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EXPERIENCE,
ENJOY**

The Raiffeisen Tech
Travel Guide





How can we reach the most beautiful and interesting corners without mishaps and false kilometers?

Is there anything more exciting in life than traveling? The moment we start looking for an interesting destination, checking how to get there, choosing attractions, and finally booking a place to stay and buying tickets is wonderful. I am a travel enthusiast in every form. I enjoy trips out of town, exploring Poland, or discovering distant parts of the world. Just packing my suitcase gives me a thrill. I'm not afraid of traffic jams on the highways, crowded airports, or even waiting for a delayed flight!

However, it's not easy to find a reliable place worth visiting amidst the tourist jungle, flooded with advertisements from travel agencies. How can we reach the most beautiful and interesting corners without mishaps and false kilometers? That's exactly why we created 'Explore, Experience, Enjoy – The Raiffeisen Tech Travel Guide.' We managed to invite colleagues from Poland and Romania (Austria and Kosovo, we have a spot for you too 📍😊), who share their favorite destinations and addresses. The authors provided not only interesting descriptions but also beautiful photos. These are personal recommendations, more original than those suggested by ChatGPT 😄 We thank everyone a lot 🙏

We encourage readers to find something for themselves and follow in our footsteps. Vacation time is just around the corner, which means many of us will be on the road. So, we wish ourselves a wonderful summer and amazing, safe travels. And if you discover something interesting, let us know. Our guide is for us and about us, and we hope it will continue to grow.

Make great travel happen

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Kania Lodge – A Hidden Gem in the Kashubian Countryside

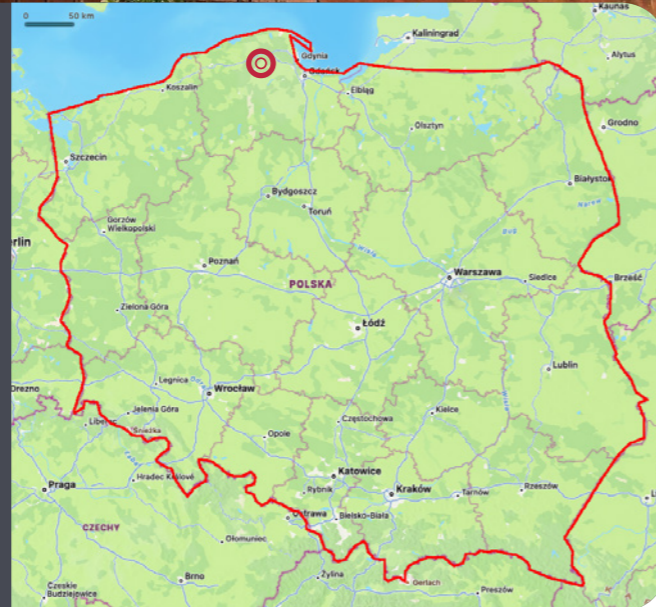


Beautiful Kania Lodge



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Kania Lodge is a boutique guesthouse located in the picturesque village of Sytna Góra near Kartuzy, in the heart of the Kashubian region of northern Poland. Surrounded by a private vineyard, tranquil gardens, and overlooking a pristine lake, the lodge offers guests a perfect combination of nature, elegance, and gourmet cuisine.

About the Lodge:

The lodge features 16 individually designed rooms and suites, many of which offer views of the lake, private terraces, fireplaces, or wood-burning stoves. For larger groups or families, the luxurious Villa Rospond, with three bedrooms and spacious living

areas, provides the ultimate private getaway. Guests can enjoy access to a private pier, sauna, tennis court, and complimentary bikes and boats. Relaxation options also include in-room massages and wine tastings hosted by the lodge's owner, John Borrell, a New Zealand-born journalist and wine enthusiast. John's history is very inspiring, and he eagerly shares his experiences. He spent much of his career as an award-winning foreign correspondent for prestigious publications such as 'Time Magazine' and 'The Times of London'. His reporting took him across the globe, covering major events from conflict zones in Africa to the Middle East and

Kania Lodge – A Hidden Gem in the Kashubian Countryside



The Lodge is surrounded by a vineyard

political upheavals in Eastern Europe. After settling in Poland, he wrote his autobiography and two more books about Kania Lodge – you can purchase them all during your stay.

Food & Wine:

The on-site restaurant is renowned for its gourmet cuisine, inspired by local ingredients. The menu includes lamb from the lodge's own flock, wild mushrooms from nearby forests, and herbs and berries foraged from the surrounding area. The wine list, recognized by 'Wine Spectator' as one of the finest in the world, features over 250 selections from top global producers – including wines from Kania Lodge's very own vineyard.

For Whom?

Kania Lodge is the ideal destination for travelers seeking tranquility, natural beauty, and top-tier culinary experiences. With its warm hospitality and refined atmosphere, a stay at Kania Lodge promises to be truly unforgettable.

How to Get There?

Kania Lodge is located 40 minutes by car from Gdańsk, Sopot, and Gdynia. The journey from Warsaw takes about four hours.

More details and booking options can be found at: kanialodge.com.pl



Lower Silesia – Unknown Place in Poland

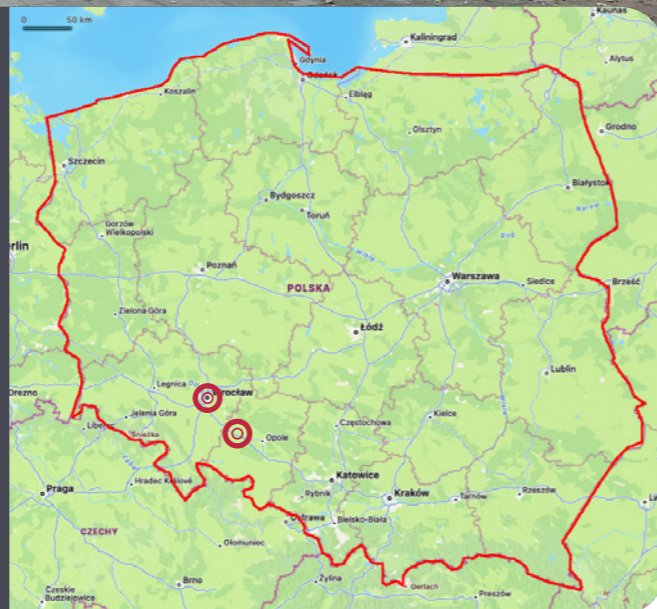


Brzeg Castle



Krzysztof Stumpf

HEAD OF CORE IT STREAM.
ENTHUSIAST OF TENNIS AND
WROCLAW, WHERE HE GREW UP.



If you have already visited Wawel in Kraków and want to learn more about the Polish kings of the Piast dynasty, you must visit 'The Silesian Wawel' in Brzeg.

The city of Brzeg lies in the Silesian Lowlands, on the historic route connecting the east with the west – the pan-European Via Regia, where the Royal Road once intersected with the road to the Baltic Sea along the high bank of the Oder River.

Brzeg Castle is located on a cliff to the west of the Oder River, only 40 km from Wrocław. The castle was transformed from Gothic to Renaissance style by Duke Jerzy II, who, like his father

Fryderyk II, was fascinated by both the Italian Renaissance and its Kraków variant. Duke Jerzy II entrusted further construction work to Italian architects and stoneworkers brought to Brzeg from Bissone and Lugano in northern Italy.

How to Get There?

You can reach Brzeg by direct train from Warsaw or Wrocław, or by the A4 highway.

Very importantly, it is not crowded, allowing you to truly enjoy the beauty of the Renaissance.

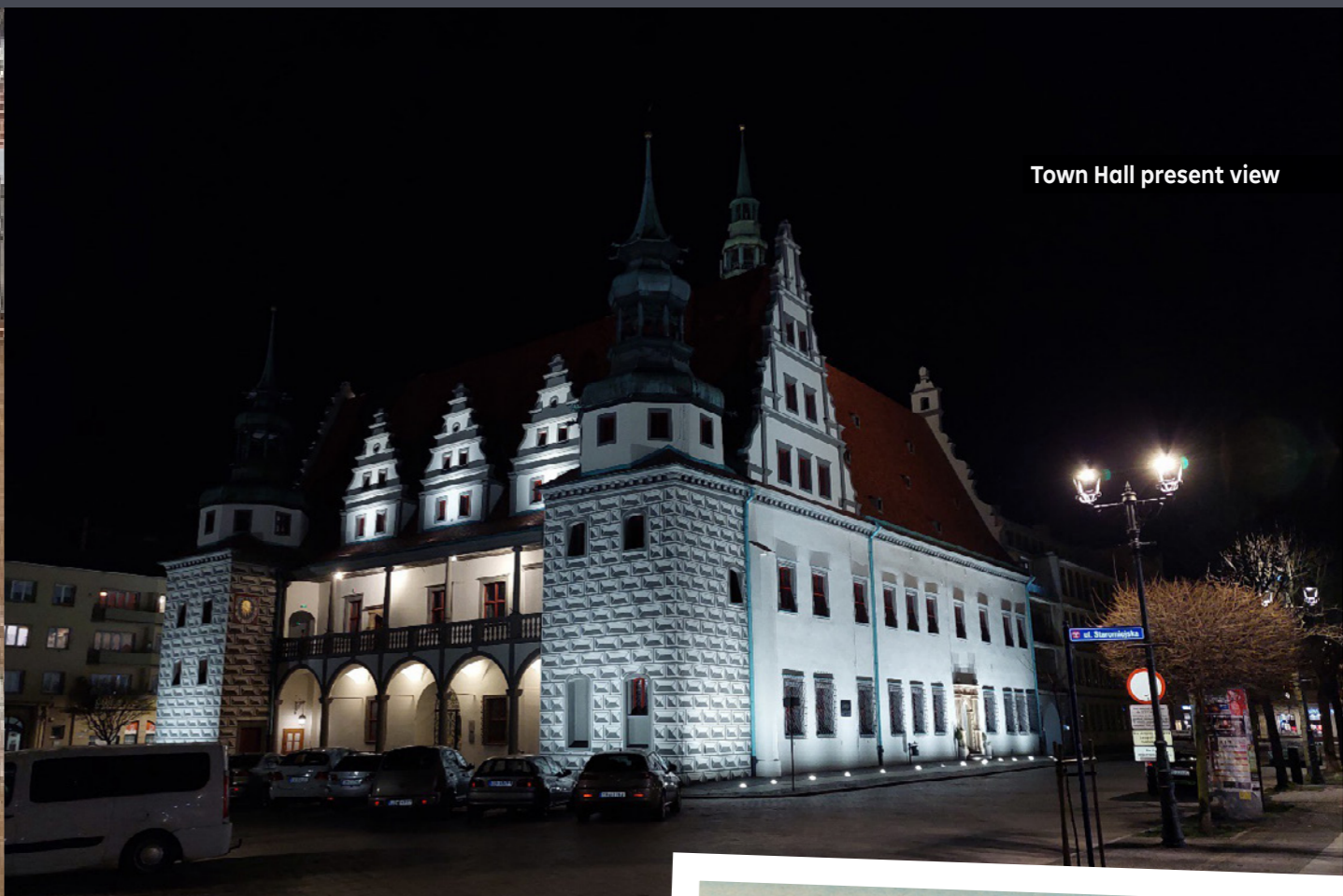
About the Place:

Its present facade is known as 'one of the most magnificent historical monuments of the Renaissance

Lower Silesia – Unknown Place in Poland



Dukes of Brzeg



Town Hall present view

period in Central Europe.' The facade features busts of the Piast dynasty, starting with the first king of Poland, Bolesław I the Brave (Bolesław I Chrobry). The courtyard has been restored with triple-story galleries. The interiors of some rooms in the eastern wing, which are in Renaissance style on the ground floor, are well preserved.

What to Do?

If you want to spend more time, you can visit the museum, which is part of the castle. It has exhibits tracing the history of the Silesian Piasts. Some notable paintings on display are from the

collection of the National Museum in Wrocław and include works by Michael Leopold Wilmann, a well-known Silesian Baroque painter. The museum also features well-preserved sarcophagi of the dukes of Brzeg.

Additional Attractions:

After visiting the museum, I recommend taking a walk through the city. Brzeg is known for its parks, including the largest one named after the German governor Julius Peppel. In the past, Brzeg was referred to as 'Die schöne Gartenstadt' (the beautiful garden city).

The city walk can guide you through many Gothic and Renaissance monuments, including several churches and the original preserved town hall. The Lower Silesia region is one of the most attractive regions in Poland. It is famous for its castles and palaces, which number over 30. The region includes the Sudety Mountains and many historical monuments scattered throughout. You can hike or ski in the mountains, navigate the rivers, explore many beautiful small towns, and visit the capital of Lower Silesia – Wrocław. This region is my homeland; I was born in Wrocław and spent my youth there.



