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Candidate Information Pack

Gdansk, Poland
Gdańsk, Polonia



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1. Gdansk

1.1 Overview

Gdańsk is a Polish city on the Baltic coast, at the center of the country's fourth-largest metropolitan area

The city lies on the southern edge of Gdańsk Bay (of the Baltic Sea), in a conurbation with the city of Gdynia, spa town of Sopot, and suburban communities, which together form a metropolitan area called the Tricity, with a population of over 800,000. Gdańsk itself has a population of 455,830 (June 2010), making it the largest city in the Pomerania region of Northern Poland.

Gdańsk is Poland's principal seaport as well as the capital of the Pomeranian Voivodeship. It is also historically the largest city of the Kashubian region. The city is close to the former late medieval/modern boundary between West Slavic and Germanic lands and it has a complex political history with periods of Polish rule, periods of German rule, and extensive self-rule, with two spells as a free city. It has been part of modern Poland since 1945.

Gdańsk is situated at the mouth of the Motława River, connected to the Leniwka, a branch in the delta of the nearby Vistula River, whose waterway system supplies 60% of the area of Poland and connects Gdańsk to the national capital in Warsaw. This gives the city a unique advantage as the center of Poland's sea trade. Together with the nearby port of Gdynia, Gdańsk is also an important industrial center. Historically an important seaport and shipbuilding center, Gdańsk was a member of the Hanseatic League.

The city was the birthplace of the Solidarity movement which, under the leadership of political activist Lech Wałęsa, played a major role in bringing an end to Communist rule across Central Europe.

Gdańsk enjoys a temperate climate, with cold, cloudy, moderate winters and mild summers with frequent showers and thunderstorms. Average temperatures range from -1.0 to 17.2 °C (30 to 63 °F) and rainfall varies from 31.0 mm/month to 84.0 mm/month. In general it is a maritime climate and therefore damp, variable and mild.

The seasons are clearly differentiated. Spring starts in March and is initially cold and windy, later becoming pleasantly warm and often very sunny. Summer, which begins in June, is predominantly warm but hot at times (with temperature reaching as high as 30-35C at least once per year) with plenty of

sunshine interspersed with heavy rain. The average annual hours of sunshine for Gdańsk are 1600, similar to other Northern cities. July and August are the hottest months. Autumn comes in September and is at first warm and usually sunny, turning cold, damp and foggy in November. Winter lasts from December to March and includes periods of snow. January and February are the coldest months with the temperature sometimes dropping as low as $-15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$)

1.2 Things to do in Gdansk

The city has many fine buildings from the time of the Hanseatic League. Most tourist attractions are located along or near Ulica Długa (Long Street) and Długi Targ (Long Market), a pedestrian thoroughfare surrounded by buildings reconstructed in historical (primarily 17th century) style and flanked at both ends by elaborate city gates. This part of the city is sometimes referred to as the Royal Road as the former path of processions for visiting kings.

Walking from end to end, sites encountered on or near the Royal Way include:

- Upland Gate (Brama Wyżynna)
- Torture House (Katownia)
- Prison Tower (Wieża więzienna)
- Golden Gate (Złota Brama)
- Long Street (Ulica Długa)
 - Uphagen House (Dom Uphagena)
 - Main Town Hall (Ratusz Głównego Miasta)
- Long Market (Długi Targ)
 - Artus' Court (Dwór Artusa)
 - Neptune Fountain (Fontanna Neptuna)
 - Golden House (Złota kamienica)
- Green Gate (Zielona Brama)



Gdańsk has a number of historical churches:

- St. Bridget
- St. Catherine
- St. John
- St Mary (Bazylika Mariacka), a municipal church built during the 15th century, is the largest brick church in the world.
- St Nicholas' Church
- Church of the Holy Trinity

The National Museum contains a number of important artworks, including Hans Memling's Last Judgement. The museum ship SS Soldek is anchored on the Motlwa River and was the first ship built in post-war Poland.

In the 16th century, Gdańsk hosted Shakespearean theatre on foreign tours, and the Danzig Research Society founded in 1743 was one of the first of its kind. Currently, there is a Fundation Theatrum Gedanensis aimed at rebuilding the Shakespeare theatre at its historical site. It is expected that Gdańsk will have a permanent English-language theatre, as at present it is only an annual event.

- Old Town

- Długa Street

- Westerplatte: The historic site where World War II broke out on September 1, 1939 includes a small museum and a towering monument to the Polish defenders.



- Maritime Museum (Muzeum Morskie)

- Sports: There are many popular professional sports teams in the Gdańsk and Tricity area. Amateur sports are played by thousands of Gdańsk citizens and also in schools of all levels (elementary, secondary, university). The city's professional football club is Lechia Gdansk. Founded in 1945, they play in the Ekstraklasa, Poland's top division. Their home stadium, PGE Arena, is one of the four Polish stadiums to host the UEFA Euro 2012 competition.

2. Cost of Living

Restaurants	Avg.	Range
Meal, Inexpensive Restaurant	4.33 €	3.39 5.90
Meal for 2, Mid-range Restaurant, Three-course	21.60 €	15.83 28.40
Combo Meal at McDonalds or Similar	3.45 €	2.73 4.25
Domestic Beer (0.5 liter draught)	1.62 €	1.37 1.93
Cappuccino (regular)	1.41 €	0.85 1.89
Coke/Pepsi (0.33 liter bottle)	1.15 €	0.86 1.42
Water (0.33 liter bottle)	0.75 €	0.47 1.13



Markets	Avg.	Range
Milk (regular), 1 liter	0.59 €	3.39 - 5.90
Loaf of Fresh White Bread	0.56 €	0.46 - 0.71
Apples (1kg)	0.80 €	0.60 - 1.09
Oranges (1kg)	0.97 €	0.71 - 1.13
Potato (1kg)	0.26 €	0.23 - 0.30
Pack of Cigarettes (Marlboro)	2.44 €	1.82 - 2.85

3. Transport

- Gdańsk Lech Wałęsa Airport – an international airport located in Gdańsk;
- Port of Gdańsk – a seaport located on the southern coast of Gdańsk Bay within the city;
- Gdańsk Główny (PKP station) – major railway passenger station with PKP Intercity and SKM service;
- Szybka Kolej Miejska – an urban transportation service of Tricity;
- City buses and trams are operated by ZTM Gdańsk
- Obwodnica Trojmiejska – part of expressway S6 that bypasses the cities of Gdańsk, Sopot and Gdynia.

Train transportation provides connections with all major Polish cities, and with the neighbouring Kashubian Lakes region. The A1 motorway connects the port and city of Gdańsk with the southern border of the country.

Gdańsk is the starting point of the EuroVelo cycling route which continues southward through Poland, then into the Czech Republic, Austria and Slovenia before ending at the Adriatic Sea in Pula, Croatia.



4. Accommodation



Rent Per Month	Average
Apartment (1 bedroom) in City Centre	358€
Apartment (1 bedroom) Outside of Centre	289€
Apartment (3 bedrooms) in City Centre	590€
Apartment (3 bedrooms) Outside of Centre	472€
Buy Apartment Price	
Price per Square Meter to Buy Apartment in City Centre	1.1615
Price per Square Meter to Buy Apartment Outside of Centre	1.015