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R_{YN}

Chivalric Feast and Teutonic Feast in the ZAMEK RYN HOTEL****

ADDRESSED TO

- The offer is addressed to families with children, hotel guests and organised groups of tourists

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

The ZAMEK RYN**** Hotel is located in a 14th century Gothic castle built by the Teutonic Knights. The four-winged castle houses hotel rooms and suites, the Refectory restaurant, and the Duchess Anna Spa, while the Gothic cellars contain a swimming pool, saunas, a wine cellar and a night club. The Armoury comprises a casino, a bowling alley, a fitness hall, billiards tables and a modern golf simulator. There is a tennis court and a lake beach with a water equipment rental in close proximity of the castle, as well as bicycle lanes around the lake and a playground for the hotel guests and their children.

Chivalric and Teutonic Feasts take place on the roofed castle courtyard, in histo-

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ric entourage. Under a huge canopy and stylish chandeliers, there are long tables with plentiful food and drinks that can sit up to 350 guests. The invitees wear medieval costume: knight tunics for men, gowns for ladies and children. The cooks celebrate the event by bringing delicacies and home-made dishes specially created for the occasion. The waiters fill chalices for the guests to raise toast. Our Chivalric or Teutonic Feast on the castle courtyard will take you back to the colourful times of the Middle Ages. The Teutonic commander with knights in armour will lead the festivities. Volunteers can try on a knight's armour, or learn medieval dances. The feast goes on for three hours, including dinner and a complete programme of activities.

THE FULL PACKAGE CONTAINS

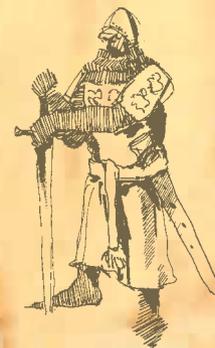
- a complete event, with a programme of activities, generous dinner menu, and costumes for all guests to wear

DATES

- July – August

ORGANISER AND BOOKINGS

- Hotel ZAMEK RYN****, Plac Wolności 2, 11-520 Ryn
www.zamekryn.pl
- Individual guests: tel. +48 87 429 70 00
e-mail: hotel@zamekryn.pl
- Organised groups to 20 persons: tel. +48 87 429 70 35
e-mail: rezerwacje@zamekryn.pl





LĘBORK

Medieval cuisine workshops

ADDRESSED TO

- This offer is addressed to organised groups and individuals, maximum 15 persons at a time, persons with an interest in the Middle Ages

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

Medieval cuisine workshops carried out by the Association Lębork History Brotherhood are held in Tower 32. Due to the limited space in this historic building, the maximum number of persons who can take part in a workshop is 15. Using replicas of historic pots and pans, as well as old recipes, the workshop participants will be guided by an instructor to cook medieval dishes, which will give them a chance to learn many interesting facts about the medieval cuisine, household, customs and cooking techniques. These workshops are an excellent opportunity to discover unique, often forgotten dishes, ingredients and recipes, which can then be used at home, for example to cook a Sunday dinner and surprise your family and friends with an original dish. A variant of the workshops

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of medieval cuisine consists of an event called 'Tastes of the Middle Ages'. This is an outdoor party, which can be organised outside Lębork, using a medieval outdoor kitchen and replicas of historical vessels. As this event is dependent on the weather, it is preferably held in spring or summer. Suggested dishes: almond and parsnip cake, sourdough bread (takes 2 days to bake – first day to make dough, and second day to bake bread), spinach tart, parsnip and bacon, lentil puree, cheese doughnuts, saffron soup, almond dessert.

PRICE

- calculated on demand, depending on the dishes and number of participants

DATES

- spring and summer

ORGANISER AND BOOKINGS

- Association Lębork History Brotherhood, bookings by email at the address: marcinramczyk@windowslive.com





OLSZTYN

Visit Olsztyn. Stay Overnight and Gain Discounts – a special offer

ADDRESSED TO

- Guests staying overnight in the hotels which have accessed the promotional campaign

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

Until recently Olsztyn was seen merely as a stopover on the way to the Great Masurian Lakes. The capital city of Warmia and Mazury could not boast the image of a tourist destination. This has changed – for a few years now Olsztyn has been recording a regular increase in tourist traffic. The number of guests arriving in the city has risen by over 30%. The campaign called ‘Visit Olsztyn – Stay Overnight and Gain Discounts’, which the town’s authorities have been conducting since 2015, has contributed to this success. The guests staying in hotels in Olsztyn can take advantage of discount tickets to the Ukiel Sports and Recreation Centre, the Planetarium, the Aquasfera Waterpark, and of discount prices in

many points-of-sale. In 2019, there are 18 hotels and B&Bs taking part in this campaign. The idea behind this loyalty package is simple – tourists who join in gain a 20% discount for all attractions offered by the three municipal centres and are given numerous other discounts by the campaign’s partners.