Town Hall old view

Wrocław - Sightseeing from a Canoe



Wrocław Cathedral



Technical University harbor

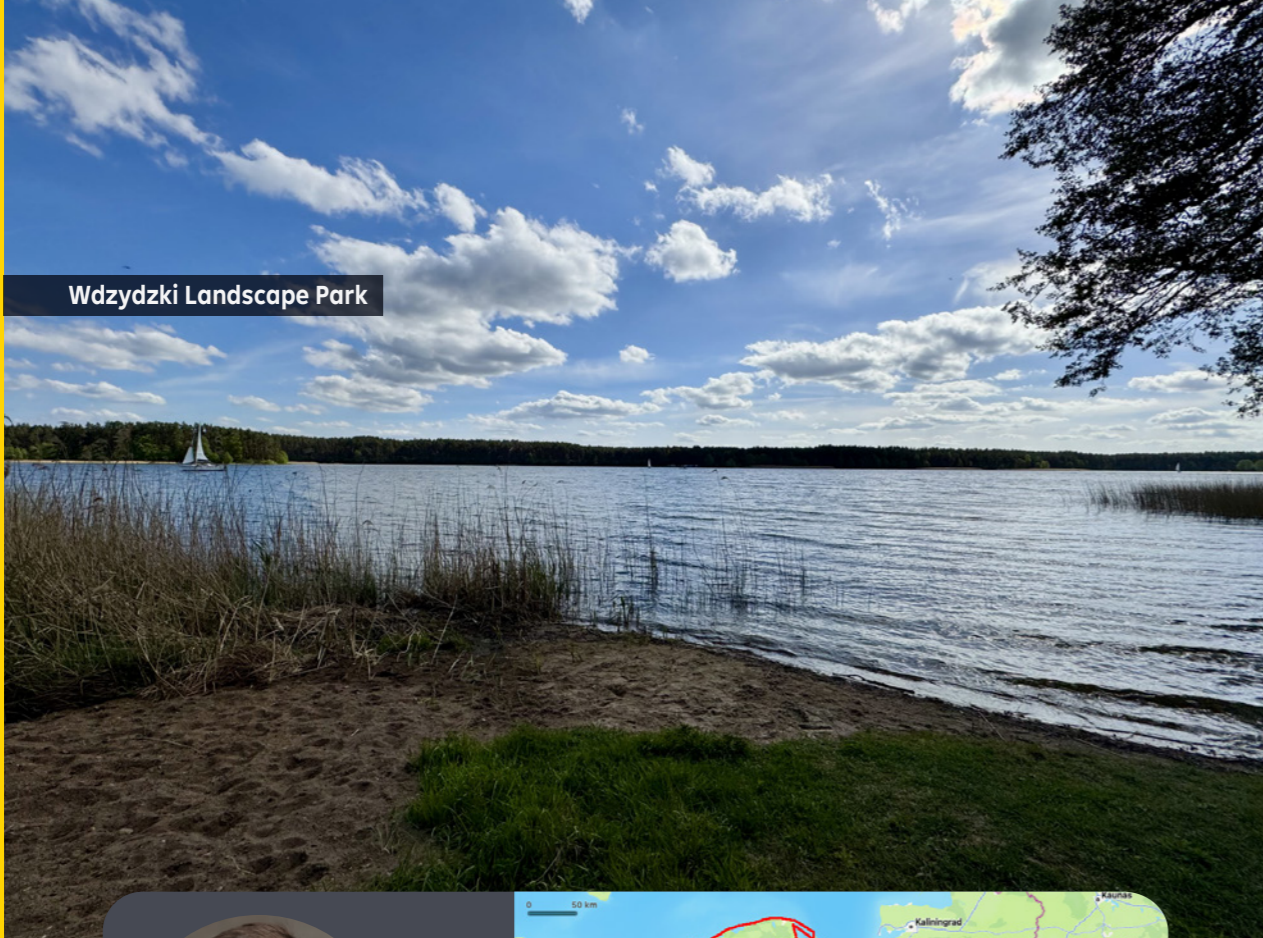
If you enjoy sports and want to be active while visiting one of the most beautiful cities in Poland, rent a canoe and start sightseeing Wrocław! You can rent a canoe near the National Museum, which is very close to Cathedral Island, the oldest part of the city. With the canoe, you can pass under the famous Grunwald Bridge (Polish: Most Grunwaldzki).

Wrocław is renowned for its bridges; today, it has over 100 bridges, as well as around 30 gangways. One of the newer additions is the Rędzin Bridge. Completed in 2011, it is now the longest and tallest bridge in Poland. Feeling tired? Row quickly, and in 15 minutes you can reach the Technical University harbor, where you'll find many bars and a sandy beach.



Grunwald Bridge

Kashubia – Nature, Culture, and Tradition in Northern Poland



Wdzydzki Landscape Park

Kashubia (Kaszuby), located in northern Poland, is a picturesque and culturally rich region known for its unique language, deep-rooted traditions, and breathtaking natural landscapes. From serene lakes and dense forests to centuries-old heritage sites, Kashubia offers a diverse experience for both nature lovers and cultural enthusiasts.

How to Get There?

The region lies close to Gdańsk, making it easily accessible by public transportation—mainly regional trains—to several key destinations. However, to fully explore the area's hidden gems and natural beauty, traveling by car is highly recommended. From Warsaw, the drive to Kashubia takes about 4–5 hours. From Gdańsk, it's less than an hour. While a full week is ideal to experience everything the region has to offer (and have some time to relax), even a short visit of a few days will allow you to immerse yourself in the tranquility and charm of this unique part of Poland.

Wdzydzki Landscape Park – The Kashubian Sea
Known as the „Kashubian Sea’, Wdzydzki Landscape Park (Wdzydzki Park Krajobrazowy) is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. At its center lies Lake Wdzydze, a large, cross-shaped lake ideal for sailing, kayaking, and swimming. The park is rich in biodiversity, with vast pine forests, wetlands, and meadows home to many rare species of flora and fauna. Numerous hiking and cycling trails crisscross the area, making it a popular destination for eco-tourism.

What to Do: Kayaking or sailing on Lake Wdzydze, hiking, cycling. Enjoy panoramic views from observation towers and discover scenic picnic spots.

Wdzydze Ethnographic Park – A Step Back in Time

On the southern shore of Lake Wdzydze lies the Wdzydze Open-Air Museum (Kaszubski Park Etnograficzny), the oldest ethnographic museum in Poland. Established in 1906, the museum features more than 50 historic wooden structures, includ-



Bory Tucholskie

ing cottages, churches, windmills, and workshops. Visitors can explore the traditional way of life in Kashubia, experiencing old crafts, regional costumes, and seasonal folk festivals that bring the local culture to life.

What to Do: Walk through historical buildings, watch live craft demonstrations, and learn about everyday life in 18th–20th century Kashubia.

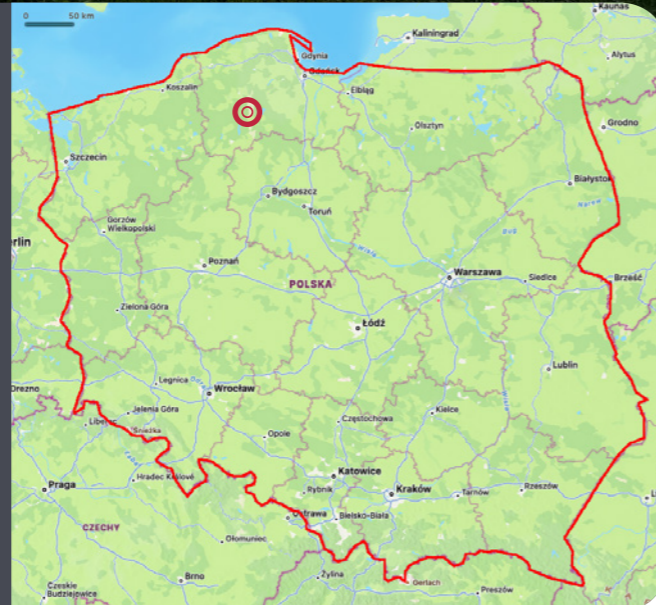
Bory Tucholskie – Forest Wilderness

To the south of Wdzydzki Park stretches the vast expanse of Bory Tucholskie, one of the largest forest complexes in Poland. This UNESCO Biosphere Reserve is characterized by sandy soils, heaths, peat



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Kashubia – Nature, Culture, and Tradition in Northern Poland



Wdzydze Ethnographic Park



Swornegacie



Kartuzy

bogs, and more than 900 lakes. It is a paradise for hikers, cyclists, and birdwatchers. The peaceful environment is ideal for relaxation and communion with nature, with occasional sightings of deer, wild boar, and even lynx in the wilder areas.

What to Do: Hiking, cycling, birdwatching, and relaxing by forest lakes. Visit the Bory Tucholskie National Park for marked trails and nature education centers.

Swornegacie – A Tranquil Village Retreat

Nestled between the lakes and forests of Bory Tucholskie lies the scenic village of Swornegacie. A hidden gem, Swornegacie is known for its wooden architecture and tranquil atmosphere. It is a beloved destination for vacationers seeking water sports, fishing, and quiet walks along the Brda River. In the summer months, the village hosts cultural events and workshops that cel-

brate Kashubian music, crafts, and cuisine.

What to Do: Rent a kayak or boat, stroll around the village, enjoy local Kashubian cuisine, or take part in summer festivals and workshops.

Kartuzy – The Heart of Kashubia

Often referred to as the capital of Kashubia, Kartuzy is a small but charming town surrounded by lakes and woodlands. Its name originates from the Carthusian monks who established a monastery here in the 14th century. The town's most notable landmark is the Collegiate Church of the Assumption, with its distinctive coffin-shaped roof. Kartuzy also serves as a great starting point for exploring the wider Kashubian region, offering insights into the local culture, cuisine, and language.

What to Do: Visit the Carthusian monastery church, walk along the lakeside promenade, and explore local cafes and shops. It's also a great base for day trips.

Do Not Miss:

While exploring the forests, lakes, and villages of Kashubia, don't miss the chance to discover its living traditions, unique language, and delicious regional food.

Try 'Ruchanki' – Sweet Kashubian Pancakes

These small, fluffy yeast pancakes are a Kashubian specialty, often served warm with sugar or jam. Traditionally made from leftover bread dough, they're now a beloved treat at festivals, roadside stalls, and guesthouses across the region.

Listen to the Kashubian Language – Alive and on the Air

Kashubian is a Slavic language distinct from Polish, recognized as a regional language in Poland. It's spoken by over 100,000 people and taught in schools across the region. For a taste of it, tune in to Radio Kaszëbë, the only radio station broadcasting in Kashubian. You'll hear music, news, and everyday conversation – it's a wonderful way to immerse



