee 10 PLN

Comment from George, a visitor (July 2004): Hi, last night i was refused entry to Utopia club in warsaw, I'm half lebanese, half english, 32yo, well spoken and dressed and was not drunk. Do they have age limit or color code? I'm a bit dark.

Joseph, who visited Warsaw in August 2004 wrote: ,This place is the hottest club that I've been to in Warsaw. This can compare to any hot club in New York City. I partied till 5am. When I left the place was packed. No room for another guest. The dude at the front door will tell you invitation only. You just have to win his heart over and he will let you in. The place rocks. It's decorated very smart. Very young and all goodlooking. Gay/Straight/Bi. The place is a gold medal in Warsaw.'

Reply from Slawek, who lives in Warsaw (September 2004): New sickness in town. Utopia and Kokon have door selection. The admission is upon the good or bad mood of the special person on the door called selekcjoner. It doesn't matter who you are and how you look. Last weekend editor of ZERO - the biggest gay magazine in Spain was refused entrance to Kokon. They just DO NOT care who you are. So it was not a sign of racism. Maybe he wasn't dressed enough or wasn't bend enough or the doormen was in a bad mood or someting else.... I can only say I am sorry but I just don't go to these places.

Reply from Dominik, who lives in Warsaw (September 2004): They have strict door policy, and let in only ,trendy' people. It is very often that they do not let poeple in! It doesn't motter what are you, and who are you. Sometimes they don't let in polish TV stars...

Comment from Dorothy, a visitor (November 2004): Absolutely awesome place. Everyone told us that there is no chance to get in. Anyway it was one of the busiest Saturdays in Poland - 27 November and my birthday. Few smiles, nice chat and although we didn't have invitations within 5 minutes we were in. What a place - great people and fantastic music and you can dance on the bar. Defo it's impossible in London. We left the place around 5 am and people were still rolling in - amazing. Big kiss to the doorman. One of the best birthday parties i had!!!

Comment from Scotty, a visitor (January 2005): Yeah, my partner and I are visiting this week from Houston. We had a nice dinner and decided to try out Utopia this evening. We didn't get our feet in the door before an asshole door dude told us we had to be ,members'. We came back to the hotel to look up reviews and found that others have had the same problem. We are very trendy, nice looking guys and can't figure out why we didn't get in. Regardless of how we looked, these people have a lot of nerve for a repressed gay town like Warsaw. Seems to me they'd be interested in expanding their horizons a little bit.

Email from Alex Tylor to Utopia (February 2005): I'll be visiting Poland this summer, and want to have a great time. I've been reading your reviews and want to know what the real deal is... Are you a members only bar or were the complaints on this page lodged by ugly potbellied men, that were simply unworthy? I don't want to waste my time looking for a good bar I want to go to the hot spot the first night.

Reply from Utopia (March 2005): Hi, when you will know when you will be in Poland let me know so i can put you on the guestlist as it can be a problem to get in for the first time and you will get entrance or card greetings and welcome to visit Utopia. Grzegorz. Polish: witam jak bedziesz wiedzial kiedy bedziesz w polsce to odezwiw sie do mnie wtedy wpisze cie na liste gosci bo pierwszy raz moze byc problem z wejsciem do klubu i otrzymasz wejscowke lub karte pozdrawiam i zapraszam do odwiedzenia utopii. Grzegorz.

Guided Tours

Guided Tours

Sorry, we do not offer guided tours at this time.

Restaurants

Miedzy Nami

ulica Bracka 20
(at the Krucza and al. Jerozolimskie corner, in the back of SMYK supermarket)
Phone +48 22 827 9441
Email: Go online to send Email
Web: Go online to visit this link
Cafe, Gallery, Restaurant, Not Gay

A classic bar and meeting place in Warszawa. Start your evening here, they close at midnight, and then continue to other places. They are definitely gay friendly. Two of the owners are gay, as well as many guests. All the food isn't great, but have something to drink, and eat their quesadillas, which are good. On the door is an information that the entrance is only with a member card. So do not be surprised if they do not let you in.

Mondays till Thursdays 11 am till 10 pm, Fridays & Saturdays 11 am till midnight, Sundays 4 pm till 10 pm
\$: No cover charge or minimum consumption

Szpilka

Plan Trzech Krzyzy 18
Phone +48 22 628 91 32
(At the corner Bracka ulica)
Cafe, Gay friendly

Very trendy place close to the cruising area. Good place to go after the bars and dance clubs closed.
7 am till early morning.
\$: No cover charge or minimum consumption

Maya, who visited Warsaw in January 2005 wrote: ‚Re-furnished, renovated. Food is not that bad. Pierogi with spinach are good:) The worst behaving staff I’ve ever seen (they are famous with it). Some of the staff are gay, but it doesn’t mean they will not spit in your food.’

Gay Media

Nowy Men

P.O. Box 3 00-963 Warszawa 81
Phone +48 602 10 36 363 or (+48) 508 89 44 56
Email: Go online to send Email
(no public office)
Gay Publications

Nowy Men Magazin is published monthly, and has app. 35000 readers, 116 pages and is in polish language. You may submit your personal ad free of charge through the online form.
\$: Per Issue 14 PLN (Nowy Men)

Your printed Ad in Nowy Men

If you want to make contacts (maybe before you’re coming to Warsaw?) you can submit a personal ad free of charge to Poland’s gay magazine Nowy Men - that is the biggest gay magazine in Poland. The readership is about 35000 people per issue.

How it works:

Go online and fill the form

You send us your text (max 300 characters)

Nowy Men is a monthly magazine - we need your submission latest on the 1st of each month. E.g. if you submit your ad between 2nd and 31st of July it will be published in the September edition.

We will forward your classified ad to Nowy Men.

You decide if you want to publish only your email address and your first name or if you want to publish your full name and address in order to receive replies.

The editors have the right not to publish your ad.

You can get Nowy Men at Newsstands (e.g. train stations) and in gay bars & in Warsaw.