How to take part? Here are a few simple steps:

- stay in one of the Olsztyn-based hotels or B&Bs,
- collect a loyalty card at the reception
- you are entitled to discounts throughout your stay in the hotel/B&B
- all persons sharing the room with you are entitled to discounts

PRICE

- a discount card is available free of charge to all guests staying overnight in the hotels and B&Bs which take part in the promotional campaign

DATES

- all year

ORGANISER

- Office of Promotion and Tourism, Council Office of the City of Olsztyn
pl. Jana Pawła II 1, 10-101 Olsztyn
tel. +48 89 534 99 11
www.visit.olsztyn.eu/akcja-nocujesz-zyskujesz





NIDZICA

Masurian traditions in Potters' Village

ADDRESSED TO

- This offer is addressed to organised groups and individual tourists, interested in history and historical heritage of the region, and in traditional handicrafts

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

You are heartily invited to Potters' Village in Kamionka near Kanigowo, to learn the Masurian traditions and to participate in many workshops, such as pottery, glass painting, making handmade paper and beeswax candles. The Garden of Paradise, composed of 30 theme gardens, displays thousands of species of plants. There are outdoor games organised in the Garden, to look for a treasure trove. There is also an amber field, a reminiscent of an amber mine which had existed near Kamionka until the 18th century. The Ptasi Radio Inn offers traditional dishes of the Masurian kitchen. The package comprises: a guided tour of Potters' Village, workshops of handicrafts, a film show, and presentation of Masurian traditions. The sightseeing tour includes: a potter's workshop

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with a show of making a clay pot on a potter's wheel, Kamionka Geopark, a herbalist's hut, a blacksmith's, a Masurian barn with an exhibition of agricultural implements and household utensils, a museum of rocks, fossils and minerals. After the tour, you are invited to take part in a crafts workshop of your choice, and then to the inn to taste some Masurian dishes.

THE PACKAGE COMPRISES

- a guided sightseeing tour of Potters' Village, participation of a workshop of your choice, presentation, meal in the inn

DATES

- all year round

ORGANISER AND BOOKINGS

- NIDA the Nidzica Development Foundation 'Potters' Village'
„Garncarska Wioska“, Kamionka 5, 13-100 Nidzica
tel. +48 666 028 991, 666 028 990, 666 028 992
e-mail: garncarskawioska@nida.pl





NOWE

Educational trip 'A walk through the history of Nowe'

ADDRESSED TO

- *This offer is addressed to young children up to the age of 10*

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

Nowe is a small town situated on a high bank of the Vistula River, half way between Bydgoszcz and Gdańsk. The construction of a castle in Nowe was started by the Teutonic Knights, most probably in the 14th century, and the chosen site had been previously occupied by a castellan stronghold. It was one of the smallest Teutonic castles in Pomerania. Both the castle and town suffered damage and looting during the Swedish wars. The Prussian authorities, which came into the possession of the castle in 1772, ordered it to be partly demolished. The demolition was halted in the 19th century, and the monastic building was ceded to a Lutheran congregation, which converted it into a church. Nowadays, following its restoration, the castle has regained the Gothic character of a monastic

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building. Today it houses the Zamek Centre of Culture and a library. The town has retained the medieval layout of streets as well as some priceless monuments of sacral and military architecture. A trip around Nowe can be great fun. The tour is led by a guide wearing historic costume. The tour route and narrative are adjusted to the age and needs of the youngest tourists. There are games to play during the trip. The offer has been created for the youngest visitors who would like to do sightseeing around Nowe. The scenario and the way it is carried out are suitable for the age and expectations of the participants, and to the time they can devote to the tour. If requested, other attractions are available, for example workshops and lessons, such as weaving bracelets on a knitting loom or on a round loom, coin minting, fighting with 'swords', trying on a suit of armour, shooting arrows from a bow.