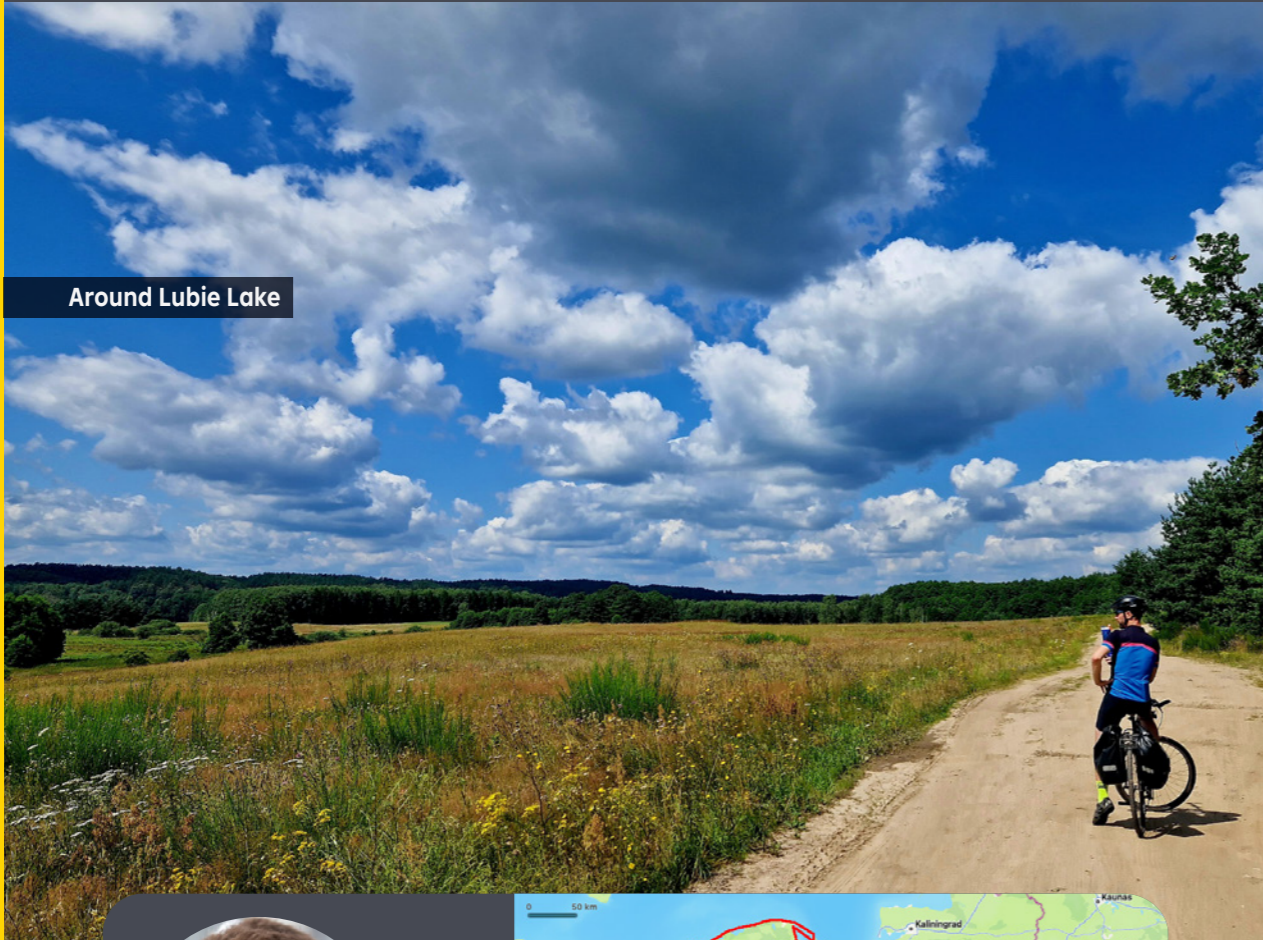
Ruchanki

yourself in the local soundscape.

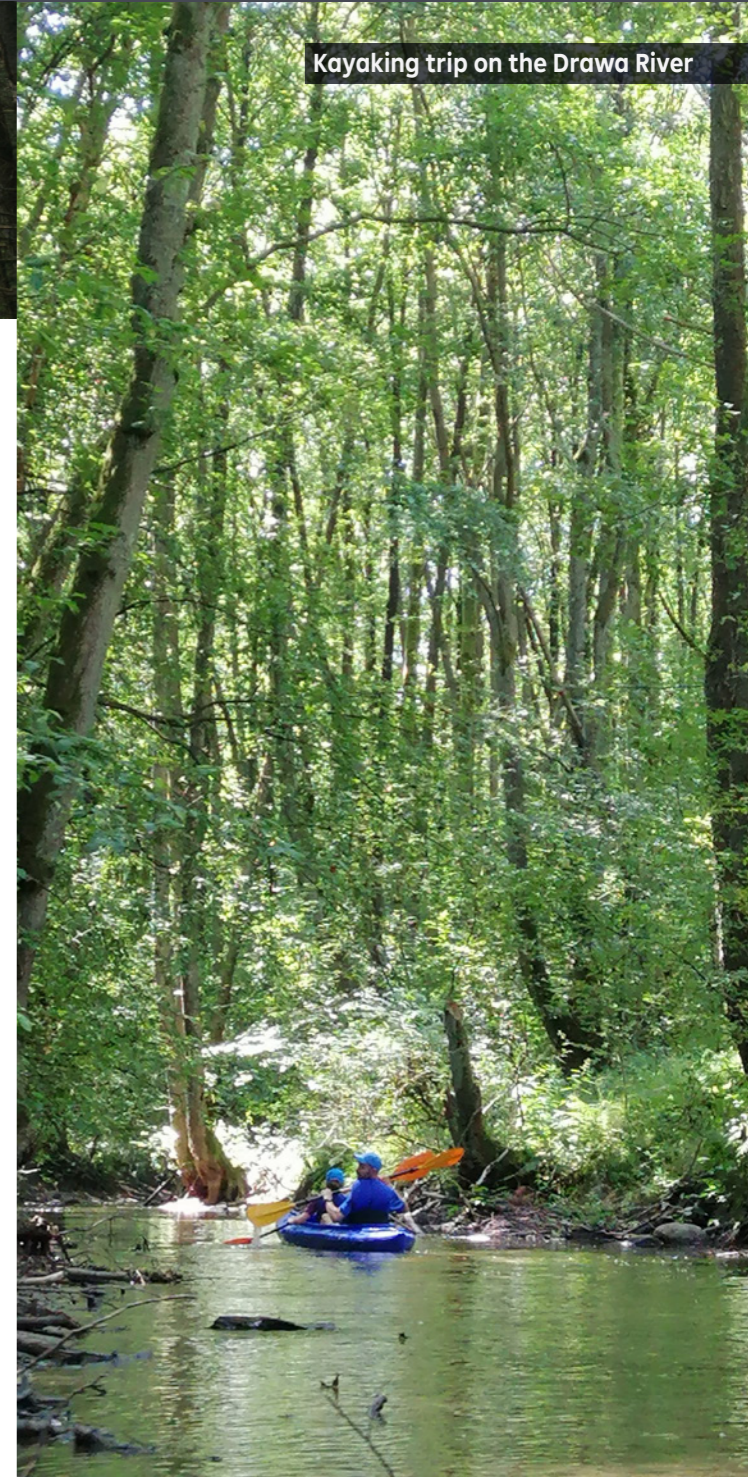
Explore Kashubian Pottery and Porcelain

Kashubia is famous for both its folk pottery and its industrial porcelain production. In Chmielno, you can visit local workshops where hand-painted ceramics display classic Kashubian motifs. For something more modern, head to the Lubiana Porcelain Factory near Kościerzyna, one of the largest porcelain producers in Europe. They offer factory tours and a shop with beautiful, durable porcelain dishes used in homes and restaurants across Poland.

Drawskie Lake District – An Ideal Place for Nature Relaxation



Around Lubie Lake



Kayaking trip on the Drawa River

If you enjoy spending time outdoors surrounded by picturesque nature, the Drawskie Lake District is the place for you. This region, with the Drawsko Landscape Park, numerous lakes, and Czaplinek as the largest town in the area, offers a unique connection with nature.

Our family's adventure in this place began by chance, but from our first visit, we felt right at home. For six years, we have been returning regularly to rediscover its charms. For me, the greatest attraction is the nature – you can admire it up close and fully experience it.

Who Is It For?

Cycling enthusiasts will find many marked bike trails that lead through forests, gravel roads, and old, less-traveled asphalt roads. I particularly recommend the 'Zwiniętych Torów Trail' – from Złocieniec to Połczyn-Zdrój, over 30 km long, following an old railway embankment. It's a great option for a longer, scenic bike ride (you can really push yourself 😊).

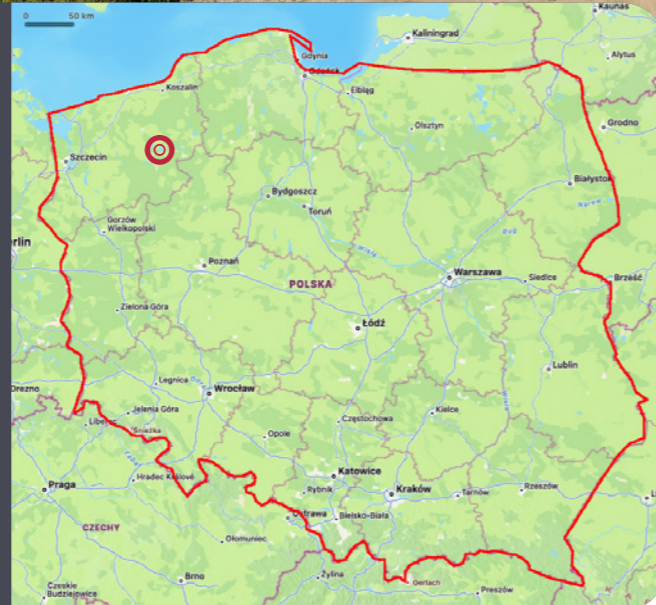
Currently, work is underway on additional sections of this trail closer to Czaplinek. I plan to test them out during the upcoming summer vacation. Ultimately, the trail is expected to lead all the way to the Baltic Sea.

The route around Lake Lubie is also worth noting – with a varied surface, numerous climbs and descents, all set against a beautiful backdrop and accompanied by the many cormorants that inhabit the area. Throughout the region, you will find



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Drawskie Lake District – An Ideal Place for Nature Relaxation



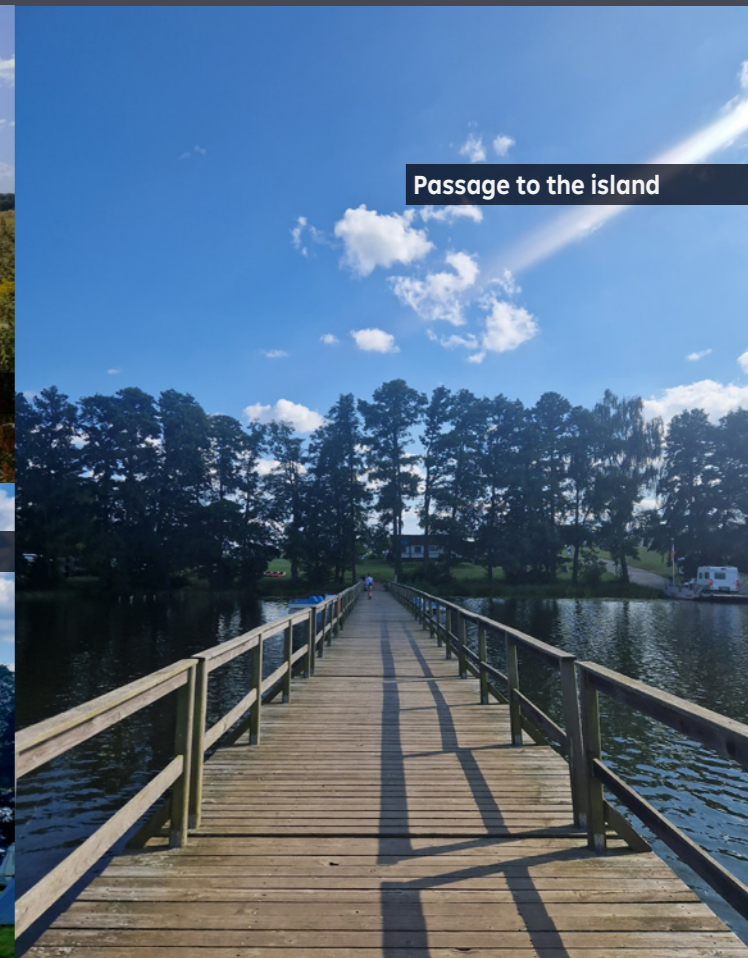
Psarskie Lake



Zwiniętych Torów Trail



Island on the Lubie lake



Passage to the island

options for both beginner and more advanced cyclists.

Water Attractions and Relaxation:

The Drawskie Lake District is also an ideal place for fans of sailing, fishing, and other water sports. Lake Drawsko is the largest body of water in the area, but it's also worth visiting Lakes Lubie, Komorze, and Siecino. Many of them are designated as "quiet zones" – perfect if you're looking for a break from the city hustle.

You'll also find kayaking routes nearby – especially on the Drawa River, which cuts through the

Drawsko Landscape Park. The park offers hiking trails, nature reserves, and plenty of peaceful spots where you can relax and connect with nature.

About the Region:

One of the biggest advantages of this region is the low number of tourists – especially cyclists. During my visits, I encountered only a handful of other cyclists. If you value peace, nature, and the absence of crowds, the Drawskie Lake District is for you 😊

What Else Is Worth Seeing?

The Drawskie Lake District is not just about nature. It's worth visiting:

- Złoceniec – with its historic center,
- Połczyn-Zdrój – featuring a Spa Park and a knight's castle,
- Drawsko Pomorskie – with a palace and a manor park,
- Borne Sulinowo – for history enthusiasts (former Soviet base, military museum, military cemetery),
- Drahim Castle – small ruins in beautiful surroundings,
- Czaplinek – a beach by the lake, a small market square, and a historic church,
- Camping by Lake Lubie – if you enjoy camping on an island.

