



## Danzig – Marienburg – Masuria: individual tour

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### TOUR DESCRIPTION

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## Danzig, Marienburg and Masurian Lakescape

Town stories in Danzig and Warsaw, cultural stories in Marienburg and Rastenburg and landscape stories in Ermland and Masuren are waiting for interested listeners and curious observers. You will definitely get to know quite a lot about land and people! And the nature? You will experience this unique landscape on wonderful bike paths, during boat trips and on a canoe tour. Take yourself enough time to discover this wonderful country as well as for relaxation.



### 1. day Gdansk (Danzig) Arrival

At 2:30 p.m you catch up with the tour guide at the hotel in Gdansk (Danzig). After that it will start your tour by feet through the exemplary restored Old Town.

### 2. day Elblag (Elbing), 55 km + train approx. 1 hour

After breakfast you get to Malbork (Marienburg) by train. There is enough time for an ample visit of the mighty fortification from the middle ages and afterwards you continue your bike tour to Elblag (Elbing).

### 3. day Elblag (Elbing) - Frombork (Frauenberg) approx. 40km

Today's bike tour leads you to Frombork with its famous dome. Enjoy the view over the Vistula Lagoon. Your accommodation will be in Frombork tonight.

#### **4. day Frombork (Frauenberg) - Lidzbark Warminski (Heilsberg) approx. 50 km**

On the longest stage of your tour you cycle through the Ermland to Lidzbark Warminski. You will see the castle of the former Ermland bishops and parts of the old fortification from the time when knights of the German Order ruled this part of Poland.

#### **5. day Lidzbark Warminski (Heilsberg) - Ketrzyn (Rastenburg), approx. 72 km**

Today the silence will just be cut in by the clattering of storks. You cycle through picturesque villages in Eastern direction to Ketrzyn (Rastenburg). Here you can visit a Gothic castle from the second half of the 14th century. If you want, you can shorten up the tour by train.

#### **6. day Ketrzyn (Rastenburg) - Wilkasy (Wilkassen) approx. 60 km**

You drive over Gierloz, where you can visit the remains of the 'Wolfsschanze', Hitler's headquarters in East Prussia. Here failed on 07/20/1944 the assassination of the group around Count von Stauffenberg. The following bike tour leads to Wilkasy near Gizycko, the 'capital of Masuria'.

#### **7. day Wilkasy (Wilkassen), approx. 50 km or rest day**

Today you have the choice! You can do a very scenic bike ride around numerous lakes in the Gizycko area, or just relax, bathe, swim or visit Boyen Fortress.

#### **8. day Wilkasy (Wilkassen) - Mikolajki (Nikolaiken) approx. 10 - 48 km**

Delight yourself on a great boat trip through the lakes of Masuren to Mikolajki (3 hrs, Euro 20,- payable on site). You can also do a 48 km bike tour, but you have to be aware of some traffic on the route. Mikolajki is a well known centre for all kinds of water sports. Here you still have enough time to discover town and harbour before you cycle the last kilometers to your hotel.

#### **9. day Mikolajki (Nikolaiken) - circle tour Krutyn + canoe tour approx. 25 km**

A round trip leads you through beautiful nature reserves and to Krutynia river. Here a special experience awaits you: a canoe tour on the crystal clear river (no special knowledge necessary). It's the most beautiful river in Masuren (Euro 10,- per boat). You will spend the evening close to Nikolaiken again.

#### **10. day Krutyn (Krutinnen) - Warsaw departure by bus**

After breakfast a bus transfer brings you to Warsaw. On a 2 hours guided tour you will visit the historic city centre. Your journey ends at Warsaw central station at about 4 pm.

#### **Please note:**

Since the route descriptions indicate the mileage, we recommend that you bring your own speedometer. This allows you a smooth course of the bike tour. But you can also borrow a good speedometer against payment: 10 Euro / speedometer (together with the assembly). Please be sure to note when you book your tour.

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## WORTH KNOWING

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### **Worth knowing about your Gdansk, Marienburg and Masurian Lakescape Tour**

Below please find more information about your bike trip. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact us by phone: 0049 - (0)6421-886890.

#### **Arrival to Gdansk**

If you are traveling to Poland, it is advisable to travel by train from Berlin. From Berlin (main station, east train station) there are several daily trains to Warsaw, from where you can travel to Gdansk. There are also several train connections from other German cities. Find out about Deutsche Bahn at [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de) The airport in Gdansk-Rebiechowo is about 10 km from the center. From the airport you can take the taxi 9686 (City Plus Taxi) to the hotel (about 20 minutes, cost about 70 PLN).

