

Gdańsk is a unique city. A city with more than a thousand years of tradition and a history so rich that it would be sufficient for several other cities of comparable size. Together with Sopot and Gdynia it forms the Tri-City, an agglomeration of over one million inhabitants. Although history was not kind to Gdańsk, after each natural disaster, war

or fire, the city arose like a phoenix from the ashes. After all, World War II began in Gdańsk. It was in Gdańsk that the first brick from the Berlin Wall was pulled out, and Solidarity initiated the collapse of communist regimes throughout Europe. Gdańsk is a very popular tourist destination. Located on the Baltic coast, full of wonderful Gothic buildings, historic churches, interesting museums and charming streets, where you can admire amber-made objects. Gdańsk invariably delights and fascinates.

Do you like sightseeing? Do you love history and want to learn about the culture of old Gdańsk? Or maybe you are going on holiday with your family and are looking for attractions for children? The Tourist Card is the solution for you! What is it?

The Tourist Card is a product of the Gdańsk Tourist Organisation (Visit Gdansk) offering a package of free visits to museums and cultural institutions, as well as discounts for places of entertainment and restaurants, tailored to your needs. You can also top-up the card with a public transport ticket within Gdańsk or the Metropolitan Ticket and use public transport in Gdańsk, Sopot and Gdynia.

Choose one of the three available time options (24 hr, 48 hr and 72 hr) and explore Gdańsk! You can visit the branches of the Gdańsk Museum, the Archaeological Museum in Gdańsk, the National Museum in Gdańsk, the National Maritime Museum in Gdańsk, the Hevelianum, the Gdańsk Zoo, the St. Mary's Basilica, the European Solidarity Centre, The Museum of the Second World War and others!

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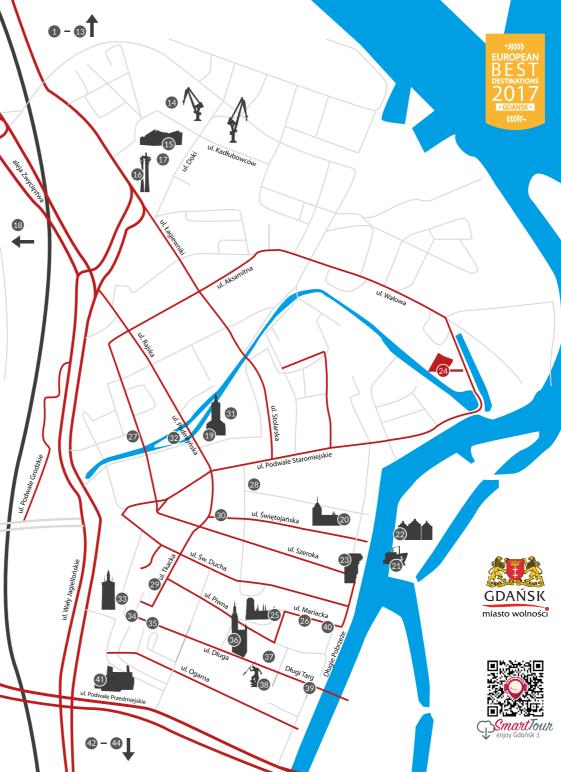
### Dear All,

On behalf of the Management and the whole team of the Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk, I am pleased to invite you to an extraordinary place of culture, whose character and wide range of possibilities will make your visit in Gdańsk an unforgettable and longremembered adventure. Places like this, which have many functions, perfectly satisfy our need for learning, discovery and self-realization. This is where you will spend time exploring historical knowledge, broadening cultural horizons or getting to know great movies and tasting famous Polish dishes.

You can book accommodation in one of our apartments and enjoy rest in the city centre, where many famous monuments are at your fingertips, and the city air is rich in iodine, which only adds value to the tourist attractions of Gdańsk.

Diversity is a dominant feature of Europe and Poland, which can be observed even in the landscape, featuring the mountains, the sea, rivers and lakes. You can experience it by setting off on a journey from seaside Gdańsk, through central Poland, the location of Warsaw - the capital of our country, down to the southern Podhale, where the temperatures are low and the mountains are high.