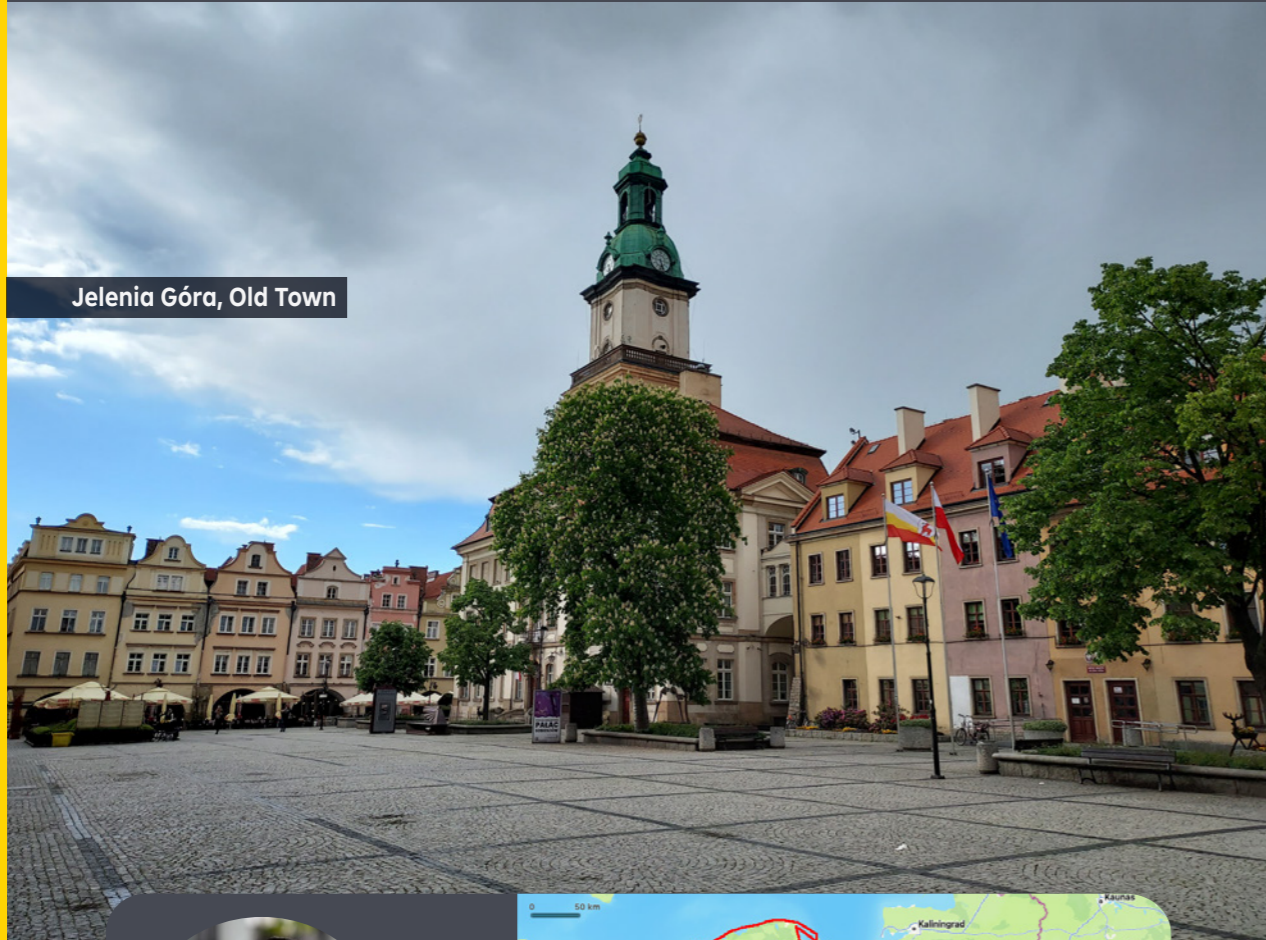
Where to Eat Well?

- Tyrolean Tavern at Martin's and 'Ryby Lubie' Inn – near Lake Lubie,
- Fish Fry 'U Magdy - Treasures from the Lake' – in the vicinity of Czaplinek.

For Music Fans and Larger Events:

In the summer, near Czaplinek, the Pol'and'Rock Festival takes place at the Broczyna airport – an event that attracts music fans from all over Poland. It's an option for those seeking a completely different kind of excitement than cycling or peaceful walks in the woods 😊

Jelenia Góra and Surroundings – The Magic of Polish Mountains



Jelenia Góra, Old Town

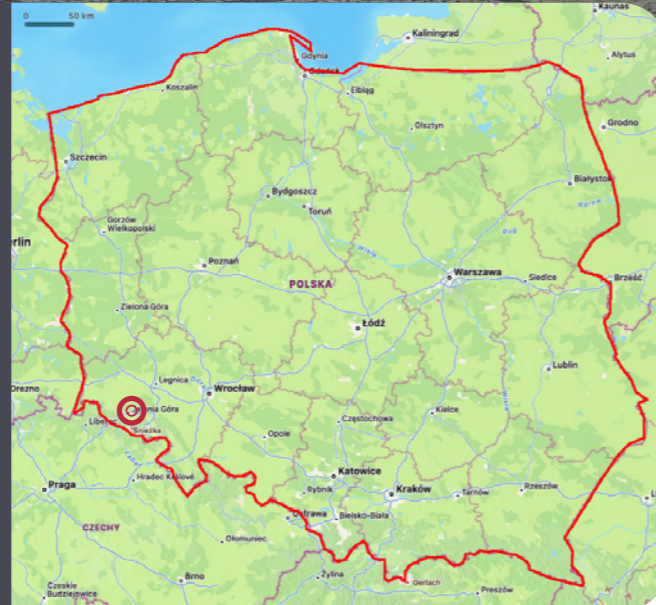


View of Śnieżka Mountain



Beata Tatarczuk

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I've been coming here since childhood, mainly in winter for skiing, but now I also visit in other seasons to explore and hike in the mountains. There's something for everyone here, whether you're a fan of winter sports or a lover of sightseeing, mountain hikes, and enjoying nature.

About the Region:

In winter, you can ski in Szklarska Poręba or Karpacz, and cross-country ski in Jakuszyce. Nearby are the slopes of our southern neighbor, where you can also ski in Harrachov, Czech Republic, see the giant ski jumps, or try 'smałenê sêr s hranolkami' (fried cheese with fries).

In warmer seasons, it's worth hiking to Śnieżka, the highest peak of the Karkonosze Mountains. My favorite route, and one of the least popular among tourists, is from the church in Karpacz (soon you'll be able to start from the train station, as the train will return to Karpacz after 25 years) through Szeroki Most, Sowią Przełęcz, and the Czech shelter Jelenka (where you can also taste Czech cuisine) along the ridge to Śnieżka.

I would suggest descending from the Queen of the Karkonosze via a route that, while not the shortest, is undoubtedly picturesque, including the Jubilee Trail, passing by the newly renovated Strzecha

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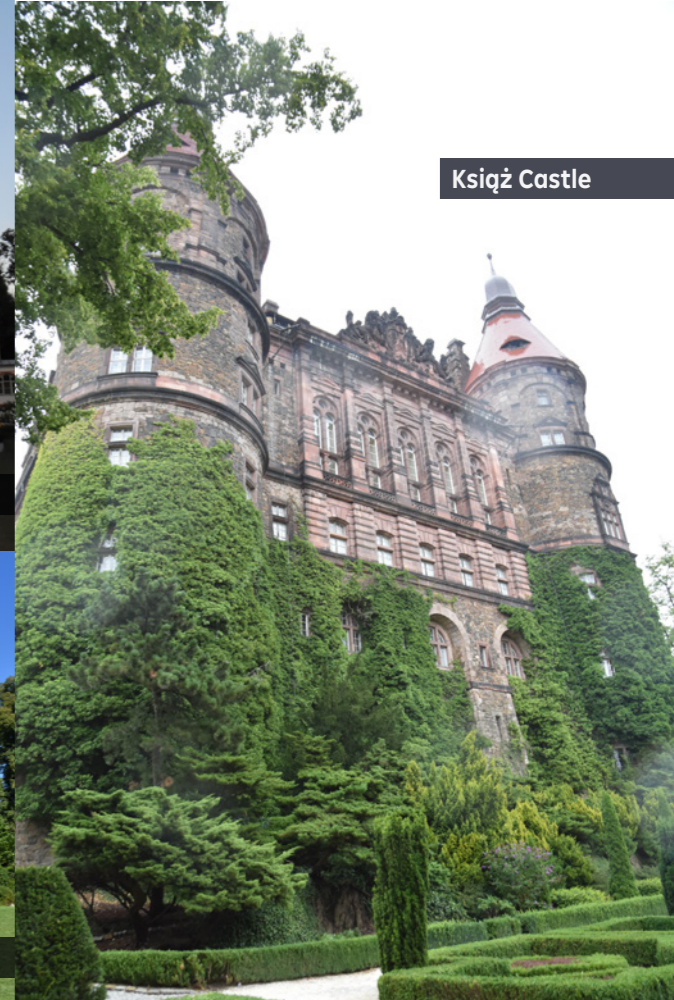
Wang Temple



Chojnik Castle



Palace in Wojnów



Książ Castle



Grodziec Castle



Palace in Łomnica

Akademicka shelter, to the beautifully located Samotnia (blue trail), and from there continuing along the blue trail to the unique wooden Wang Temple.

For less demanding walks, you can go from Szklarska Poręba to the Sudeten waterfalls: the largest, Kamieńczyk and Szklarka. In Przesieka, you can not only see but also enter the Podgórna waterfall.

Tourist Attractions:

The surrounding area is rich in castles and

castle ruins, including Czocho in Leśna, Książ in Wałbrzych, Grodziec, Grodno in Zagórze Śląskie, Chojnik, Bolków, Świny, and the knight's tower in Siedlęcín. I also recommend palaces, such as those in Łomica and Wojanów, as well as mines like the uranium mine in Kowary, the adit in Krobica, and the Jelenia Góra underground (Time Gates). Notable wooden Peace Churches in Jawor and Świdnica (built within cannon shot of the city walls) and the dam in Pilichowice are also worth seeing.

For those who enjoy lounging and afternoon relaxation, I recommend warming up in the Cieplickie Termy and strolling through the baroque Jelenia Góra Old Town, where the annual Antique Fair takes place on the last weekend of September.

Do Not Miss:

It's worth visiting the Julia crystal glassworks in Piechowice, which has been operating since the 19th century. You can see the production of crystal artworks from start to finish and then purchase them to take home.

How to Get There?

The drive from Warsaw takes about 5-6 hours. Along the way, you can visit the ruins of castles in Bolków and Świny. In Kaczorów, at the Podgórzanka Inn, you can taste delicious wild boar goulash. Traveling by train to Jelenia Góra, with or without transfers, takes about 7-7.5 hours. To Szklarska Poręba, it takes about 8.5 hours. To Karpacz, you can take a train to Jelenia Góra and then a PKS bus, which takes an additional hour. A train connection to Karpacz is also expected to operate from mid-June.

Lubelszczyzna: Cycling, Heritage, and Hidden Gems

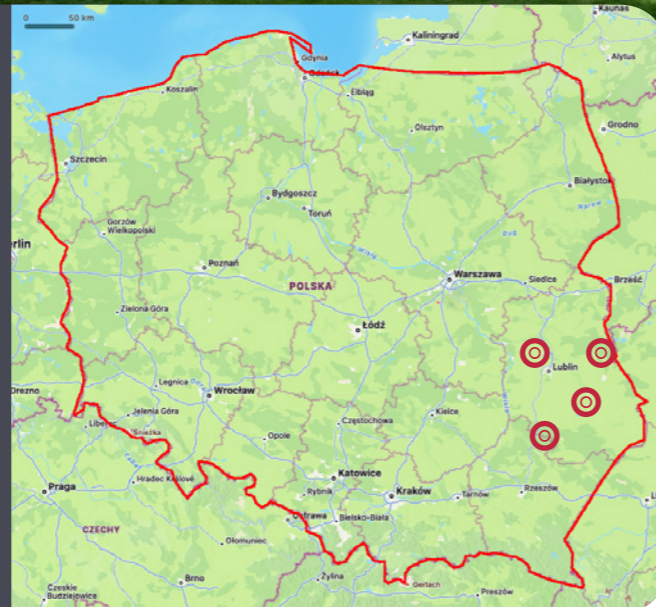


Kozłówka



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The place I wholeheartedly recommend is Lubelszczyzna, especially the Zamoyski Museum in Kozłówka - often called the "Polish Versailles." This unique palace is located along the route of the Święto Roweru in Lubartów, the largest amateur cycling event in Poland and one of the biggest in Europe. Every year, thousands of cyclists from across Poland and abroad gather here at the start of summer. This year marks the 31st edition of the festival, and it's truly for everyone - the oldest participant was 88 years old, and the shortest route is just 17 km, making it accessible to all! As this is my home region, I can sincerely recommend both the museum and the event to everyone.

