

# Museums



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### [Porta Posnania](#) - 40% discount



Porta Posnania is an interactive Cathedral Island history centre. The main attraction here is the multimedia exhibition telling the story of the Cathedral Island, the beginnings of the Polish State and the history of Poznań. The sightseeing tour features an audio guide (available in 8 language versions) and is comprised of two parts: the first one is a unique exposition located in the minimalist Porta Posnania building, and the second part is a walk around the Island and the Cathedral. Two tour variants are available: for young adults & adults, and for families with children. Porta Posnania is the first heritage interpretation centre in Poland as well as a meeting space by the Cybina river, where you can unwind and relax.

ul. Gdańska 2

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### [Enigma Cipher Center](#) - 40% discount



The Enigma Cipher Centre tells the true story of the breaking of the Enigma code, which started in Poznań, and it emphasizes the work of students Marian Rejewski, Henryk Zygalski and Jerzy Różycki, who contributed to this process. In an approachable way, the Centre's multimedia exhibition familiarises the visitors with the art of ciphering and coding, describing how the discoveries of genius Polish mathematicians influenced the history of World War II and the advance of the digital era. The tour features an audio guide (available in 4 language versions). The Enigma Cipher Centre is both a mystery and an adventure! Here, you can try your hand at solving riddles of the past and ciphering messages.

ul. Św. Marcin 78

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### **Models of Historic Poznań - 25% discount**



The Franciscan Church's vaults host 3 models: the model of historic Poznań, the model of first Piasts' town and the model of the Old Market Square. The first one depicts Poznań as presented in Braun-Hogenberg's picture of 1618. Built in the scale of 1:150 on an area of 50 sq. meters, the model is Poland's and in fact Europe's first historic city model offering such accuracy. The model contains more than 2300 structures. The second one shows the appearance of Poznań during the times of the first Piast dynasty rulers. The form and the arrangement of the settlement date back to the 11th century. In consideration of blind people, third model (1:100) has been made in the convex technique. The descriptions of the elements are in Braille.

ul. Franciszkańska 2 (basement of the Franciscan Church, entrance on Ludgardy Street)

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### **Archaeological Museum - free entrance**



Poland's only actual obelisk from ancient Egypt, tools used several thousand years ago by the first inhabitants of presentday Greater Poland, funerary urns in the shapes of faces - these are some unusual sights that can be seen in the Archaeological Museum in Poznan. This is one of the oldest, largest and most active museums in Poland. It presents five permanent exhibitions: Prehistory of Wielkopolska, Poland was established here, Death and Life in Ancient Egypt, Archaeology of the Sudan and North African Rock Art. These exhibitions are equipped with multimedia, some with touch panels and LCD screens. Some exhibits are interactive and visitors can try their hand at creating a rock art rite, assume the roles of archaeologists working on a dig or try on a real medieval knight's chain mail.

ul. Wodna 27

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### **Archdiocesan Museum - free entrance**



The museum resides in the 1520's building of the former Lubrański Academy. It presents religious art reflecting each individual era's understanding of beauty - from the Middle Ages until the modern times. One of the museum's assets is its Gothic art collection - the richest ensemble of sculptures and paintings from the 14th and 15th century in this part of Poland. Apart from the medieval art the museum holds a collection of modern Polish and European paintings, an interesting collection of textiles as well as silver and golden dishes (in Italian 'argenterie'). What makes this exhibition unique and memorable are everyday objects, now unused and partially forgotten.

ul. Lubrańskiego 1, Cathedral Island

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### **Museum of 'Poznań' Army - free entrance**



The Museum of the "Poznań" Army is located in a casemate corridor of the so-called "Small Sluice" of the Poznań Citadel, the former Fort Winiary, erected by Prussians between 1828 and 1842. It holds items related to the history of the Polish Army from the interbellum period, with particular focus on the "Poznań" Army in the 1939 September campaign and the Battle of the Bzura. The exhibition features elements of a Polish soldier's equipment and weapons as well as an interesting display of battlefield remnants from the Battle of the Bzura. The Museum also has a large collection of photographs depicting the everyday life and army service in military units stationed in the 4th Corps District (Okręg Korpusu nr VII).

al. Armii Poznań, Cytadela Park Mała Śluza 1

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### **Museum of Ethnography - free entrance**



Ethnographic Museum is housed in the premises of the former Masonic lodge. This building, built in the years 1817-1819 is an example of late neoclassical architecture. The museum is surrounded by a historic park on the assumptions of the Baroque with preserved old trees. At its centre there is an ancient well from the seventeenth century. Collections and expositions introduce Polish cultural issues, the Wielkopolska region, as well as some distant and exotic territories.

