



WOLSZTYN

family tourism



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Wolsztyn is a small neat beautifully flowered town, located between two lakes and surrounded by forests. It has a rich history; there are museums honouring a Nobel laureate and a Wielkopolska famous sculptor. One will find here operating steam engines, animals in a rural farm in the Heritage Park, two parks, and nature trails. It is also worth seeing palace and park complexes in the area. All this creates perfect conditions for relaxation.

If you want to find a tourist attractive town without crowds of tourists or urban noise, with accessible recreation areas and friendly people, choose Wolsztyn. This is the right place for you. Every visitor will find something satisfactory. They will rest, regenerate themselves and certainly will not feel bored.



FOR CHILDREN

The youngest tourists will probably be delighted to see a real steam engine just as it is pictured in Julian Tuwim's most famous poem "big and heavy, made of iron and steel."

For the first meeting you can choose an exhibit in the Steam Locomotive Shed which is not hot iron, hissing or whistling by surprise. You can also visit the roundhouse "garage", which holds 8 iron machines, and additionally enter a historic passenger carriage from the beginning of the 20th century or see a water crane delivering water into the tank of a steam locomotive.

Another children friendly place is the West Wielkopolska Folk Buildings Heritage Park - a huge fenced green area which holds old wooden houses transferred from Wielkopolska villages. Children will be able to see here farm animals such as goats, sheep and rabbits. They will have a great fun tracking down a cat or finding a dove-cote.



FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

School children may be more interested in prominent scholars related to Wolsztyn. It is worth visiting the Nobel Laureate's house - Robert Koch, the founder of modern bacteriology and the discoverer of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. For inquisitive minds there is an opportunity to work with a microscope.

Art lovers should visit Marcin Rożek Museum devoted to a famous painter and sculptor, the author of a monumental statue of Bolesław I the Brave in Gniezno. The museum is situated in the artist's house built by his idea.

Walking round the town, tourists will come across traces (his birthplace and a memorial bust in one of the squares) of another prominent Wolsztyn figure, Józef Hoehne Wroński, a philosopher, mathematician, lawyer and economist.

The Heritage Park will acquaint visitors with rural architecture of Western Wielkopolska. In the Steam Locomotive Shed they will see a real steam engine, which "stands and wheezes, and groans and gnashes." The exhibits like O149, still operating on passenger services, are unique in the country.

If you take a walk along 5 Stycznia Street, you will read further pages of Wolsztyn history, starting with the name of the street related to the Wielkopolskie Uprising, through commemorative plaques on the Post Office, the war cemetery, the post-Evangelical church, and finishing with Marcin Rożek Museum located at 34, 5 Stycznia St.



FOR ADULTS

Adult tourists can visit the Regional Museum, which includes Marcin Rożek Museum, Robert Koch Museum and the West Wielkopolska Folk Buildings Heritage Park.

Places to both contemplate and get familiar with the town history are Wolsztyn temples. The oldest one is the Parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Immaculate Conception (in Kościelna Street) - a Late Baroque church ornamented with sculptures by Marcin Rożek's pupil, Edward Przymuszała. The rococo interior holds a monumental main altar with an image of Virgin Mary, decorated with a silver dress and crowned with a huge crown forming a canopy. Another temple, a former Evangelical Church, now the Catholic church of the Lord Ascension (in 5 Stycznia Street), was built according to the design of a famous Prussian architect, Karl Friedrich Schinkel. Still another attention grabbing example of religious architecture is the Immaculate Conception Chapel (in 29 Poznańska Street) with impressive stained glass windows depicting the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Walking round Wolsztyn, it is impossible to miss the town's greatest attraction - the Steam Locomotive Shed. Apart from having a look at a chugging steam engine, it is worth getting acquainted with the whole technical background of the roundhouse: holding tracks for eight steam engines, a turntable or a storage base. An obligatory point is a ride in a vintage passenger carriage pulled by the Wolsztyn-based steam engine O149. The rides can be arranged with PKP Cargo (the

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Steam Locomotive Shed transformed into a cultural institution of the local government of Wielkopolska Province) and TurKol (the Institute of Railway Promotion and Development).