How to Get There:

Kozłówka is just 30 km from Lublin, making it easily accessible by car or public transport. Allow at least half a day to explore the palace and park, and a full day if you want to join the cycling festival.

What to See:

Kozłówka and Lublin are perfect bases for exploring the region's highlights:

- Zamoyski Museum in Kozłówka: beautifully preserved palace interiors, a lush park, and unique art collections.
- Lublin: vibrant Old Town, historic castle, and lively cultural scene.

Lubelszczyzna: Cycling, Heritage, and Hidden Gems



Kozłówka opulent interiors



Cebularz lubelski



- Kazimierz Dolny: charming Renaissance town by the Vistula River.
- Nałęczów: renowned spa town surrounded by picturesque gorges.
- Roztocze: pristine nature, forests, and hiking trails.
- Zamość: UNESCO-listed Renaissance city.
- Chełm: mysterious chalk tunnels beneath the city.

More to Do:

Cycling fans can enjoy additional scenic routes like the Central Roztocze Cycling Trail (CSRR), the Green Velo Eastern Cycling Trail, and the Nadbużański Trail along the Bug River. For anglers and lake lovers, the Łęczyńsko - Włodawskie Lake District offers great swimming and fishing spots.

Do not Miss:

Trying the regional specialty, 'cebularz' (onion flatbread), is a must for foodies. For a unique souvenir, pick up local honey from nearby beekeepers. Before you visit, check out the Zamoyski Museum's Instagram—one of the most popular museum profiles in Poland - especially the adventures of Stefcia, the palace maid, which have become a social media sensation. Lubelszczyzna is a region where history, nature, and local traditions come together for an unforgettable adventure.

Useful links:

- Zamoyski Museum in Kozłówka: muzeumzamoyskich.pl
- Święto Roweru: swietoroweru.pl
- Zamoyski Museum Instagram: [instagram.com/muzeumzamoyskich](https://www.instagram.com/muzeumzamoyskich)

Excavator Dolores – A Nod to Technology

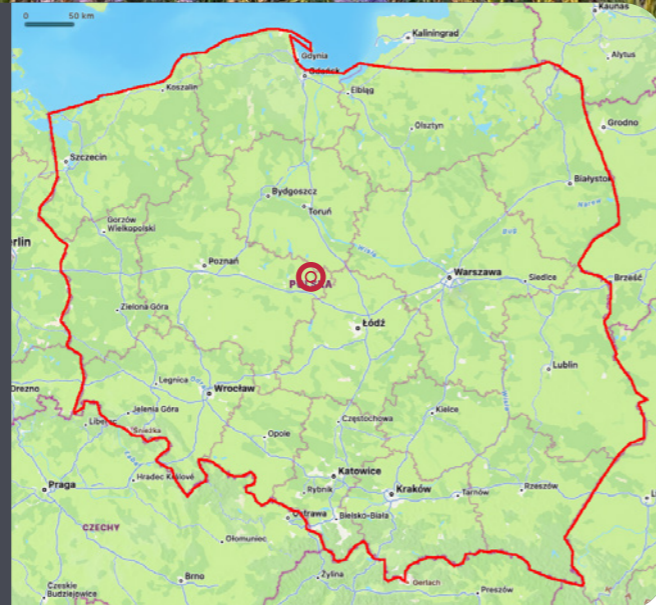


Dolores



Klaudia Bednarczyk

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IN HER FREE TIME, A MOTORCYCLE
ADVENTURE ENTHUSIAST.
OWNER OF A DOG NAMED KEBAB.



There are places that take your breath away not because of the power of nature, but due to... the power of man and technology. Not every monument needs to be hundreds of years old – some have a steel heart and a history written in tons of earth they have moved. For me, such a place was the open pit of the Bełchatów Brown Coal Mine and its majestic ruler – Excavator Dolores.

I visited this site in May 2024 during a motorcycle trip with friends. We traveled over 250 km of scenic routes, and Dolores was one of our stops on the way to Szczecin. Although there were beautiful views and adventures along the way, the moment we first saw her from afar was truly impressive.

How to Get There?

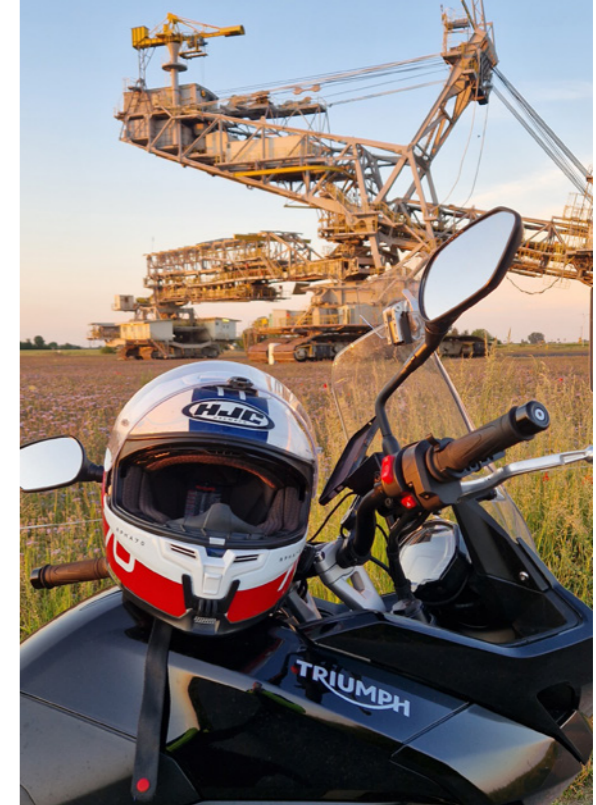
Dolores is located in the Kleczew municipality in Wielkopolska. It's about a 20-minute drive from Konin – easily accessible by car or, in our case, by motorcycle. I recommend this mode of transport to anyone who likes to feel the road with their whole being. Riding through Greater Poland with the May sun overhead is something wonderful.

Tourist Attractions:

The main attraction is, of course, Dolores – an SRs1800 excavator, measuring 118 m in length, 38 m in height, and weighing over 2,500 tons! Standing at her feet, I felt like an ant next to a steel giant. It's incredible that this machine recently operated in the Józwin II B open pit, shaping the region's landscape. Now, decommissioned, it becomes a symbol of industrial heritage – and in the future, part of a museum.

Do not Miss:

While stopping for a meal, we ended up at one of the agritourism spots, where we tried classic Wielkopolska's dishes – pyry z zikiem- potatoes with cottage cheese, gray dumplings with bacon, and delicious pumpkin soup. Along with homemade preserves and baked goods – the atmosphere was completely pastoral, a perfect contrast to industrial Dolores.



What to Bring Back?

The nearby Dolores Foundation, which was the first to work towards saving the excavator, offers interesting educational materials and souvenirs related to the machine. You can get models of the excavator, graphics featuring Dolores, or local products with industrial motifs – a perfect memento from an unusual trip.

For me, the best souvenir was a photo with Dolores. And since I don't like posing for pictures, my motorcycle replaced me with the steel monster in the background. But if you're looking for something more tangible, the Dolores Foundation offers cool gadgets: excavator models, graphics, or local handicrafts with industrial themes. Great for collectors and those who like to support local initiatives.

More: Excavator Dolores -
<https://g.co/kgs/BNzDhVo>

Podlasie – Chillout and Nature



Colourful, wooden house in Plutydze



Beautiful nature of Podlasie

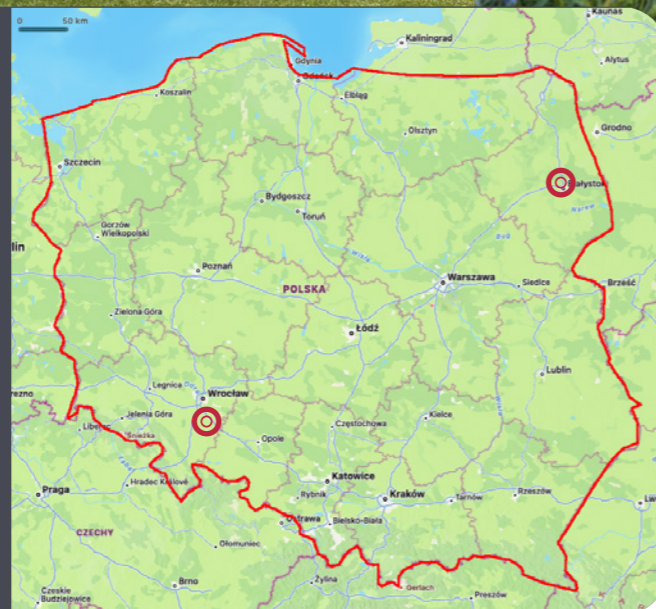


European bison - symbol of Podlasie



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GARDEN, AND WRITING BOOKS.



If you want to escape the hustle and bustle of the city, feel part of the wonderful nature, and meet the nicest people in Poland, I invite you to Podlasie. I discovered this region five years ago and fell in love with it. So much so that today I can call myself a Podlasianka in spe. I found friends there and a place I return to.

About the Region:

Podlasie is located in the northeastern part of Poland. The region covers just over 20,000 square kilometers, has about a million inhabitants, and is divided into Northern Podlasie – home to the famous Polish cold pole, Suwałki; Central Podlasie

– with the regional capital, Białystok; and Southern Podlasie, where the world-renowned Arabian horse stud in Janów Podlaski is located. I return to Central Podlasie, which is closest to my heart.

Organizational Tips:

Białystok is about 200 kilometers from Warsaw. You can reach it by car via the S8 expressway. There's also a convenient train connection. I definitely recommend traveling by car, as it allows you to deviate from the beaten paths and explore Podlasie on your own.

Tourist Attractions:

There are many attractions in Podlasie, including cultural monuments. In Białystok, it's worth visit-



Church in Rajsk



Stork on his nest



Narew River



Colourful, wooden house in Plutycze

ing the restored Branicki Palace, one of the best - preserved magnate residences in Poland, in late Baroque style, often called the Polish Versailles. The symbol of the region is the European bison, which – if you're lucky – you may encounter in the wild. Therefore, visiting Białowieża, home to the king of the Białowieża Forest, is a must. The forest is the last and largest natural forest in the European Lowlands, located on the border of Poland and Belarus, and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Less known places are also worth visiting, such as Bielsk Podlaski, a treat for film lovers. Near the market square in Bielsk, there's a shop where Marysia from the film 'Znachor' by Jerzy Hoffman sold her goods, and where the young count Leszek Czyński visited her.

Podlasie is home to many wooden houses painted

in various colors, a constant and unique element of the landscape that cannot be missed. I recommend the village of Plutycze near Bielsk Podlaski, especially in summer when flowers bloom in the gardens. And one more tip: look for stork nests! The region is their favorite place in Poland, so there are plenty of them. In one village, I counted 15 nests. Many residents of Podlasie are Eastern Orthodox Christians. In some villages, a unique Charłacka dialect, derived from Ukrainian, is spoken. Religion is an important aspect of residents' lives, so another must-see is the local churches. The most famous is the sanctuary and monastery on Holy Mountain Grabarka. However, I encourage you to seek out less obvious places, such as the blue church in Rajsk, which has a dramatic history from World War II (I won't reveal what), and houses the only relics of the patron saint of sailors, Saint Spyridon of Corfu, in Poland.

Additional Activities:

For cycling enthusiasts, Podlasie is a fantastic place to explore the region from the perspective of two wheels. Amateur runners will also not be disappointed; the forested, shaded paths are perfect even during summer heat. I particularly recommend kayaking on the Narew River. The base is located in the town of Supraśl near the Bajdarka guest-house. From there, we are transported along with the kayaks to a chosen location. You can find more information about kayaking trips [here](#).

Do Not Miss:

Podlasie cuisine is unique and shares many similarities with Ukrainian cuisine. While there, it's worth trying Russian dumplings (ruskie pierogi) filled with potatoes and white cheese. Local delicacies include potato babka (babka ziemniaczana) and potato sausage (kiszka ziemniaczana). For sweets, the king

is sękacz cake. Everything is delicious and very calorific. Be sure to try the local beer and kvass, which quenches thirst perfectly when chilled.

