#### WSEAS-NAUN Conference Guide

<u>Conference Location:</u> Gdańsk University of Technology



Address: Narutowicza Street 11/12, 80-233 Gdańsk, Poland Tel: +48 58 347 20 42 Email: visitgut@pg.gda.pl URL: <u>http://www.pg.gda.pl/en/</u>

#### How to get to Gdansk

Air: Gdansk airport (GDN) is an international airport located west northwest of Gdańsk and not far from the city centres of the Tricity metropolitan area: Gdańsk 12km (7.5 mi), Sopot 10km (6.2 mi) and Gdynia 23km (14 mi).

The following airlines operate service to/from the airport:

- Air Berlin (Berlin),
- Eurolot (Amsterdam, Bremen, Brussels, Dubrovnik, Hamburg, Helsinki Kraków, Lublin, Milan, Poprad, Split, Wrocław, Zadar, Zurich)
- Lufthansa (Frankfurt, Munich, Düsseldorf),
- LOT (Warsaw, Frankfurt
- Norwegian (Oslo-Gardermoen),
- Ryanair (Alicante, Barcelona-Girona, Birmingham, Bremen, Bristol, Cork, Leeds Bradford, Dublin, Edinburgh, Eindhoven, Frankfurt-Hahn, London-Stansted, Manchester, Oslo-Rygge, Weeze),
- Scandinavian Airlines (Copenhagen, Oslo-Gardermoen),
- Wizz Air (Barcelona, Bergen, Cologne/Bonn, Cork, Doncaster/Sheffield, Dortmund, Eindhoven, Glasgow-Prestwick, Liverpool, London-Luton, Hamburg-Lübeck, Haugesund-Helganes, Malmö-Sturup, Milan-Orio al Serio, Oslo-Torp, Trondheim-Værnes, Paris-Beauvais, Rome-Fiumicino, Stockholm-Skavsta, Turku)

#### Visa:

Before you start planning your travel to Gdansk you should visit the following web page to see if you need to get a visa. For more details:

http://www.msz.gov.pl/en/travel\_to\_poland/visa/

# **Gdansk Lech Walesa Airport**

Tel: +48 525 673 531 Address: ul. Słowackiego 200, 80-298 Gdańsk URL: <u>www.airport.gdansk.pl</u>

#### **By Public Transportation:**

The simplest way to reach Hilton Hotel from Rebiechowo airport by public transport is to enter **BUS 210** at **Port Lotniczy** bus stop. **BUS 210** is heading to Gościnna bus stop. Tickets can be acquired from driver. After **about 35 min** is necessary to get of bus at **Dworzec Główny** (City Main Train Depot) bus stop or **Brama Wyżynna** bus stop. There is about **2 km** to Hilton Hotel located by address **Targ Rybny 1**. Straight line distance from airport to Hilton Hotel: about 22 km. (map 1)

How to get to the university from the hotel:

To reach GUT from Hilton Hotel is necessary to enter Tram 6, 9, 11 or 12 at Dworzec Główny (City Main Train Depot) tram stop. Train 6 is heading Jelitkowo, train 9 is heading Strzyża, train 11 is heading Zaspa, and train 12 is heading Oliwa. Politechnika Gdańska (Gdańsk University of Technology) is the 6<sup>th</sup> tram stop. Tram stop Opera Batycka or Miszewskiego are also convenient to reach GUT. Alternative way is to enter **SKM Train** at Dworzec Główny (City Main Train Depot). To reach GUT is necessary to get of train at Gdańsk Politechnika train station (2<sup>nd</sup> stop).Straight line distance from Hilton Hotel to Gdańsk University of Technology: about 6,5 km.

#### Kindly see map 2

Warning: SKM Train tickets should be bought and validated before entering train!

**SKM** operates frequent service between Gdansk and Sopot and Gdynia, 35 minutes away. These trains are located on the right side when entering the station. Tickets may be bought from a vending machine at the platform or from a ticket office in the subway below (access from the street or from the SKM platforms). Never enter these trains without a valid ticket and remember to validate your ticket before getting on the train as ticket controls checking passengers tickets are frequent.