A walk along the town's streets may have both a relaxing and educational character. In 5 Stycznia Street, visitors will see a Monument of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a war cemetery, and a stylish old villa of the district governor. In Kościelna Street, building no 9 holds a memorial plaque of Józef Maria Hoehne Wroński, who was born here. In the Market, tourists will find a statue of the Wielkopolskie Uprising Insurgent and a statue commemorating the friendship of Wolsztyn and the former Dutch commune of Maasbree (today, Peel en Maas) in the shape of two tangled ropes. Further on, visitors might notice the town crest of Wolsztyn, depicting Virgin Mary with Child, located in the triangular fronton of the Town Hall. From the Market, it is worth going towards Klemens Modliński Promenade, which will take you along the shore of Wolsztyńskie Lake to the Municipal Park. In the park, apart from the Mycielski Palace, you will find replicas of Marcin Rożek's sculptures, located on one of the oaks, and another statue with a treble clef, which stands for Polish-Dutch friendship.

If you leave the park in the south, a stately building will attract your attention. It is a former orphanage, founded in 1926 by father Benedykt Tomiak from Tłoki village, who took pastoral care of Poles in the United States. After the war, the orphanage was transformed into Lower Seminary. In the 60s of the 20th century, the building was taken over by the state authorities and changed into medical clinics. Since 2011, the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy has been running a nursery school there.

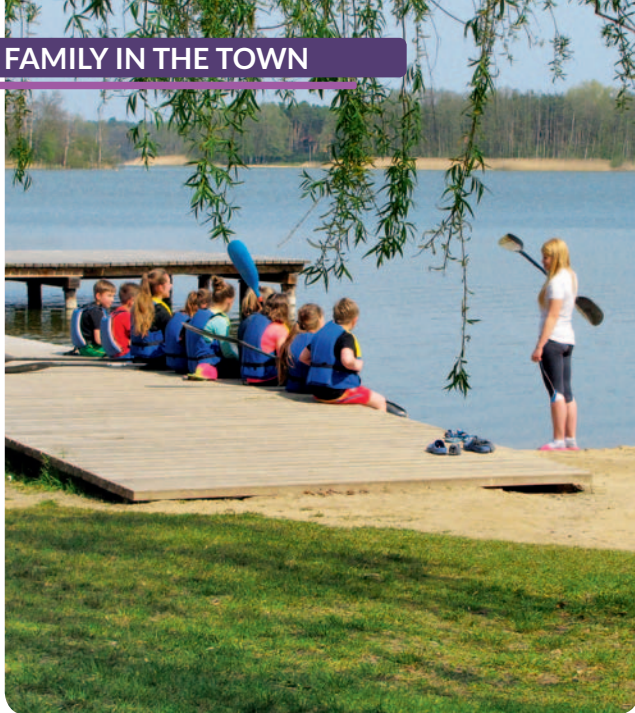
The square in front of the former orphanage bears the name of father Teodor Lerch, a former director of the Lower Seminary.

If you walk along Wschowska Street, you will get to Kościuszki Square, where you will find the statue of Our Lady Queen of Poland.

If you travel beyond Wolsztyn, it is worth visiting Obra to see the church and the post-Cistercian monastery, which today belong to the Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. In other commune villages such as Chorzemin, Gościeszyn and Wroniawy, despite time passing and noticeable damage, tourists can admire still beautiful park and palace complexes.



FAMILY IN THE TOWN



IN THE SUN

Playgrounds:

- K. Modliński Promenade - next to Wolsztyn Cultural Centre and Fala Park Recreation Centre
- Municipal Park in Drzymały Street
- the park in Lipowa Street
- Towns Partnership Square
- the square between Poznańska and Wodna Streets - Pico Bello pizzeria garden

Skatepark

- 2 Komorowska Street

Outdoor Fitness Facilities:

- K. Modliński Promenade, the park in Lipowa Street

Water Sports Equipment Rental:

- Fala Park, 1 Poznańska Street
- Municipal Park, Drzymały Street

Bike Rental:

- Fala Park, 1 Poznańska Street, „Turysta” Bike Shop, 12A 5 Stycznia Street

Lifeguarded Beaches:

- Municipal Park - Drzymały Street
- Karpicko, Jeziorna Street
- Obra

Multi-Functional Sports Fields- 2 Komorowska Street, Kusocińskiego Street, Poniatowskiego Street, Wschowska, Powstańców Wlkp. Street, Ogrodowa Street

Cycle Trails – In the commune of Wolsztyn there are bike trails covering the distance of 80 km (5 trails: Bathing Beach Krutla - brown trail, 16 km, Ptasi Raj (Birds’ Paradise) - blue trail, 9 km, Szwedzkie Szańce - green trail, 32 km, Konwaliowy (Lilly of the Valley) - red trail, 30 km, Szlak Żurawi (Crane Trail) - yellow trail, 11 km) as well as paved hiking trails and cycling routes, measuring 11 km in total.