[Train schedule](#)

#### **Departure from Warsaw**

The journey ends at Warsaw Central Station at around 4 pm. From Warsaw you have good train connections to Berlin. If you have a longer return journey, an extra night in Warsaw is recommended.

There are direct flights from Warsaw to Berlin, Hamburg, Dusseldorf, Munich and Frankfurt. The companies fly daily: LOT (Polish Airlines) [www.lot.com](http://www.lot.com) and Lufthansa [www.lufthansa.com](http://www.lufthansa.com). Also recommended is Eurowings [www.eurowings.com](http://www.eurowings.com).

Warszawa-Okecie Airport is about 10 km from the center. It is with shuttle service (bus No. 175 stops, inter alia, at the train station, in the old town, about 20-30 minutes, about 4.4 PLN) or taxi to reach quickly (recommended are the following taxi companies: ECO TAXI, City Taxi and ELE TAXI). A direct and comfortable train connection is also available directly from Warsaw Central Station.

The journey takes about 20 minutes. There are several connections per hour. The MODLIN Airport near Warsaw [www.modlinairport.pl](http://www.modlinairport.pl) can be reached from Warsaw either by bus [www.modlinbus.pl](http://www.modlinbus.pl) or by train [www.mazowieckie.com.pl](http://www.mazowieckie.com.pl).

#### **Condition of cycle paths**

The tour runs in different landscapes. Around Malbork and in the highlands, the land is rather shallow (the area is below sea level). Slightly hilly and with gentle gradients (at Elbinger Höhe and in Masuria up to 150 meters) run the other sections of the tour. You cycle mostly on side roads, which can also be busy on shorter sections, but also on sandy roads, field, forest and partly cobblestone roads.

#### **Available rental bikes**

7-speed unisex bikes with Shimano hub gears are available. 18-speed ladies and gents bikes can also be booked on request.

Electric bikes (pedelecs) are also available on request.

A tandem (on request), children's and youth bikes (limited number).

All bikes are equipped with a luggage bag.

### **Currency**

The currency in Poland is the zloty (also used as the abbreviation PLN), 1 zloty = 100 grosz. In Poland, money can be exchanged at banks, in larger hotels and in exchange offices (Polish: Kantor), although the exchange offices often offer a cheaper exchange rate. No mandatory exchange at the border. Foreign currencies can be carried without restriction. Credit cards such as American Express, EuroCard, MasterCard and others are accepted in many hotels, restaurants and large shops. The acceptance of credit cards is indicated by emblems. However, we recommend that you take enough cash with you for your daily needs, as this is less complicated.

### **Sonstiges**

Da in den Routenbeschreibungen die Kilometerzahlen angegeben sind, empfehlen wir, einen eigenen Tachometer mitzubringen. Das ermöglicht Ihnen einen reibungslosen Verlauf der Radwanderung. Sie können aber auch einen guten Tacho gegen Bezahlung: 10 Euro/Tacho (zusammen mit der Montage) ausleihen. Bitte unbedingt bei der Anmeldung vermerken, was Sie sich eventuell wünschen.

### **Coasts which are not included in the travel price**

A possibly resulting tourist tax is not part of the travel price and therefore it has to be paid locally in the Hotel.

### **7 day hotline service**

In case of chain breakdown, flooding or other bad surprises that makes a continuation of your tour impossible: no problem, we also work during weekends and you can reach us 7 days a week in case of emergency.

## PRICES & SERVICES

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### TOUR **Danzig – Marienburg – Masuria: individual tour**

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tour:	00177
tour type:	individual
duration:	10 days
dates of arrival:	16.06.2023 / 30.06.2023 / 14.07.2023 / 04.08.2023 / 18.08.2023
level:	moderate  Velociped-Partner-Tour
min. participants:	6
please note:	Velociped can withdraw from the tour twenty-one days before the starting date of the tour, at the latest, in case the minimum number of participants stated under the tour description is not attained. You will duly be informed without any delay in case of a withdrawal. Velociped will of course refund the paid tour price immediately. Please note our General Terms and Conditions.

### TRAVEL SERVICES

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- Accommodation in typical middle class hotels and pensions
- Half board
- City tour of Gdansk incl. Admission and Warsaw
- Visit to the Teutonic Castle Marienburg including admission
- City tour Warsaw
- Transfers according to the program
- Baggage transport
- Cycling map with a marked route
- Detailed route description
- Tips for travel preparation
- Tourist information
- 7-day hotline service