Tickets fare (buses and trams): Single fare ticket (night lines, rapid lines, special and regular lines) 4.20 PLN, Reduced price 2.10 PLN

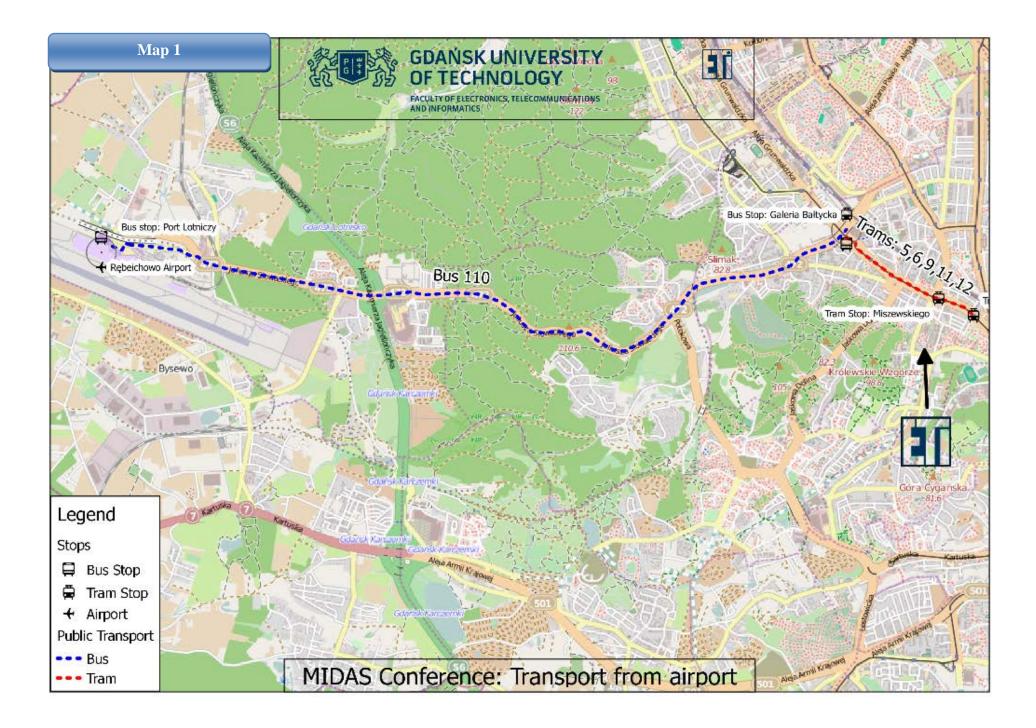
Single fare ticket (regular lines) 3.20 PLN, Reduced price 1.60 PLN

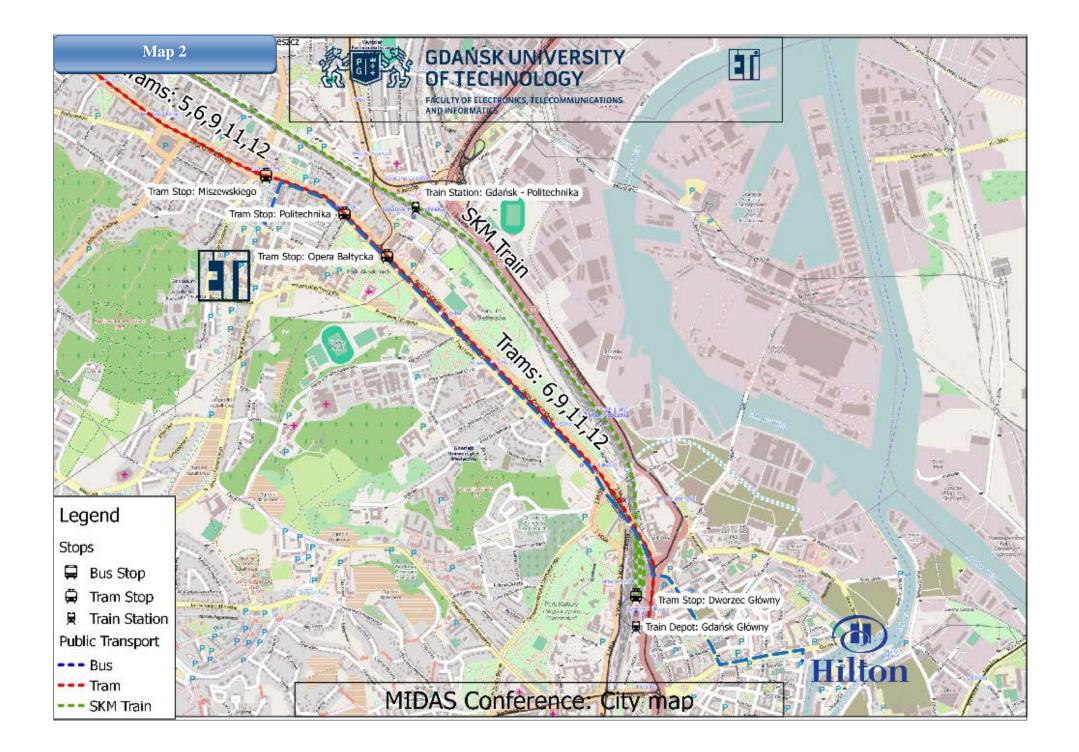
24-hour ticket (railway and public transport of all operators) 20 PLN Reduced price, 10 PLN