PRICE

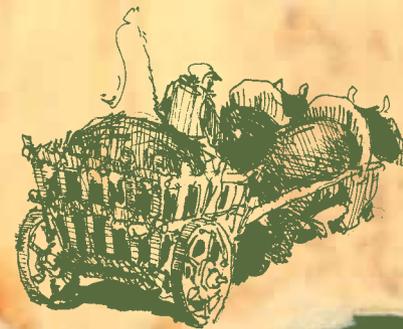
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DATES

- *as requested*

ORGANISER AND BOOKINGS

- *Club of Medieval Culture Lovers, affiliated at the Zamek Centre of Culture in Nowe
Plac Zamkowy 3, 86-170 Nowe
tel. +48 52 332 73 50, +48 721 849 098*





SZTUM

'Live' Middle Ages

ADDRESSED TO

- This offer is addressed to persons at any age, especially to lovers of medieval history

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

The Teutonic Order castle in Sztum was raised in 14th century, on a site previously occupied by Old Prussian fortifications. It served as an outermost stronghold protecting the Malbork fortress from the south. It was also a summer residence for the Grand Master of the Teutonic Order. Sztum Castle remained in the hands of the Order until 6 January 1468, when the town was incorporated into the Royal Prussia and for years to come the castle served as a seat of a chief administrator (starosta) appointed by the Polish monarch. Following the 19th century demolition, the remaining medieval parts of the castle are now: the main south wing, fragments of the east wing, the gatehouse, the well, and fragments of two towers and fortified walls. Nowadays, Sztum Castle houses the Second Branch of the Malbork Castle Museum. The Knighthood of the Sztum

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Land is an association which upholds and promotes traditions of the medieval culture. The Brotherhood's basic offer covers visiting the castle courtyard and the armoury, where suits of armour can be admired and even tried on, presentation of everyday material culture items connected with the Middle Ages. On demand, the knights can organise such workshops as: calligraphy lessons, archery, medieval kitchen, as well as medieval chivalry games. Outside the walls of Sztum Castle (tours), the offer comprises shows of knights in combat, archery shows, medieval dance lessons, medieval scriptorium, medieval kitchen, medieval games and a knights' race.

PRICE

- calculated on demand

DATES

- on demand

ORGANISER AND BOOKING

- Brotherhood of the Knights of the Sztum Land
tel. +48 516 199 056
- bookings by email at the address: brzs.sztum@gmail.com





BYTÓW

Chivalry Tournament in Bytów Castle

ADDRESSED TO

- This offer is addressed to Bytów's residents and visitors, medieval history lovers

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

The castle towering over Bytów was raised by the Teutonic Order at the turn of the 14th and 15th century. The castle awakes to life during cultural events, of which the most important one is the Chivalry Tournament in Bytów Castle, which is attended by reenactment groups from all across Poland. Knights enter the lists to fight with short sword and shield, and with long sword. The castle dry moat turns into the site of an archery competition. Traditionally, a knights' camp is set up at the castle walls, with an added attraction such as workshops of old crafts. Both in the castle courtyard and in the moat, there are tourney games, concerts and a spectacular reenactment of a battle with the historically rooted narrative going back to 1434, when the allied forces of Poles, Czech Hussites and Pomeranians invaded Bytów Land. Other attractions awaiting the visitors are numerous stands where

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craftsmen and artisans sell their wares, performances given by artists and jugglers, shows of predatory birds, fire shows. A group of reenactors, called the Knights of the Cross and Griffon from Bytów, whose mission is to promote the chivalric ethos and former crafts, invites to chivalric and crafts workshops, which are held in the Knights' rooms, in Bytów Castle.

PRICE

- Tournaments – free entry to workshops and other organised activities – prices calculated on demand

DATES

- Chivalry Tournament in Bytów Castle – last Saturday in July
- Workshops and other organised activities – on demand

ORGANISER AND BOOKINGS

- Knights of the Cross and Griffon in Bytów
tel. +48 695 592 407

- Bytów Centre of Culture, ul. Wojska Polskiego 12, 77-100 Bytów
tel. +48 59 822 55 12, 822 55 97
www.bck-bytow.pl

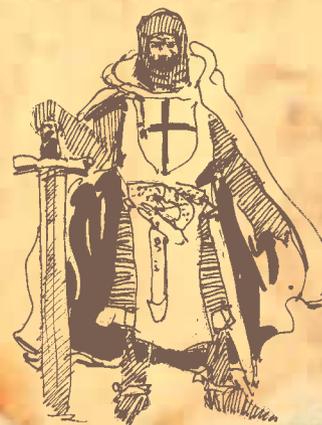




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CZŁUCHÓW

History Picnic at the Castle

ADDRESSED TO

- This offer is addressed to lovers of history and the history of armour and weaponry – both individual visitors, families with children and organised groups of tourists

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

The History Picnic at the Castle will make visitors and inhabitants alike more familiar with the olden times evoking the origins of the castle and the town, which take pride in their nearly seven hundreds of years of history. Over the centuries, the castle has witnessed such historic events as crusades of the Teutonic Order of Knights against pagan tribes, the rise of Poland's economic power during the reign of the Jagellonian dynasty, defence of the town by the Polish Royal Army during the Swedish 'Deluge', and the entry of the Prussian Army after the first partition of Poland. Every year a different historic event as a reminder of the town's past is chosen to be the theme of the castle picnic. For example, in the year of the 550th anniversary of Człuchów's first return to Poland, under the Toruń peace treaty of

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1466, the castle picnic presented medieval chivalric forces, whereas the celebrations of the 670th anniversary of the foundation of Człuchów were the inspiration to display reenactments of the military troops which stayed in the town and its environs from the Middle Ages to the Second World War. The picnic features: parades of military troops, displays of defensive and offensive weapons from several epochs, shows of archery, shelling and fencing skills, reenactments of a chivalry tourney and theme games for picnic attendees.