Pink Press & Gejzer Magazine

Krakowiakow 99/101, 02-255 Warsaw
Phone (+48 22) 868 54 16 & 868 54 17 & 846 11 08
Email: Go online to send Email
Gay & Straight Publications

Pink Press is the biggest adult press publisher as well as the Polish video producer and distributor. Pink Press activities is also the distribution of erotic accessories, and lingerie to present. Gejzer Magazin is published monthly, and has app. 35000 readers, 116 pages and is in Polish language. It is focused on gay life and lifestyle, clubbing and on gay erotica and porn as well.
\$: Per Issue 9,90 PLN

Groups & Associations

GayGuide.Net Warsaw

Email: warsaw@gayguide.net

Web: <http://warsaw.gayguide.net/>

GayGuide.Net Warsaw provides an up2date Internet based gay & travel guide, replies on every email within 48 hours and offers info on gay operated accommodations. Also personal ads, mailing lists, newsletter and info on events. Since 1998 GayGuide.Net operated also guide pages for Budapest and Prague, since 2003 for Cracow. Soon a guide for Sofia will be ready.
\$: Free of charge

Lambda Association & Rainbow Information and Support Centre

Ul. Hoza 50, m. 40, 00-682 Warsaw district Eródmieecie/City

Phone +48 22 628 52 22 - Tue til Fri 6 till 9 pm

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

(corner of ul. Marszalkowska & Hoza. Next to ‚Mala Czarna’ cafe. Push the button with the rainbow logo)

Lesbian & Gay Organization, Info and Helpline, Support Groups, Archive

The Lambda Warszawa Association is a non-governmental, non-profit, volunteer lesbian-gay organization devoted to social work in the area of problems related to sexual orientation (homosexual or bisexual). The Association was established in 1997 and has been registred in the Warsaw Provincial Court. They realize projects in the Warsaw area. In July 1998 they founded the Rainbow Information and Support Centre. The Rainbow Centre offers anonymous and confidential free help to gays and lesbians. They are professionals and professionally trained volunteers.

Meetings:

Lesbian support group Thursdays from 6.30 pm till 8.30 pm
 Gay Support Group - Sundays from 6 pm till 8 pm
 Reading Room, information, counselling: Mondays to Saturdays from 6 pm till 9 pm.
 Health counselling, HIV/AIDS, STD Mondays from 7 pm till 9 pm
 Parents group, transsexuals, psychological counselling, legal counselling - ask at the Hotline
 \$: No membership fee.

Tolersex

skr. poczt. 129, 00-978 Warszawa 4
 Phone +48 (0) 603 539 114 (cell phone)
 Email: Go online to send Email
 Web: Go online to visit this link
 Support

Tolersex, the 'Association of the Young and Free' was officially established in November, 1994 and registered by the Voivodship Court in Koszalin. The Association's activities are based on social work in the consultation and information unit of the Association and answer the hotline. Their mission is to help young people in self defining their sexuality, as well as in learning one's own needs and rights, but also in developing interests and skills of a young person. Visit their web site for further details.
 Hotline Thursdays 8 till 10 pm
 \$: Any help provided is free of charge.

Towarzystwo Pomocy Młodzieży

ulica Andersa 29
 Phone +48 22 635 54 67
 (Take any tram going to 'Zoliborz' from 'Plac Bankowy' metro station - 2 stops)
 Support

Helpline for gays & lesbians. Also they have a group for gay and lesbian youth Tuesdays 6 pm till 8 pm. Individual help.
 Helpline Mondays till Fridays 1 pm till 6 pm
 \$: Free of charge

Christian Gay Group @ Rainbow Information and Support Centre

Ul. Hoza 50, m. 40, 00-682 Warsaw district Eródmieecie/City
 Phone +48 22 628 52 22 - Tuesdays 6 till 9 pm
 Email: Go online to send Email
 Web: Go online to visit this link
 (corner of ul. Marszalkowska & Hoza. Next to 'Mala Czarna' cafe. Push the button with the rainbow logo)
 Gay Group

Christian Gay Group
 Meetings: once a month
 \$: No membership fee.

Campaign Against Homophobia (KPH) Warsaw

ulica Woloska 58/62 apartment no. 5, 02-507 Warszawa
 Phone +48 22 423 64 38, Fax: +48 624 89 63
 (Trams 10, 17, 33 and busses 107, 117, 172, 192, 301)
 Email: Go online to send Email
 Web: Go online to visit this link
 Gay Group

Political lobbying, actions fighting discrimination and homophobia. KPH has several branches Warsaw, Cracow, Gdansk, Wroclaw, Lodz, Slask (Silesia Region).
 Regular meetings every first Wednesday of the month 18:20. More meetings but irregular.

ILGCN-Poland - International Lesbian & Gay Culture Network

ulica Powsinska 40/2, 02-903 Warszawa
 Phone +48 509 27 59 07
 Email: Go online to send Email
 Web: Go online to visit this link
 Gay Group

Main organiser of Equality Parade & Queer Culture Days (Polish Gay Pride)

Condoms & Lubricant

Condoms & Lubricant

Condoms are available in kiosks, sex shops and drugstores. Lubricants are available in drugstores and some sex shops.

AIDS

Anonymous and free HIV testing

Punkt anonimowe go i bezpłatne go testowania w kierunku HIV Wojewodzka stacja Sanitarno Epidemiologiczna (Anonymous and free HIV testing)

ulica Zelazna 79
Phone +48 22 620 35 28 & 652 90 01
Email: Go online to send Email
Web: Go online to visit this link
AIDS, Support

Review
Tuedays & Thursdays 4 pm till 6 pm
\$: Free of charge

Be with Us – Volunteers against AIDS

Badz z Nami – Stowarzyszenie Wolontariuszy Wobec AIDS (Be with Us – Volunteers against AIDS)

Aleje Jerozolimskie 31/2
Phone +48 22 622 50 01 - helpline 24 hours a day
Email: Go online to send Email
Web: Go online to visit this link
(Directions)
Gay, AIDS organization

Support groups and helpline for people with HIV and AIDS. Hospital care.
Mondays and Thursdays 10 am till 7 pm; Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 10 am till 1 pm, Saturdays 11 am till 5pm
\$: Free of charge

Events & Gay Pride

Special Events & Gay Pride Day Warsaw

The Gay Pride Warsaw is part of the Queer Culture Days. The 2005 event will be on June 10th, 11th and 12th. As soon as the program is known, we will publish it on this web site. Email: Go online to send Email and we will keep you informed as soon as the organizers let us know. We will publish the program here. See pictures 2003. See pictures 2004.

Events in Warsaw

Please inform me on special events during the time when I'll be in Warsaw

Cruising

Outdoor Cruising

Centralna railway station (WC)
The park area between Plac Trzech Krzyzy and ulica Ksiazeca at night at the back of National Museum & Polish Army Museum (AYOR)
ulica Zurawia between Krucza and Plac Trzech Krzyzy (male prostitutes only)
Park Skaryszewski-Praga (AYOR) - can be really dangerous after dark!

