

# Warsaw sightseeing

## Public transport in Warsaw

It should not be a challenge to use public transport means in Warsaw – there is a large variety of choices – buses, trams, subway (two lines). There is a very helpful website (<https://jakdojade.pl/warszawa>) to check how to get from one place to another – just put the name of starting point (A) and destination point (B). **Use Polish names of the places!**

Ticket fares can be found [here](#). Short term tickets are the most cost-effective (24h and 72h) if you stay in Warsaw for 1-3 days. Use Zone 1 tickets only if you do not plan to go outside Warsaw.

From the conference venue, you can easily get to the city center by trams (catch them all at [Bitwy Warszawskiej 1920 r.](#) tram stop, 400m from IPPT PAN Institute):

- Tram no 1 goes to the second line of the subway (tram stop **Rondo Daszyńskiego**)
- Trams 7, 9, 25 go straight to the city center (tram stop **Centrum**) and then to the other side of the Vistula river. You can use one of this trams to reach characteristic artificial palm tree as well (tram stop **Muzeum Narodowe**) and start your walk to the Old Town, heading to the north ☺

## City Center

There is an **Old Town** (*in polish Stare Miasto*) – really worth to walk through, especially if you start that walk from the characteristic artificial **palm tree** just in the middle of the Aleje Jerozolimskie and Nowy Świat streets crossroad (“New World”! – what a name for a street!). Follow the Nowy Świat street, continue through Krakowskie Przedmieście (try not to get overwhelmed by the shops around, and drink a beer in **Browarmia** instead) – you will pass by **Warsaw University** (*in polish Uniwersytet Warszawski*) and **Presidential Palace** (*in polish Pałac Prezydencki*), and soon you will notice the statue of Polish King Zygmunt III Waza. Then, if you look to the right – you will see National Stadium slightly above the horizon line. Going through the Old Town, you will probably get to **New Town Square** (*in polish Nowe Miasto*). If you do not mind, it would be a good idea to visit few churches around – architectural gems and the heritage of Polish faith. From there, try to move down to the western banks of **Vistula River** – there is a lot of eating places and pubs. From here, it is a good point to decide, whether you would prefer to stay on this side of the river, or to move to wilder and less tightly organized eastern side of the Vistula. The Prague district may be far more interesting if you are a person opened to unexpected. But you may as well prefer more normalized venues – then stay on the west side of the river ☺ Beginning of October, if only sun shine, Warsaw will charm you with wonderfully colorful leaves – so whatever you choose, try to visit one of the Warsaw parks ☺

What to see and experience in the city centre:

- **Strict Downtown** – areas around **Palace of Culture** (*in polish Pałac Kultury i Nauki*) and Marszałkowska Street – there you will find almost anything, from rags to millionaire, from the best Gyros in Town, to one of the best comedy theaters, “Square” Theater. There is a **Saski Park** nearby, with a bit mysterious building to be found there – resembling a Temple of Vesta



- [Polish Rising Museum](#) (*in polish Muzeum Powstania Warszawskiego*) – astonishingly interesting place created in memory of people, who broke up the spirit of the invaders of Warsaw in 1944. Reserve 2h at least.
- [Polin, Museum of the history of Polish Jews](#) (*in polish Muzeum Polin*) – probably less spectacular, however for sure not less interesting than the first one. Reserve 2h at least.



- [Copernicus Science Center](#) (*in polish Centrum Nauki Kopernik*) – unique place, not only in Polish scale, but probably in Europe, where science and experimental approach meet – definitely good place for people interested in the beauty of various physical phenomena in the world around us
- [The Royal Łazienki Museum](#) (*in polish Łazienki Królewskie*) – beautiful park to walk through or to sit and read a book. It is located in the area, where Polish Parliament and various embassies dominate the cityscape.
- [Barn Burger](#) – the best burgers in Warsaw; if you want something more traditional, try Polish Dumplings in one of [Zapiecek](#) restaurants or absolutely delicious Baked Duck with Beetroots in [Bazyliszek](#) restaurant just in the middle of the Old Town

What to see and experience in the East side of the Vistula River:

- [Ząbkowska Street](#) – in general the most renowned street around, with multiple cozy places to drink and eat (sequence not accidental!). If you feel a bit like a nonconformist– visit [W Oparach Absurdu Café](#) (“In the fumes of the absurd Café”).
- [Praski Park](#) and [Skaryszewski Park](#) – two big parks in Warsaw that still look naturally and slightly wild, not much like a well-arranged-green-area.



- [Saska Keпа district](#) – to the south from Prague, there is more and more popular space to live and spend time in Warsaw – Francuska street will welcome you with numerous Cafés. Nearly is the [National Stadium](#) (*in polish Stadion Narodowy*).
- [Life Under Communism Museum](#) (*in polish Muzeum Życia Minionej Epoki*) – as Poland’s history is anointed with truly tough times under the soviets influence, there is a place where you can feel what it was like back then, with a tastes of humour and absurdity of this period as well. Reserve 1h at least.
- [Theater and Café Dzika Strona Wisły](#) (“Wild Side of Vistula”) – slightly to north, small place held by people full of passion to their interests.