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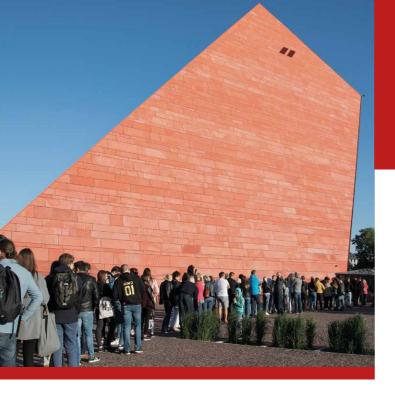
- Ergo Arena
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- Oliwa Park
- Pachołek Hill
- Gdańsk Zoo
- Beach in Brzeźno
- Mural Gallery
- Gdańsk Stadium
- Liahthouse in
- Nowy Port Wisłoujście Fortress
- Westerplatte
- Culture Garrison
- Waideloty Street
- Gdańsk Shipyard
- European Solidarity Centre
- Monument to the
- Fallen Shipyard Workers 17. Gate 2 of the
- Gdańsk Shipvard
- Hevelianum
- St. Catherine's Church
- St. John's Centre
- Ship-museum "Sołdek"
- 22. National Maritime Museum
- 23. Crane

#### 24. Museum of the Second **World War**

- 25. St. Mary's Church
- Mariacka Street
- 27. Old Town Hall
- 28. Market Hall
- 29. Great Armoury
- St. Nicholas' Basilica
- 31. St. Bridget's Church
- 32. Amber Museum
- The Fore Gate Complex of Długa Street
- 34. Golden Gate
- Uphagen's House
- 36. Main Town Hall
- 37. Artus Court
- 38. Neptune's Fountain
- 39. Green Gate
- 40. Archaeological Museum Naturalists House
- Gdańsk Shakespeare Theatre
- 42. National Museum ("Last Judgment" by H. Memling)
- 43. National Sailing Centre (Górki Zachodnie)
- 44. Sobieszewska Island



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# visitors in less than two years since the opening

**Main exhibition** 

1000000





### Cinema Museum

450 - average number of screenings in one year



### **Conference centre**

**18 000** – a record number of people taking part in events in one year



### Library

over 32 000 items



### **Museum shop**

thousands of gifts and dozens of Museum publications



### **Apartments**

**1800** - average number of bookings in one year



### **Education**

**500** - average number of activities for nearly **12 000** children in one year



#### Culture

concerts, festivals, performances, book promotions, campaigns, events, celebrations

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# The Museum in numbers

A venue of many cultural dimensions, Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk is one of the most popular tourist spots on the map of Gdańsk.

In the era of multitasking, versatility and modernity, the Museum perfectly plays its role with its iconic, modern architecture, serving a variety of functions, with its predominant historical exhibition.

But Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk is not only a bastion of historical memory. It is also a vibrant social venue that hosts gatherings and debates that integrate the community.

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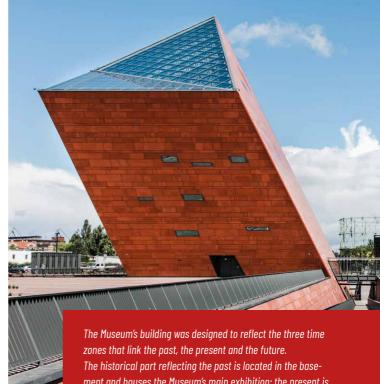
# The Museum's architecture

The Museum was opened in March 2017 in a perfect location on the Motława River, near the historic centre of Gdańsk. The floor area of the Museum's building is approx. 23,000 m², and the tower structure is 40 m high.

The three underground levels house: the main exhibition, temporary exhibition, exhibition for children, VR zone, conference centre, Cinema Museum, museum shop, Museum Bistro, and a two-level underground parking with 143 parking slots.

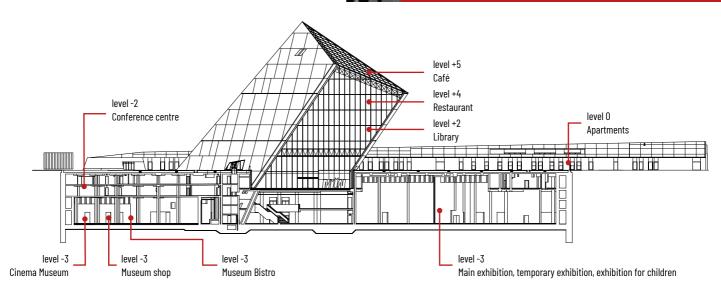
On five ground levels you will find a café, a restaurant, a library, educational rooms, and the Museum's offices.