Sex Shops

Pink Shop I

Al. Jana Pawla II 46/48 - Pawilon 1A
Phone 636 40 73
Email: Go online to send Email
(3 stops from Central station with any tram or bus towards ,Zoliborz')
Sex shop Gay & Straight mixed, Videobothes

Pink Press runs several sex shops where all the gay video and printed titles are available: App. 200 gay video titles, dildos, anal balls, rings, condoms & lubricants, men's underwear, leather underwear.
Every day 10 am till 10 pm
\$: No cover charge or minimum consumption, Videobooth fees: Every 10 minutes 5 PLN

Pink Shop II

ulica Chmielna 104
Phone 654 16 68
Email: Go online to send Email
(100 meters from the Central Railway Station)
Sex shop Gay & Straight mixed

The first erotic supermarket in Poland. Wide range of gay videos and other articles: App. 200 gay video titles, dildos, anal balls, rings, condoms & lubricants, men's underwear, leather underwear. VHS cinema - on Sundays gay videos.
Every day 10 am till 10 pm, Movies are shown every 2 hours starting from 11 a.m.
\$: No cover charge or minimum consumption

Comment by Chichay Nikolai, who visited Warsaw in September 2004: I went to the Pink Shop near the central station and found out that they do not show any movies in their facility.

Escorts

Escorts

For info about escorts please Send Email

Laws

Laws in Poland

Age of consent for gay sex is 15 years for both, gays and straights. Prostitution is legal. No law regarding registered partnership for gay & lesbian couples. Adoption by gay or lesbian couples is not permitted.

No Longer Existing

Places that no longer exist

Do you have a printed guide and you are not sure if the listings are still up2date? Here is the list that helps to know where not to go. Our guide webpage is permanently updated.

Red Club, ulica Marszalkowska
Kozla Club, ulica Kozla
Rudawka, ulica Elblaska
Cafe Rose, ulica Swietokrzyska
Amigo, ulica Rozbrat
Pod Zubrem Restaurant, ulica Rozbrat 44 (not closed but gays do not go there anymore)
Pod Dwojka, ulica Marszalkowska
Iwan, ulica Foksal
Cafe Ewa, Plac Trzech Krzyzy
U Nowocina, ulica Krasinskie go
Masoneria, ulica Foksal
Na Trakcie, ulica Krakowskie Przedmiescie
Cafe Antyczna, Plac Trzech Krzyzy
Cafe Fiolka ulica Pulawska
Mykonos I & Delos, Al. Jana Pawla II
Mykonos II Walbrzyska Street (closed in September 2001)
Ambasador, Al. Ujazdowskie (not closed but gays do not go there anymore)
Alhambra Al. Jerozolimskie (not closed but gays do not go there anymore)
Queen Pub, ulica G. Morcinka
Queen Club ulica Zytnia 63

Sauna Grand Hotel ulica Krucza
Cruising: Public toilet at Plac Trzech Krzyzy not exists anymore.
Gejzer Magazin
Heaven Dance Club ulica Zelazna 69a (closed Oct 2002)
Lajkonik Plac Trzech Krzyzy 16 (closed early 2003)
Miami ulica Szpitalna 6 (closed early 2003)
Klub 69 ulica Piekna 28 (closed early 2003)
Wild ulica Wilcza 28 (closed early 2003)
Kabaret Violette & Jacqueline al. Ujazdowskie 6a (closed May 2003)
Play, Nowy Ewiat 23/25 (closed in July 2003)
Club Volcano, ul Zgoda 3 (closed in November 2003)
Pride Pride Society (email isnt working and webpage not updated since years)
Inferno, al. Ujazdowskie 6 (closed October 2003)
Santos, ulica Nowy Swiat 3 (closed mid 2004)
Selekcja (not gay anymore. We called and asked if they are at least gay friendly and the manager said no)
Stop Klatka, ulica Wspólna 27 (not gay anymore)
Amatorska(not gay anymore)

Countryside Guides

Guide for the Countryside

We will publish listings for other cities in Poland later. Please don't email us to ask. Thanks a lot for your patience.

Chorzow
Czestochowa
Elblag
Gdansk & Gdynia & Sopot
Katowice & Bedzin
Kielce
Krakow
Lublin
Lodz
Poznan
Szczecin
Tarnobrzeg
Torun
Wroclaw

News Letter & Mailing List

Gay Warsaw Newsletter

Mailings 4 Times per year. Keep informed about Gay Warsaw and this web site. It's free. Unsubscribe at any time.

To unsubscribe please send an empty email to warsaw@gayguide.net and type the word unsubscribe into the subject line.

Gay Warsaw Mailing List

Gay Warsaw Yahoo Group. Use this mailing list to introduce yourself to other users of this site and let others introduce themselves to you. Share info and experiences, and meet online before you possibly meet in Warsaw.

A mailing list is a forum where your emails will be sent to all members of the list and you receive a copy of every email sent by other members as long as you are subscribed. To avoid your getting spam emails, we moderate this list and delete all advertising mails before you get them. Attachments (e.g. pictures) are not allowed with this list. It's free. You can subscribe and unsubscribe whenever you like. Visit the groups page at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gay_warsaw

Links

Additional Gay and Lesbian Links

<http://gaystay.net/Friends/> : Friends Guest House Warsaw & Cracow
Gay Guide on Budapest : by GayGuide.Net
Gay Guide on Prague : by GayGuide.Net
Gay Guide on Cracow : by GayGuide.Net
Gay Guide on Sofia : by GayGuide.Net

General Tourist

Country Facts

Facts

Poland

Population 38,180,249 - whereof 1,689,559 in Warsaw (2004)

Capital city Warsaw

Initials PL

Area 312685 square km

Bordering countries Belarus, Czech Republic, Germany, Lithuania, Russia, Slovakia & Ukraine

Religion Roman Catholic & Eastern Orthodox & Protestant 95 percent, other 5 percent

Foreign Visitors 84.514.900 (2000)

GDP per CAPITA 8790 USD (1999), Average monthly salary 2289 PLN (2004)

Daylight Saving Time 26th of March til 29th of October

Time Central European Time (CET) = (GMT+1); Summer: GMT+2

Electricity 220 Volts AC, 50 Hertz, Two pin plug ins

Video system PAL/SECAM

International Access Code 00

International Country Code +48, Warsaw +48 22,

mobile phone codes +48 60, 66, 69, 88, and many more

Language Polish

Currency Polish Zloty - PLN - 100 Groszy is 1 Zloty. Banknotes: 10, 20, 50, 100 & 200. Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 & Groszy as well as 1, 2 and 5 Zloty.

