

Gdańsk – the Venice of the north!

That slogan refers not only to the seaside location or multitude of water channels flowing through the city... Both cities also share romanticism and love, which are visible at every step of the way. The fabulous alleys of the Main City (Główne Miasto), romantic walks along the Motława river, sunsets over the Baltic Sea, magical parks hiding the charm of the old days...

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Therefore we are recommending a series of publications: “**Gdańsk – have a rest as you like**”.

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GDAŃSK

- have a rest as you like



In love with Gdańsk

Gdańsk is a magical place –
mountains and water are here as one,
exactly as a couple of lovers.



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ROMANTIC CITY CENTRE

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL STREET IN THE CITY

Mariacka Street is the most admirable of all the streets of Gdańsk, it is considered one of the most beautiful streets in the city. It leads from the Arch-cathedral St. Mary's Church (Bazylika Mariacka) to the Long Seashore (Długie Pobrzeże) via the medieval St. Mary's Gate (Brama Mariacka). A secluded place, full of history. Mariacka Street has been for ages remaining the place of rendezvous. Let the magical atmosphere of the place carry you away!

On Mariacka Street one can see charming, colourful, a few-storey high small tenement houses, romantic stores and galleries full of jewellery and amber. Here every couple will have a successful photo shoot in a beautiful scenery – magnificent facades of houses, bas-reliefs, cobblestones and gargoyles with heads of animals, dragons and mascarons. Nearby you can find the Arch-cathedral St. Mary's Church (Bazylika Mariacka) - the largest brick temple in Europe - it is 105m high and its vaults reach to 33m. There is also a tower. It takes almost 400 steps to get there! From the view gallery one can admire the view like in children's dreams about a fabulous town with narrow, paved roads, red tiled roofs and towers of churches, which occasionally sound with sound of bells.

IT IS MAGICAL

Walks along the river bring people together! The Motława River in Gdańsk is special – here people can feel the nostalgia of parting and joy of returns!

A stylish, elegant cafes, art galleries, souvenirs shops on the streets: The Long Seashore (Długie Pobrzeże) and Fishing Seashore (Rybackie Pobrzeże) encourage tourists to come and sit for a while, taste an aromatic coffee and buy a souvenir necklace of bead or at least a postcard. A cocktail of emotion and impressions, which include the music, spectacular architecture, the glare of amber, noise of a cheerful crown makes us enjoy the atmosphere of that extraordinary place, which back in the medieval times was filled with tumult of fairs, where sailors used to meet, where merchants unloaded goods from ships arriving from distant lands.

At the other side of Motława river tourists can visit Ołowianka Island and the Baltic Philharmonic, which organizes the Gdańsk Music Summer during the summer season - concerts in the open air, which can be heard from the other bank. Here one can listen to famous opera and operetta arias, Neapolitan songs and Latino songs...

WILD LOVE

The Town Hall of the Main City (Główne Miasto), an ancient Gothic-Renaissance building, situated at the meeting of Long Street (Ulica Długa) and the Long Market (Długi Rynek), dominates over the panorama of the Royal Road (Droga Królewska), the most representative track of the old part of the city. The Town Hall is the main seat of the Gdańsk Museum of History.

The below history about the love of Miłosz, the fisherman and the daughter of cooper, Krystynka, who loved him madly, has been passed by the citizens of Gdańsk from one generation to the next for many years. Miłosz was not a wealthy man, but he decided to prove that his courage makes him worthy of Krystynka's hand. The maiden's father

once told him: "You shall get my daughter to be your wife, but on one condition. What is that? You have to hang your hat at the monument of king Zygmunt August" And so Miłosz climbed up the top of the Gdańsk city hall... How did he do that? No man knows. Nevertheless, it was already before the war that the bowkes (cutpurses of Gdańsk) used to lent binoculars to the tourists to see the figure at the top of the city hall: Is there any hat or not? Check yourself...

A COUPLE OF LOVERS

The English (Angelic) House (Dom Angielski (Anielski) at Chlebnicka Street no. 13 is one of the most magnificent tenement houses in Gdańsk, built in 16th century in the Renaissance style. It features an impressive 15,5m wide and 30m high facade in eight stories, crowned with four tops and slender tower ornamented with a cupola and a spire. Currently it serves as the seat of Art School's Dormitory.

