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## In the footsteps of John Paul II in Gdansk



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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. Most historians agree say that he helped to abolish communism.

Karol Wojtyla as Pope visited Poland 8 times. Twice he 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 Wojtyla visited.



The European Solidarity Centre tour

We will start with a 20-minute organ concert in [Oliva Cathedral](#). This is the longest Polish church, and welcomes hundreds of thousands of tourists every year and not only for of its famous 18th century organs. We will see [Lech Walesa's](#) house (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 35 of the 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 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 where the 1 million mass in Gdansk Zaspą was celebrated by John Paul II. In front of the [European Solidarity Centre](#) we will see the striking [Monument to the fallen Shipyard workers of 1970](#), where John Paul II prayed in silence surrounded by the ill-reputed Polish riot police ZOMO.



Oliva cathedral in Gdansk

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 the Tricity like: [Sopot pier](#) - the longest wooden pier in Europe or the Zaspą district, to see the place of the 1 million mass.



Sopot pier

## In the footsteps of John Paul II in Gdansk tour details:

- Duration of the trip: 6-7 hours
- Meeting point: [Oliva Cathedral, Gdansk](#) or I will pick you up at your hotel

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

- [Oliva Cathedral](#) – free of charge except for the 20 minute organ concert – regular ticket 4,5 PLN, discount ticket 2,5 PLN
- [European Solidarity Centre](#): regular ticket 20 PLN, discount ticket 15 PLN, regular group ticket (11 people or more) 18 PLN, discount group ticket (11 people or more) 12 PLN
- [St Mary's church in Gdansk](#): free of charge
- [Sopot pier](#) – regular ticket 8 PLN, discount ticket 4 PLN

4 PLN is only about € 1

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

#### Only guiding

#### Guiding with transport

1-3 people	€ 155	€178
4-6 people	€ 155	€290
7-19 people	€ 155	€335
More than 20	€ 155	More than 20 and you need transport - please contact me!



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