Climate Continental, hot summers, cold winters.

Climate

Weather forecast for Warsaw

Time

Central European Time (CET). Normally GMT + 1 hour except from the last Sunday in March until the last Sunday in October (summer time counting) GMT + 2 hours.

Money

Poland is European Union Member since 2004 May 1st, but that does NOT mean that Euro is used. It will take a few years until there will be an referendum about the Euro in Poland and only if the majority is voting for it the Euro will come. United Kingdom and Sweden are EU members, but voted against the Euro and will keep the local currency.

You will get the best change rates if you use credit cards at ATMs in Warsaw. But if you want to change cash you may do that at airports, banks and exchange offices (,Kantor'). Kantors offer usually a better rate than banks (Kantors don't charge a fee, don't require any paperwork) - except the Kantors at the airport or at train stations. Avoid them if possible. Do not buy polish currency abroad. That's too expensive. We advise not to take the risk of changing money in the street: you may receive counterfeit money and such transactions are ille gal.

If you choose to change at the border you can exchange an unlimited amount of most currencies but beware that not all border crossings supply this service and when they do, the rates tend to be poor. Unless you need cash urgently, go to a kantor downtown.

Credit Cards & Traveler checks & Money Transfer

Visa, Euro/Mastercard, Diners Club are widely accepted. American Express is only accepted by ,Millenium bankomats. At some shops it may take ages to process the transaction.

You may use traveler's checks. Traveler's checks can be exchanged at the larger hotels (commission, for guests only) or at Banks like Pekao, PKO or NBP (fee of 1 up to 3 percent for processing it plus paperwork). Only at the American Express office it's free of charge and the rate is OK. (ulica Sienna 39 - next to ulica Emilii Plater - Phone 581 51 00 Mon-Fri 9 am till 6 pm).

If you need to send or receive cash to or from abroad you may use <http://www.westernunion.com>.

ATMs

ATM are called ,Bankomat' in Poland. There are a lot everywhere in Warsaw. The exchange rate is the best you can get.

Bank accounts for foreign currencies

There are many banks - all of the banks run accounts in foreign currencies.

National Holidays

1st of January, New Year
Easter Monday
1st of May, Labour Day
3rd of May Constitution Day (1791)
14th of June Corpus Christi
15th of August Assumption
1st of November All Saints Day
11th of November Independence Day (1918)
25th of December Xmas
26th of December Boxing Day

Travel to Hungary

Entry & Visa & Custom

In every case ask the Polish Embassy in your country to verify the latest requirements re garding visas ! It depends on your citizenship how you can cross the border of Poland.

No visa required: The list below indicates all countries where Poland has a non visa agreement. If you hold the citizenship of one of these countries you do not need to apply for a visa in advance. Just show your passport at the boarder (with some countries only your ID is required). The date indicates when the agreement came into force.

Andorra 08.04.1991 up to 90 days
 Argentina 22.11.1990 up to 90 days
 Austria 01.09.1991 up to 90 days
 Belarus 13.12.1979 (tourist trips passport & voucher; private trips passport and invitation; business trips passport with ,ab' stamp.)
 Belgium 08.04.1991 up to 90 days
 Bolivia 29.04.1994 up to 90 days
 Brazil 14.07.1999 up to 90 days
 Bulgaria 08.06.1965 up to 30 days
 Chile 24.02.1995 up to 90 days
 Croatia 08.12.1992 up to 90 days
 Costa Rica 08.07.1992 up to 90 days
 Cuba 27.01.1979 up to 90 days
 Cyprus 27.10.1992 up to 90 days
 Czech Republic 28.05.1991 up to 90 days
 Denmark 01.03.1991 up to 90 days
 Ecuador 04.03.1999 up to 90 days
 Estonia 26.02.1993 up to 30 days
 Finland 01.05.1991 up to 90 days
 France 08.04.1991 up to 90 days
 Germany 08.04.1991 up to 90 days
 Greece 24.06.1995 up to 90 days
 Honduras 11.01.1994 up to 90 days
 Hungary 08.10.1991 up to 90 days
 Ireland 20.11.1992 up to 90 days
 Island 01.07.1992 up to 90 days
 Israel 29.12.1999 up to 90 days
 Italy 08.04.1991 up to 90 days
 Japan 14.02.1999 up to 90 days
 Korea South 24.12.1993 up to 90 days
 Latvia 17.12.1992 up to 90 days
 Liechtenstein 03.09.1991 up to 90 days
 Lithuania 07.05.1993 up to 90 days
 Luxembourg 09.04.1991 up to 90 days
 Macedonia 02.08.1963 up to 30 days
 Malaysia 24.05.1998 up to 90 days
 Malta 01.05.1991 up to 90 days
 Mexico 08.06.1999 up to 90 days
 Monaco 08.04.1991 up to 90 days
 Netherlands 08.04.1991 up to 90 days
 Nicaragua 10.02.1995 up to 90 days

Norway 15.04.1991 up to 90 days
 Portugal 30.06.1993 up to 90 days
 Rumania 28.06.1971 up to 30 days

Russia 13.12.1979 (tourist trips passport & voucher; private trips passport and invitation; business trips passport with ,ab' stamp.)

San Marino 18.01.1991 up to 90 days
 Singapore 02.09.1999 up to 30 days
 Slovakia 28.05.1991 up to 90 days
 Slovenia 15.12.1992 up to 90 days
 Spain 31.01.1994 up to 90 days
 Sweden 01.06.1991 up to 90 days
 Switzerland 03.09.1991 up to 90 days
 Ukraine 17.08.1997 up to 90 days
 United Kingdom 01.07.1992 up to 180 days
 Uruguay 02.09.1991 up to 90 days
 USA 15.04.1991 up to 90 days

A tourist visa is valid for the time listed. If you want to stay longer you have to apply for a visa before the period expires. Besides the paperwork (forms in Polish only), you'll need two photos, a passport that is valid at least 9 months and a good reason for staying. The cost varies depending on the type of visa you'd like. Apply at the Urząd Wojewódzki, Wydział Spraw Obywatelskich, Oddział d/s Cudzoziemców (Phone +48 22 625 59 04) located on ulica Krucza 5/11.

Visa required You have to apply for a visa if you are a citizen of a country that is not listed above. Just contact the next Polish embassy for details re garding the procedure.

