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Polish with all his heart
and the citizen of the World
with all his talent”*

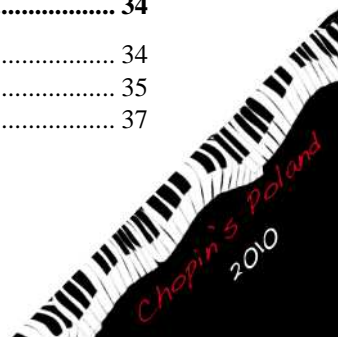
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INTRODUCTION

The year 2010 has been officially declared as Fryderyk Chopin Year by the Polish Parliament.

Fryderyk Chopin is one of the greatest musical artists in the history of Polish culture, the most outstanding Polish composer and a great pianist. He is one of the world's most prominent impromptu masters.

We would like to invite all fans of Chopin's music to understand his work better, the background of Polish musical tradition and Chopin's own patriotic values.

This is the first edition of the Chopin Sales Manual 2010. We hope it will encourage you to plan as many tours as possible to Chopin's homeland.



BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

1810

1 March – According to family records, Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin is born in the Mazovian village of Żelazowa Wola (a parish church document gives his date of birth as 22 February). His father, Nicolas Chopin, was French and arrived in Poland at the age of 16, later finding work as a French language tutor. Chopin's mother was Tekla Justyna Krzyżanowska. Fryderyk had three sisters: Ludwika, Izabela and Emilia.

23 April – Fryderyk is baptized in the 16th century Basilica in Brochów.

1 October – the family moves to Warsaw, where Nicolas Chopin was employed as a lecturer of French and French Literature in the Warsaw Lyceum.

1816

Chopin's first professional piano tutor (until 1822) is Wojciech Żywny. Chopin begins to show his musical talent very early demonstrating his improvisational ability to compose by making up tunes on the piano.

1817

Chopin's first composition, *the Polonaise in B flat major*, is written down by his father.

1818

Chopin makes his first performance in a public concert, organized by the Warsaw Charitable Society.

1822

Chopin finishes his studies with Wojciech Żywny and begins private lessons of composition with Józef Elsner.

1825

Chopin's first published work – a Rondo, Op.1 – appeared.

1826

After a few years of at the Warsaw Lyceum, Chopin starts composition studies at the Superior Conservatory in Warsaw.

1829

17 March – Chopin's first performance of his own work in the National Theatre in Warsaw (Concerto in F-minor, Op.21).

Chopin makes his first visit to Vienna where he makes a brilliant debut.



1830

11 October – Chopin's last performance in Warsaw (Concerto in E-minor, Op. 11).

2 November – Chopin leaves Poland, as it turns out – forever. Because of political reasons he first goes to Vienna, heading on Italy, France or Great Britain.

1831

September – Chopin arrives in Paris, where he stays until his death.

1832

First performance in Paris in the Salle Pleyel. An enormous success ("the whole Paris went crazy").

1836

Chopin meets Georges Sand (Baroness Aurore Dudevant), a famous French novelist.

1838

October – Chopin and Georges Sand go on a trip to Mallorca. They stay in Valdemossa Monastery. He creates many outstanding compositions including *24 Preludes, Op.28, Ballade in F major, and Scherzo in C-sharp minor*.

1839

After serious health problems Chopin and Georges Sand come back to France through Marseille and Genoa. They spend summer in Nohant, beginning a series of such annual stays in the country.

1847

The relationship with George Sand comes to an end.

1848

Final performance at the Pleyel Salon in Paris.

Last public performance for Polish emigrants at the Guildhall in London.

1849

17 October – Chopin dies prematurely in his apartment at Place Vendome in Paris. He is buried at Pere-Lachaise cemetery in Paris. Requiem by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is performed at his funeral on his wishes, as well as his own Preludes: in E minor and in B minor.

According to his last wish, his heart is returned to Warsaw and placed in the Church of the Holy Cross on Krakowskie Przedmieście Str.

For more information visit: www.nifc.pl



COMPOSITIONS

The most important compositions by Fryderyk Chopin

Chopin lived in romantic and stormy times, when democratic and independent tendencies started to take root among the people of Europe.

