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With charming old town and a setting on the banks of the Brda and the Vistula Rivers, Bydgoszcz cannot fail to amaze you. Fascinating museums are housed in beautiful architecture and scattered throughout the city. But above all else Bydgoszcz is music, here you can enjoy opera or any of the countless music festivals.

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THE CITY

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Surrounded as it is by two rivers you'd be forgiven for thinking you were in Venice if you unexpectedly found yourself in this picturesque town with a 655 year history. And perhaps the most scenic way to see it is by following the tree-lined Old Canal. The town centre exists for music and art the Pomorska Philharmonic, Opera Nova, Theatre Polski, Centre for Arts Exhibitions are but a few of the cultural institutions which organise the many concerts, performances, showcases and expositions which take place throughout the year. The outskirts however are surrounded by lush green forests, which form the largest woodland area in Poland. Here is also protected and vast conservation areas which are now home to rare species of native flora and fauna.

DO & SEE

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Bydgoszcz offers many interesting attraction due to its long history dating back to middle ages, there are many traces of its past which are shown around the city. Here you will find Cathedrals, Old Town Square, The City Walls and the canals around the city. You will also find museums and beautiful gardens.

Old Town Square

Old market square is the heart of Bydgoszcz with its beautiful casements and the town hall. This enchanting place is famed for its architecture, known as Bydgoszcz Secession.

Address: Old market square

Cathedral

This late Gothic edifice is the town's most prized heritage building and hidden within are precious treasures: a Baroque alter and a painting of the Virgin Mary from the sixteenth century.

Address: ul. Farna 8

Old Bydgoszcz Canal

This canal is an extraordinary relic of engineering from the late eighteenth century. The boulevard alongside the canal is an route favoured by locals for afternoon walks.

Mill Island

Picturesque Mill buildings from end of the nineteenth century standing along cobbled tree-lined streets makes

this island a wonderful spot for an afternoon walk. And the museum of old crafts means this quiet corner just to the west of the old town is not to be omitted.

Address: Mill Island

The Granaries

These Prussian granaries are part Bydgoszcz's heritage and the town's emblem. They currently house the Leona Wyczółkowski Museum and a vast collection of his works are on display within.

Address: ul. Grodzka 7, 9, 11
Phone: +48 52 322 16 08

The City Walls

These fragments of the medieval defensive fortification will allow you to step back in time to an age when Bydgoszcz was the target of raids by the Teutonic Knights.

Church Of Our Lady's Ascension

As you explore the nooks and crannies of the old town it's worth taking a moment to step into the tranquil interior of this Gothic church. If you happen to be wandering past at the right time of day you'll hear the Hejnal, or Hymn to the Virgin Mary being played by a trumpeter from the Church tower four times a day.

Address: ul. Gdańska 2
Phone: +48 52 345 62 08

Phonographic Museum

Poland's only assortment of various music players - gramophones, radio receivers, cassette players, etc – as well as a vinyl collection.

Address: ul. Gdańska 4
Phone: +48 52 345 62 08
Internet: www.muzeum.bydgoszcz.pl

Myślęcinek

A woodland park which is a must-see for lovers of the outdoors. Here you will find the Garden of Polish Fauna, the Botanical Garden and a horse riding centre.

Address: Myslecinek

EATING

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Among the specialities of the Kujawy region (where Bydgoszcz lies) is the delicious sour soup called "żurek". It is made by flour which is initially prepared in the same way as sourdough but the result is creamy white soup with a tangy flavour. This and many other traditional, regional dishes can be tasted in the many restaurants around the town.

Meluzyna

This is a sophisticated and stylish eatery offering generous portions of Polish dishes but with a bit of foreign influence.

Address: ul. Gdańska 50
Phone: +48 52 327 42 05

Pałac

Located in the woodland Park Myślęciński this is the ideal spot to satisfy an appetite after spending a whole day in the great outdoors. On the menu you will find traditional Polish cuisine.

Address: ul. Konna 10
Phone: +48 52 328 00 12
Internet: www.palac.com.pl

Stary Port

One of the best restaurants in town, it tempts with its cosy old Polish interior as well as the delicious Polish specialities. On the menu you will find: grilled rack of lamb

with garlic and basil, sander fillet with spinach and vegetables, homemade dumplings and so much more.