The museum through their work tries to be a place of knowledge, discussion, reflection and exchange of different points of view. Currently, the museum organises an exhibition to celebrate 100 years of ethnographic collections in Poznań showing the most interesting sights in its possession.

ul. Grobla 25, entrance on Mostowa Street

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### **Museum of Historical Costume - 30% discount**



This Museum is the only museum in Poland entirely devoted to the history of clothing, fashion and the craft associated with it. Historical costumes and the history of fashion are an underrated source of information about the past. It can tell us much about the historical structure of the society and its customs. It is also intrinsically linked with the development of the craft and technologies affecting the production of garments. In the Museum of Historical Costume you can admire unique historical pieces of craft, from 18th-century fabrics to extraordinary dressers from the beginning of the 20th century. The exhibition is modified every year. Thanks to this, many different interesting and sometimes surprising subjects related to the history of clothing may be investigated and highlighted.

ul. Kwiatowa 14/2

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### **Museum of Musical Instruments - free entrance**



Poznań's Museum of Musical Instruments is the only museum in Poland exhibiting both professional

and folk instruments. Currently, the museum has over 3000 items, 500 of which are a part of the Museum's permanent exhibition. Each of the 16 galleries focuses on an area or phenomenon which is its principal theme. The first two levels guide visitors through selected issues from the history of European artistic music. The third level introduces musical traditions of various cultures of the world. Among the most interesting musical instruments in the Museum's collection is a violin which used to be owned by H. Wieniawski and a harpsichord which was played by the young W. A. Mozart and the son of J. S. Bach. Visitors can tour the museum with a multimedia guide on a tablet, which contains detailed information on selected pieces and samples of their sound.

Stary Rynek 45

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### **[Museum for Wielkopolska Martyrs Fort VII - free entrance](#)**



The museum is located in Fort VII - Colomb which during the Second World War became the first German concentration camp on Polish ground. It documents the martyrdom of the people of Wielkopolska, and collects all kinds of exhibits from that period. The museum has a vast collection of camp correspondence, drawings, photographs, the prisoners' personal documents as well as those issued by the German occupation authorities, and objects of everyday use, such as bread medallions, wallets, dictionaries, rosaries. The institution serves as an archive of prisoners' relations and creates personal files with the descriptions of the fates of the people who found themselves in Fort VII. The records, currently around 5000, largely including the photographs of the prisoners, are an important historical source.

al. Polska

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### **[National Museum - free entrance](#)**



The Museum is located in two buildings. In the eclectic abode from 1904 in the basement there is the Ancient Art Gallery with an extraordinary and rare collection of Roman imperial portraits. On the ground floor there is the Medieval Art Gallery as well as the 16th-18th Century Polish Art Gallery. On the first floor there is the collection of Western-European art - as well as the only in Poland

collection of Spanish paintings. In the Poznań collection there is also the only Claude Monet painting in Poland - The Beach in Pourville. The new wing of the museum showcases the works from the Enlightenment through Romanticism, Formalism, Impressionism to Symbolism in the Polish Art Gallery, to modern works by Kantor or Nowosielski, as well as pieces from last two decades.

Al. K. Marcinkowskiego 9

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### **[National Museum of Agriculture and Food Industry in Szreniawa](#) - free entrance**



The Museum is located 10 km south of Poznań on the Wrocław/ Zielona Góra route along the Wolsztyn railway line. Its holdings are on display in and around the historic 19th century farm buildings of a former court park and manor farm of Szreniawa. The outdoor exhibitions include among others a beekeeping heritage park and a shed with various agricultural machinery. The Museum's collections illustrate the history of the Polish countryside, farming and food industry from all regions of

Poland. Its 20,000 plus items document the material and spiritual legacy of several generations of Polish rural area dwellers.

ul. Dworcowa 5 Szreniawa / Komorniki

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### **[Museum of the Poznań Uprising - June 1956](#) - free entrance**