72-hour ticket (railway and public transport of all operators) 40 PLN Reduced price, 20 PLN

For more information:

http://www.mzkzg.org/?subpage=pod&art=35&op=,,,#2





#### By bus

**Bus 110 & Route B** connect passengers from the airport to Wrzeszcz train station and the city centre 35-50min away. The fare is PLN3 if a ticket is bought from a news stand or *Bilety* shop, and PLN3.40 if the ticket is bought from the driver. Although the ticket has a picture of a tram on it, it is also valid for the bus. Make sure to get on in the right direction at the airport, because the bus goes in two directions from there. On the way to the airport, the bus picks up on the other side of the road, near the front of the Scandic hotel. From the tourist office in the tunnel, turn left, walk until you are outside and head right, go up the stairs, turn right, and the bus shelters will be in front of you.

Bus tickets table:

Single fare tickets:	full fare [PLN]	reduced fare [PLN]
1. Single journey on one bus or one tram only		
a) standard services	3	1,5
b) night, fast, and special services	4	2
2. Time tickets		
a) up to 60 minutes on standard service	3,6	1,8
b) up to 60 minutes on night, fast,		
and special services	4,6	2,3
c) up to 24 hours on all services	12	6

### By taxi

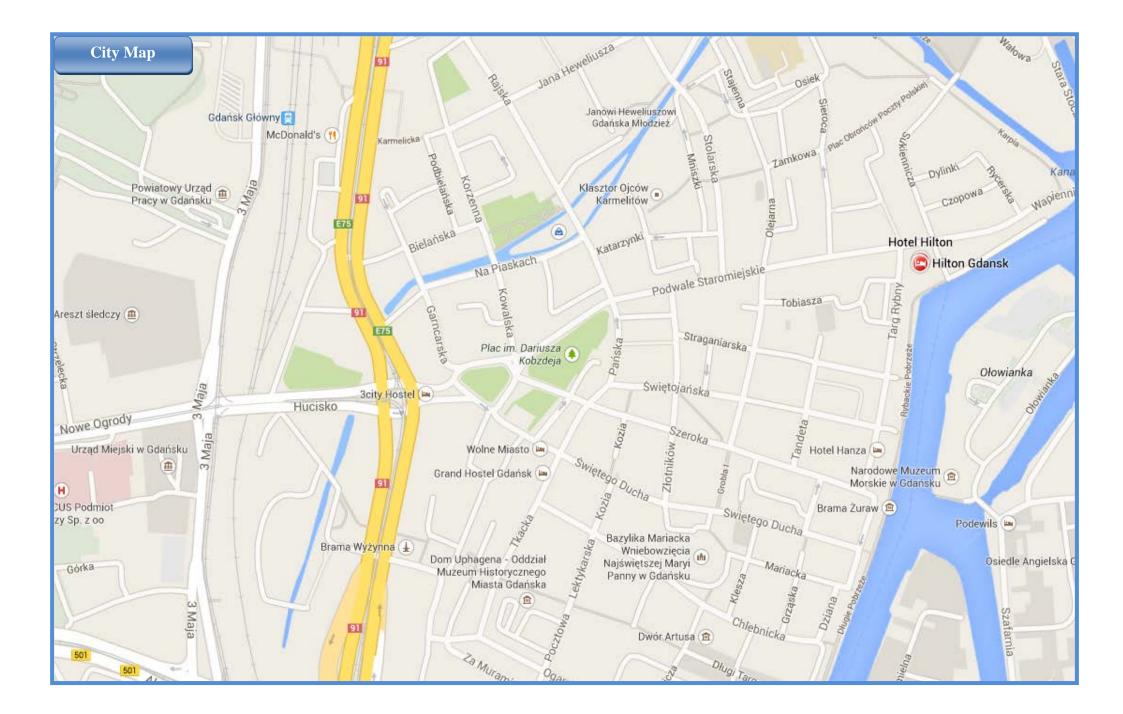
Taxi — Avoid the unofficial rip off *taxis* who will pounce on you as soon as you have cleared security, unless you know how to deal with them. A Taxi to/from the airport to the city centre should cost around 50-60 zł however will cost more in the evenings or at weekends. Taxi drivers will be waiting in the arrivals hall offering fixed price transfers, 60-70 zł is not unreasonable for an evening (after 22:00) transfer to the centre of Gdansk.