PRICE

- free of charge

DATES

- August

ORGANISER

- Regional Museum in Człuchów, ul. Kościelna 8, 77-300 Człuchów
tel. +48 59 822 44 03
e-mail: muzeumczl@interia.pl, www.zamekczluchow.pl
- Council Office of the Town of Człuchów, al. Wojska Polskiego 1, 77-300 Człuchów
tel. +48 59 83 42 291
e-mail: promocja@czluchow.eu
www.czluchow.eu





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DZIAŁDOWO

Come to the Teutonic tournament in Działdowo!

ADDRESSED TO

- *This offer is addressed to persons of all ages, especially to medieval history lovers*

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

The chivalry tournament in Działdowo has been an intrinsic component of the Days of Działdowo. It evokes the time of the Teutonic Order, the founder of Działdowo and builder of the castle. Those who partake in the event travel back to the days of chivalric duels, archery combats and medieval battles. Each year, the tournament draws dozens of reenactors of the Middle Ages, such as knights, archers and ladies coming from whole Poland, as well as a growing audience. The tournament consists of three games: 1 to 1 duel with a sword and shield, archery competition and melee (3 to 3 knights) fights. The tournament ends with an reenactment of a battle, showing a siege and defence of Działdowo Castle. Guests are invited to take part in games and competitions, such as a horseshoe throw, coin minting, medieval games, etc. They can also see a set of a hangman's

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instruments of torture. The Dragon School of Fencing, seated in Działdowo, invites to sword fighting lessons with sports swords. The aim of the event is to familiarise the visitors with the culture and customs of the Middle Ages, and to present various forms of medieval reenactment. The tournament is supported with funds by the Rural and Urban Municipality of Działdowo.

PRICE

- *free entry*

DATES

- *the event is held annually in mid-August*

ORGANISER

- *The Działdowo Brotherhood of Knights, ul. Grunwaldzka 32, 13-200 Działdowo
e-mail: piotr.cherkowski@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/DzialdowskieBractwoRycerskie/*





DZIERZGOŃ

Festival of Four Cultures

ADDRESSED TO

- The festival is addressed to all communities, persons of all ages and backgrounds

Description of the offer

The idea of the Festival of Four Cultures is to highlight the relations forged between the four nations living in Dzierzgoń Land, that is the Polish, Ukrainian, German and Jewish nations, which together have given rise to a new culture, unique for this region of Poland, known as Powiśle. The event promotes international dialogue and the stimulating influence it has on the development of a society. The Festival of Four Cultures is a one-day event, which is held in the second half of August. Shows are given on an outdoor stage set in a picturesque park near the Dzierzgoń River and the 18th century walls of a monastery, now housing the Dzierzgoń Centre of Culture. During the festival, invited vocal arts ensembles present the culture of their country on stage. But there is more to be

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seen during the festival. Each year, the concerts are accompanied by the following attractions, all drawing inspiration from one of the four cultures: cooking workshops, lectures, street theatres, food tasting events, or presentation of crafts. The concerts, shows and games last from early morning until late night.

PRICE

- free entry

DATES

- August

ORGANISER

- Dzierzgoń Centre of Culture, ul. Krzywa 16, 82-440 Dzierzgoń
tel. +48 55 276 26 47
www.dokdzierzgon.pl





GNIIEW

VIVAT VASA!!! Battles of two Vasas 1626!

ADDRESSED TO

- This offer is addressed to people of any age, especially lovers of the 17th century history

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

This is Poland's greatest history event that enlivens the 17th century military art. It is set in the realities of the Prussian War of 1626, when armies of two kings from the Vasa dynasty – Sigismund III Vasa, the Polish monarch, and Gustav II Adolph of Sweden, clashed at Gniew. The battle did not bring a definite victory or loss to either of the sides. In this unresolved struggle, the Poles achieved their goal, such as blocking the way north to the Swedes and thereby defending Gdańsk. In turn, the Swedish army defended the castle in Gniew and preserved the military power of their army. This is a whole-day event, whose climax is the reenactment of the Battles of the Vasas of 1626. In the battlefield, Swedish foreign infantry regiments armed with pikes and muskets and regimen-

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tal cannons face the Polish hussar and armoured banners, supported by the infantry of the national contingent. The battle is full of cannon shots, duels with sabers, charges of hussars, but it ends with a torch-lit parade of the reenactors marching through the Old Town. In addition to this, the visitors to the event will witness salutes from cannons and muskets, drills of regiments of the foreign contingent, duels of noblemen, and military camp games.