It was here, where Barbara Rosenberg and Jacques Fluelin – a French merchant once met. They fell in love, not only reciprocated love, but the love that overcomes all barriers. The beginning was quite dramatic. The brothers of Jacques' beloved did not want to agree on the wedding of the two. The disagreement resulted from material differences... And unfortunately love at the time was a bit different than now. Care was taken for how to amass a fortune, feelings were of less importance... Social status on the other hand was significant. But the love of Barbara and Jacques was so big that the merchant in love decided to kidnap his fiancée. He planned everything in advance – and one night they escaped from Gdańsk to Berlin. They got married there and lived a very poor life, but were happy. Her brothers did not let her get her wealth back. They never returned to Gdańsk.

POSITIVE ENERGY

Clouds over head, wind in hair and unforgettable view! The Gradowa Mountain in Gdańsk is a primeval place of power. The Pomeranian princes had chosen that hill to build their stronghold on it. The mountain is an important geomantic point of the Bay of Gdańsk, the place of concentration of positive energy.

The Gradowa Mountain is a place full of charm and mystery. It was the seat of the earliest stronghold (9./10. century) located in the northern part of the Kashubian Lake District. With time the Gradowa Mountain, called Grodzisko, became the key element of defence of south-western borders of Gdańsk. Now not only a wonderful panorama of Gdańsk can be seen from the Mountain, but also the area from Gdynia Orłowo to Żuławy. Each couple holding hands should have no problem in climbing 54 metres above sea level to admire those view together. There is the Millennium Cross at the top of the Mountain. It is also worth to see the fortress – it is safer to go through the dark corners of the Culture Park Of City Fortifications together! The fortress holds the summer open-air events: the May stocks, the siege of Gdańsk and twice a year – Equinox at the Forts.

SENSUAL NOOKS

NATURALLY ROMANTICALLY

The Oliwa Park will charm everyone with its magic. A labyrinth of alleys rambles mysteriously and encourage to common walks. The place is only one step ahead of other interesting locations in Oliwa: The Water Forgery in the Radość River Valley, the Oliwa Cathedral or the Oliwa ZOO.

The linden alley, called as the "Road to eternity", the cave of whispers, cascade of the Oliwa Creek – these are romantic places, thanks to which the evening for two will become special. Here one can feel the heat of the tropics and exotic plants, because the Park includes the Palm House and Botanical Garden. Still more for the senses? The Abbot's Palace is the seat of the Modern Art Division of the National Museum in Gdańsk, which has the collection of painting and sculptures of artists, for whom love and emotions are often the main subject of works.

JUST LIKE HEAVEN

If you fancy to feel wind in your hair and space, the Pacholek Hill with its view tower is a perfect spot for you. Common admiration of beautiful, seaside views is double-enjoyable!

The Pacholek Hill (Wzgórze Pacholek) is located in Oliwa at over 100m above sea level and has a view tower. Here every couple can feel like in heaven! One can indulge to heavenly mood and go to...church! Nearby, in surroundings of green hills, there is the Oliwa Cathedral from 14. century, famous in whole Poland for its extraordinary organ music in rococo style at the original moving platform. During the entire summer season the church holds concerts within the frameworks of the Oliwa Organ Music Festival. The sound of that instrument overfills with feelings and moves to tears.

SEASIDE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE TWO OF YOU

SUNRISES AND SUNSETS AT THE BEACH

Romantic sandy beaches, where you can pick up ambers and seashells, sound of the waves, shriek of seagulls... Where else life gets so romantic if not by the sea? Especially at the sunrise and sunset, when the light shines so lyrically and everything looks so subtle ...

It is worth getting up and going to the beach, before 6 a.m., to admire the sunrise at the sea. In the evening it's worth to stay longer at the beach to become enchanted with the sun, which starts to vanish behind the horizon after 5.30 p.m. You can come together or you can come alone and wait for the other „half“... All you need to choose is the beach in Gdańsk you will go to: Jelitkowo, Brzeźno (with pier), Stogi, and what about Sobieszewska Island?

ROMANTIC MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

And if somebody still waits for the other half... maybe he/she should try to look out for them from the Lighthouse in Gdańsk New Port? From 27 metres you will see better and more! Seized with the moment you can sent Her (or Him) your message in a bottle.

The lighthouse in New Port is one of the most beautiful lighthouses of the Baltic Sea. Since 1984 the lighthouse has been showing the ships the navigation opening. Old historical optical instrument kept in great condition and the exhibition "The Gdańsk sea lighthouses over the ages" can be admired inside. One can also marvel at a beautiful panorama of the Gdańsk Port, Westerplatte Peninsula and the entire Bay of Gdańsk - till the city of Gdynia and Hel Peninsula! The lighthouse in New Port was built after the famous lighthouse raised in 1871 in Cleveland, USA. In 2008 the time ball returned to the top of the Lighthouse. That openwork structure once helped the sailors to precisely establish the time.