Airlines

Discount airlines flying into and from Warsaw are Centralwings www.centralwings.com (Flights from/to Bologna, Catania, Gerona/Barcelona, Hanover, Lisbon, London Gatwick, Malaga, Malta, Nuremberg, Prague, Rome, Tenerife); Skyeurope, www.skyeurope.com (Flights from/to Amsterdam, Bratislava, Rome, Kosice, London, Paris, Vienna); Easyjet www.easyjet.com (Flights from/to London); Germanwings www.germanwings.com (Flights from/to Cologne, Stuttgart); Wizz Air www.wizzair.com (Flights from/to Barcelona, Brussels, Dortmund, Frankfurt, Liverpool, London Luton, Malmo, Paris, Stockholm)

The Warsaw-Okęcie International Airport is Warsaw's main airport, located 10 kilometers (six miles) south of the city centre. Phone +48 22 650 4140 (information) or 3943 (departures) or 4220 (arrivals). Web site: <http://www.polish-airports.com>.

Aeroflot - al. Jerozolimskie 29, Phone +48 22 628 25 57, 628 17 10, 621 16 11 Web site <http://www.aeroflot.com>

Air Algerie - Phone +48 22 650 25 12, 846 70 46

Air France - ulica Krucza 21, Phone +48-22 628 12 81, 628 12 83, 650 45 08, 650 45 09 Web site <http://www.airfrance.com>

Air Moldova Phone +48 22 650 40 25

Air Ukraine - Mokotowska 27/5, Phone +48 22 622 03 50, 650 40 60

Alitalia - ulica Moliera 8, Phone +48-22 826 28 01, 827 40 14, 846 78 46 Web site <http://www.alitalia.com>

American Airlines - al. Ujazdowskie 20, Phone +48-22 625 30 02, 625 05 60, 625 04 67, Web site <http://www.aa.com>

Austrian Airlines - ulica Zlota 44/46 or Sienna 39 Phone +48-22 627 52 90, 627 52 92, 627 52 91, 650 35 16, 650 35 18, Web site <http://www.aa.com>

Balkan - Bulgarian Airlines - Marszalkowska 83, Phone +48 22 621 12 78, 650 45 13

Air Baltic Phone +48 22 650 41 21, 650 31 21

Belavia - Belarussian Airlines Phone +48 22 650 23 14

British Airways - ulica Krucza 49, Phone +48-22 529 90 00, 628 94 31, 628 39 91 Web site <http://www.britishairways.com>

BD British Midland Phone +48 22 650 36 56-57 Web site <http://www.flybmi.com/>

Czech Airlines Hotel Sobieski Pl. A. Zawiszy 1, Phone +48 22 659 67 99, 650 45 14

Israel Airlines Al. Jerozolimskie 65/69, Phone +48 22 630 66 16, 630 66 18, 830 09 56

Eurolot - 17 Stycznia 39 Phone +48 22 606 62 64

Finnair - al. Jerozolimskie 81, Phone +48-22 695 08 11, Web site <http://www.finnair.fi>

KLM Krzywickie go 34 Phone +48 22622 80 00, 650 45 15

TE Lithuanian Airlines Phone +48 22 650 26 46, 650 26 47

LOT Polish Airlines - al. Jerozolimskie 65/79, Phone +48-22 952, 953, 628 75 80, Info line 0801 300 952, 0800 22 59 59, Web site <http://www.lot.com>

Lufthansa - ulica Nowy Swiat 19, Phone +48-22 826 15 01, fax +48-22 826 53 39, Web site <http://www.lufthansa.com>

Malev - ulica Jana Pawla II 15, Phone +48-22 697 74 72, 697 74 74 Web site <http://www.malev.hu>

Sabena Królewska 11, Phone +48 22 627 02 30/31

SAS - ulica Nowy Swiat 18/19, Phone +48-22 826 12 11/826 12 12, 650 45 10 Web site <http://www.scandinavian.net>

Tarom - Romanian Air Marszalkowska 84/92 Phone +48 22 629 90 98, 621 72 93

Tunis Air Oeiętokrzyska 36/34, Phone +48 22 652 04 92/93

Airport Transfer

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Or buy a phone card at the newspaper kiosk and call 9644 (Wawa taxi). There should be an English operator. Ask for the taxi to come to Odloty (departures) upstairs. The taxi normally comes in 10 minutes and you will have to give your name to the driver to confirm he was ordered for you. Or, if the kiosks are closed, go upstairs to departures and try to get a taxi there. Never take a taxi not displaying a corporation name & a phone number. A ride into town will cost between 20 and 35 PLN depending on the tariff (50% extra evenings and public holidays). You must have polish currency to pay them. Taxis don't carry much change so try to have 50 PLN note. Never let a taxi driver drive you un-metered.

It's cheaper to take a bus. But be warned of a high number of thieves in these busses! The local buses 175, 188, or the night line 611 will bring you to and from the central train station (Dworzec Centralny) for the cost of a ticket for yourself and one for your luggage. The bus stop is at Aleje Jerozolimskie on the Station side, not on Mariott hotel side (see the public transport chapter).

There is no Airport Shuttle.

Trains

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Busses

Busses from abroad arrive and depart from central train station Centralna or from Warszawa Zachodnia (West station). From Zachodnia you may take the public Buses 127, 130, 508, 517, 523, 605 and E5 to the center. Bus companies that operate routes to and from Warsaw are <http://www.comfort.com.pl>, <http://www.eurolines.com>, <http://www.busnet.pl> and others.

Ships

If you would like to go for a sightseeing by ship or bus, please ask for information at the Tourist Information offices listed above.

Cars

You can rent a car Warsaw right now: [Click here for our Online Car Reservation Service.](#)

Speed limit inside Warsaw is 50 km/per hour.
Speed limit in other urban areas is 60 km/per hour.
Speed limit outside urban areas is 90 km/per hour.
Speed limit on dual carriage ways is 110 km/per hour.
Speed limit on motor ways is 130 km/per hour.
Seat belts obligatory, Mobile Phone usage forbidden.
First aid kit & warning triangle & fire extinguisher obligatory.
Limit for alcohol is 0.2 percent blood/alcohol level.
Penalties are 70 PLN for missing seat belt, 100 PLN for mobile phone usage and 500 PLN for exceeding the speed limit.
Foreigners can drive with the licence of their home country up to six month after entering the country.
For road emergency call 981.

Parking meters are in the center of Warsaw everywhere: The standard rate is 0.6 PLN for 30 minutes parking. 2 PLN for one hour. 4.60 PLN for two hours and 31.80 PLN for a whole day's parking. Mostly it's needed to pay only during the daytime: Mondays til Fridays from 8 am til 6 pm & Saturdays from 8 am til 3 pm. Sundays it's free all the day.