Rod Fishing -rod-fishing licences with thorough information are available in the Pet Shop at 17, 5 Stycznia Street, Wolsztyn.

IN THE RAIN

Playrooms: Fala Park, 1 Poznańska Street, Dinopolis, K6 Wolsztyn-Komorowo

Eugeniusz Development Centre: 12/10 B 5 Stycznia Street

St. Plater Public Library of Wolsztyn Town and Commune:

(48 Gajewskich Street) - a reading room for adults and children (with a play area), temporary exhibitions, meet-the-author sessions

Commune Information Centre: 12 A Doktor Koch Street - exhibition hall

Municipal Swimming Pool: 2 Komorowska Street - a sports pool, a training and recreation pool, a paddling pool for youngest children, spa and wellness

Fala Park - Recreation and Entertainment Centre: bowling, a climbing wall, a gym, squash, indoor cycling, fitness, tennis court, miniature golf





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CULTURE

Christmas Carol Singing for Choirs and Singing Groups - St. Bartholomew's church in Kłębowo - January

New Year's concerts - the Lord Ascension Church in Wolsztyn and St James's Church in Obra - January

International Festival of Organ and Chamber Music - Wolsztyn, August

International Festival of Country Music - Wolsztyn, August

For families with children, the commune offers a wide range of outdoor events which take place from spring to autumn in the Municipal Park, on Wolsztyńskie Lake and in the West Wielkopolska Folk Buildings Heritage Park. The events include the following:

Street Theatres - May

Folklore Meetings - June

Wolsztyn Lake Days (with a night parade of lit boats and sailboats) - July

July Sunday in the Heritage Park - July

Autumn Festival in the Heritage Park - September

All Souls Jazz Festival - November

STEAM LOCOMOTIVE SHED EVENTS

Steam Locomotive Parade - the turn of April and May

Museum Night - May

Children's Day - June

Railway Engineering Days - October

Rides on tourist vintage trains



IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Diversified landform features, numerous lakes and large forest areas enable various forms of active recreation. The tourist offer for nature loving visitors includes nature trails developed in Wolsztyn Forest District:

CHORZEMIŃSKIE SWAMP TRAIL

Location: Wolsztyn - Nowy Tomyśl route, following road signs towards Ruchocki Młyn; distance from Wolsztyn - 4 km;

Theme: hiking along the trail, one can discover interesting features of the natural environment and see the work of foresters. There are two trail options: the shorter one, marked yellow, for younger children, about 2 km long, and the longer one, marked green, about 5 km long

MAĆZNE LAKE TRAIL

Location: near the road connecting Perzyny and Nowa Wieś Zbąska. The distance to Perzyny is about 1.5 km

Theme: this 3km-long trail marked yellow forms a loop round Maćzne Lake. There are 12 theme stops describing, for example, multi-layered forest structure, alien species, methods of forest recovery and protection, hunting equipment (licks, feeding racks)

FOREST TRAIL

Location: the trail is located in Kopanica Forest District, near Zielona Góra - Poznań road

Theme: there are two trail options: the shorter one, marked orange, 2 km long; the longer one, marked blue, is a cycling trail about 9.5 km long. There are 14 theme stops describing, for example, stages of forest development, trees and bushes.

Each trail is equipped with information boards and, for environmental education, there are also shelters with a designated place for a camp-fire.

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at full steam!



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www.wolsztyn.pl; [fb.com/gciwolsztyn](https://www.facebook.com/gciwolsztyn)

Purchase of regional souvenirs:

Shop MASTER, ul. 5 Stycznia 39, Wolsztyn

Tourist Information, ul. Doktora Kocha 12a, Wolsztyn

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