

Tour Guide Service Gdansk

Anna Kotula

Mobile: 0048 533 40 29 69
Email: englishgdynia@o2.pl
http://tourguideservicegdansk.com



In the footsteps of John Paul II in Gdansk

The Polish-born Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope since 1522. He was elected in 1978 when Poland was still a communist country. Some historians say that he helped to abolish communism.

Karol Wojtyła as Pope visited Poland 8 times. Twice made **pilgrimages to Gdansk**. His most memorable visit was in 1987 since he visited many places and at each step of his visit were crowds of people chanting for freedom.

During our tour, **In the footsteps of John Paul II in Gdansk**, we will see the places in Gdansk and Sopot which Karol Wojtyła visited.

We will start with a 20-minute **organ concert in Oliva Cathedral**. This is the longest Polish church, and welcomes thousands of tourists every year because of its famous 18th century organs. We will see the house of **Lech Walesa** (Polish spelling Wałęsa) – the legendary leader of the “Solidarity” trade union with whom John Paul II met many times. Next we will go to **Westerplatte**, where the **Second World War** started. Here Karol Wojtyła met with young people and at that time the 35 surviving Polish defenders of **Westerplatte** in 1939.

After visiting **Westerplatte** we will **visit the European Solidarity Centre**. It is located in the **Gdansk Shipyards**. This fascinating place shows the Polish history from the end of WW2 until the free elections in 1989. During our visit we will concentrate on the role of the Polish Catholic Church in the fight against communism. We will see the **1 million mass in Gdansk Zaspas** celebrated by John Paul II. In front of the **European Solidarity Centre** we will see the **Monument to the fallen Shipyard workers of 1970**, where John Paul II prayed in silence surrounded by the ill-reputed Polish riot police ZOMO.

After the **visit to the European Solidarity Centre** we can go on to **St. Mary's church** in the **Old City of Gdansk**, the biggest gothic brick church in the world. Here our pope met with sick people and employees of the health service.

We may also visit other places connected with the pilgrimages of John Paul II in Tricity like: **Sopot pier** - the longest wooden pier in Europe or the Zaspas district, to see the place of the 1 million mass.

Duration of the trip: 6-7 hours

Entrance fees on the route of **In the footsteps of John Paul II in Gdansk**

- 1. Oliva Cathedral** – free of charge except for the 20 minute organ concert – regular ticket 4,5 PLN, discount ticket 2,5 PLN
- 2. European Solidarity Centre**: regular ticket 17 PLN, discount ticket 13 PLN, regular group ticket (11 persons or more) 15 PLN/pp, discount group ticket (11 persons or more) 11 PLN pp
- 3. St Mary's church in Gdansk**: regular ticket 4 PLN, discount ticket 2 PLN
- 4. Sopot pier** – regular ticket 7,5 PLN, discount ticket 4 PLN

4 PLN is only about € 1

Prices for **only guiding** and **guiding and transport**. All is PER TOUR and NOT per person.

	Only guiding	Guiding with transport
1-3 persons	€ 95/USD 105	€168/USD 182
4-7 persons	€ 95/USD 105	€228/USD 247
8-14 persons	€ 95/USD 105	€252/USD 273
15-19 persons	€ 95/USD 105	€264/USD 286
More than 20	€ 95/USD 105	More than 20 and you need transport - please contact me!

See you soon in Gdansk!