#### **Private transportation**

**Private transfers** — Przewozy Grupowe provides safe and comfortable airport transfers in Chrysler Town and Country to a selected hotel in Gdanskl, Sopot or Gdynia and in Pomerania region 24/7. An airport transfer one -way costs PLN100 for a group up to 6 people. E-mail biuro@przewozygrupowe.pl Tel. +48 533 533 033

#### Rent a car:

You will find several rental car companies at the Gdansk's airport.



#### Gdansk

Location: 54.3806° N, 18.6583° E Population: 456,874 Area: 262 km<sup>2</sup>



#### **History:**

A thousand-year history, a location at the crossroads of important commercial and communication routes, an extensive port and mercantile traditions - all this makes Gdansk a meeting place of many cultures, nationalities and denominations. The first written mention of Gdansk comes from 997. The defensive and urban complex as well as a port started to really form in the second half of the 10th century. The dynamic development of trade, fishery and craft guilds soon pushed the city to the leading position in Pomerania. It maintained this even despite being taken over by the Teutonic Knights in 1308. The city continued to develop dynamically. Joining the League of Hanseatic Cities (in 1361) and the fast development of the port are just some of the factors contributing to the strong position of Gdansk in Europe. Although after the defeat of the Teutonic Order near Grunwald the city voted for the Polish king, it did not return to Poland until 1457 when King Kazimierz Jagiellonczyk incorporated Gdansk into the Crown and, in recognition of the merits of Gdansk burghers, granted Gdansk numerous privileges, thus starting a three-hundred-year period of prosperity. The following years are traditionally called the "golden age." During this time Gdansk was one of the wealthiest and most significant cities in Europe. The religious freedom gained in the 16th century turned the city into a true melting pot of nationalities and denominations, giving it yet another stimulus for development, thanks to the specific "community of differences." It was one of the few such places in the world at the time. This prosperity was checked by the Swedish wars and partitions of Poland in the 18th century. The city was cut off from Poland and in 1793 it was annexed to Prussia. What followed was a period of slow decline; the gloomiest in its history, interrupted but for a while by the Napoleonic wars. In 1919, the Free City of Gdansk was established under the Treaty of Versailles, which brought the city back to the elite of European ports. Unfortunately, in 1933 Nazis took power and fascist terror started to escalate in the city. On 1 September 1939, at around 4.30 in the morning, it was here, in Gdansk, that the Second World War started with shots fired from the battleship Schleswig-Holstein. It was a time of bravery and martyrdom of its citizens. The heroic fighting in Westerplatte and the martyrdom of the defenders of the Polish Post Office opened a new, tragic chapter in the history of Gdansk. The war and the particularly fierce struggle for liberation left Gdansk completely devastated. Its reconstruction, with the help of fully dedicated citizens, took several dozen years. Gdansk once again became the biggest Baltic port and regained its former splendor. Once again it drew the attention of the whole world, becoming a synonym for the liberation aspirations of Poles. The tragic December 1970, and then August 1980 and the martial law period are the successive dates symbolizing the fight of the citizens of Gdansk against the prevailing communist regime. It was Gdansk that became the cradle of "Solidarno" which was to

transform the then map of Europe. History has come full circle. Contemporary Gdansk - a half-a-million, dynamically developing agglomeration - is vibrant with life as before and again deserves to be called "the Pearl of the North.