PRICE

- free entry

DATES

- the event is held at the second weekend of August

ORGANISER AND BOOKINGS

- Foundation the European History Park in Gniew Castle, Zamek Gniew Ltd.
Zamek Gniew Sp. z o.o., ul. Zamkowa 3, 83-140 Gniew
tel. +48 58 535 25 37, +48 664 486 609
e-mail: sekretariat@zamek-gniew.pl
www.zamek-gniew.pl





GNIIEW

King John III Sobieski International Chivalry Tournament

ADDRESSED TO

- This offer is addressed to people of all ages, lovers of history and chivalry tournaments

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER:

The tournament in Gniez is the closest to what we believe a medieval tournament looked like, according to historic sources. The tournament is affiliated with the International Jousting League. The main event is jousting, where a knight on horseback charges with a lance at his opponent wearing a full suit of plate armour and riding towards him at high speed, either to crash the lance on the opponent's shield or to unhorse him. Knights also take part in a group tournament chase, called a buhurt, where they wear armour and fight with replicas of medieval tourney clubs. Other games include chases with lances, swords or spears. Knights are accompanied by numerous troops, who will combat on foot

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using a wide variety of medieval weapons. An ideal backdrop to the tourney games is the silhouette of the Teutonic castle, at the foot of which the tournament participants set up a camp, open to 'contemporaries'. The climax of this one-day event is the theatrical show 'The Tournament of a Golden Rose', performed by the light of candles and torches. The tournament takes place on the premises of the History Amusement Park, which is situated in the castle's southern bailey, and which contains the tourney arena, knights' camp, stables, old artisans' workshops as well as a siege tower and a scenic tower.

PRICE

- around 15 PLN, entry to a one-day event

DATES

- last weekend of June

ORGANISER AND BOOKINGS

- Foundation the European History Park in Gniez Castle, Zamek Gniez Ltd.
Zamek Gniez Sp. z o.o., ul. Zamkowa 3, 83-140 Gniez
tel. +48 58 535 25 37, +48 664 486 609
e-mail: sekretariat@zamek-gniez.pl
www.zamek-gniez.pl





KĘTRZYN

St James Medieval Fair in Kętrzyn

ADDRESSED TO

- The offer is addressed to individual tourists, organised groups, people who are interested in old and traditional music and dance, history lovers

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

Every summer St James Medieval Fair attracts knights, merchants and craftsmen to Kętrzyn. For a few days and nights in July, a colourful crowd of jugglers and musicians mills around the former Teutonic castle situated between Warmia and Mazury.

During the fair, each day there are shows of old crafts, concerts of old and traditional music, and games and plays for children. Everyone can try their hands weaving on a loom, making braided ribbons on a hand loom, spinning ropes or making pots on a wheel which is a replica of a medieval potter's wheel. In the evenings, there are theatrical plays based on olden legends and stories, and staged on the castle courtyard; there are also concerts of medieval

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and traditional music. A day at the fair often ends with medieval or traditional dances from different parts of Europe.

PRICE

- attending workshops, plays and concerts is free of charge

DATES

- end of July

ORGANISER

- The Wojciech Kętrzyński Museum, Plac Zamkowy 1, 11-400 Kętrzyn
tel. +48 89 752 32 82
www.muzeum.ketrzyn.pl
www.jarmark.ketrzyn.pl





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KĘTRZYN

Reenactment of the Battle of Wopławki

ADDRESSED TO

- This offer is addressed to individual tourists, organised groups, and all persons interested in history

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

There is a hill in the vicinity of the village Wopławki given a popular name of 'Blood Mount' that reminds of the bloodshed which happened there in 1311. Now, in May each year, this is the site where the Battle of Wopławki is reenacted. Crowds of history lovers gather at the foot of the hill to watch the clash between the troops of the Lithuanian Duke Witenes and the Teutonic Knights. This is the reenactment of the battle which chronicles named 'the battle of the century'. The event begins in Karolewo near Kętrzyn, where the Teutonic and Lithuanian camps are set up on the green near St Stanisław Kostka Parish in Karolewo. There you can see what camp life looked like in the olden times, and learn about the military equipment of those days. The reenactment of the battle,

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staged on fields near the village Wopławki, is preceded by two chivalry tournaments to win the trophies: St James' Shell and Duke Witenes' Chalice. Next, the Teutonic and Lithuanian warriors battle on 'Blood Mount'. This is an opportunity to see how Lithuanians first fiercely defend their camp, and then fight the main battle. During this 'live' history lesson, you can meet face to face with medieval knights, and watch the first, historic victory of Teutonic Knights over Lithuanians.

