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Tourist
attractions



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1 Old Town Hall

Ratusz Staromiejski

The Gothic Town Hall represents the former prosperity of the city. It was built on the site of old cloth halls, with approval of Konrad Wallenrod – Grand Master of the Teutonic Order. The Town Hall was a residence of the town authorities and the court. Polish kings were hosted in its ceremonial chambers. There were also market stalls, bread benches, town scales inside and a tavern with beer and wine in the cellars.

Worth visiting is Town Hall Museum with a collection of Gothic art, ancient craft and Polish paintings. There is a spectacular view of the Old Town from the 40 meters high tower. • Rynek Staromiejski 1

Old Town Market Square – Indeed, shaped almost as a square, this place has been a main point on the map of Toruń for centuries. It was a space where trading was going on, tournaments and parades were organized, sentences were pronounced and those found guilty were executed. Monumental Old Town Hall is located right in its centre. Our attention is also attracted by Neo-Renaissance Dwór Artusa (Artus Court) – venue for numerous concerts and exhibitions and by Baroque Kamienica pod Gwiazdą (House Under the Star) – currently Museum of the Far East Art. West frontage of the Market Square ends with Holy Spirit Church and the Neogothic post office. There is a Copernicus Monument erected more than 160 years ago on the square. There can also be found a statue of the raftsmen playing violin here, a character from the old Toruń legend.

2 Saint Johns' Cathedral

Katedra św. Janów

Construction of this Gothic church began in the middle of XIII century and was continued in stages for over 200 years. It is the biggest church in Toruń. In its rich interiors special attention should be paid to the main altar of Saint Wolfgang created in 1502-1506, valuable wall paintings, sculptures and Baroque and Rococo alters. Nicolaus Copernicus was baptised here in 1473 in the medieval font.

Church's tower is open for visiting. There is a Gothic bell "Tuba Dei" on the top – one of the oldest and the biggest in the country. The Bell was cast in 1500 in bronze with an addition of silver and gold and it weights about 7,5 tones. There is also a "raftsman clock" showing time with only one hand. • ul. Żeglarska 16

3 Saint Mary's Church

Kościół Najświętszej Marii Panny

This Gothic church was built by Franciscans in the middle of XIV century. According to the strict order rule demanding life in poverty there are no towers or rich architectural ornaments in the church

Inside you can find oak stalls from the beginning of XIV century, intricately decorated pulpit and organ front, medieval paintings and epitaph of prominent Toruń families. Anna Waza, sister of Polish king Zygmunt III Waza, was interred here in 1636. • ul. Panny Marii 4





4 Saint James Church

Kościół św. Jakuba

Construction of this church began in 1309 on the initiative of the Teutonic Order. It is commonly regarded as the most beautiful church in Toruń. It stands out because of rare (in Poland) basilica architectural construction and because of flying buttress system. Interiors are decorated with Gothic paintings and Baroque and Rococo altars. The mystical crucifix with Christ on the Tree of Life is of superior value. • ul. św. Jakuba 22



5 The Copernicus' House

Dom Kopernika

Two magnificent buildings presumed to be the birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus. A perfect example of the architecture of the old merchant's house with typical interior arrangement (high hallway, rear enfilade, merchant's office) and furnishing.

Currently there is a museum devoted to the great astronomer's life and works and a mock-up of XV century Toruń together with audio-visual presentation of the town history. • ul. Kopernika 15/17

Nicolaus Copernicus – Born in 1473 in Toruń as a son of the wealthy merchant's family. He studied law, medicine, theology, Greek, mathematics and astronomy. In his major thesis "De revolutionibus" Copernicus presented a revolutionary theory arguing the Sun as the centre of the Universe.