Address: ul. Stary Port 13
Phone: +48 52 321 62 08
Internet: www.staryport13.pl

Ogniem I Mieczem

The stylish interior with its raging fireplace and extensive selection of traditional Polish dishes make this a restaurant difficult to pass by.

Address: ul. Ogińskiego 22
Phone: +48 52 341 41 26
Internet: www.ogniemimieczem.com

Baalbek

This Lebanese restaurant nestled near the old market square brings the delights with the flavours of a thousand and one nights.

Address: ul. Magdzińskiego 1
Phone: +48 (0) 52 349 35 18
Internet: www.baalbek.pl

CAFES

Photo: Monika

For the less adventurous it may be a relief to find out that Bydgoszcz is also known for its pancakes and that cafés are serving everything from salads to soups and desserts. You will also find more simple restaurants/cafés serving pizza.

Sowa Patisserie

The wine cellar in this café is filled with wines from around the world while those with a sweet tooth will be satisfied by the imaginative cakes and ice-cream desserts.

Address: Mostowa 5
Internet: www.sowa-cukiernia.com.pl

Beyrouth Café

In Beyrouth Café you can have breakfast, brunch, lunch or something sweet. They have a wide selection of unique desserts, a paradise for lovers of sweet. The café is described as nice atmosphere, cozy interior, friendly and welcoming staff.

Address: ul. Dworcowa 22
Phone: +48 502 704 299
Internet: www.beyrouthcafe.pl

City Cafe

A small café with delicious coffee and friendly staff. If you would like something sweet they have Italian ice cream delicious waffles and desserts. They also offer take away.

Address: Ulica Jagiellonska 12

Naleśnikarnia Manekin

On the menu you will find pancakes of every kind, baked pancakes with cheese, potato pancakes, pancake with mozerella, sweet pancakes and pancake with ice cream. They also serve soup, salads and other desserts like brownie. If you would like to have something to drink with your food and desserts they have hot drinks like coffee and tea. You can also have beer and wine and other cold drinks.

Address: Focha 14
Phone: +48 52 349 39 76
Internet: www.manekin.pl

Pizzeria Piratto

This pizzeria has a nice and cozy interior, decorated in true maritime style. On the menu you will find tasteful pizza, salads and pasta. Here you can have a beer to your pizza.

Address: ul. Podwale 3
Phone: +48 52 341 21 39
Internet: www.piratto.p

BARS & NIGHTLIFE

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The nightlife in Bydgoszczy is most simply described in one phrase: each to their own. After dusk the town enters the night to the sound of experimental jazz, salsa, sea shanties, rock, pop and many other pulsating tunes. With this much choice it'll be difficult not to find something you'll enjoy.

El Jazz

The friendly atmosphere of this club is a magnet for anyone wanting to lose themselves in jazz for even the briefest moment. The venue for gigs and concerts nearly every night.

Address: ul. Kręta 3
Phone: +48 52 322 15 74
Internet: www.eljazz.com.pl

Mózg

A venue that actively promotes contemporary arts and experimental music and the perfect nightspot if you like to be surprised. It has been the stage for hundreds of musicians and performers from around the world.

Address: ul. Gdańska 10
Phone: +48 52 345 51 95
Internet: www.mozg.art.pl

Kubryk

You'll almost be able to feel the sea breeze on your face as you dance a little jig on the tables to the live energetic sea shanties played here.

Address: ul. Podwale 3
Phone: +48 52 321 27 01
Internet: www.pubkubryk.pl

La Salsa

You won't be able to keep your feet still as you listen to the hot rhythms of the salsa, rumba, cha-cha and samba. They serve fabulous cocktails like mojito, Cuba libre and caipirinha.

Address: ul. Zaułek 11
Phone: +48 500 178 003
Internet: www.lasalsabydgoszcz.pl

Trip

Hordes of students flock to this venue who are attracted by the relaxed and friendly atmosphere and the pleasantly affordable price of beer.

Address: Ul. Floriana 22
Phone: +48 52 3493822

Savoy

Savoy is hugely popular with students and is packed most nights. Here you will find a long bar, pool tables and of course dance floor where you can dance to the music all night long.

Address: ul. Jagiellońska 2
Phone: +48 52 349 31 86
Internet: www.savoy.pl

SHOPPING

Photo: Raphaël Labbé

Bydgoszcz is not a huge city, which transforms shopping into a pursuit of pure pleasure by keeping you away from the crowds which normally assemble in shopping centres. The old town is heaving with stalls selling an abundance of souvenirs which allows you to combine sightseeing with gift shopping.

