

# Local Life Gdansk - PDF Guide

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## Best rated restaurants in Gdansk



Restaurant - Pirate Cruise

📍 Molo Sopot



Bulaj Restaurant

📍 ul. Mamuszki 22, Sopot



Masala Restaurant

📍 ul. Rajska 10, C.H. Madison



Kuchnia Rosyjska Restaurant

📍 ul. Długi Targ 11



Szafarnia 10

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Restauracja Villa Sedan

📍 ul. Pułaskiego 18-20, Sopot



Goldwasser Restaurant

📍 ul. Długi Pobrzeże 22



Gdanska Restaurant

📍 ul. św. Ducha 16/24

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## Most popular pubs & clubs in Gdansk



Cafe Zascianek

📍 ul. Haffnera 3/1A



Pi Kawa

📍 ul. Piwna 5/6



Sfinks

📍 ul. Mamuszki 1, Sopot



Donegal Pub

📍 ul. Zgoda 10



Maraska Tea House & Cafe

📍 ul. Długa 31/32



Cafe Jozef K

📍 ul. Kościuszki 4, Sopot



Rosenthal Cafe

📍 Al. Grunwaldzka 82



Copacabana

📍 Sopot Beach, Entrance 23

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## Best hotels in Gdansk



Hotel Krolewski

📍 ul. Ołowianka 1



Hotel Rezydent

📍 Pl. Konstytucji 3 Maja 3



**Hotel Podewils Gdansk**

📍 ul. Szafarnia 2



**Midtown Hostel**

📍 ul. Podwale Staromiejskie 105/106 lok.1



**Posejdon Hotel**

📍 ul. Kapliczna 30



**Hotel Haffner**

📍 ul. J.J. Haffnera 59



**Hanza Hotel**

📍 ul. Tokarska 6



**Sopot Hotels**

📍 Sopot

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## Essential services in Gdansk



**City Plus Taxi**

📍 ul. Wyzwolenia 9



**As-dent Dental Clinic**

📍 ul. Polna 44, Sopot



**Bogna Hair Fashion**

📍 ul. Dmowskiego 12



**Jean Luis David**

📍 ul. Karmelicka 1



**Airport Taxi**

📍 ul. Pomorska 13b/7



**Joka Car Rental**

📍 Wały Piastowskie 1/1502a



**Montessori Kindergarten**

📍 Stefana Batorego 4



**Baltic Oasis**

📍 ul. Kopernika 71, Gdynia

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## Need some culture?



**Great Arsenal**

📍 Targ Węglowy 6



**Forest Opera**

📍 ul. Moniuszki 12, Sopot



**National Museum**

📍 ul. Toruńska 1



**Malbork Castle**

📍 ul. Starościńska 1, Malbork



**The Crane**

📍 ul. Szeroka 67/68



**Neptune's Fountain**

📍 Długi Targ



**Solidarity Museum**

📍 ul. Doki 1



**Oliwa Cathedral**

📍 ul. Cystersów 10

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# Travel tips

Here are a few things to remember during your time in Gdansk.

Strange people standing on the side of the road holding cardboard signs written "noclegi" or "pokoje" are not looking for a lift - they're offering cheap accommodation!

As with many cities, avoid changing your money in hotels and at the most obvious tourist sites - you're bound to find better deals if you look around a bit

Don't hail your taxis from the rank - ask someone to phone for one - it's 30 percent cheaper. Better still, walk or rent a bike.

Coin-operated phone boxes are almost non-existent. You'll need to buy a telephone card (karta telefoniczna) from a Post Office or kiosk.

Tipping is not expected. No self-respecting waiter will turn away a few extra zloty, but you won't get the customary grimace if you don't. You're not guaranteed a smile if you do either.

Take it easy - Poles are friendly and keen to help if you can't find your way around.

Unlike in the UK, pubs don't tend to close at 11. Most just about get going then.

Bring warm clothes and a hat. Even at the height of the summer, it can be pretty chilly on the coast, and rain can arrive without warning.

Poles are passionate about their food. Throw away your preconceptions about miserable eastern bloc stews, and prepare yourself for a great surprise.

Poland has adopted its own uniquely confusing symbols for differentiating public toilets for men and women - triangles and circles. Try and work that one out!

Above: Preserve your own life by visiting the coast of Poland

Below: Where's Danny DeVito when you need him?



# Getting around

## By Taxi

The notices on the back of the headrests (which tell you to fasten your seatbelts or suffer the consequence) are well-merited. Have a stiff drink before you get in (your driver probably has already), and enjoy the fun. Polish taxi drivers don't have the greatest reputation when it comes to fare charging, particularly from the [airport](#). The big trick is to avoid taking a taxi from a rank directly. You will pay at least 30 percent less if you order one by phone. City Plus Taxi employs a number of English and German speaking drivers, so they're a logical first choice for visitors to Gdansk. If you dread the thought of trying to phone one of the multitude of taxi companies, ask someone to do it for you - its free!



By Car



Above: Plane sailing

Left: Few know about the Bangles' other hit 'Kitesurf Like An Egyptian'

Below: Feelin' seasick? Take the trusty SKM!

You can hire a car to get around, and if you're thinking of heading to the [Hel Peninsula](#) or elsewhere in the countryside its not a bad idea. However, if you plan to spend most of your time in Gdansk itself, think carefully. Apart from the difficulty of driving on the right, there are trams to contend with, boggling one-way systems, and signs that even native Poles struggle to comprehend. Parking is severely restricted in [Old Gdansk](#), and there are three different enforcement agencies (Parking, Municipal and National Police) to watch out for. The alternative, public transport, is a far better bet.

#### Public Transportation

A good setup here - safe, efficient and cheap transport, through a network of trams, buses and metro. You can catch regular local trains via the [SKM](#) to [Sopot](#) and [Gdynia](#), right into the early hours (the highest frequency is naturally during the day though). Buy your tickets from the local station before you get on the train, (ticket machines are also available). Buses connect all corners of the Tri-City, and like trams (these only operate within Gdansk proper) you buy your tickets from any of the little kiosks that are dotted around the town. All journeys cost the same (2.45 zloty), irrespective of distance. Jump aboard the bus or tram and punch your little ticket in one of the little orange and brown boxes that are located all around. Keep the stamped stub for the not infrequent checks by plain-clothes inspectors - you'll be kicking yourself if you have to shell out for a fine!