PRICE

- free entry

DATES

- end of May

ORGANISER

- St. Stanisław Kostka Parish in Karolewo, Karolewo 21, 11-400 Kętrzyn
tel. +48 89 762 73 31
www.parafia-karolewo.hof.es





KWIDZYN

Blessed Dorothea's Fair

ADDRESSED TO

- This offer is addressed to people of any age, families, lovers of medieval history

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

The fair is an annual event, commemorating the life of Blessed Dorothea of Montau, the patron saint of Prussia, Pomerania, women and mothers, who spent the last years of her life walled up in a hermit's cell attached to the wall of the cathedral in Kwidzyn. The fair is an ideal chance to immerse in the atmosphere of the Middle Ages. You can experience medieval life and customs, find out what the chivalric ethos was like, watch reenactments of knights in combat, and even try your own hand at medieval martial art by taking part in tourneys or games of the commoners. Like during a real medieval fair, visitors can listen to songs of that epoch, performed by early music ensembles, and attend such concerts as: choire music, 14th century instrumental music, and songs of troubadours. During the fair, you can also learn secrets of bygo-

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ne handicrafts, revealed by numerous reenactors. Presentations given by potters, blacksmiths, armourers, beekeepers, cheesemakers or weavers – these are just a few examples of what awaits you at the fair. Regional food producers also offer traditionally made meats and beverages.

PRICE

- free entry to the fair and all events

DATES

- June

ORGANISER

- The District and Municipal Library in Kwidzyn, ul. Piłsudskiego 21
82-500 Kwidzyn
tel. +48 55 279 33 50
e-mail: sekretariat@bibliotekakwidzyn.pl
www.biblioteka.ckj.edu.pl
- Kwidzyn Centre of Culture, ul. 11 Listopada 13, 82-500 Kwidzyn
tel. +48 55 279 35 28,
e-mail: kck@kck-kwidzyn.pl
www.kck.ckj.edu.pl





LIDZBARK WARMIŃSKI

The Battle of Heilsberg

ADDRESSED TO

- The offer is addressed to people of any age, especially those who love the history of the 19th century

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

Napoleons of Culture is a festival that combines tradition with history. Everyone who takes part in the festival can travel back to the early 19th century and feel like a soldier in the Napoleonic Era, while visiting a military camp and watching the reenactment of a battle. This is also a unique opportunity to have a word with Napoleon Bonaparte himself. The festive weekend offers a wealth of attractions for whole families, as children are welcome to visit the camp, see the command headquarters, and meet Napoleon there. Around the camp there are exhibitors and craftsmen, such as purse-makers, felt-makers, blacksmiths, carpenters or potters. Before the battle takes place, it is worth exploring the military camp of the French, Russian and Prussian soldiers. Prior to the reenact-

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ment of the battle, the spectators will have a chance to visit the camp and watch a show drill. But the major attraction is the reenactment of the Battle of Heilsberg. On fields at Kapielowa Street, specially prepared for this event, you will see at least 200 reenactors (and their number is growing year after year) grouped in several squads: infantry, cavalry and artillery. The event attracts growing audiences, willing to see with their own eyes whether the French will win and occupy Heilsberg again, or whether the Russians and Prussians will persevere and defend the town this year.

PRICE

- free entry to all festival events

DATE

- June

ORGANISER

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MALBORK

The Siege of Malbork

ADDRESSED TO

- History lovers, families with children

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

Malbork is a picturesque town situated on the Nogat River, which is renowned across the world for its monumental Teutonic castle. An event which regularly features in Malbork's calendar is the reenactment of one of the greatest medieval battles, the Siege of Malbork. The siege took place in 1410, when, having marched from the battlefield at Grunwald, the Polish and Lithuanian armies led by King Władysław II Jagiełło unsuccessfully attempted to capture Malbork Castle. Each year in July, for twenty years now, after the reenactment of the Battle of Grunwald, knights, craftsmen and artists have been arriving in Malbork so as to bring the history and culture of the Middle Ages closer to thousands of spectators. The Siege of Malbork has gained popularity in Poland and abroad, but every year the Castle Museum prepares new attractions, bringing the event on

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a higher level. The latest additions to the Siege are a medieval grange, a show of the shelling of a village from siege machines, or a more contemporary food truck festival. The Council Office of Malbork organises two night reenactments of the siege of the castle. This event is simply a must see!