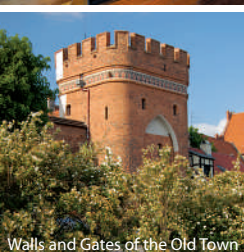


6 The House Under the Star

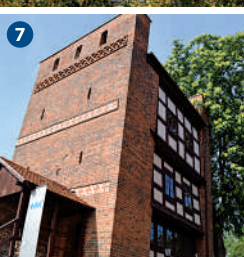
Kamienica pod Gwiazdą

Baroque, one of the most interesting burgher's townhouses in Toruń. Inside there is an exhibition "World of Orient" with a collection of displays from China, Siam, Tibet, Korea, Vietnam, India and Japan.

This exhibition consists of paintings, wood engravings, goods made of bronze, pottery, cloths and stone sculptures. Interiors are decorated with polychromies and the wooden staircase with a statue of Minerva is exquisitely sculpted. • Rynek Staromiejski 35



Walls and Gates of the Old Town – For centuries Toruń was fortified with a system of defensive walls, gates, barbicans and towers. The best preserved part of it survived along the Vistula boulevard. Three Gothic town gates stand out: the Convent Gate, the Sailor's Gate and the Bridge Gate. The Bridge Gate has water level plaques indicating the most significant floods.



7 The Leaning Tower

Krzywa Wieża

According to the legend, this medieval fortified tower was built by the Teutonic Knight as an act of penitence for his sins. This tower, which has 1,5 meters horizontal displacement, was a part of the old Toruń's defensive system. When it was no longer useful for military purposes, it was converted into a prison and then into a blacksmith's workshop. Today it is a must-see for every tourist group. • ul. Pod Krzywą Wieżą 1

8 Teutonic Castle ruins

Ruiny Zamku Krzyżackiego

The Castle was built in XIII century replacing an old stronghold and that is why it has an unusual shape of a horseshoe. It was a convent castle with 12 monastic knights and a commander keeping the surrounding area under Teutonic governance.

In 1454 burghers of Toruń rose up against the Teutonic Knights beginning the Thirteen Years' War. The Castle was overtaken and destroyed.

Nowadays, the only preserved parts of the castle are "gdanisko", former lavatory tower and picturesque ruins which host numerous concerts, tournaments and festivals. There's also an exhibition depicting monastic brothers' daily life located in the basement of an old Teutonic stronghold. • ul. Przedzamcze 3



New Town Market Square

New Town Market Square – This second market square in Toruń was a main square of the old artisan part of the town. A former evangelical church from XIX century is located in its centre. The northeast corner is occupied by the famous gothic Saint James Church. Our attention is attracted by the building with the pharmacy "Pod Złotym Lwem" (Under the Golden Lion), where Gothic walls are hidden within Neoclassical outside form. One of the Baroque townhouses contains "Pod Modrym Fartuchem" (Under Cerulean Apron) inn running from 1489. Former Polish kings visited it, and in 1807 Napoleon Bonaparte probably was a guest there. In the former tavern of "Bractwo Czeladzi Murarskiej" (Masons' Guild) is currently thriving Children's Creative Art Centre and Gallery.

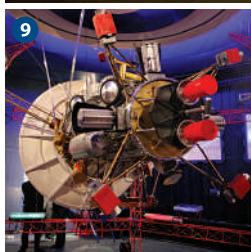


9 Planetarium

Planetarium

The Planetarium is located in a XIX century building, historical tank of the old municipal gasworks. The dome with about 15 meters diameter serves as a screen to present the Universe. Thanks to the dozens of the projectors we can survive the polar night, see the Earth from the Moon and even from the borders of the Solar System, all while remaining in a comfortable chair.

Additionally, there are two interactive shows: Orbitarium and Geodium. Visitors can experiment with different devices to learn about phenomena occurring in the space and about aspects of creation and evolution of our planet. • ul. Franciszkańska 15



10 Toruń's History Museum

Muzeum Historii Torunia

The museum is located in the townhouse of the Esken family with the entrance in the form of a beautiful Renaissance portal. The history of Toruń is presented with an interactive exhibition.