Left Luggage

Public left luggage facilities are located at the main Station, Warszawa Centralna. Open 24 hours. Fees: ?

Travel in Budapest

Map of Budapest

Warsaw is divided by the river Vistula (Wisla). The city consists of 17 districts. The most central district is 'Srodmiestcie'. The districts are Bielany, Zoliborz, Wola, Bemowo, Ochota, Ursus, Wlochy, Srodmiestcie, Mokotow, Ursynow, Wilanow, Praga Polnoc, Praga Poludnie, Bialoleka, Targowek, Wawer and Wesola.

Public Transport

Warsaw has one metro line (connects the southern suburbs with the northern area through the city centre), a few tram lines and a lot of public busses. Trams and busses operate from 5 am until 11 pm; the metro until midnight. At night several bus routes depart at Central station every 30 minutes between 11:15 pm and 4:45 am. Routes for each

line and the timetable are at every stop. Tickets are valid on all forms of public transport. Like phone cards these can be bought at the green kiosks (there is one at the airport) and at post offices at the daytime. They are closed at night. There are a few automatic ticket machines, but not many in Warsaw.

The Municipal Transport Board (ZTM) operates the bus and tram network (Info hotline +48 22 9484 (24h). See their web page at <http://www.ztm.waw.pl> There is also a web page of Warsaw's Metro <http://www.metro.waw.pl/>.

Tickets:

One day ticket („bilet dzienny”). Just stamp it once in the machines on the bus or tram and it's valid all day. 9.60 PLN.

A stretch ticket („bilet normalny”). This is just valid for the vehicle on which you travel. If you change vehicles, you need to use another ticket. Luggage is free. The fare for night buses is 4.80 PLN, and the ticket can be bought directly from the driver. But they don't speak english. You should prepare the right amount so he will know what ticket you need. Or you ask a young passenger to help you to buy the ticket. Polish people usually are very helpful and want to try their English skills.

Tickets for a week, month or 6 month: You'll get them at the ZTM Transport Authority (ulica Senatorska 37 or plac Unii Lubelskiej, open from 7:30 am till 3 pm). A passport-size photo will be needed for 1-6 month passes. One week pass costs 32 PLN, One Month pass costs 102 PLN. Three month pass 263 PLN. All Tariffs: Visit this link

You validate a ticket by inserting it into a big yellow plastic machine in trams or busses, or in the metro before you go downstairs.

Taxis

In the city: The first kilometre usually costs 5.00 PLN or 6.00 PLN, thereafter between 1.30 and 2.00 PLN - depending on the cab company. Rates go up to 4.00 PLN after 10 pm and at weekends. There is no baggage charge. You should take only cabs with the phone number on the top of the car and advertising on the side of the car. Make sure that the meter is running and the correct fare is displayed. In Warsaw, you should see 5.00 or 6.00 PLN at the start of your trip, a ,1' if it is between 6 am and 10 pm or a ,2' (fare is 50% higher) for the time between 10 pm and 6 am. Tarif 2 also applies for trips outside the city limits, on Sundays, and holidays.

Bayer Taxis Phone 96 67 - per kilometer 1.30 PLN
Bialy Taxi Phone 96 68
BT Taxi Phone 622 2222
Ele Taxi Phone 811 1111

Euro Taxi Phone 96 62
Halo Taxi Phone 96 23
Merc Taxi Phone 677 77 77
MPT Phone 919
Nowa Taxi Phone 96 87
OK Taxi Phone 96 28
Radio Plus Taxi Phone 96 21
Sawa Taxi Phone 644 44 44
Super Taxi Phone 96 22
Wawa Taxi Phone 96 44 - per kilometer 1.40 PLN

Rent a Car

Go online to rent a car in Budapest

Lost and Found (Public Transport)

Biuro Rzeczy Znalezionych ulica Florianska 10a Phone +48 22 619 56 68

Communication

Telecom & Internet

You'll find yellow pages for Poland at www.polandbusiness.com.pl. Entries with email/web addresses are listed first, other phone-only listings follow. There is also a ,White Pages', but it is only a web-based self-listing one, not a normal phone book.

Most of the public phones operate with phone cards that are available at newsstand kiosks. Cards have 25 or 50 or units for 7.50 or 15 or 30 PLN. 1 unit allows a 3 min local call inside Warsaw. A three minute call to New York will use up app. 100 units. Once you have bought your card you need to activate it by snapping off the perforated corner. Phoning is cheaper in Poland by landline phones than by cell phone.

Important phone numbers

Police: 997
Fire and Emergency: 998
Ambulance: 999
Phone Directory Poland:
Phone Directory International:
Overseas Operator: 901
Domestic Operator: 900
Directory Assistance: 118913
Tourist information 9431
Information about Warsaw's life and culture 9461
Train information 9436

Long Distance Calls

Inside Poland dial 0 and wait. When you hear a tone dial the area code and the number. For international calls dial 0 and wait. When you hear a second tone dial the country code, and then the rest of the number. If you call Poland from the US, dial 011 first, then 48 for Poland, regional code (e.g. 22 for Warsaw), and then the phone number.

Area Codes. After +48 dial: Biala Podlaska (57) Bialystok (85) Bielsko Biala (33) Bydgoszcz (52) Chelm (82) Ciechanow (23) Czestochowa (34) Elblag (55) Gorzow Wielkopolski (95) Jelenia Gora (75) Kalisz (62) Katowice (32) Kielce (41) Konin (63) Koszalin (94) Cracow (12) Krosno (13) Legnica (76) Leszno (65) Lublin (81) Lomza (68) Lodz (42) Nowy Sacz (18) Olsztyn (89) Opole (77) Ostroleka (29) Pila (67) Piotrkow Trybunalski (44) Plock (24) Przemysl (10) Radom (48) Rzeszow (17) Siedlce (25) Sieradz (43) Skierniewice (46) Slupsk (59) Suwalki (87) Szczecin (97) Tarnobrzeg (15) Tarnow (14) Torun (56) Walbrzych (74) Warsaw (22) Wloclawek (54) Wroclaw (71) Zamosc (84) Zielona Gora (68)

Faxes

Public fax station at the central post office, see above.

International direct access providers

AT&T World Connect Service: 00 800 111 11 11

MCI WorldPhone Service: 00 800 111 21 22

Sprint: 00 800 111 31 15

Australia Direct: 00 800 611 11 61

Canada Direct: 00 800 111 41 18

France: 00 800 xxxxxxx

Germany Direct: 00 800 491 11 49

UK: 00 800 xxxxxxx

Mobile phones

In Poland, the GSM 900 Mhz mobile phone network is operating. Mobile phone numbers consist of ten digits start with either 05, 06 or 09. When calling from abroad, dial Poland's international access code (48) followed by the mobile number without the initial 0.