PRICE COMPRISES

- tickets to the night reenactment of the castle siege, Light and Sound Show, a visit to the castle at night; all other events are free of charge

DATES

- one week after the Reenactment of the Battle of Grunwald

ORGANISERS AND BOOKINGS

- Festival of Medieval Culture, visiting the Castle (daytime and nighttime):
The Castle Museum in Malbork, ul. Starościńska 1, 82-200 Malbork
tel. +48 55 647 09 78, 55 647 09 02
www.oblezenie.zamek.malbork.pl
- Night reenactments, information about the events and tickets:
Council Office of the Town of Malbork, Pl. Słowiański 5, 82-200 Malbork
tel. +48 55 629 04 06
www.visitmalbork.pl
- Tickets for the reenactment of the Siege of Malbork Castle at www.eventim.pl





MALBORK

Magic Malbork

ADDRESSED TO

- The offer is addressed to all persons interested in participating in a cultural event that shows history through contemporary forms of dance, acrobatics, music, lasers and lights

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

Each year in August, a colourful festival of street arts enlivens the centre of Malbork and the environs of the famous Teutonic fortress. For those who visit the town at this time of year, it is a unique opportunity to experience some magic time in a magic place. The festival called Magic Malbork, the greatest cultural event in this town, is held in August. And each year it attracts dozens of visitors. The rich diversity of shows presented during the festival and their affordability go hand in hand with the high artistic values of the festival. Outstanding musicians, street theatres and event animators will demonstrate their skills against the backdrop of light shows. The festival reaches its climax during the night

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show of laser lights and videomapping, with pyrotechnic special effects. Magic Malbork is a dynamic, colourful and energising event, which year after year offers great fun to all spectators.

PRICE COMPRISES

- a ticket to the night show; all other festival events are free of charge, tickets can be bought on www.eventim.pl

DATES

- second full weekend of August

ORGANISER AND BOOKINGS

- Malbork Centre of Culture and Education, ul. Armii Krajowej 68
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Tourism and International Cooperation, Pl. Słowiański 5, 82-200 Malbork
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www.visitmalbork.pl





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NIDZICA

Chivalry tournaments at Nidzica Castle

ADDRESSED TO

- This offer is addressed to people of all ages, especially to medieval history lovers

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

Twice a year the Teutonic castle in Nidzica turns into a venue of tourneys. The Chivalry Tournament at Nidzica Castle, one of the leading and greatest chivalric events in Poland, takes place each year, a week before the reenactment of the Battle of Grunwald. Knights enter the lists to partake in one to one duels and in melee fights. They also compete in an archery contest. The tournament opens on Friday night, with the Gala of Professional Chivalric Combat, which resembles contemporary galas of boxing or MMA. The climax comes on Saturday night, when visitors watch the reenactment of a siege and burning of the town. Traditionally, the tournament's programme features shows of birds of prey, presentations of former crafts, performances of medieval musicians, tourneys of ladies, or jousting. Another event is known as the winter chivalry tour-

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namment, that is 'The Raid to Nidzica Castle'. The name refers to winter military raiders conducted by the Teutonic Knights to the lands of the Prussian tribes. The event is the first of this kind held in Poland. The Historical and Cultural Association 'The Brotherhood of Knights of the Nidzica Commandry', seated at Nidzica castle, is busy promoting the culture and traditions of the Middle Ages. On request, it can organise educational activities and chivalric shows, including an interactive presentation of armoury and weapons, where participants are shown how to fire a harquebus and a bombard, and told details of the armoury, garment and weapons carried in the past. The castle offers accommodation in guest rooms.

PRICE

- Tournaments – free entry
- Workshops and other activities – pricing on demand

DATES

- The Chivalry Tournament at Nidzica Castle – July
- The Raid to Nidzica Castle – February
- Workshops and other activities – on demand

ORGANISER AND BOOKINGS

- Nidzica Centre of Culture (the castle), ul. Zamkowa 2, 13-100 Nidzica
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- sightseeing the castle: tel. +48 89 625 03 70
- The Historical and Cultural Association 'Brotherhood of Knights of the Nidzica Commandry', www.rycerze.org





OLSZTYN

Christmas Fair in Warmia

ADDRESSED TO

- Everyone

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

In the Christmas atmosphere of December, the Old Town in Olsztyn fills up with stands, where vendors offer a specially selected range of products: handmade crafts, food delicacies, Christmas decorations. This is truly 'a garden of festive pleasures' for both the town's dwellers and visitors. The climate and character of the event are reminiscent of the most beautiful Christmas fairs in Europe, with the most famous ones held in Germany and Austria. In Olsztyn, it was the organisers' intention that the fair would be 'a magnet' attracting customers to local entrepreneurs, producers of regional goods in the Province of Warmia and Mazury. These regional products comprise various food products, sweets, alcohols, handicrafts, folk art objects, Christmas decorations, toys, clothes, jewellery, organic products (e.g. beeswax candles), etc. The fair's atmosphere is enhanced

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by numerous attractions, like a show of lights, a Venetian carousel and Santa Claus's train, concerts and theatrical performances.