The shopping centre "Jedynak" established in 1911 is one of the oldest in Poland and well worth a visit if you're looking for clothes, while Galeria Pomorska is one of the newest of the modern and elegant where you can find known international brands such as H&M, Orsay, Vero Moda, and Vertus. You can get there by busses: 57, 59, 65, 67, 69, 82, 91, 94 and trams: 1, 3, 7. In "Rondo" you'll find over 40 boutiques, including Hi Mountain, Nike, Sunset Suits, Orsay, Go Sport. You can get there by busses: 51, 56, 58, 60, 61, 62, 71 and trams: 3, 8.

In the heart of the town centre on Ulica Jagiellońska, stands Focus Park, shopping mall and entertainment centre. Here you'll find Diverse, Ecco, Promod, Sephora, Tatuum, Wittchen, Hugo Bross and Wrangler Lee.

SLEEPING

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Accommodation in Bydgoszcz is diversified; here you will find both high standard and budget hotels. Many of the hotels are located in the center with easy access to any part of the town. If you stay during sporting events, festivals and fairs it is highly recommended to book your accommodation in advance.

Hotel Pod Orłem

A luxurious hotel with history almost as long as the beautiful turn of the century building in which it is housed. In the hotel you will also find a restaurant serving original Polish cuisine recipes dating back to 1920-1930.

Address: ul. Gdańska 14
Subway: tram 1, 2, 4, 6 buses
51,52,54,55,56,57,58,59,63,54,55,77,80,82,94
Phone: +48 52 583 05 30
Internet: www.hotelpodorlem.pl

Hotel Brda

This is the largest hotel in the region with a nightclub, sauna, solarium and masseuse all at the guests' disposition.

Address: ul. Dworcowa 94
Subway: buses 60, 62, 71
Phone: +48 52 585 01 00
Internet: www.hotelbrda.com.pl

Hotel Ratuszowy

This cosy hotel is hidden away among the heritage-listed buildings of the old town and it's only a short walk from the main tourist attractions in its centre.

Address: ul. Długa 37
Phone: +48 52 339 84 00
Internet: www.hotelratuszowy.com.pl

Hotel Focus

Located near the extensive recreation grounds of the Myślęcinek park makes this the premier accommodation for people who value an idyllic setting.

Address: Modrzewiowa 1
Subway: trams 1,2
Phone: +48 52 340 17 66
Internet: www.hotelfocus.com.pl

City

A modern building in the centre of Bydgoszczy whose façade effectively shields you from the hustle and bustle outside. A Jacuzzi, sauna, gym and solarium wait for those determined to unwind.

Address: ul. 3 Maja 6
Subway: tram 1, 2, 4, 6 buses 77, 94
Phone: +48 52 325 25 00
Internet: www.cityhotel.bydgoszcz.pl

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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Airport

Paderewskiego Airport lies approximately 3 kilometres south of Bydgoszcz and it is one of the newest in Poland. It is easiest to get to the main terminal by taxi, this should cost around 10 PLN, or alternatively bus number 80 (this runs to the airport from Osiedle Zawisza). On weekdays the bus runs every half hour between 05:00 and 23:30, on weekends and holidays it runs every hour.

Address: ul. Jana Pawła II 158
Phone: +48 52 365 46 50
Internet: www.plb.pl

Public transport

Bydgoszcz is covered by an excellent public transport network which makes getting around quick and easy. A single-use bus or tram ticket costs around 2,20 PLN, while one valid for 24 hours costs 11 PLN, and a 5 day ticket is 32 PLN. Children and students are eligible for a 50 percent discount but must have student ID with them at all times when travelling. Busses run daily until midnight after which it is possible to take one of 5 night busses which run until morning.

Internet: www.zdmikp.bydgoszcz.pl

Taxi

You should not have the least problem in finding a taxi in Bydgoszcz. Companies offering these services around but

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you should take care not to accept offers from touts. By ordering a taxi by phone you will avoid unnecessary risks. Prices vary between 1,5 PLN per kilometre during the day to 3,6 PLN at night with a surcharge of 5 PLN for the night tariff.

Radio-Taxi "Fordon - Pomoże"
+48 52 96 24

Radio-Taxi "Bydgoszcz"
+48 52 96 25

Post
Urząd Pocztowy Nr 1

Address: ul. Jagiellońska 6
Opening hours: Open 24 hours a day
Internet: www.poczta-polska.pl

Pharmacy
Bajka is open 24 hours a day.