Panoramic lifts will take you all the way up from level -3 to level +5 where visitors can admire the breathtaking panorama of Gdańsk.



zones that link the past, the present and the future.

The historical part reflecting the past is located in the basement and houses the Museum's main exhibition; the present is reflected in the design of the museum's square; the future is represented by a modern glass and concrete tower – a triangular prism with its highest point at 40.5 meters above ground.





# **Main** exhibition

At the heart of the Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk is the main exhibition on almost 5,000 m<sup>2</sup>, which makes it one of the largest exhibitions presented by history museums in the world.

It is located 14 m underground and consists of 18 sections. The exhibition tells a story of the tragic experience of World War II, about its genesis and consequences, its victims and perpetrators, heroes and ordinary people.

The exhibition consists of three narrative blocks:
"The road to war", "Horrors of war" and "The long shadow of war".
The exhibition shows the Polish experience of war inscribed in the wider European and global context. The exhibition is based on interactive multimedia which make the tour even more attractive to visitors.

### "Travel in time"

### children's exhibition

"Travel in time" is part of the Museum's permanent exhibition for children under the age of twelve. It consists of three separate rooms that are reconstructions of a Warsaw family's apartment in three periods: a few days after the outbreak of World War II, during the German occupation, and just after the end of the war.



### **Temporary** exhibitions

Temporary exibitions hall room located near the entrance to the main exhibition has an area of almost 1,000 m². Temporary exhibitions, a perfect addition to narrative content of museum's main exhibition, are changed every now and then and can be explored as part of a guided tour with employees from the Museum's Exhibition Department. Temporary exhibitions perfectly complement the narrative content of the main exhibition.

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## Museum **Apartments**

The interiors of modern, comfortable rooms and apartments located on the Motława River in the centre of Gdańsk have been designed in a fashionable Scandinavian style.

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The hotel part of the Museum of the Second World War offers 5 double rooms and 3 two-floor apartments with an area of  $85 \text{ m}^2$  to  $116 \text{ m}^2$ .

The hotel guests can use a fully-equipped public kitchen, a TV room with children's playarea, an outdoor patio to relax, and an underground, monitored parking lot.

The equipment and character of these apartments have been designed like regular flats and are a perfect solution for families with children coming to Gdańsk for a longer stay.

Every hotel guest who books a stay directly at the reception desk receives a free admission ticket to the main exhibition of the Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk.

### **Booking**

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## Conference centre

A wide network of available airline connections, high quality of public services, accessible accommodation, and unique venues – such as Museum of the Second World War, for instance – place Gdańsk in the 4th position among cities with the highest number of business events held, according to a recent poll by the ICCA (International Congress and Convention Association).

A modern and well-equipped conference centre, with its central location in Gdańsk, is an ideal place for conferences, congresses, training and business meetings throughout the year. In multifunctional rooms of the conference centre you will be able to hold events of various types and sizes.

### The Conference centre consists of:

- a conference room with 301 seats.
- a cinema room with 114 seats.
- a conference room with 34 seats,
- a foyer with an area of 1,250 m<sup>2</sup>.

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## **Gastronomy**

The Museum has its own restaurant and bistro. Restaurant is in the Museum Tower at level +4 and is connected with the cafeteria in the mezzanine. If you want to impress your demanding guests or clients this is the perfect place for a wine reception, business dinner or lunch for up to 120 people. From the restaurant's panoramic windows diners can admire a breathtaking panorama of Gdańsk. Harmonious, modern, bright open space interior with glass ceilings radiates the feeling of comfort and freedom.

Bistro is a large, modern space and its relaxed atmosphere will let you take a rest after viewing the exhibitions. The bistro is located at the exit from the main exhibition. Make sure to grab something to eat and a coffee before you leave the museum. The bistro serves Polish and European dishes.



### Museum store

The collection of the Museum store, inspired by the history of World War II, offers a wide selection of gifts and gadgets designed to commemorate the victims and reflect on the consequences of the greatest conflict of the 20th century.

The collection includes products for both children and the youth, as well as numerous publications from Poland and abroad, including titles published by the Museum's publishing house.

Memoirs, albums and comic books available in the Museum store are a perfect complement to any home library.