Source: <u>http://www.gdansk.pl/en/about</u>

Gdańsk Tourist Information Centre Address: ul. Długi Targ 28/29 80-830 Gdańsk Tel: (+48 58) 301 43 55, (+48 58) 683 54 85 Opening hours: Monday - Saturday from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m Sunday from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Web: gcit@gdansk4u.pl

# The Conference Banquet will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 @ Hilton Hotel 5\*

Venue: Beaufort Ballroom (ground floor) Address: Address: Targ Rybny 1, Srodmiescie, 80-838, Gdansk Ph.: +48 58 77 87 342 Web Page: <u>http://www.hiltongdansk.pl/EN/index.html</u>



### Information



# Weather

**Banks** 

Gdansk has a humid continental climate with warm summers and no dry season. The area within 25 miles of this station is covered by *croplands* (61%), *oceans and seas* (22%), and *grasslands* (15%)



Time UTC/GMT +1 hour



Banks in Gdansk are open the working days from 10.00am to 18.00. Saturdays and Sundays are close.



Post Office Open 24hrs. http://www.poczta-polska.pl/



Shopping Opening hours of all Baltic Gallery shops in 2014: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.



#### **Electricity**

Electricity in Poland is 230V, 50Hz AC. Plug sockets are round with two round-pin sockets. Therefore if you are coming from the UK or Ireland you are definitely going to need a plug convertor.



**Special Needs** 

Delegates and accompanying persons with disabilities are invited to advise the Congress Secretariat of any special requirements.





<u>Currency</u> Changing money is increasingly less fretful to do, but as with most international destinations it is still worth keeping checking rates particularly at entry points such as airports or in major tourist areas. Euro 1 = 4.1563z, US 1 = 3.0548z, GBP 1 = 4.9944z.

#### **Amber Museum**

Housed in Gdańsk's mediaeval Fore-gate building (once home to the Prison Tower and Torture Chamber), this multi-story exhibit delves extensively into the history of Baltic amber. The impressive collection of "inclusions" (when bugs or plants are caught inside the amber) is intriguing to look at, and the many amber creations, from inkwells to spoons to a stunning Fender Stratocaster guitar, shows the material's diversity. A large open room at the top of the building houses an impressive array of modern amber jewellery that appears more artistic than wearable. Many find the separate exhibits on the building's past as a torture chamber uncomfortable – and considering the piped-in soundtrack of pained cries, we understand why – but they are a must-see, if for no other reason to find out what "thumb screwing" and a "heretic's fork" are. Many of the exhibit rooms throughout the ancient building are small and cramped, and if you happen to visit on the same day as a school group it's a nightmare. There is also a viewing point (admission 5zł) open during the high season.



Address: Targ Węglowy 26 Opening hours: 10:00 - 16:00, Tue 10:00 - 13:00, Thu 10:00 - 18:00, Sun 11:00 - 16:00. Closed on Mondays Tel.: (+48) 58 301 47 33 Admission: Admission (combined ticket with the Prison Tower) 10/5zł, family ticket 20zł. Tue free.

For more details about the fees you can visit the official site: URL: <u>http://www.mhmg.pl</u>

#### **Archaeological Museum**



It might seem strange to find a large archaeological exhibit on the Sudan in the heart of Gdansk, faux tribal huts and all, but go with it. The next floors cover the history of the area, complete with exhumed skeletons, an ancient canoe and plenty of interesting jewellery that has been liberated from the ground. More interesting than the Ice Age weaponry, Stone Age drawings and amber displays are the models of the city in the past and the detritus collected after Gdansk was shattered in World War II. With the opening of more and more modern and visitor friendly museums in recent years this is both an academic way to spend an hour of your afternoon and a chance to see what all Polish museums were once like.

#### Address: ul. Mariacka 25/26

Opening hours: 08:00 - 16:00, Wed 09:00 - 17:00; Sat, Sun 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Mon. From July open 09:00 - 17:00; Sat, Sun 10:00 - 17:00. Closed on Modays. Tel.: (+48) 58 322 21 00 Admission: Admission 8/6zł. Tower 5zł. Family ticket 15zł. Sat free for permanent exhibition. Guided tour 60zł.