All providers sell mobile phones without subscriptions and with a prepaid card system. You buy the phone and you may recharge your account at any time. That's more expensive than a regular subscription, but a regular subscription is available only for 1 or 2 years minimum.

Providers are:

Centertel - ulica Panska 57/61, Phone +48 22 656 15 54;

Al. Niepodleglosci 24/30, Phone +48 22 853 34 15.

Mondays till Fridays 8 am till 8 pm, Saturdays 10 am till 4 pm. www.idea.pl

Era GSM - Al. Jerozolimskie 181,

Phone +48 22 573 60 00,

Mondays till Fridays 8 am till 6 pm. www.eragsm.pl

Plus GSM - Al. Jerozolimskie 81, Phone +48 22 607 17 67, Mondays till Fridays 8 am till 8 pm, Saturdays 10 am till 2 pm. www.plusgsm.pl

Internet

If you bring your own laptop with modem to Poland, and you want to be connected to the internet the Polish Telecom offers free internet access throughout Poland. Just dial 0202122 anywhere in Poland and use the password ppp. The charge is just like a local phone call: About 4 PLN per hour. If you get tired of a slow connection there are several access ISPs that charge a monthly fee additional to the phone call fees. If you stay long term a DSL line is the best, fastest and cheapest solution.

Internet cafés

Cyberland - www.cyberland.com.pl 24 hours ! ulica Walbrzyska 11, Phone +48 22 549 92 76

Casablanca - www.casablanca.com.pl

DI Cybercafe - www.pdi.net/cybercafe

Language & Dictionary

If you do not know what it means ... use a free online dictionary (interactive)

Translations & Interpreter

If you need a text to be translated or an interpreter for meetings let us know and we will try to find someone who is available.

Foreign Language Media

The Warsaw Voice - www.warsawvoice.pl Weekly English paper.

Warsaw Business Journal

Polish Business News

Warsaw Insider - Monthly printed guide

Welcome to Warsaw

Le Courier de Varsovie - French

Radio & TV

English language TV channels are available through cable (subscription needed). Radio Program V broadcasts English programs on Saturday (95.25 FM). At www.mediapoland.com you can listen & watch to Polish radio & TV stations via Internet.

Useful Addresses

Embassies

Afghanistan - ulica Nobla 3, 03-930 Warszawa
Phone 617 31 73

Albania - ulica Sloneczna 15, 00-789 Warszawa Phone
849 84 27 Fax 848 40 04
Email alb@atos.warman.com.pl

Algeria - ulica Dabrowiecka 21, 03-932 Warszawa Phone
617 58 55, 617 59 31 Fax 616 00 81
Email ambalgva@zigzag.pl

Angola * - ulica Balonowa 20, 02-635 Warszawa Phone
646 35 29, 646 72 72 Fax 3912 19 46
Email embaixada@emb-angola.pl

Argentina - ulica Jana Styki 17/19, 03-928 Warszawa
Phone 617 60 28-29 Fax 617 71 62
Email secons@ikp.atm.com.pl

Armenia - ulica Woziwody 15, 02-908 Warszawa
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Australia Webpage - ulica Nowogrodzka 11 00-513
Warszawa Phone +48 22 521 34 32
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Austria - ulica Gagarina 34, 00-748 Warszawa Phone
841 00 81-84, 841 41 46, 841 87 35 Fax 841 00 85
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Bangladesh * - ulica Rejtana 15 m. 20/21, 02-516
Warszawa Phone 848 06 37, 848 32 00 Fax 848 49 74
Email bangla@it.com.pl

Belarus - ulica Atenska 67, 03-978 Warszawa
Phone 617 32 12, 617 84 41, 617 23 91 Fax 617 84 41

Belgium * - ulica Senatorska 34, 00-095 Warszawa
Phone 827 02 33-34, 828 62 11 Fax 828 57 11
Email ambabel.warsaw@pol.pl

Brazil - ulica Poselska 11, 03-931 Warszawa
Phone 617 48 00 Fax 617 86 89
Email polbrem@polbrem.it.pl

Ireland - Al. Róż 1, 00-556 Warszawa
Phone 628 10 01-05 Fax 621 71 61

Bulgaria - Al. Ujazdowskie 33/35, 00-540 Warszawa
Phone 629 40 71-75, 625 71 71 Fax 628 22 71
Email office@bgemb.com.pl

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22 848 26 00, Fax +48 22 848 75 80.
Email wawamb@wawamb.um.dk

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Ecuador - Webpage ulica Rejtana 15 m.15, 02-516
Warszawa Phone 848 72 30 Fax 848 81 96
Email webmast@mrrree.gov.ec

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646 44 80, Fax +48 22 646 44 81
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France - ulica Pulawska 17, V, VIII i IX pietro, 02-515
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Email presse@ambafrance.org.pl

Germany * - ulica Dabrowiecka 30, 03-932 Warszawa
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Email zre_g@wars.auswaertiges-amt.de

Greece * - Webpage - ulica Górnoslaska 35, 00-432
Warszawa Phone 622 94 60, 622 94 61 Fax 622 94 64
Email embassy@greece.pl

Hungary * - ulica Chopina 2, 00-559 Warszawa Phone
628 44 51-55 Fax 621 85 61 Email varsnk@2a.pl

India * - ulica Rejtana 15 m. 2-7, 02-516 Warszawa
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Indonesia - ulica Estonska 3/5, 03-903 Warszawa
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Israel - Webpage - ulica Krzywickie go 24, 02-078
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Japan * - Webpage - ulica Szwolęzerów 8, 00-464
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Kongo - ulica Staroscinska 1 m. 20, 02-516 Warszawa
Phone 848 76 40 Fax 848 48 94

Korea - ulica Bobrowiecka 1 A, 00-728 Warszawa
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Korea - ulica Ignace go Krasickie go 25, 02-611
Warszawa Phone 848 33 37, 848 40 75, 848 34 09
Fax 844 69 50

Laos - ulica Rejtana 15 m. 26, 02-516 Warszawa Phone
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Sweden * - Webpage - ulica Bagatela 3, 00-585
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Email ambassaden.warszawa@foreign.ministry.se

Switzerland * - Al. Ujazdowskie 27, 00-540 Warszawa
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849 14 56, 848 91 78, 848 48 09 Fax 849 18 47

Thailand - ulica Willowa 7, 00-790 Warszawa Phone
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*) The embassy replied in August 2001 to confirm that the details are correct.

