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Discover Fryderyk Chopin music!

Every 5 years in Warsaw is held Chopin Piano Competition,
in 2015 it will be 17th edition



Warsaw Mermaid statue



Royal Castle

The Royal Castle holds a unique exhibition of Italian painter Bernardo Bellotto, known as *Canaletto*, rendering the city life in the 19th century. Every day, at 11:15 am the bugle call is played from the clock tower.

Old Town

During World War II, 90% of the Old Town was destroyed. After the post-war reconstruction, it was enlisted as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In summer, open-air concerts take place here, while in winter, an ice-skating rink is set up. It is here where the most popular symbol of the city is located – Warsaw Mermaid statue (many more can be found around the city).



Warsaw is alive with music!



The Fryderyk Chopin Museum holding the world's largest collection of his memorabilia is the most important one.

Every five years, the International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competitions organized here. 450 pianists from 45 countries signed up to participate in the 17th edition, which will be held in October 2015. The struggles of the competition can be followed around the world on a regular basis through live streaming video available at <http://konkurs.chopin.pl>, as well as on a specially prepared application for mobile devices.

Fryderyk Chopin is an important person to Poles, especially in Warsaw. It was here that he spent the first 20 years of his life, where he discovered music, where he gave his first concerts as a child and where he fell in love for the first time. Thus, there are many places in Warsaw connected with his life.

The festival "Chopin and his Europe" is held every year in August (<http://pl.chopin.nifc.pl/festival/English>) as well as many other festivals and music events organized in the memory of the composer.



The Museum of the History of Polish Jews POLIN

www.polin.pl



The core exhibition of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews opened in October 2014. The museum is housed in a unique building designed by Finnish architect Rainer Mahlamäki, and focuses on 1000-year history of Jews in Poland. The exhibition consists of eight galleries that portray successive phases of history, starting with legends of arrival, the beginnings of Jewish settlement in Poland, and the development of Jewish culture. It also documents the social, religious and political diversity of Polish Jews, highlighting dramatic events from the past, the Holocaust, and concluding with contemporary times. The polychrome ceiling of the wooden synagogue in Gwoździec deserves special attention. An international team of experts and volunteers took part in its reconstruction process using only traditional materials, tools and techniques.





The Kazimierz Michałowski Faras Gallery opened to public on 18 October 2014

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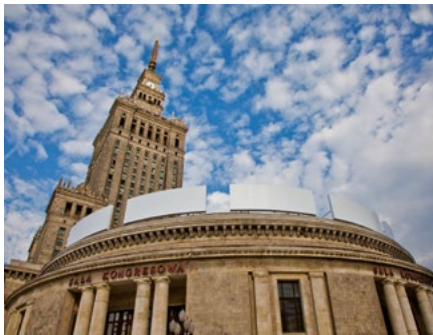
Faras Gallery is the only one in Europe and globally unique exhibition featuring Nubian culture and art artefacts from the Christian period saved in the massive UNESCO-led international campaign in the 1960s to preserve the remnants of cultures once occupying the Nile River Valley. The whole collection, including wall paintings from the 8th-14th century, came from the cathedral in the city of Faras located at the Sudanese-Egyptian border. This area today lies under the waters of Lake Nasser.

The Gallery of Medieval Art, the Gallery of Old European Painting and the Gallery of 19th, 20th and 21st Century Art are also worth visiting in the National Museum in Warsaw.





Rembrandt's painting *Girl in a Picture Frame* (1641), Rembrandt, part of the Royal Castle collection since 1994



With its 44 floors, the Palace of Culture and Science is the tallest building in Poland. Its viewing terrace on the 30th floor offers an excellent panoramic view of the city.

In 2015, the Palace will be celebrating its 60th anniversary marked with many activities and cultural events taking place between April and September.



Dedicated to the heroic act of Varsovians, the Warsaw Rising Museum is also worth a visit. It helps to understand how the events in the final days of World War II shaped today's face of the city.



Palace on the Island /The Royal Łazienki Palace and Garden complex is a summer residence of Stanislaw August, the last king of Poland. The historic garden covers an area of 76 hectares with the Palace on the Island and the Royal Collection of Paintings, the Amphitheatre, the Old Orangery, and the Stanislavian Theatre.



The Museum of King Jan III's Palace at Wilanów, a palace-garden complex, is one of the most beautiful examples of European baroque architecture. It's a summer residence of Jan III Sobieski, the king of Poland. Every winter, it hosts the Royal Labyrinth of Light festival and multimedia light shows. The Poster Museum is housed inside the Palace's former indoor riding area.



A few examples of Warsaw annual events include: "Chopin and his Europe" festival, Warsaw Summer Jazz Days, Jazz at the Old Town Square festival, Cross Culture Festival, Warsaw Orange Festival, and open-air Chopin concerts organized on every Sunday, between May and September.

Warsaw also hosts important sport events. Annually, over 130 marathons and runs are organized – the most important include: Warsaw Marathon in September, Warsaw Halfmarathon in March, Orlen Warsaw Marathon in April and The 3rd May Constitution Run.

LOTTO Warsaw FIM Speedway Grand Prix of Poland will be organized on 18 April this year. On 27 May 2015, Warsaw will host the final match of UEFA. Tour de Pologne will start in July, and in August, the annual Kamila Skolimowska Memorial athletics event will take place.



The Vistula River is the Varsavians' favourite hang out spot – „Water – Light – Sound” multimedia shows, water sports equipment rental services, Veturilo city bikes system, charming bike path, and jogging track with a panoramic view of the city. Many events are held along the river, among others Wianki festival and the Feast of the Vistula.



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