For more details about the fees you can visit the official site: http://www.archeologia.pl

#### **Copernicus Museum**

icolaus Copernicus, better known as the man who shocked the world with his theory the world revolved around the sun, spent much of his life working from his observatory in nearby Frombork. However Copernicus (or rather Mikolaj Kopernik – he would start to use the name Nicolaus Copernicus in university) had family in Gdansk all his life. It is believed that at some point Copernicus took co-guardianship of some orphaned relatives. The other co-guardian was a Dutch merchant Arend van der Schilling, the father of Anne, a beautiful woman by all accounts and much younger than Nicolaus.

Address: ul. Mariacka 1 (Kamienica Gotyk), Gdańsk Opening hours: Daily 10:00 - 18:00 Admissions: 3zł, family ticket 5zł Tel.: (+48) 58 301 85 67



For more details about the fees you can visit the official site: URL: <u>http://www.gotykhouse.eu</u>



#### Museum of Modern Art

Inside the superb Pałac Opatów, of which the oldest parts date back to the 15th century but which owes its present look to a splendid Rococo overhaul in the mid-18th century, the Contemporary Art Museum houses works by more than 140 post-WWII Polish artists as well as putting on the occasional temporary show.

Address: ul. Cystersów 18 (Oliwa Park) Opening hours: 09:00 - 16:00 Saturday and Sunday 10:00 - 17:00. Closed on Mondays Last entrance 45 minutes before closing. Tel.: (+48) 58 552 12 71 ext. 124

For more details about the fees you can visit the official site: **URL:** <u>http://www.mng.gda.pl</u>

#### **European Solidarity Centre**

The huge construction you can see next to the entrance to the Gdansk Shipyards is the new European Solidarity Centre which is due to open in the late summer of 2014. The 5-storey building which has been designed to give the impression of walls cracking and tilting and is covered in rust-coloured sheet metal reminiscent of a ship's hull, has been a project in the making for many years. It was finally signed into life in 2005 on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the August Accords when a Founding Act was signed in Solidarity Square by 29 joint-signatories including EU Commission chief Juan Manuel Barroso, Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski and Lech Walesa. Construction began in 2011 and is now nearing completion.

Address: Address: ul. Cystersów 18 (Oliwa Park) Tel: (+48) 58 767 79 71

For more details about the fees you can visit: URL: <u>http://www.ecs.gda.pl</u>





#### **Roads to Freedom**

The Roads to Freedom exhibition is a place that should feature highly on every visitor's itinerary. Charting the course of events from 1945 till 1989, this subterranean exhibition does an excellent job of explaining the meteoric rise and subsequent consequences of the Solidarity phenomena. The exhibition kicks off by launching the visitor into the world of the average Pole circa late 1970's – staring you in the eye is a diorama depicting a typical grocery store, it's shelves empty but for a thin spread of vinegar and mustard: practically the only goods which weren't in scant supply.

Address: ul. Wały Piastowskie 24 Opening hours: 0:00 - 17:00. Closed on Mondays Tel.: (+48) 58 308 44 28 For more details about the fees you can visit the official site: URL: <u>http://www.ecs.gda.pl</u>

#### **City Walk Tour**

This is the essential tour for visitors to Gdansk. Hit all the major cultural and scenic hot spots with a guide that treats you like a visiting friend, showing you the ins and outs of this historic city. Equipped with knowledge this tour provides, the city comes alive and what was once a confusing pile of bricks, concrete, and mystery is suddenly as familiar and intimate as your hometown!

Type: Day Tours Admissions: <u>http://www.gdansktours.com/book.php</u>

For more information and online reservations: URL: <u>http://www.gdansktours.com/tour/City\_Walk-Gdansk</u>



#### **Sopot Tour**

Sopot's seen its fair share of big names, from Prussian Empresses to hot, new Pop Stars. Some of Poland's finest artists, poets, and actors have enjoyed the cafes and clubs, while wealthy aristocrats of centuries past vacationed along its shores. However, while most tourists feel a bit lost, star struck, and small, our Sopot tour puts you head and shoulders above the rest.