It covers prehistoric times and a gradual city development from medieval times up to the end of XX century. There are utility goods, arms, jewellery and documents. The exhibition also includes a short 3D film "A book called Toruń" (Księga Toruń) presenting the history of the city. • ul. Łazienna 16



11 Gingerbread Museum

Muzeum Toruńskiego Piernika

The museum is located in the old gingerbread factory of Gustaw Weese. It presents Toruń's most famous delicacy in an unusual, interactive way using multimedia. You can see famous gingerbread moulds and old ovens for gingerbread baking, learn the smells of different spices and listen to the fascinating legends and stories. Visitors can participate in the workshops producing their own gingerbread of Toruń. There is a shop with Toruń's gingerbread. • ul. Strumykowa 4

Gingerbread – A treat that has been baked in Toruń since the 14th century and, as years went by, became one of town's symbols. Basic ingredients necessary to bake gingerbread are: flour, honey and spices. Toruń, a town with vast trade contacts all over the world, never lacked in the latter. Thanks to intricate forms, gingerbread had extraordinary shapes of decorative carriages, animals and historical figures.

12 The Living Museum of Gingerbread

Żywe Muzeum Piernika

Presentations of Toruń gingerbread baking according to the historical recipes. Visitors listen to the history of the famous delicacy, learn the ways of forming dough, using spices and discover ornamental wooden moulds. They actively participate in the show preparing and baking their own gingerbread which is then a fantastic souvenir from Toruń. There is a shop and little café in the museum. • ul. Rabiańska 9

13 Cosmopolis Fountain

Fontanna Cosmopolis

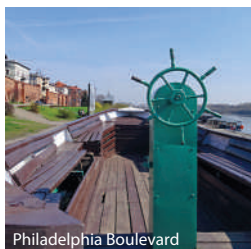
The fountain design refers to the famous Copernicus work "De revolutionibus". The Latin inscription and heliocentric scheme are presented on a granite board with over 100 spouting water pipes. Spectacular water, light and sound shows are presented during summer evenings. • Skwer Lucjana Broniewicza

Philadelphia Boulevard – The boulevard is named after Toruń's sister city Philadelphia. It is a perfect spot for walking. It follows the Vistula riverbank from where you can admire the bridges spanning the river and the beautiful panoramic view of the city, especially the Old Town defensive walls. In the summer the cruise ship "Wanda" and the motorboat "Katarzynka II" carry passengers to the other side of the river. Barges docking alongside contain cafés.

14 Gingerbread village

Piernikowe Miasteczko

The playground "Gingerbread Village" is very popular among the youngest. It is located in the very centre of Toruń. No-one is going to be bored in this place offering many attractions. Among these are a water playground with water spouting pipes, mini golf, open air chess, ping pong tables, musical instruments, swings and carousels. • ul. Podmurna 62



15 The Ethnographic Museum

Muzeum Etnograficzne

The museum is located within the green belt surrounding the Old Town. Outside of the main building there is an open-air ethnographic park, the only one of this type in Europe located in the town centre. The wooden country buildings from XVIII and XIX centuries were relocated here from the northern regions of Poland. This collection presented on the 2 hectares area comprises of: farms and cottages, smithy, fire station, windmill and watermill.

The exhibition "Secrets of everyday life" presents work, recreation and culture of people leaving in the villages and the small towns. • Wały Gen. Sikorskiego 19

Bydgoskie Outskirt – The main value of Bydgoskie Outskirt (Bydgoskie Przedmieście) is its old architecture. There are mainly charming townhouses built at the turn of XIX and XX centuries. They are decorated with many architectural details and spectacular ornamental designs. Many buildings are constructed with a timber framing technique. Some of them were splendid, glamorous villas – located mainly on the streets Bydgoska and Konopnickiej. The charm and exclusivity of this district are accentuated by its green area, park and botanical garden.