A good address to sample Podlasie dishes is the Ziemia Brańska Inn in Brańsk. You can also buy other products there, such as cherry preserves and other delicacies. More details can be found [here](#).

What to Bring Back?

The most important thing you can bring back from Podlasie is a great mood and calm nerves. It's also worth looking for local food, which costs less than, for example, in Warsaw. Excellent honeys, meats made in small production facilities, and Korycin cheese can be found. You can also look for medicinal herbs and natural cosmetics. One thing is certain: we will return recharged with good energy, and with a high probability, we will start planning another trip to Podlasie!

Uroczyisko 7 Stawów – A Touch of Luxury



Renaissance castle in Gola Dzierżonowska



Sculptures in the park



The castle is surrounded by seven ponds

Lower Silesia is famous for its palaces and castles. (Krzysztof Stumpf wrote about this in Brzeg). I can wholeheartedly recommend a unique place. Uroczyisko 7 Stawów & Spa by L'Occitane will satisfy even the most discerning tastes. The hotel is located in a Renaissance castle and is truly worth a visit.

About the Place:

The castle is situated in Gola Dzierżonowska, nestled between the Gumińskie and Krzyżowe Hills. As one of the few buildings from the 16th century, it has preserved its Renaissance character and, due to its authenticity, remains a valuable testament to Renaissance architecture. The castle belonged to the German family von Prittwitz und Gaffron, who were forced to leave Poland after the war. It gradually fell into ruin, as documented in the on-site photo gallery. In 2000, it came

into private hands of Gendaj family and, after 13 exceptionally challenging but meticulous years of renovation and conservation work, it was opened as a hotel.

Organizational Tips:

Gola Dzierżonowska is located 400 kilometers from Warsaw and 50 km from Wrocław. You can conveniently reach Wrocław via the A2 and S8 expressway, then head toward DK 8.

Tourist Attractions:

Uroczyisko 7 Stawów is an excellent idea for a weekend getaway from the city. The hotel is surrounded by a vast park, part of the Natura 2000 program. You can stroll along two nature trails, encountering one of the seven ponds (from which the hotel gets its name). The abundance of water makes the nature here incredibly lush and vibrant. For me, this could be how a fairytale Narnia looks.

In addition to walking, it's worth enjoying the indoor pool or spa treatments. And definitely make a reservation for dinner at the restaurant. Chef Damian Chajęcki offers classic dishes with a modern twist, with a particular focus on plant-based cuisine using vegetables and herbs from the local garden. However, lovers of game and seafood will also be satisfied.

Additional Attractions:

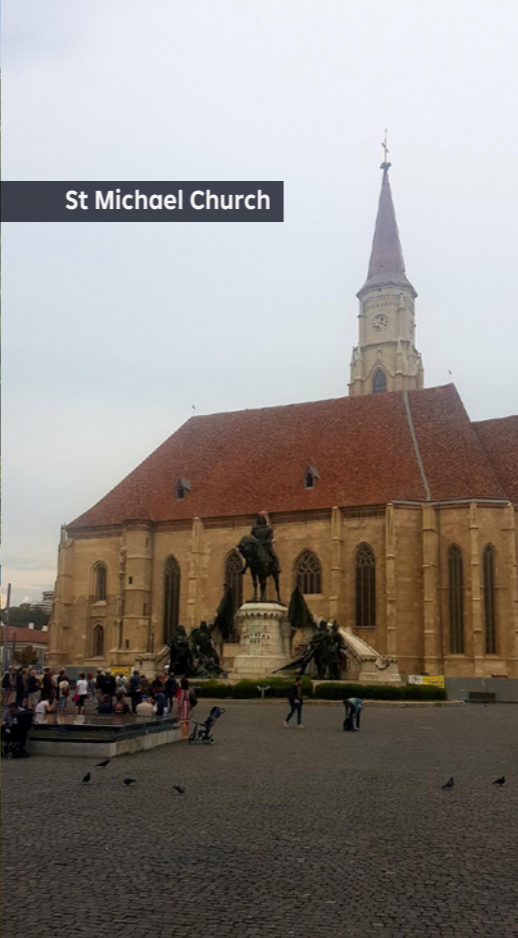
Co-owner Anna Gendaj is also a lover and promoter of art. In Wrocław, she runs Fine Art Gallery, the only gallery of unique ceramics in Poland. Art is also showcased in the park next to the castle, and vernisages take place in another building - the carriage house. So, when traveling to Gola Dzierżonowska, you can look forward not only to relaxation and great food but also to experiencing art at the highest level. You can read more about Uroczyisko 7 Stawów [here](#).



Cluj - Napoca – Heart of Transylvania



Banffy Castle



St Michael Church



Transfiguration Cathedral

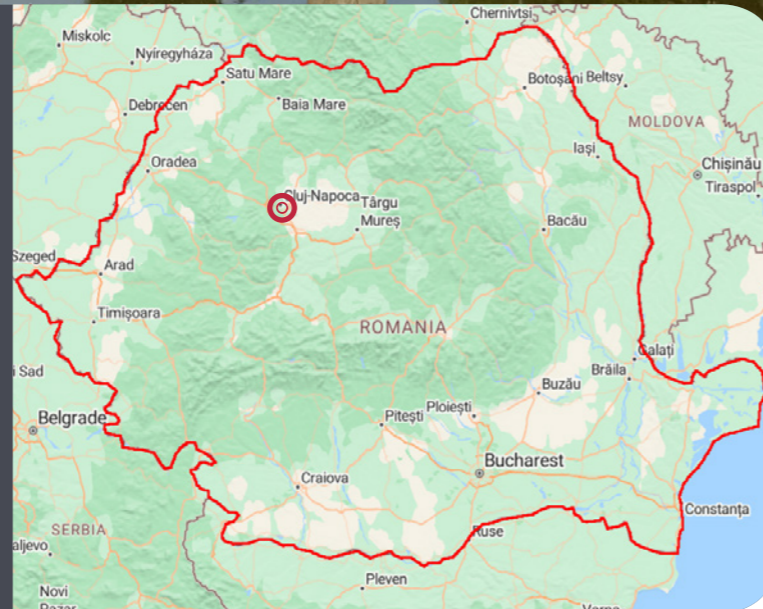


Handmade fair near Franciscan Church



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Cluj is the cultural and economic heart of Transylvania, and every time I go there, I discover something new, from cafes, restaurants, souvenirs, music, new bands, it's so lively yet so peaceful and it inspires me. Also, it's easy traveling to Cluj, the city has an airport very close to the city center, it is a safe place where you can travel alone, service prices are affordable, and you will find a mixture of cultures and architectures.

Organizational Tips:

Cluj - Napoca is the capital of Cluj County and the second - largest city in Romania. It is in the Someșul Mic River valley in the historical region of Transyl-

vania of which it was also the capital.

How to Get There?

- **By air:** Cluj - Napoca can be reached by air via Cluj - Napoca International Airport – Avram Iancu, which is located 9 kilometers east of the city's center.
- **By car:** Cluj - Napoca is accessible by car via the A3 motorway and other important roads. The city is a 450-kilometer drive away from the capital Bucharest.
- **By train:** Cluj - Napoca is well - connected to other cities in Romania by rail via Cluj - Napoca Train Station in the north of the city. This is one of the busiest train stations in the country with direct trains to various cities in Romania and abroad,

Cluj - Napoca – Heart of Transylvania



Botanical Garden

- The **National Museum of Art of Transylvania** (which operates in one of the palaces belonging to the Transylvanian nobles Bănffy – the leading family of Transylvania) is the owner of the largest Romanian collection of fine and decorative arts in the region from the XV-XX centuries.
- **National Museum of History of Transylvania** – exhibits old maps of the city and collections from the Bronze Age.
- **Ethnographic Museum of Transylvania** (hosted by a former palace from the 16th century).
- **Romulus Vuia National Ethnographic Park** (open - air village museum, being the oldest of its kind in Romania).
- **Botanical Garden** - the arrangements that catch your eye are the Japanese garden (it includes a Japanese style house) and the Roman garden (it includes archeological remains, from the time when the place was a Roman colony).

Additional Activities:

Taste the rural life at the Romulus Vuia Ethnographic Park, admire the art at the Cluj National Art Museum, discover the oldest building in Cluj: Matthias Corvinus House.

If you're traveling to Cluj-Napoca, you should not miss Turda Salt Mine, one of the biggest tourist attractions in Romania. It hosts an amusement park (associated with multiple health benefits). This 'interesting but hidden gem' is very old and dates to 50 BC. Hr.

Near the city is the Haia - Baciú haunted forest, where people in the area say that mysterious things are happening – from unexplained lights, unknown creatures wandering through the forest, changing temperatures and even UFOs.

Do not Miss:

Every year, the city of Cluj hosts the three important music and film festivals of the country, held in spring and summer. **The International Film Festival (TIFF)** – a launching pad for Romanian films, in



Electric Castle - Wheel



Untold

including Bucharest, Iași, Sibiu, Timișoara, and Budapest (Hungary).

Tourist Attractions:

- The **Franciscan Church**
- The **Church of St. Michael** (the second largest Gothic church in the country).
- The statue of **Matthew Corvinus** (most often photographed) in the vicinity of St. Michael's Church.
- The Neo - Baroque **Continental Hotel**, which retains the decor of the period between the two world wars.

June; **Electric Castle** (usually held in July at Bánffy Castle) and **Untold** (the festival held in August attracts the best DJs in the world).

What to Bring Back?

Avram Iancu Square: The Association of Popular Artisans from Cluj regularly organizes some fairs in this square, and you can find a range of stalls selling local products, from traditional ceramics to hand-crafted jewelry.

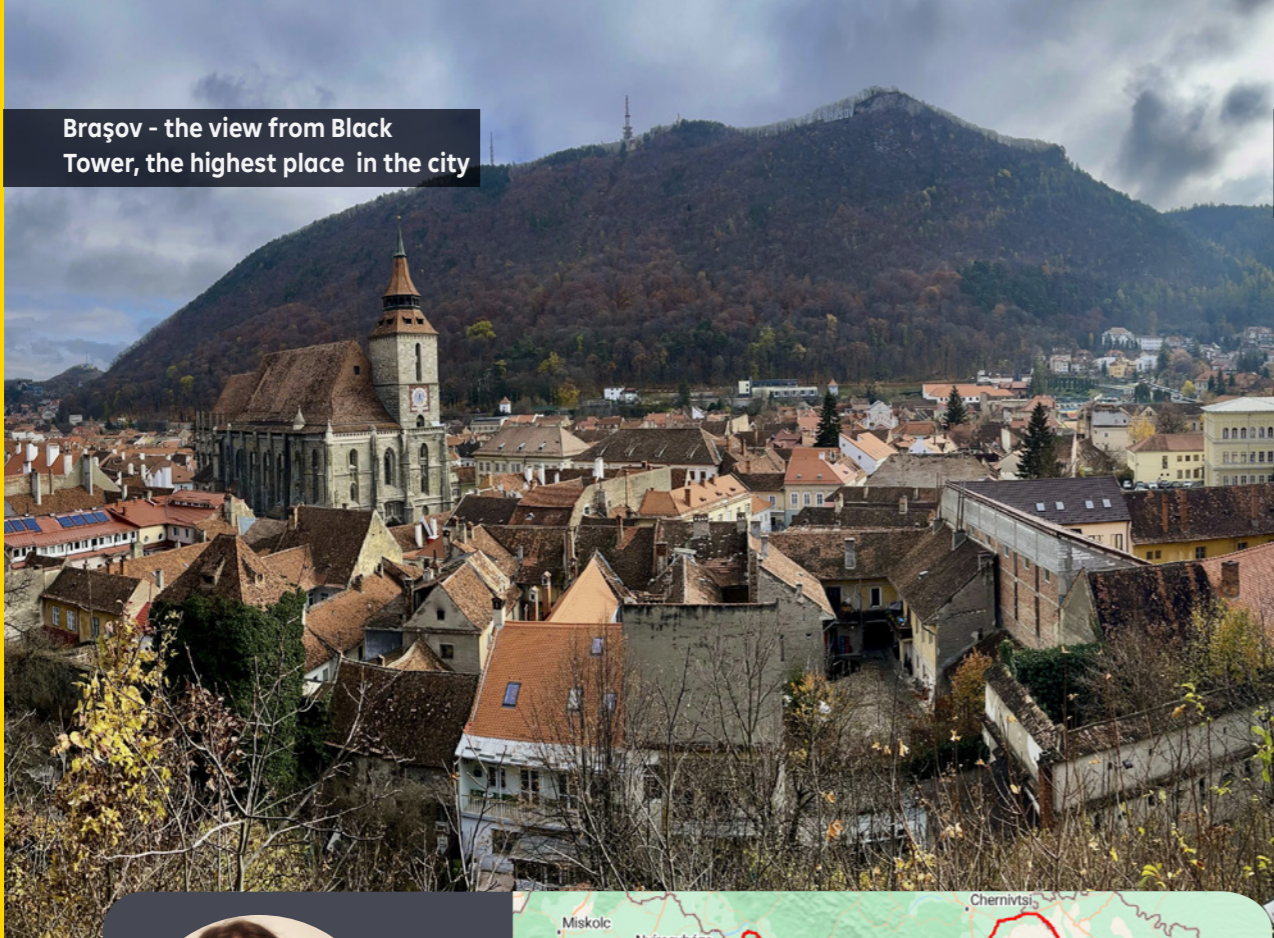
Oserul or the **Flea Market:** here you can find unique items, from antiques to vintage jewelry.