Health

Pharmacies

If not otherwise mentioned the following pharmacies have open 24 hours.

Apteka - al. Jerozolimskie 54 (Central Rail Station), Phone +48-22 825 69 86

Apteka - ulica Pulawska 39, Phone +48-22 849 37 57

Apteka - ulica Lubelska 1, Phone +48-22 818 65 13

Apteka Beata - al. Solidarnosci 149, Phone +48-22 620 08 18

Apteka - ulica Wilcza 31, Phone +48-22 622 89 71

Apteka - ulica Zeromskie go 13, Phone +48-22 854 58 04

Hospitals & Doctors

Warsaw Private Clinics and Hospitals Medicover - ulica Hoza 50 Phone +48 22 622 74 55 Emergency: 9677

American Medical Center - ulica Wilcza 23/29 Phone +48 22 622 04 89

Damian Clinic and Hospital - ulica Walbrzyska 46 Phone +48 22 644 33 13

Lux-Med Clinic - ulica Raclawicka 132b Phone +48 22 646 99 99

Hospital of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare - ulica Emilii Plater 18 Phone +48 22 621 31 76

Children's Health Centre - Memorial Hospital Al. Dzieci Polskich 20 Phone +48 22 15 74 44

Embassy Clinics German Embassy Medical Center - ulica Katowicka 31 Phone +48 22 617 30 21

British Embassy Medical Center - al. Roz 1 Phone +48 22 628 10 01

Warsaw Dentists Eurodental - ulica Nowowiejska 37 tel. 258 29 99 & ulica Sniadeckich 14 Phone +48 22 625 78 00

Vita-Dent - ulica Grzybowska 22 Phone +48 22 620 63 65

Austria-Dent - ulica Zelazna 54 Phone +48 22 654 21 16

Shopping

Opening hours

Many shops have open 24 hours. Watch out for 'nonstop', or '24 godz.' or 'cala doba'. Normal opening hours general 10 am till 7 pm, Food 7 am till 8 pm, Supermarkets 6 till 10 pm.

Tax-free shopping

There are three classes of VAT in Poland: 22 percent, 7 percent and 0 percent. Eg alcohol in a restaurant has 22 percent VAT. Books, taxis and education has 0 percent. Information on Tax-free Shopping at:

Global Refund Poland - ulica Swieradowska 44 B 02-662 Warszawa Phone +48 22 853 37 55/56/5758, Fax +48 22 853 37 61 Web page: <http://www.globalrefund.pl/uk/index0.html>

Postal Service

The Polish Post has a official web page: <http://www.poczta-polska.pl/>. To post a normal size letter (114x162 mm, 110x220 mm) up to 20 grams inside Poland costs 1 PLN; to a European country 2.10 PLN; USA & Canada 2.30; Australia 3.10 PLN. A postcard costs the same like a normal size letter.

Central Post Office - Urzad Pocztowy Warszawa 1 - ulica Swietokrzyska 31/33, Phone +48 22 826 60 01. 24 hours. The only post office in Warsaw that is open on Sunday. Postal services, phone calls, faxes, tele grams.

Post Office Warszawa 120 - Central Train Station, Phone +48 22 825 44 16. Mondays till Fridays 8 am til 8 pm, Saturdays 8 am till 2 pm. Sundays closed.

Post Office Warszawa 19 - Okęcie International Airport, Terminal 1, Phone +48 22 846 06 86. Mondays till Fridays 8 am til 8 pm, Saturdays 8 am till 2 pm. Sundays closed.

DHL - <http://www.dhl.pl>

Stolica - <http://www.stolica.pl>

TNT - <http://www.tnt.com>

UPS - <http://www.ups.com>

Laundry

Alba - ulica Chmielna 26, Phone +48-22 827 45 10; ulica Senatorska 22, Phone +48-22 827 64 80. Open 8 am till 7 pm, Saturdays 9 am till 2 pm. Sundays closed.

Perfect Clean - ulica Grójecka 19/25, Phone +48-22 822 24 76. Open 9 am till 7 pm.

Museums & Galleries

Opening hours of museums and galleries ...
 Adam Mickiewicz Museum of Literature
 Museum of Archeology
 Museum of Asia and Pacific
 The Caricature Museum
 Center for Contemporary Art
 Chopin Museum
 Zelazowa Wola: Chopin's Birthplace
 Museum of Ethnography
 Hunting and Horseriding Museum
 Museum of Independence
 John Paul II Collection Museum
 Jewish Historical Institute Museum
 Museum of Leather Crafts
 Maria Curie Sklodowska Museum
 Paderewski Museum
 Pawiak Prison Museum
 Poster Museum
 Railway Museum
 Royal Castle
 Royal Lazienki
 Warsaw Historical Museum
 Wilanow Palace Museum

Tourist Information

You can go to several tourist information offices. Or you call +48 22 94 31 for advice.

Warszawskie Centrum Informacji Turystycznej - Plac Zamkowy 1/13, Phone +48 22 635 18 81 & 831 04 64. Mondays till Fridays 9 am till 6 pm, Saturdays 10 am till 6 pm, Sundays 11 am till 6p.

MSI - Plac Defilad 1 (Palace of Culture & Science, PKiN), Phone +48 22 656 68 54. Daily 9 am till 6pm.

Warsaw Tourist Office - ulica Kopernika 30, Phone +48 22 826 07 88. 8 am till 6 pm / Rynek Stare go Miasta (Historical Museum of the City of Warsaw). 10 am till 6 pm / Al. Jerozolimskie 54 (Central Station). 8 am till 6 pm. ulica Zwirki i Wigury 1 (Warsaw Airport). 8 am till 6 pm / Al. Jerozolimskie 144 (Warsaw Zachodnia Coach Station). 9 am till 6 pm.

Links

Links

<http://www.metro.waw.pl/> : Metro in Poland
<http://www.ztm.waw.pl> : Municipal Transport
<http://gayguide.net/Europe/Poland/Hotels/> : Hotels in other cities in Poland
<http://cars.gayguide.net/> : Rent a car in Warsaw
<http://bahn.hafas.de/bin/query.exe/en> : Rail Schedules
<http://www.pkp.com.pl> : Polish Rail Company
<http://www.warsawvoice.pl/> : The Warsaw Voice
<http://www.mediapoland.com/> : Polish Media on Internet