The Museum offers exhibitions informing visitors about the history of the Poznań protests of 1956 as well as providing a general overview of events between 1945 and the end of the Polish People's Republic. Here, you can find out about the worker's strike of 28th June 1956, the first social uprising in the Polish People's Republic, which was not only significant on the local scale, but also for the country as a whole. The Poznań protests of 1956 started the Polish nation's journey to political changes and to overthrowing communism. The Museum's permanent exhibition tells the story of the events of 28th June 1956; it describes the causes of the strike and the sequence of events. The exhibition features, among others, reproductions of photographs from 1956, items commemorating the victims of the 1956 strike, models of the monument in honour of the Poznań protests of 1956 as

well as multimedia materials. The exhibit also depicts the society's fight for preserving the memory of the events of 1956.

ul. św. Marcin 80/82, Imperial Castle

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### **[Museum of the Wielkopolska Uprising 1918-1919 - free entrance](#)**



The permanent exhibition of Wielkopolska Uprising 1918-1919 Museum, in a modern interior, shows the tradition of Wielkopolska's battles for independence from the end of the 18th century until Wielkopolskie Uprising 1918-1919, which brought victory. The exposition is rich with photographs, documents, 18th-20th century weaponry as well as Wielkopolska Army and insurgent uniforms. The display is accompanied by multimedia materials, which add to its value. Among the museum's many exhibits, the post with the Maxima heavy machine gun from 1908 or the matrix of the Wielkopolska to the Mothers of the Fallen in Battle memorial badge from 1919 deserve special attention.

Stary Rynek 3, Guardhouse

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### **[Museum of Wielkopolska Insurgents in Lusowo - free entrance](#)**



The Museum was furnished using funds collected by the Society for the Memory of General Józef Dowbor Muśnicki (Towarzystwo Pamięci Generała Józefa Dowbora Muśnickiego) in Lusowo. The Museum is now a cultural institution of the Tarnowo Podgórne commune. The Museum's rooms house original documents, maps, photographs, banners, uniforms, military items, models and other memorabilia related to the history of the Greater Poland Uprising and the insurgents. The Museum also describes how the inhabitants of Greater Poland contributed to regaining independence by Poland through their participation in the Polish-Ukrainian War, the Polish-Soviet War and the Silesian Uprisings. A separate room is devoted to General Józef Dowbor Muśnicki and his family, in particular his two daughters: Janina, murdered in Katyń, and Agnieszka, executed in Palmiry.

Lusowo, ul. Ogrodowa 3a

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**[Arkady Fiedler Museum and Literary Workshop](#) - 50% discount**



Located in the town of Puszczykowo, 15 km south of Poznań, the Museum dates back to 1974 when it was established as a Fiedler family residence. The Museum holds some of the most interesting keepsakes and trophies collected by the author and traveller Arkady Fiedler and his sons during their travels. It features original North and South American, African and Asian artefacts, including ritual sculptures and masks, musical instruments and Hibiru Indian human head trophies. Some of the exhibits may be touched. For instance, visitors may play a tam-tam drum and other exotic instruments. The Garden of Tolerance surrounding the Museum building holds an unusual collection of sculptured replicas of famous ancient monuments, including the Bolivian Gate of the Sun, an Aztec calendar and an Easter Islands statue.

Puszczykowo, ul. Słowackiego 1

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**[Natural-Hunting Museum in Uzarzewo](#) - free entrance**



The Museum is located in Uzarzewo, about 15 kilometres from Poznań by the Piast Track. The historic castle and park complex includes two structures in its area. The mid-19th century palace houses the exhibition of forestry and hunting history since most ancient times: weaponry, hunting accessories and trophies. In the stable/carriage house the natural environment of Wielkopolska is presented as well as the fauna inhabiting it, with a special emphasis on wild game. In 2004, a new exposition has been commissioned – Adam Smorawiński's hunting trophies. The collection includes trophies of wild game from all parts of the world and has been located in the exhibition hall founded by the hunter and donor himself. Another wing has been added to it in 2010. The pride of the collection is the so called 'Great African Five' (a lion, an elephant, a rhinoceros, a leopard and a buffalo).