PACKAGE COMPRISES

- all events during the fair are free of charge; guests can buy products from the stands

DATES

- December

ORGANISER

- Office of Promotion and Tourism, Council Office of the City of Olsztyn
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OSTRÓDA

St George's Spear Chivalry Tournament

ADDRESSED TO

- The offer is addressed to persons of all ages, particularly lovers of medieval history

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

St George, whose image features in the coat of arms of Ostróda, is the town's patron saint. The chivalry tournament to win St George's spear is a chance to encounter the culture of the Middle Ages. The participants are brotherhoods of knights, who fight to win the spear of St George, a medieval knight, who – as a legend has it – killed a dragon in the town of Silene, and saved a princess condemned to be devoured by the beast. The tournament, held each year at Ostróda Castle, attracts around 100 knights from across Poland, for example from Gdańsk, Warsaw, Nidzica, Toruń and Olsztyn. Knights enter the lists to take part in short sword and shield combats and to fight with long swords. The most valiant knights will stand to fight in a melee, five against five knights. The main attraction of the tourney is the reenactment of a chivalric battle on the castle bailey. Apart

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from exciting combats of knights, guests can also watch an archery tournament, visit a camp or take part in medieval games of the commoners. The tournament is also attended by ensembles performing medieval music and artisans selling their wares. The event was initiated by the Brigade of Knights of Ostróda Commandry.

PRICE

- free entry

DATE

- the event is held every year, at the second weekend of June

ORGANISERS

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OSTRÓDA

Cruise on the Elbląg Canal

ADDRESSED TO

- *The offer is addressed to people of all ages, special facilities for persons aged 50+ are provided*

DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFER

The Elbląg Canal is a masterpiece of engineering unique on the global scale. This world-class wonder of hydroengineering art was designed by the Prussian engineer Georg Jacob Steenke, in the second quarter of the 19th century, when Prussia was ruled by Friedrich Wilhelm III, but it was constructed under the reign of the Prussian King, Friedrich Wilhelm IV. The intention was to ensure a navigable watercourse connecting East Prussia with the Baltic Sea. Ships must overcome a difference in altitude of nearly 100 meters on the route from Ostróda to Elbląg. The environs of the Elbląg Canal, the land stretching on both sides of the watercourse and the canal's nearest surroundings have the status of protected landscape. In 2011, the President of the Republic of Poland distinguished

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the canals as a Monument of History, and the Elbląg Canal aspires to enter the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Route: Ostróda – Stare Jabłonki or Stare Jabłonki – Ostróda

Time of a cruise: 2.5 hours

The 18-kilometre-long route, also known as the Trail of the Szeląg Lakes, leads through the lakes Drwęckie, Pauzeńskie, Szeląg Wielki and Szeląg Mały. Boats pass through two floodgates: in Ostróda and in Mała Ruś, and these moments, alongside the breathtaking views, will certainly make an unforgettable impression on every participant of the cruise. The beautiful surroundings of the canal's section from Ostróda to Stare Jabłonki are especially valued by enthusiasts of canoeing and kayaking, who enjoy this quiet arm of the Elbląg Canal. Various protected bird species are often encountered on the way, including the majestic sea eagle as well as the crane, heron or grebe. Considering its environmental as well as cultural values, this area has been granted legal protection in the form of the Area of the Elbląski Canal Protected Landscape.

PRICE COMPRISES

- *a cruise on a ship and transport*

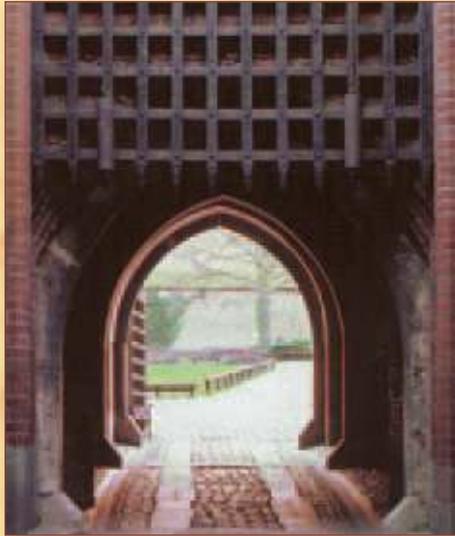
DATES

- *from end of April to mid October*

ORGANISER AND BOOKINGS

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