He lived among people making plans to liberate Poland. In his music he expresses pain and despair, the dreams of heroism and nostalgia, the beauty of Poland and the suffering of Polish nation. The music of Fryderyk Chopin derives from folk tunes and is tied to Polish musical tradition, serving as a symbol for Poland's national culture.

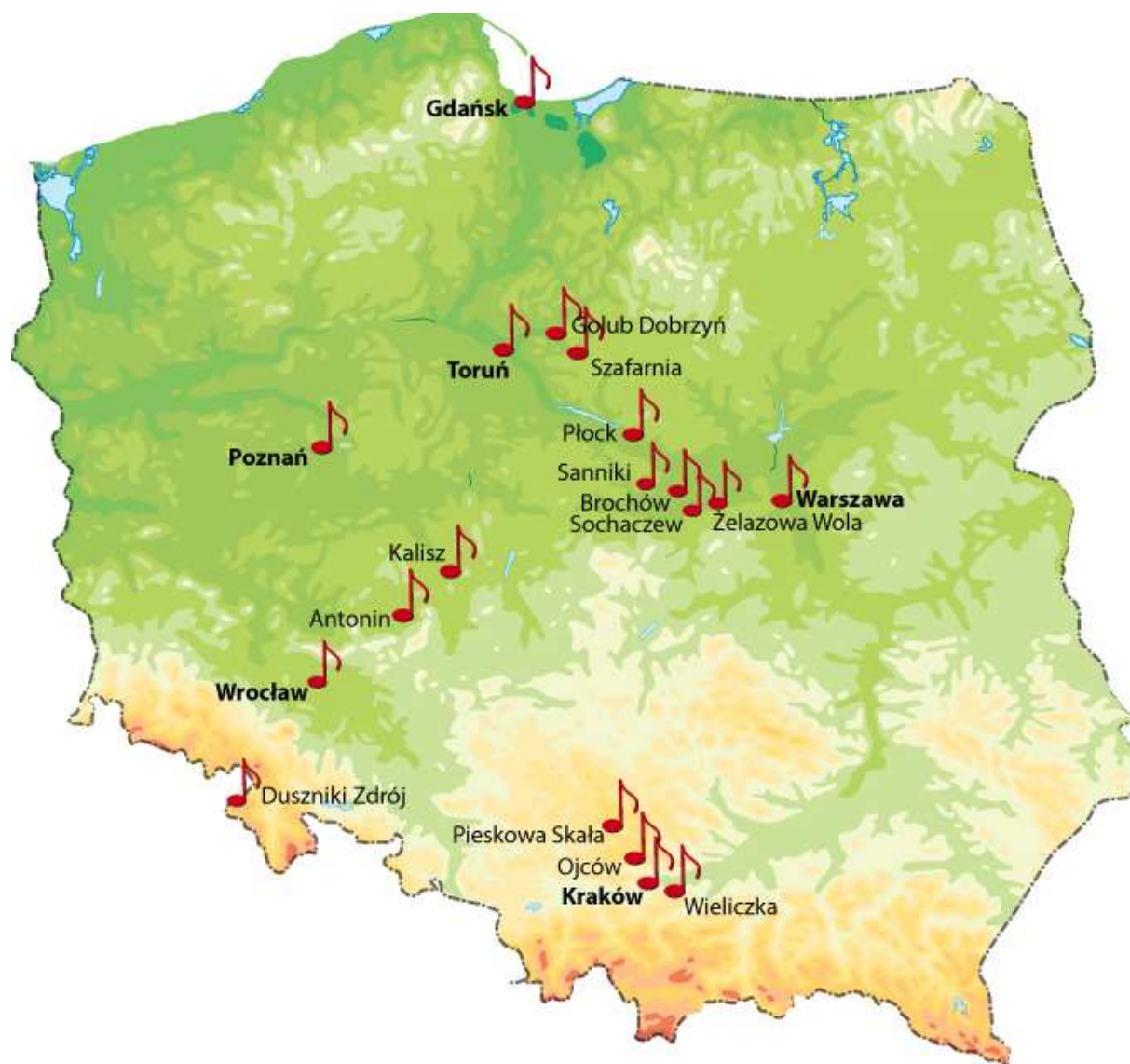
Chopin himself never gave thematic titles to his instrumental works, identifying them simply by genre and number. However, these compositions were often inspired by emotional and sensual experiences in his own life.