Address: Zarembiny 9
Phone: +48 52 343 05 46
More Info: ul. E. Szelburg

Dentist
Centrum Stomatologii Dentus

Phone: +48 56 663 41 41

Telephone
Country Code: + 48

City Code: 52

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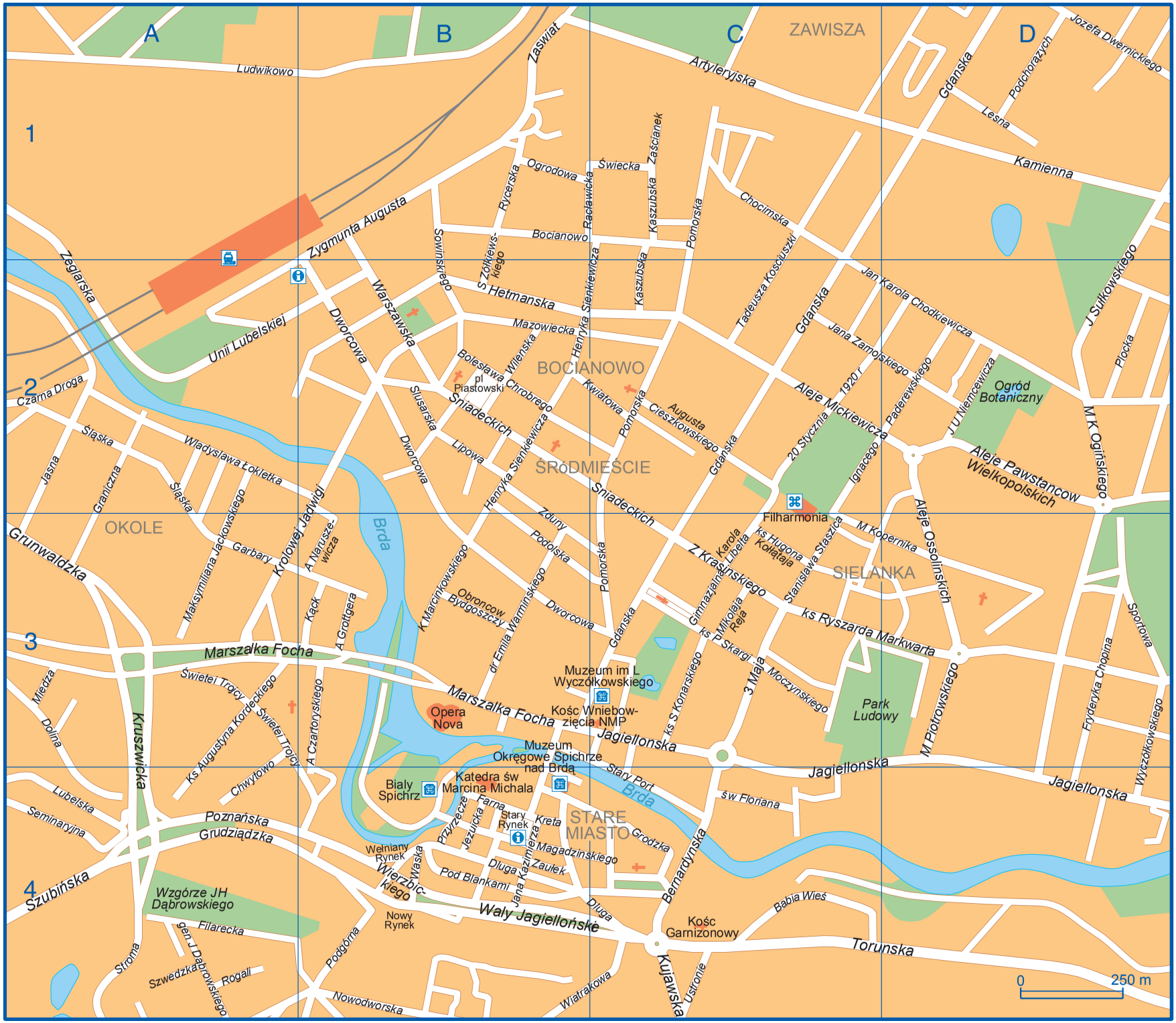
220 V, 50 Hz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