Urban Culture Center Casino: the center hosts a series of events and exhibitions, and it also has a souvenir shop where you can buy unique products, from books to contemporary art pieces.

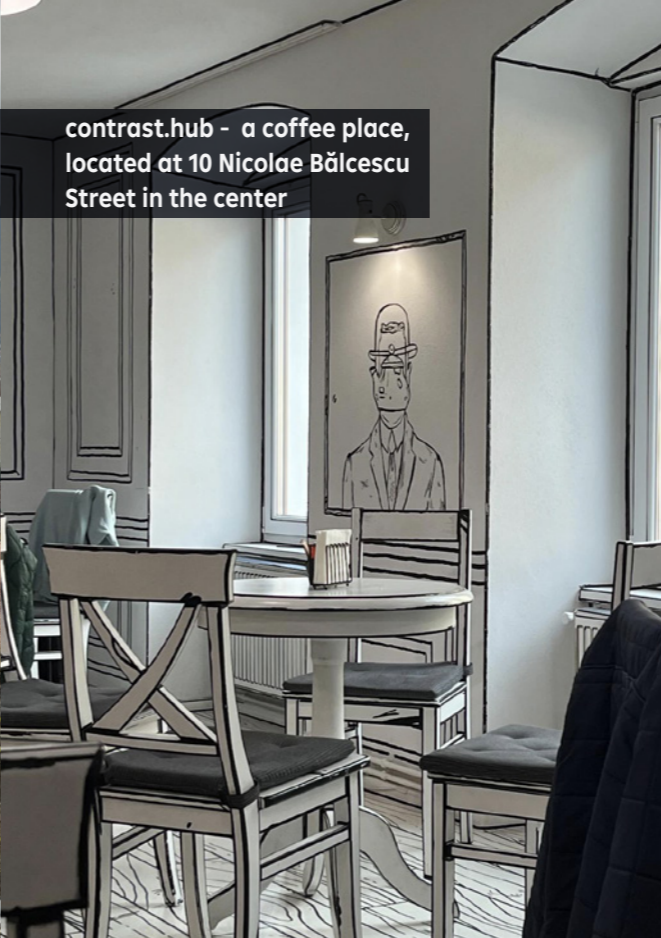
Iulius Mall: here, fairs and exhibitions featuring handmade and traditional products are often organized.

Street Shops in the Center of Cluj: you can discover a wide range of products, from traditional costumes to handcrafted items made by local artisans.

Braşov – Fairytale Beauty



Braşov - the view from Black Tower, the highest place in the city



contrast.hub - a coffee place, located at 10 Nicolae Bălcescu Street in the center

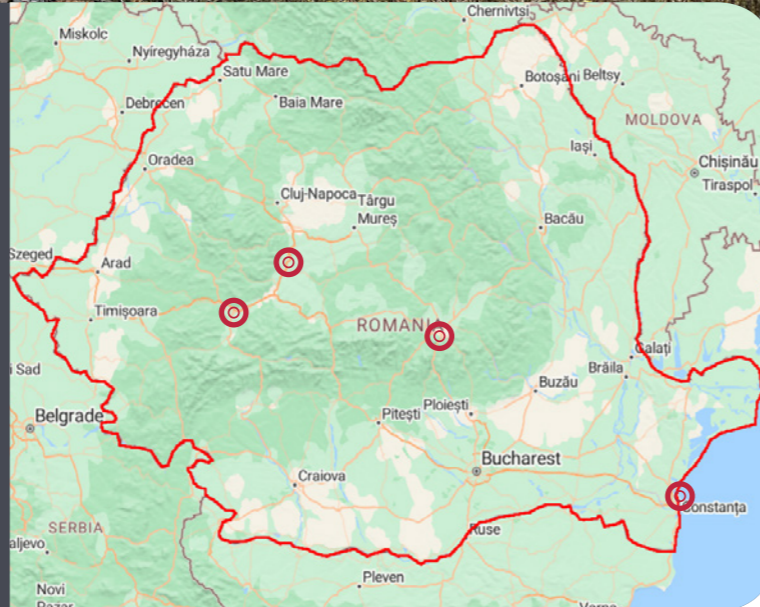


Musik Cafe



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The first time I went to Braşov, I was instantly taken by its fairytale beauty and amazing mountain views. Braşov feels like a place where history, nature, and culture blend perfectly. As I walked through the cobblestone streets of the Old Town, hiked Tampa Mountain, and took pictures of the famous Black Church, Braşov won my heart right from the start.

Organizational Tips:

Braşov is a city located in the center of Romania, and its accessibility from Bucharest is a significant advantage, I usually choose to travel by train, which allows me to arrive in about two hours.

Tourist Attractions:

This peaceful city provides a perfect retreat for

relaxation after a busy week. The architecture of Braşov reflects influences from the medieval period, showcasing a unique charm with buildings that tell its history. Over time, Braşov has been an important commercial center and has been occupied by various cultures, giving it a diverse heritage. Situated at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, the city offers spectacular views. From the Council Square, you can enjoy an impressive panorama of the mountains, making Braşov an ideal destination for nature lovers and adventure seekers. This is a city I always find myself returning to, captivated by its stunning landscapes, beautiful architecture, and delightful culinary offerings.

Braşov – Fairytale Beauty



Braşov - Black Church



The old home of teacher from Andrei Saguna highschool



Rope Street

One of my favorite spots in Braşov has a distinct German flair, renowned for its famous schnitzel - Am Rosenanger on Piata George Enescu Nr. 13 . This charming combination of breathtaking views and delicious food makes Braşov an irresistible destination for me time and time again.

Must See Sights:

Strada Sforii (Rope Street), the Black Church, the City Hall, and Catherine's Gate

Additional Activities:

You can explore the city from Tampa Hill, visit the Black Church, take pictures on the Medieval

Walls, check out Straja Hill Fortress, spend a few hours at the Zoo, sneak through The Rope Street, one of the narrowest streets in Europe, travel back in time at the Tales of Communism Museum, rent a hydro bike and explore the Lake Noua, visit the Bear Sanctuary, explore Poiana Brasov - one of the most popular ski resorts in Romania, relax at the Aquatic Paradise.

Do not Miss:

Braşov is not just a weekend getaway from the hustle and bustle; it's an enchanting destination where you can spend an entire week exploring its

charming streets and nearby attractions.

If you're in the mood for a coffee, why not stop by the delightful Contrast.hub? This unique café, located at 10 Nicolae Bălcescu Street in the heart of the city, features an eye-catching 2D design that adds a special touch to your coffee experience. Looking for something a bit stronger? Head over to After Stube at 4 Alecu Russo Street. This cozy spot is perfect for enjoying a cold beer, and while their menu is simple, it is specifically crafted to complement your drinks—especially the beer. Pair your refreshment with one of their easy-going dishes for

a casual yet enjoyable outing.

Another atypical place is Musik Caffee, located at Republicii nr. 42 Street, features a charming vintage decor and is an ideal spot to enjoy a well-crafted Negroni.

What to Bring Back?:

In the Central Market you can find pottery and beautiful jewelry. The small shops on Rope Street are full of local artisan products that represent Braşov,. You can check out the Braşov, Flea Market if you like antiques and also experience the local culture at craft fairs and festivals.

Constanța: Ancient Town



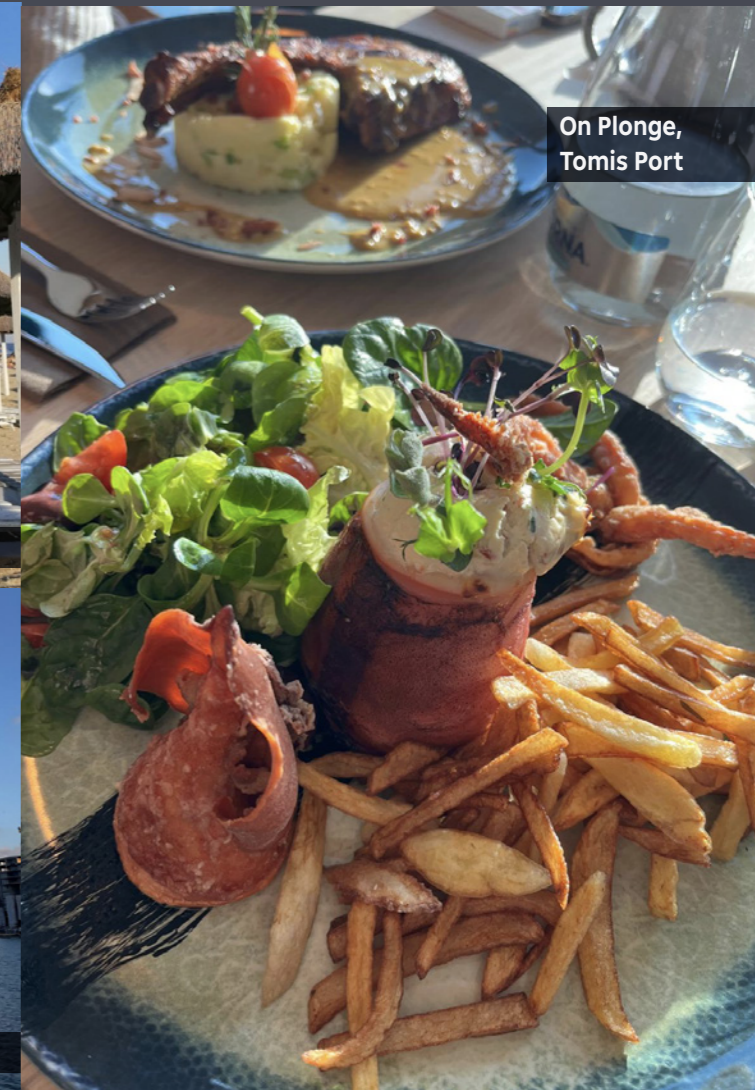
Ovid's Square



Trei Papuci Beach



Tomis Tourist Marina



On Plonge,
Tomis Port

Constanța is an ancient town, which is worth exploring solely for its ancient ruins being a perfect blend between the old and the new.

Organizational Tips:

Constanța is a city by the Black Sea, where you can enjoy a delightful blend of Turkish cuisine along with relaxation on the beach, all while appreciating its architectural nuances. As a coastal city, it has undergone significant trans-

formations over time, and its history is written in the streets, featuring buildings from the Ottoman period to the communist era and right up to the present day.

Tourist Attractions:

In Constanța, there are many museums to explore, such as the National Museum of History and Archeology and the Museum of the Romanian Navy. However, the main attractions are

the Lighthouse, and the Casino located on the promenade. The Casino, an iconic landmark with stunning architecture that has undergone renovations, has now reopened and is ready for visitors. Both sites offer fascinating glimpses into the city's history.

Additional Activities:

Visit the Archaeological Park, Museum of Romanian Navy, Lupa Capitolina Statue

Wind Street/Stradela Vântului which is the second smallest street in Romania (the smallest being Rope Street in Brasov) and you'll see a mix of Armenian and Greek architecture.

From Tomis Tourist Marina, you can also embark on a boat trip out to sea. This offers a fantastic opportunity to explore the beautiful coastline and enjoy the refreshing ocean breeze while taking in stunning views from the water.

Constanța: Ancient Town



Constanța Casino



The Lighthouse of Constanța



Bosfor, Turkish themed restaurant

Do not Miss:

The Turkish-themed restaurant called 'Bosfor', known for offering a rich experience of Turkish cuisine. With its warm and inviting atmosphere, 'Bosfor' allows diners to immerse themselves in the vibrant flavors and culinary traditions of Turkey. The menu features a variety of traditional dishes, including kebabs, mezes, and fresh seafood, all prepared with authentic ingredients and techniques. This restaurant is situated on Tomis Boulevard 48.