Most of Chopin's compositions are piano solos. His piano concertos (No.1 and No. 2) are two of the romantic piano concerto repertoire's most performed examples.



Chopin's Poland 2010

THE MOST IMPORTANT PLACES IN POLAND ASSOCIATED WITH FRYDERK CHOPIN



WARSAW

www.e-warsaw.pl

www.warsawtour.pl

www.um.warszawa.pl

The capital and the largest city of Poland. Located on the Vistula River. Completely destroyed during World War II and rebuilt with the heroic effort of Polish citizen.

Worth seeing:

Saxon Palace (destroyed in 1944)

Today: Piłsudski Square

- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier within the arcade.
- The Saxon Garden adjoining Piłsudskiego Square and also Marszałkowska, Królewska and Fredry Streets.

Every Sunday at noon a ceremonial changing of the guard is held by the tomb, paying tribute to Poles killed in battle.

Kazimierzowski Palace (Kazimierz Palace)

Today: the Warsaw University building

26/28, Krakowskie Przedmieście Street

- A plaque with the composer's portrait placed on the eastern wall of the outhouse: 'In this building lived Fryderyk Chopin in the years 1817–1827'.

Czapski/Krasiński Palace

Today: the seat of the Fine Arts Academy 5, Krakowskie Przedmieście Street, opposite the gate to the Warsaw University

- In 1930 a commemorative plaque set into the front wall of the left wing of Czapski/Krasiński Palace, on the Krakowskie Przedmieście Str.: 'In this house Fryderyk Chopin lived and worked before leaving Warsaw for good in 1830'.
- In the left wing in 1960, a small museum created in the place where the Chopin's apartment once stood, known as the Chopin Family Drawing Room.

Chopin Family Drawing Room, branch of Fryderyk Chopin Museum

Fine Arts Academy, (building Graphics Dept., 2nd floor) 5, Krakowskie Przedmieście Str.,
ph. (+48 22) 320-02-75

e-mail: muzeum@nifc.pl



Opening times:

Monday – Friday, from 10 am to 6 pm.

Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, as well as Easter Saturday and Christmas Eve.

Admission prices:

Full - 3 zł

Reduced - 2 zł

Group (more than 10 persons) 1 zł per person

Family - 8 zł

Wednesday – admission free

The Church of the Holy Cross (the smaller Basilica)

3, Krakowskie Przedmieście Str., Warsaw

Parish: ph. (+48 22) 826-89-10 or 556-88-20

<http://www.swkrzyz.pl/>

- In 1880, a decorative plaque, founded by the Warsaw Music Society, with an epitaph and the composer's bust, placed over the urn containing the heart of Fryderyk Chopin. On the second pillar on the left side of the main nave.
'For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also'
(a quotation from the Gospel according to St Matthew (VI.21).
- The urn, in accordance with the composer's wishes, was brought to Poland by his beloved sister, Ludwika.

Radziwiłł Palace

Today the Presidential Palace

48/50, Krakowskie Przedmieście Str.

- Radziwiłł Palace, also known as the Governor's Palace, is believed to have been the venue for Fryderyk Chopin's first public performance on 24 February 1818.

The Church of the Nuns of the Visitation

34, Krakowskie Przedmieście Str.

- The plaque with the following inscription:
'In honour of Fryderyk Chopin, who played on the organ in this church as a pupil of the Warsaw Lyceum in the years 1825–1826', founded by the Fryderyk Chopin Society in 1990.

Augsburg Evangelical Church of the Holy Trinity

1, Małachowskiego Square

- Here in May 1825 Fryderyk Chopin performed for Tsar Alexander I, playing on the aeolomelodicon. The Tsar showed his appreciation by presenting Chopin with a diamond ring.



Fryderyk Chopin Museum - Ostrogski Castle

1, Okólnik Str.

ph.: (+48 22) 827-54-73

e-mail: muzeum@nifc.pl

Attention!
Museum will be closed until 1 March 2010
due to renovation.