Type: Day Tours Admissions: <u>http://www.gdansktours.com/tour/Sopot-Gdansk</u>

For more information and online reservations: <u>http://www.gdansktours.com/tour/Sopot-Gdansk</u>





**Polish cuisine** is a style of cooking and food preparation originating in or widely popular in Poland. Polish cuisine has evolved over the centuries to become very eclectic due to Poland's history. Polish cuisine shares many similarities with other Central European cuisines, especially German, Austrian and Hungarian cuisines, as well as Belarussian, Ukrainian, Russian, French and Italian culinary traditions. It is rich in meat, especially pork, chicken and beef (depending on the region) and winter vegetables and spices. It is also characteristic in its use of various kinds of noodles the most notable of which are kluski as well as cereals such as *kasha* (from the Polish word kasza). Generally speaking, Polish cuisine is hearty and uses a lot of cream and eggs. The traditional dishes are often demanding in preparation. Many Poles allow themselves a generous amount of time to serve and enjoy their festive meals, especially Christmas Eve dinner (*Wigilia*) or Easter breakfast which could take a number of days to prepare in their entirety.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish\_cuisine

#### Kubicki



Kubicki is the oldest restaurant in Gdańsk. In the interwar period, then called Kubicki Cafe International, the restaurant functioned as a night café and it was one of the trendiest places at that time in Gdańsk. Kubicki Restaurant still receives wide recognition not only among the residents of Gdańsk, but also among the visitors from all over the world. Exquisite cuisine, unique atmosphere enriched with performances of piano singers are undeniable reasons why this place is worth visiting. This is one of the last places where the spirit of This City has been preserved.

Address: 5 Wartka Street, Gdańsk Opening hours: 12:00-24:00 Tel: +48 58 301 00 50 URL: <u>http://restauracjakubicki.pl/title,langu,3.html</u>

#### **Retro Cafe**

We just opened a new cafe in the old town of Gdansk. Please check the "English" page of our website for a quick description, photos & current menu.

Address: Piwna 5/6, 80-831 Gdansk, Poland Opening hours: Sunday-Thursday 10:00 – 23:00, Friday-Saturday 10:00 – 24:00 URL: <u>http://retro.gda.pl/</u>





## Fellini

Albion serves imaginative food that reflects current trends in British kitchens and innovative cocktails inspired by London Style bars; in its elegant, enticing spaces. Owners Colin KH Yap and James Grierson chose the location because of its resemblance to London's Soho; a part of London they have both worked in for over 20 years.

Address: ul. Targ Rybny 6 80-890 Gdańsk Opening hours: 12:00-24:00 Tel: +48 888 01 02 03 URL: http://restauracjafellini.pl/

#### Sempre Pizza e Vino - Targ Rybny

Our restaurants have been created for those who want to feel the real italian atmosphere and eat great italian food without leaving Tricity. Pizza dough made of high quality flour and extra virgin olive oil is hand tossed hin and crispy crust is then covered by layers of italian tomatoes and mozzarella Cheese. Every pizza is prepared in front of our customers with fresh products. All ingredients that we use are of highest quality and italian origin (p.ex. italian prosciutto di Parma, salami milano, Grana Padano Cheese, Gorgonzola, Fior di Latte, italian artichokes, olives and dried tomatoes).

Address: ulica Targ Rybny 11, 80-838 Gdansk, Poland Opening hours: 12:00 - 22:00 Tel: +48 58 719 19 19 URL: http://semprepizza.pl/



# Ploy

Ploy means 'gem' in Thai. We were inspired by the true gems of Japanese and Thai cuisine – the interplay of sweet, sour, salty, spicy and umami flavours; the meticulous preparation of dishes using only the freshest ingredients. By applying these tenets of asian cooking to not-so-asian dishes, we created a new modern asian cuisine. Come 'ploy' with us and be dazzled.

Address: G-02 Ground Floor WORK@clearwater, Changkat Semantan, Off Jalan Semantan, Damansara Heights, 50490

**Opening hours:** In order to be informed about the opening hours and make a reservation please call at the telephone number below. **Tel:** +603-2095 0999

URL: <a href="http://www.ploywithyourfood.com/#contact">http://www.ploywithyourfood.com/#contact</a>



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