16 Zoo & Botanical Garden

Ogród Zoobotaniczny

Located within walking distance to the west from the Old Town this garden was created over 200 years ago and has been the perfect place for the youngest tourists since. Many species of animals, trees and shrubs are gathered on the area over 8 hectares. Exotic birds and plants are presented in a modern aviary. Amphibians and reptiles are in the herpetarium. The creator of this garden, Johann Gottlieb Schultz, is interred in the tomb here. • ul. Bydgoska 7

17 Dybowski Castle

Zamek Dybowski

The castle was erected in 1425 upon the order of king Władysław Jagiełło. It was located on the left Vistula riverbank, opposite Teutonic Toruń. The castle was a residence of the royal administrator and fulfilled duties of a custom house. Surrounding the castle was a merchant settlement competing with Toruń. Only ruins remain today after it was destroyed during Polish-Swedish and Napoleonic Wars. • ul. Dybowska

18 Vista Point

Punkt widokowy

An unforgettable panoramic view of Toruń's Old Town unfolds from the platform situated on the Vistula River (Wisła) island "Kępa Bazarowa". It is supposed to be the most beautiful in Poland, particularly stunning when illuminated in the night.

"Kępa Bazarowa" is also a nature reserve protecting a unique (these days) riparian forest with impressive examples of poplars and willows. • ul. Majdany



Bydgoskie Outskirt





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19 Mill of Knowledge

Młyn Wiedzy

The only science centre in the region operates on 5000 square meters of the exhibition area located in an old XIX century mill. Science is made popular here through enjoyable interaction.

You can see the Foucault Pendulum which is the longest in the country. You can visit permanent and temporary exhibitions and participate in the thematic workshops using specialised workrooms. The Mill of Knowledge offer is suitable for many different age groups. • ul. Władysława Łokietka 5



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20 Fort IV

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Fort IV was built in 1878-1884 as one of the elements of the outer ring of Toruń Fortress' system. Its crew was comprised of two companies of infantry and medium and heavy artillery, about 800 soldiers in total. The facility includes two-storey barracks, powder magazine and the warehouses connected by the underground passageways. Currently there is a tourist hostel here and a space for outdoor picnics. • ul. Chrobrego 86



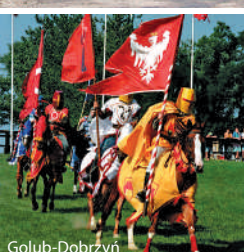
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21 Barbarka

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Barbarka is a small forest hamlet in the northwest part of Toruń. According to legend, Saint Barbara was revealed to a local hermit here. This event is commemorated with a historic chapel.

Currently Barbarka is a popular place for recreation and relaxing. You can rent a bike in "Leśna Szkoła" (Forest School), organize a bonfire or barbecue and pick up mushrooms in the autumn. Cheap accommodation is offered by the local hostel. • ul. Przysiecka 13



Golub-Dobrzyń

Toruń surroundings

Ciechocinek (24 km) – Popular watering place with numerous sanatoriums and pensions. The biggest attraction are XIX century graduation towers with their total length of 1700m and the Health Park. Also worthy of note is a wooden orthodox church of Archangel Michael dated 1894-1898 and a historic small manor house – residence of the President of Poland.

Golub-Dobrzyń (42 km) – The castle erected by Teutonic Knights at the turn of XIII and XIV centuries is dominant over the town. At the beginning of XVII century it was rebuilt in a Renaissance style by Anna Waza. Nowadays it is famous for the knight tournaments held here every year.



Chełmno

Chełmno (44 km) – Town with almost 800 years history. Settled scenically on the nine hills of Chełmińska Upland. Formerly the capital of the historic land of Chełmno. Perfectly preserved medieval urban layout with a complex of defensive walls, six Gothic churches from XIII and XIV centuries and Gothic-Renaissance Town Hall from XVI century.

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