Since 2005 efforts have been being made to turn the Fryderyk Chopin Museum, located for years in the Ostrogski Castle on Tamka Street in Warsaw, into a modern place that satisfies the expectations of Polish and foreign tourists and music-lovers. The difficult task of creating the architectural design of the museum was undertaken by the Grzegory & Partnerzy Architekci architectural office. After the relevant documentation has been prepared and the required technical studies completed, the architects came up with new functional solutions for the institution, with the museum space, also encompassing a new concert room, being enlarged by 90% as compared with its previous size. After the implementation designs have been completed, the costs estimated and consultations with the regional Historic Buildings Conservator in Warsaw successfully concluded, the first works were launched, including replacing the wooden window frames in the whole building, modernisation of a vast terrace and drying the cellars, which had been in dramatic state. In May 2008 The Fryderyk Chopin Institute started the renovation of the Castle, which involved changing the space arrangements of the building's whole interior and converting the cellars to form, in particular, concert space. Three months later an international competition for the design of the Museum's exhibition was decided upon; the winning design was prepared by the Migliore+Servetto company from Milano, Italy. The launch of the renovated Museum is planned for 1 March 2010

More information:

The Fryderyk Chopin Institute

www.nifc.pl

Fryderyk Chopin Monument in the Royal Łazienki Park

www.lazienki-krolewskie.pl

Chopin recitals are performed at the foot of the monument during summer and have been taking place since 1959.

Concerts under the willow – from mid-May to the end of September
Sunday noon and 4 pm.

Admission free.



Fryderyk Chopin Music University

2 Okólnik Str.

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www.chopin.edu.pl; info@chopin.edu.pl

- The oldest and largest music high school in Poland and one of the oldest in Europe. Transformed into the Main School of Music under the direction of Józef Elsner, composer and teacher of Fryderyk Chopin.

Chopin's parents tomb in Powązki cemetery

One of the oldest cemeteries in Europe.

- The tombstone shared by Chopin's parents – Tekla Justyna, born Krzyżanowska and Nicolas Chopin – in the 9th quarter of the Old Powązki (9-IV-1), next to Stanisław Moniuszko's grave.

Open daily

Admission free

Other interesting places to visit:

- The Old Town which has been placed on the UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites as "an outstanding example of a near-total reconstruction of a span of history covering the 13th to the 20th century";
 - ✓ The Royal Castle,
 - ✓ King Sigismund's Column,
 - ✓ The Marquet Square,
 - ✓ The Barbican,
 - ✓ The Gothic St John's Cathedral.
- The Łazienki – summer residence of the last Polish king.
- The Baroque Wilanow – suburban residence of King Jan III Sobieski.
- The Palace of Culture and Science – there is a splendid, panoramic view over the city and its environs from the terrace on the 30th floor.



MAZOVIA (MAZOWSZE)

www.mazovia.pl

www.mazowszechopina.pl

ŻELAZOWA WOLA

Situated in Sochaczew county, on the edge of Kampinos National Park, 54 km from Warsaw.

- **Chopin's birth place**, branch of the Fryderyk Chopin Museum

The Manor is reconstructed in the form of a traditional Polish manor house. The park with an interesting collection of dendrological specimens in over 7 hectares is traversed by the River Utrata.

- Four monuments to Fryderyk Chopin:
 - ✓ an obelisk resembling a gravestone, unveiled in 1894. This bears a medallion with a bust of Chopin and the inscription " F. Chopin 22. II. 1810",
 - ✓ a sandstone bust of Chopin unveiled in 1968,
 - ✓ a bronze statue placed on a grey granite pedestal,
 - ✓ Zofia Wolska's bronze bust of Chopin on a sandstone base.

The season of Chopin concerts and music presentations showcases, from the first Sunday in May to the last Sunday in September.

Żelazowa Wola,
96-500 Sochaczew
ph: (+48 46) 863-33-00

Opening hours:

Manor

Tue – Sun 9 am – 5.30 pm (16 IV-15X), 9.30 am – 4 pm (16X-15 IV)

Closed on Mondays, Easter Saturday and the first day of the Easter holidays, 1 November, 24-26 December and 1 January.

Attention!

Intensive works concerning the revitalization are in progress in Żelazowa Wola. Due to that fact, we apologize for any inconveniences, including the possibility of closing the park and the manor temporarily.

