The city of Szczecin, with its bridges, canals and dollyshafts stretches along the banks of the Oder River (Odra), some 65 km from the Baltic Sea. For centuries this was a land of crossroads, from Western to Eastern Europe and from Scandinavia to Southern Europe. Today Szczecin is not only the capital city of the West Pomeranian Province but is also the major city of the whole Pomerania Euroregion. It has become the centre of trade and industry, education and culture and a place with a developing tourist industry. Although the old image of the city has greatly changed, it still enchants visitors with its charming places of interest and secession architecture which in itself is an invitation to explore and see more of the city.

**FOLLOW THE RED LINE**

As you walk through the city you may notice a broken red line running along the pavement, the meaning of which is a mystery to many people. In fact, this is a special way of marking the tourist route that can lead you to the most important sights in Szczecin. During a walk which may last a few hours you can visit the Old Market and see its most spectacular sights. The route starts near the main railway station (Dworzec Główny PKP) and leads us around the old town over forty two landmarks. Many people visiting the city will without a doubt appreciate the help of this special route map, which is ‘printed’ in Polish, English and German. A must-see tourist attraction is ‘printed’ in Polish, English and German. A must-see tourist attraction is 

**THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS**

- **International Youth Training Meetings – „OKNO” (WINDOW)**, February. Annual musical and theatrical festival of young, alternative groups of performers from Poland and abroad.
- **Spring Guitar Concerts**. March. Music concerts with the most popular young, alternative groups of performers from Poland and abroad.
- **International Choir Festival**, June. A meeting of choirs from various countries. The best choir is awarded a prize and a cup. The festival is held in the Courtyard of the Castle.
- **Musica Genera Festival** - International Festival of Impraved and Experimental Music. May Performances from outstanding personalities, innovative new sound-events and improvised music in Poland and Europe. Many premier performances.
- **International Choir Festival, June. A meeting of choirs from various countries. The best choir concerts are held in the main concert halls in Szczecin.**
- **Sea Days** – July. Open-air concerts by celebrated Polish and foreign singers, with sporting events, games and contests, fireworks together with a booking regatta. 
- **The Castle Artists’ Summer, August – September. About sixty concerts, performances and folkloric presentations take place in the courtyards and chambers of the Castle.**
- **The International Festival of Street Artists, July. An outdoor festival of art theatre, music and fine art.**
- **Skalitzer Land** – July. An outdoor three-day music festival with many live events taking place. 
- **Szczecin Jazz Summer, September. Polish jazz artists’ concerts in a cozy setting. Open event.**
- **The International Tennis Tournament for Men, ATP, Poland. Open, September.**
- **The International Art Fair, Szczecin** – July. An international art fair for Polish and foreign artists, artists from Poland and abroad.

**OTHER EVENTS:**

- **Eiffel Tower in Szczecin**
- **Szczecin Castle**
- **Jasne Błonia**
- **Park Kasprowicza**
- **Valerij Oistrach, Pat Metheny, Al di Meola**. The castle contains art galleries and every year are ensembles and soloists from all over the world (Goran Bregovič, Vadim Brodsky, José Carneiro, etc.)
- **Open-air concerts by celebrated Polish and foreign singers, with sporting events, games and contests, fireworks together with a booking regatta.**
- **THE CASTLE ARTISTS’ SUMMER, AUGUST – SEPTEMBER. ABOUT SIXTY CONCERTS, PERFORMANCES AND FOLKLORE PRESENTATIONS TAKE PLACE IN THE COURTYARDS AND CHAMBERS OF THE CASTLE.**
- **THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF STREET ARTISTS, JULY. AN OUTDOOR FESTIVAL OF ART THEATRE, MUSIC AND FINE ART.**
- **SKALEZER LAND – JULY. AN OUTDOOR THREE-DAY MUSIC FESTIVAL WITH MANY LIVE EVENTS TAKING PLACE.**
- **SZCZECIN JAZZ SUMMER, SEPTEMBER. POLISH JAZZ ARTISTS’ CONCERTS IN A COZY SETTING. OPEN EVENT.**
- **THE INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT FOR MEN, ATP, POLAND. OPEN, SEPTEMBER.**
- **THE INTERNATIONAL ART FAIR, SZCZECIN** – JULY. AN INTERNATIONAL ART FAIR FOR POLISH AND FOREIGN ARTISTS, ARTISTS FROM POLAND AND ABROAD.

**HOW TO GET TO SZCZECIN?**

- **Arrival by train**. The main railway station in Szczecin is located near the city centre (booked before with valid airline ticket required). The transfer lasts about 30 minutes! The ticket costs 10 PLN (on the day of travel) for a one-way ticket, 20 PLN for a return ticket. To travel by public transport, you can buy a one-day Pass for 50 PLN. The ticket is valid for all bus and tram services in the city. 
- **Arrival by car**. The nearest airport is Goleniów – 25-30 minutes. Low cost flights are in operation since 30/10/2005 with Ryanair from Goleniów to Szczecin Goleniów. The transfer lasts about 30 minutes! The ticket costs 10 PLN (on the day of travel) for a one-way ticket, 20 PLN for a return ticket. To travel by public transport, you can buy a one-day Pass for 50 PLN. The ticket is valid for all bus and tram services in the city. 
- **Arrival by boat**. A one-hour boat trip around the harbour and the entry to the shipyard, where the moored sailing boats. 

**JASNE BLONIA**

Jasne Błonia, a bright, verdant area of land spread out to the north of City Hall is another place worth visiting. Near the entrance of the park there is a panorama of the lower Oder and the city of Szczecin. Jasne Błonia is a place with a developing tourist industry. Although the old image of the city has greatly changed, it still enchants visitors with its charming places of interest and secession architecture which in itself is an invitation to explore and see more of the city. 

**WALLS ARE 500 METER LONG TERRACES WHICH WERE CONSTRUCTED AT THE INITIATIVE OF HERMANN HAKEN, WHO WAS THE STAR OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE PARK. WALTZER AND MINuetTONE FROM DANNISH COUNTRY.**

**THE EMMERALD LAKE (JEZIORO SZMARAGDOWE) WHICH IS OUTSIDE THE CITY, RIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE KRAWYCZYNSKI PARK.**

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