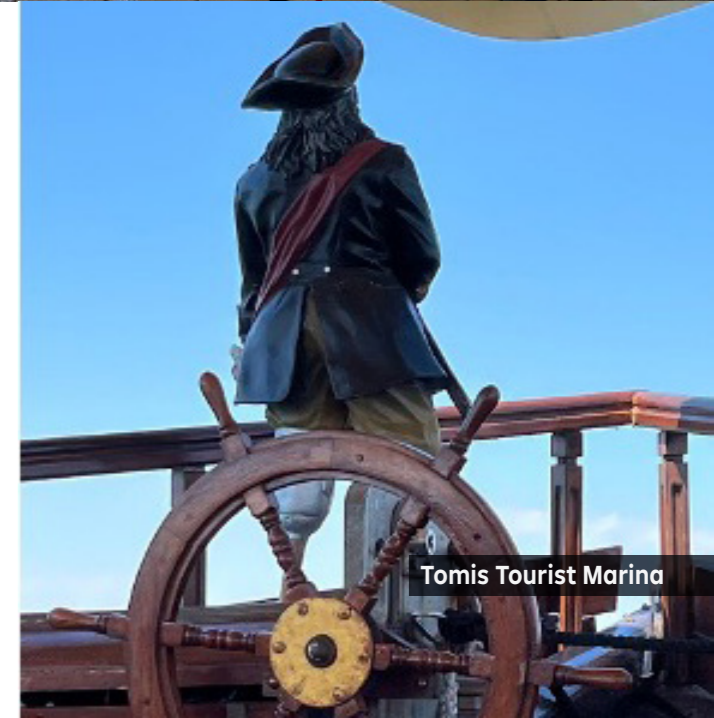
Another lovely spot is Tomis Tourist Marina, where you can savor delicious meals at waterfront restaurants and then take a leisurely stroll along the picturesque marina. The lively atmosphere is enhanced by the sight of yachts

and boats bobbing gently on the waves, creating a perfect backdrop for a relaxing day. As you wander along the promenade, you can enjoy stunning views of the sea, breathe in the fresh ocean air, and immerse yourself in the vibrant local culture. Whether you're enjoying a meal or simply taking in the sights, Tomis Tourist Marina is a delightful destination that captures the essence of seaside living. The one at Tomis Tourist Marina is On Plunge. At On Plunge, you can enjoy a fine dining atmosphere upstairs, complete with elegant decor and exquisite dishes. Meanwhile, downstairs offers a more family-friendly environment with a classic, restored setting where children can play. This combination makes it a perfect spot for both a sophisticated meal and a relaxed family outing.

What to Bring Back?

Tomis Antiques can be found on one of the central streets of the city. The choice of original souvenirs 'from the past' is really huge in this store: from beautiful old postcards or coins to rare vintage phones and unique works of art. Even suits of knight armor can be bought here so a visit to the store will be no less informative than a tour of a historical museum.

Ladies who are keen on needlework must visit Mercerie, a real paradise for those enthusiastic about knitting and stitching. Mercerie has a wide selection of high-quality locally produced yarn, threads, embroidery patterns, and other indispensable accessories for creativity.



Tomis Tourist Marina

Alba Iulia: The City of Joy



Alba Iulia Citadel



Catholic Cathedral of St. Michael



Changing of the guard ceremony at Alba Iulia Citadel



The tranquility of the city, the joy with which you are greeted by people and the tourist points worth visiting are some of the reasons why I return there, and I recommend it as your holiday choice.

Organizational Tips:

Alba Iulia is a historic city in Romania, known for its rich cultural heritage and significant role in the country's history. At its heart lies the stunning Alba Iulia Citadel, a star-shaped fortress that dates to the 18th century. This impressive structure stands as a testament to the city's past, having been a key military and administrative center during various periods, including the Habsburg rule.

The citadel is surrounded by well-preserved fortifications and features several notable landmarks within its walls. Visitors can explore the majestic Union Hall, where the Great Union of 1918 was

proclaimed, as well as the Catholic Cathedral of St. Michael, a splendid example of Gothic architecture. The citadel also offers beautiful parks, museums, and interpretive displays that tell the story of Alba Iulia's evolution through time.

Tourist Attractions:

Wandering through the citadel's cobbled streets, guests can enjoy a sense of the past while taking in breathtaking views from its ramparts. The vibrant atmosphere, combined with the historical significance of Alba Iulia, makes it an essential destination for anyone exploring Romania's rich cultural landscape.

I attended the changing of the guard ceremony at Alba Iulia Citadel, which was a captivating experience. The ceremony showcases a display of precise military drills and traditions, offering a glimpse into the historical significance of the citadel. The guards,

dressed in formal military uniforms, performed their duties with great discipline, creating an impressive atmosphere that was both solemn and festive.

Must See Sights:

The White Fortress – Carolina, Obelisk 'Horea, Closca and Crisan', point of reference in the memory of the Rebellion of 1784, The National Museum of the Union, Crowning's Cathedral, Route of the Three Fortifications

The Union Hall, the Roman Catholic Cathedral

Additional Activities:

Enjoying the cheerful Romanian music and dances, tasting the aromatic wines and the wonderful Romanian cuisine, traditional ancient dishes, such as lamb soup, stew veal, or stuffed cabbage with sauerkraut, but also 'balmosh' – a Romanian traditional meal. If you like wine tasting, you can visit the winery from Jidvei, one of the most important in Romania.

The tasting takes place in the Renaissance-style Bethlen Castle, also known as Haller Castle, located 60 km from Alba Iulia.

On a day trip from Alba Iulia, you can visit the famous Scarisoara Cave and see its 4,000-year-old glacier, the largest in Europe. You can reach the cave on foot from the beautiful village Garda de Sus, as well as the cave Ionele.

Do not Miss:

You can opt for a day of complete relaxation in some of the most beautiful villages in Alba County like Rimetea, but don't miss Coltesti, Garda de Sus, Sagagea, Posaga de Sus, or Ramet.

What to Bring Back?:

Consignatia Chilipir is a gift shop filled with local crafts: designed ceramics, stunning textiles, and traditional Romanian items that beautifully showcase the region's rich culture and artistic heritage.

Hunedoara: The Echoes of History



Hunyad Castle, also known as Corvin Castle

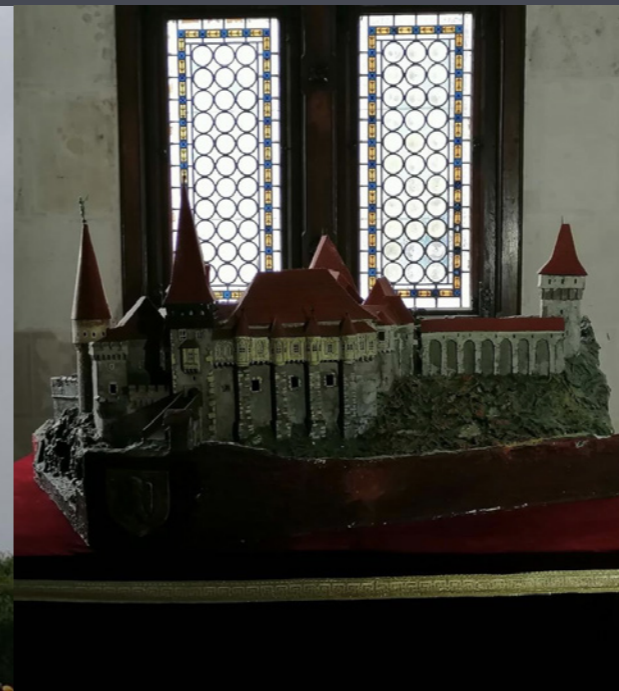
Hunedoara is a captivating destination brimming with history and culture, eager for discovery. Among its most remarkable sites is Castelul Corvinilor, a magnificent Gothic castle that dates to the 14th century. As you explore its grand halls and towering spires, the echoes of history seem to resonate, inviting you to envision the lives of those who once walked its premises. Beyond the castle, the city presents a diverse array of attractions that highlight its distinctive heritage, including intriguing museums and moving memorials that narrate tales of resilience and courage.

Organizational Tips:

The best way to get to Hunedoara is to go by train from Bucharest to Deva (about 8 hours) then catch a local bus from Deva to Hunedoara (less than half hour) The other options are: - direct minibus from Bucharest to Hunedoara (7 and 1/2 hours, bad conditions).

Tourist Attractions:

Hunyad Castle, also known as Corvin Castle, is one of the largest and most impressive Gothic-Renaissance castles in Europe, located in Hunedoara, Romania. This stunning fortress is a true architectural



marvel, characterized by its tall towers, intricate stone carvings, and majestic fortifications. Originally built in the 14th century, it served as a royal residence and a defense against invading forces. The castle's design is a blend of various architectural styles, showcasing not only its historical significance but also the artistic influences of the time. Visitors can explore its numerous halls, including the impressive Knights' Hall adorned with beautiful frescoes and the great hall featuring grand fireplaces and stunning views. Legend has it that this castle was home to John Hunyadi, a prominent Hungarian leader. Additionally, the castle is steeped in folklore, including tales of Vlad the Impaler, which adds an air of mystery and intrigue to its already captivating history. Surrounded by lush green landscapes and a rich historical context, Hunyad Castle is a must - visit destination for anyone exploring Romania. The site offers guided tours that delve into its storied past, alongside opportunities for photography and



leisurely exploration, making it a memorable experience for history enthusiasts and tourists alike.

Must See Sights:

Sarmisegetusa Regia, I giardini di Zoe, Valentin Banciu Train Museum, The Fortress of Deva, Arsenal Park Transilvania, Hunedoara Zoo.

Additional Activities:

Mountain hikes to the glacial lakes and the rugged ridges of the Retezat and Parang Mountains are among the most popular outdoor activities in Hunedoara County and the Jiu Valley is the ideal place for long-distance hikes.

Sibiu – Colorful and Relaxed Place



Small Square



Council Tower



Huet Square from Clock Tower



Maiaan Iancu

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I recommend visiting Sibiu because it is a real cozy, colorful and relaxed place. It is special to me since it is the first city I visited in Romania outside of Bucharest.

Sibiu is in central **Romania**, in the Transylvania region, you can get there by plane, or by car/train from Bucharest (about 5 hours).

Tourist Attractions:

Sibiu is a city that perfectly blends history, culture, and a touch of charm. Known as one of the country's most beautiful cities, Sibiu is steeped in Saxon heritage, with medieval walls, Gothic churches, and cobblestone streets that have been lovingly

Sibiu – Colorful and Relaxed Place



Lutheran Cathedral

- Music Pub
- The Bridge of Lies
- Lower Town
- Huet Square
- Stairs Passage
- Nicolae Balcescu Street
- Clock Tower
- Holy Trinity Cathedral
- Astra Museum

Additional Activities:

Biking around the old town and travelling to Fagaras Mountains for mountain hikes is really a nice experience. If you want to enjoy a fancy dinner with traditional yet modern Romanian food, you can try Kulinarium Restaurant or La Cuptor.

Something different might be dining in the cellar of a 15th century house. Crama Sibiul Vechi offers local cuisine from old recipes, music, and a truly authentic atmosphere.

Do not Miss:

Traditional Romanian food, specific food salam de sibiu, Sibiu salami, traditional Romanian dry-cured salami, originally produced in the region around Sibiu, is known for its rich flavor and distinctive white, powdery rind. It's considered a delicacy and has been granted **Protected Geographical Indication (PGI)** status in the European Union.

If you like to go into a typical farmers' market to see local producers and farmers selling their products and buying straight from the source you should head over to **Piata Cibin** for a cultural experience. Vinerea Verde is another good option: every Friday from morning until 14:00 (typically from April to October) the best farmers and local producers around Sibiu set up food stalls in Huet Square to sell their merchandise.

Some offer small tastings too and you can support



Brukenthal Palace



History Museum



Street seen from Clock Tower

preserved. The city is also a cultural hub, famous for hosting festivals like the Sibiu International Theatre Festival.

Must see sights:

- Council Tower
- Grand Square
- Small Square
- Sibiu Lutheran Cathedral
- Altemberger House (History Museum)
- Brukenthal National Museum
- The Blue House

these small producers by buying their products, which will be a good souvenir from Romania too. Old cheese from local shepherds, pear brandy or fruit cakes, and, of course, traditional Romanian cuisine with a modern twist are some of the best things you can eat in the city.



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