Ticket prices:

Manor: adults 10 PLN, reduced 5 PLN, school groups 4 PLN (per person)

Park: Admission free

Guide:



English 100 PLN (gross)

Russian 100 PLN (gross)

The Curator decides each month on which day of the week entrance to the Museum is free. In May and June 2009 it is Friday, in July and August 2009 it is Thursday.

Concerts in Summer (May – September)

Sunday Concerts at 12 am and 3 pm

Minibus to Żelazowa Wola:

departure from Fryderyk Chopin Museum in Warsaw

1, Okólnik Str. (May – September)

Information, reservation: (+48) 22 827 54 73 (ext 108)

BROCHÓW

Situated 11 km north west of Żelazowa Wola, at the edge of Kampinos Forest.

Complex renovation work is currently being carried out in the church until 2010

- The parish church of St Roch (now St John the Baptist) in Brochów is a particularly important place in Chopin family history. Here, on 2 June 1806, the wedding was held of the composer's parents, Mikołaj Chopin and Tekla Justyna Krzyżanowska.
- A commemorative plaque installed inside Brochów church, on the left-hand side of the nave.
Its inscription reads: 'Baptised in this church on 23 April 1810 was Fryderyk Chopin, born on 22 February 1810 at Żelazowa Wola'. The history of the parish, as recorded on another plaque on one of the church pillars, mentions Brochów's connections with the Chopin family.

Not far from the church, on the manor grounds, a Masterclass Centre is being built, where outstanding young pianists from all over the world will be able to hone their skills under the guidance of outstanding Chopin interpreters.

SOCHACZEW

www.e-sochaczew.pl

Situated some 60 kilometers from Warsaw in the direct vicinity of Żelazowa Wola.

Worth seeing :



- The remains of the Dukes of Masovia Castle.
- The Town Hall, built in classicist style in the 19th century - now the seat of The Museum of the Sochaczew Region and The Battle of the Bzura River.
- The Narrow Gauge Railway Museum, with the largest collection of rail vehicles in Poland.
Visitors can take the popular train, which runs between Sochaczew and the Kampinos Forest in the summertime.
- The F. Chopin National School of Music in the family manor from the 19th century.

SANNIKI

www.sanniki.bjp.org.pl

Situated 30 km north-west of Sochaczew, 86 km from Warsaw

Palace in Sanniki

- Set into the front wall of the palace tower a marble plaque with the following inscription: 'In this manor house Fryderyk Chopin stayed in 1828'.
- A Fryderyk Chopin Memorial Centre created in the left wing of the palace.
- A bronze statue of Chopin situated on a marble base in front of the palace, on the left-hand side.
- On the first floor of the palace is the Mateusz Gliński Music Library.
- Folk culture. To this day traditional decorations are still manufactured in this area: paper-cuts, paper flowers, painted eggs and 'pająki' — hanging ornaments of straw and tissue paper. Each year, on the first Sunday in June, the Sanniki Sunday folk festival is held.

Concerts take place every first Sunday of the month, from February to October.

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09-540 Sanniki
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Fax. (+48 24) 277-78-15
e-mail: m.patrowicz.sanniki@op.pl
<http://www.palacsanniki.pl/>

Opening hours:
Monday-Friday, from 8 am to 3.30 pm
Admission free to the park



PŁOCK

www.plock.pl

Płock is one of the oldest and most important cities in Mazovia, now the seat of the county administration. Płock was the first city on the itinerary of Chopin's planned trip to Gdańsk in 1827.

Worth seeing:

- The mediaeval castle walls with their two gothic towers:
 - ✓ The Clock Tower (13th to 14th century, fulfilling the function of the cathedral bell tower),
 - ✓ The Noble Tower (15th century).
- The cathedral, beautifully situated on a hill over the Vistula, with its royal chapel.
 - ✓ In the cathedral vestibule a copy of the famous Romanesque Płock Door, made for the basilica c.1154 in Magdeburg.
- The historical bell tower, the Benedictine monastery.
- The Dominican church.
- Płock post office.
- The neo-gothic monastery of the Old Catholic Mariavite Church, erected in the early twentieth century.
- The Płock town hall, built in the years 1824–27.
The town hall has served as the seat of the city's administration since its construction.



KUJAVIA (KUJAWY)

SZAFARNIA

www.szafarnia.art.pl

Szafarnia is located in Golub-Dobrzyń county, 7km from Golub-Dobrzyń itself.