Uzarszewo, ul. Akacjowa 12

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### **[Beekeeping Museum in Swarzędz](#) - free entrance**



The Museum is located 10 km east of Poznań on the Warsaw Route. The Heritage Museum is Europe's only collection of beehives of its kind. Its outdoor exposition has been devoted to the Polish history of beekeeping. Its beehives range from wood plank to straw varieties to hive imitations of buildings and statues. This former farm house has been adapted to house an entire display of these utility insects. The collections focus on beekeeping and silk production, solitary bees and bumblebees.

ul. Poznańska 35, Swarzędz

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### **[Museum of Applied Arts](#) - free entrance**



It is located on the Przemysł Hill, in the very heart of the city of Poznań. The castle tower which is 43 meters high, offers a unique view of the city and its surroundings. In the space of 1500 m<sup>2</sup> a new exhibition, devoted entirely to the applied art, is presented. It is the only such place in Poland. Amongst 2000 objects arranged in a unique way, one can find furniture, ceramics, glass and metal, weapons, jewellery, fabrics, costumes and accessories. The museum presents applied art from Middle Ages until modern times. To preserve the memory of the royal past of the place that the museum is situated in, an exhibition concerning Przemysł II and the history of the Castle has been placed on the ground floor.

Góra Przemysła 1

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### [Museum of Armaments](#) - free entrance



The Museum of Arms is located on the premises of the former Fort Winiary (the Poznań Citadel), which was built by the Prussians from 1828 to 1842. Today's form of the Citadel dates back to the 1870's. At that time, the Citadel became a key part of the fortifications ring that surrounded the city. The Museum is housed in a Military Laboratory bunker added on in 1872. The bunker, which has survived as it was originally built, houses a display of militaries, documents, photographs, maps and items recovered from the Poznań fortifications. The biggest attraction of its permanent exhibition are its outdoor displays of military equipment featuring over a dozen military vehicles, nine air planes, two helicopters, five tanks, as well as numerous canons and mortars. The oldest items date back to the early 19th century.

al. Armii Poznań (Poznań Citadel)

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### [Archaeological Reserve Genius loci](#) - free entrance



This is the only exhibition of this type in Poland, where visitors can feel like archaeologists. Modern architecture houses an original archaeological site, upon entering which you will be able to see medieval engineering: relics of fortifications made of wood and earth in the 10th century by settlers under the first members of the Piast dynasty as well as gothic walls of the bishops' district. It is only here that you will be able to see authentic archaeological artifacts uncovered on the Cathedral Island and in the Śródka district and the faces of the first dwellers of Poznań, whose appearance was reconstructed by anthropologists. The tour of the Archaeological Reserve includes a visit to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary Church, with the viewing of the oldest palas of Mieszko I and the first Polish shrine, the Duchess Doubravka's chapel.

ul. Ks. I. Posadzego 3

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## Wielkopolska Military Museum - free entrance



In the southern part of the Market Square, in post-war annexes, there is the Wielkopolska Military Museum. Built in 1919, destroyed during WWII, the museum is rebuilding its collection, working since 1957. The museum's permanent exhibition is devoted to the history of Polish weaponry and includes the Polish Army uniforms, side arms, firearms and polearms, protective armours and military equipment from the 10th to the 20th century as well as battle scenes. One of the museum's most valuable exhibits is a 16th century rapier sword with a Milan- forged hilt. The jewel of the collection however is a bechter (type of plated mail) forged in 1580 in Poznań, and embroidered with the city insignia on the backplate.

Stary Rynek 9

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## Castle in Kórnik - discounted ticket



Castle in Kórnik is located some 30 km south-east of Poznań. It is actually a well-preserved lordly residence converted to the Neo- Gothic Romantic style in the early 19th century. The Castle houses many unique exhibits. Its interiors contain furniture of various styles from many different periods, paintings by Polish and European masters, sculptures, antique coin collections, Polish and eastern militaria, china and silver handworks and ethnographic and natural collections from Australia and Oceania. In the night, as legend has it, roaming in the Castle's park and chambers is Teofila Szoldrska-Potulicka nee Działyńska, dubbed the 'White Lady'. Located next to the Castle is a Kórnik Arboretum featuring some 3,000 species and varieties of trees and shrubs, some of which are the most peculiar specimens one could ever imagine.

ul. Zamkowa 5, Kórnik

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