Worth seeing:

- The F. Chopin Cultural Centre with a concert hall and small museum, in a three hectare park with six natural monuments (including the 'Chopin linden' and 'Dziewanowski oaks').
- A commemorative plaque:
'In Szafarnia and the surrounding villages Fryderyk Chopin stayed in the years 1824-1825. In the eighth year of the existence of the People's Poland, the School in Szafarnia was named after him in 1952.
- A bronze bust of Chopin on the front wall of the mansion.

Today, the Centre organises concerts, music workshops and master classes, *plain-air* painting workshops, reciting and art competitions, exhibitions, tournaments of knowledge about Chopin, New Year balls, and above all the Fryderyk Chopin International Piano Competition for children and young people. The Centre has a number of extra facilities: three practice rooms, an audiovisual room for 40 people, four guest rooms and a cafe.

Fryderyk Chopin Culture Centre and Museum in Szafarnia

87-404 Radomin

woj. kujawsko-pomorskie

Ph./fax. (+48 56) 682-79-30

e-mail: osrodekchopinowskiuszafar@o2.pl osrodek@szafarnia.art.pl

www.szafarnia.art.pl

Opening hours:

Monday - closed

Tuesday – Friday, from 8 am to 3 pm

Saturday - Sunday, from 12 am to 4 pm

Tickets prices:

Regular 5 PLN

Reduced 4 PLN

Guide for groups - 20 PLN

Parking fee

Concerts on request



CASTLE IN GOLUB-DOBRZYN

www.zamekgolub.pl

www.golub-dobrzyn.ptttk.pl

Golub-Dobrzyń is situated about 40 km north-east of Toruń.

- The fortified castle picturesquely situated on a hill above the town, built by the Teutonic Knights in th 14th century.
- A regional museum.
- An armoury.
- A school of chivalry.
- The Old Town with a Gothic church and an old Pod Kapturem house from the late 18th century.

Every July the castle hosts Grand International Knightly Tournament.

PTTK Str. 87

400 Golub-Dobrzyń

Phone: (+48 56) 683-24-66, (+48 56) 683-24-55

Fax: (+48 56) 683-26-66

e-mail: zamek@zamekgolub.pl

Opening hours:

High season (from 1 May to September 30), from 9 am to 7 pm

Low season (from 1 October to April 30), from 9 am to 4 pm

Tickets prices:

normal 10 PLN

reduced 5 PLN

guide for groups - 25 PLN

At special request: the night sightseeing of the castle



TORUŃ

www.torun.pl

www.it.torun.com

Toruń lies on the River Vistula, which divides the city into two uneven parts (the larger part is on the north bank). Toruń constitutes a sort of boundary between the historical regions of Kujawy and Pomorze, yet for historical and administrative reasons it is officially part of Pomorze.

Worth seeing:

- Old Town Wall in Toruń – Toruń’s historical core, represented by its well preserved complex of medieval architecture and the original urban layout, was included on UNESCO’s World Heritage List.
 - ✓ The mediaeval burgher buildings—the granaries.
 - ✓ The gothic town hall.
 - ✓ Three gothic churches and the Crooked Tower, dating from the beginning of the 14th century, part of the city’s defence system.
- To commemorate the composer’s stay in Toruń, a plaque set into the wall of the Fengers’ house (at 14, Mostowa Str.):
‘In this house Fryderyk Chopin stayed in the year 1825’.
- The Copernicus family house.



LOWER SILESIA (DOLNY ŚLĄSK)

WROCLAW

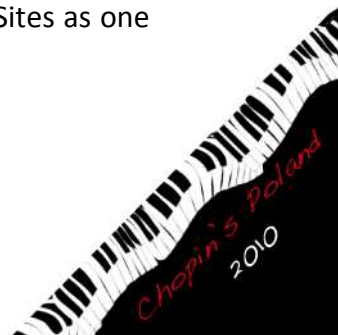
www.wroclaw.pl

Wrocław is the capital of Lower Silesia and one of the largest cities in Poland. It lies on the River Odra, in the Silesian Lowlands.

Chopin visited Wrocław (Breslau, in his day) on several occasions (in the years 1826, 1829 and 1830).

Worth seeing:

- The Gothic Cathedral of St John the Baptist on Ostrów Tumski Island.
- The Church of St Elizabeth from the 13th century on Św. Mikołaja Str., situated near the market square in Wrocław.
 - ✓ The church's history shows how changed hands between Protestants and Catholics and it is famed for its valuable library collections of manuscripts and printed publications.
 - ✓ It also houses a valuable 18th century organ.
- The Municipal Theatre (then on Taschenstrasse, now at the junction of Oławska Str. and Piotra Skargi Str.).
- The Grand Hall of the Merchants' Club, known at that time as the hall of the Hotel de Pologne.
- The Rautenkranz (Rue Garland inn) on Oławska Str..
- In South Park [Park Południowy], near the junction of Andrzeja Woligórskiego Str. and Powstańców Śląskich Str.:
 - ✓ A monument to Chopin portraying the composer seated in an armchair listening to music.
 - ✓ On the front is an inscription reminding the public that Chopin performed in Wrocław on 8 November 1830.
 - ✓ On the back is another inscription:
'This monument was built through the efforts of the Wrocław Branch of the Fryderyk Chopin Society and the Committee for the Building of a Fryderyk Chopin Monument, thanks to grants from the Ministry of Culture, Wrocław Municipal Government, Lower Silesia Voivodeship, Strzegom Region Stoneworkers Association, Dach Bud Ltd, Polska Miedź Foundation and donations from the public. Wrocław 5 IX 2005.'
- The Old Town Square from the 13th century.
- Aula Leopoldinum in the Wrocław University.
- The epic painting of the Panorama Raławicka.
- The Centennial Hall the world's first modernist structure made of ferro – concrete. In 2006, the hall was added to UNESCO's prestigious list of World Heritage Sites as one of the most important achievements in 20th Century architecture.



DUSZNIKI ZDRÓJ (Bad Reinertz) - one of the key sites of the cult of Fryderyk Chopin in Poland.

www.duszniki.pl

Duszniki Zdrój lies in Lower Silesia, in the Kłodzko Basin, on the E67 road. Situated nearby are two other well-known spas: Polanica Zdrój (in the direction of Kłodzko) and Kudowa Zdrój (in the direction of the Czech border).

Worth seeing in:

- The Spa Park:
 - ✓ The mansion named Chopin House.
 - ✓ A Chopin Monument unveiled on 8 August 1976.
 - ✓ The Pieniawa Chopin (formerly Brunne) mineral water intake, located near the Pump Room. Fryderyk, became somewhat bored with the walks around the spa and the daily obligation of drinking the waters (from the Laubrunn spring) with added goat's-milk whey and herbs.
 - ✓ The obelisk unveiled on 19 June 1897.
A medallion made from bronze bearing the composer's effigy, placed on the obelisk, and below this a plaque with an inscription in Latin:
'Friderico Chopino reinerh a. mdcccxxvi arte suavissima, humanitate eximia, generosam virtutis indolem ineunte adolescentia testifato, hoc monumentum a. mdcccxcvii ad rei memoriam sempiternam decurionum permissu impensa sua polono polonus erexit'.
 - ✓ A monument Hermitage. For many years this building housed the museum of the International Chopin Festival, but it is now under the care of the Duszniki Zdrój Youth Town Council.
 - ✓ The mansion (also known as the Chopin Theatre), built at the beginning of the 19th century.
Since 1946 an annual International Chopin Festival has been held here. Moreover, for over twenty years, outstanding Polish and foreign piano teachers have taught master class courses for young virtuosos from all over the world in the days leading up to the festival.
- A paper mill.

Fryderyk Chopin gave two concerts in aid of the children in the hall of the Spa Theatre.



POMERANIA (POMORZE)

GDAŃSK

www.gdansk.pl

Gdańsk lies at the mouth of the River Motława, where it flows into the Vistula, on Gdańsk Bay and the Baltic Sea.

Probably the aim of Chopin's journey in July of 1827, Gdańsk (in Chopin's day the city was known as Danzig) was the most important city in West Prussia. Unfortunately, we know little about Fryderyk Chopin's visit to Gdańsk.

Worth seeing:

- Long Street and Long Market lined with richly ornamented ancient houses and public historical buildings.
- The Gothic town hall - the Historical Museum of Gdańsk Artus Court.
- The Artus Court – one of the most magnificent buildings of its kind in Europe.
- The Gothic Church of St. Mary – the largest brick church in Europe.
- Neptune's Fountain - a symbol of Gdańsk.
- On the Motława River waterfront – the conspicuous Gdańsk crane, the biggest port crane in Medieval Europe.
- The Gothic St Catherine's Church – famous for its carillon, a replica of a 16th century instrument.
- The Cathedral in Oliwa, a district of Gdańsk - famous for its 18th century organ.



GREATER POLAND (WIELKOPOLSKA)

ANTONIN

www.chopin-antonin.pl

www.ckis.kalisz.pl

Antonin is known as a centre for rest and recreation. The village lies 12 km from Ostrów Wielkopolski.

Worth seeing:

- Antonin Palace

The palace stands in extensive grounds, with a moat and monuments of nature, dominated by oaks. The palace grounds and the adjoining wood cover over twelve hectares. The building is owned by the Kalisz Centre for Culture and the Arts.

- ✓ A bust of Fryderyk Chopin,
- ✓ A commemorative plaque set into the wall:
'Fryderyk Chopin 1810–1849 was a guest at the palace in Antonin in the years 1827 and 1829'.

Events:

- ✓ The international festival Chopin in the Colours of Autumn (a four-day event in September). The event is co-organised by the Greater Poland Chopin Centre – Antonin and the Kalisz Centre for Culture and the Arts.
- ✓ The anniversary concerts (in February and October, on the anniversary of Chopin's birth and death).
- ✓ Shrovetide concerts (in January).
- ✓ The 'Chopin for the Youngest' International Piano Competition (in February).
- ✓ The Tournament of Foreign Piano Scholarship Holders (in April).
- ✓ Chopin Confrontations (in July and August).
- ✓ A cycle of concerts and the All-Poland Chopin Autumn Rally (in September) for tourists on foot, cycle and horseback, ending with a concert.

KALISZ

www.kalisz.pl

Kalisz lies on the River Prosna, on the Kalisz Uplands. It is one of the oldest towns in Poland and the second largest town in the Greater Poland region and voivodeship, after Poznań.



Presumably the oldest Polish town. Fryderyk Chopin stopped here in passing on six occasions.

Worth seeing:

- The early Baroque Church of St Stanislas.
- The St Nicolas' Cathedral.
- The theatre.
- An archaeological site with traces of an ancient stronghold and early Medieval cemeteries in Zawodzie (the suburb of Kalisz).

POZNAŃ

www.poznan.pl

www.city.poznan.pl

www.cim.poznan.pl

Poznań is one of the oldest and largest cities in Poland, capital of the Greater Poland voivodeship.

Chopin spend a few days in Poznań on their way back to Warsaw around the turn of September and October (from 30 September to 3 October 1828).

- Fryderyk Chopin's stay in Poznań is commemorated by two plaques and a bust:
 - ✓ One of the plaques, made of marble near the Adam Mickiewicz Monument, on the east-facing wall in the courtyard of the building of the Poznań Society for the Friends of Learning, together with its Library and Meeting Hall, and the Poznań Academic Library. Unveiled in 1910, destroyed during the Nazi occupation, reconstructed after 1945.
'To Chopin, 1810–1849'.
 - ✓ The other plaque made of dark granite, unveiled on 1960, set into the front wall.
'In 1828 Fryderyk Chopin played in this building'.
 - ✓ Behind the building, on Podgórna street, a small park named after Fryderyk Chopin park, with a bust of the composer.

Worth seeing:

- Old Town Square.
- The Museum of Musical Instruments (at 45 Stary Rynek [Market Square]) - in the Chopin Room (first floor, room 9):
 - ✓ the piano on which Chopin played during his visit to Duke Antoni Radziwiłł at Antonin,
 - ✓ a cast of Chopin's hand and his death-mask,
 - ✓ Henryk Siemiradzki's painting "A concert given by Fryderyk Chopin in the salon of Duke Antoni Radziwiłł in 1829",
 - ✓ a bust of the composer,
 - ✓ a portrait of Chopin,
 - ✓ an upright piano by 'Traugott Berndt – Breslau' from c.1850.



LESSER POLAND (MAŁOPOLSKA)

KRAKÓW

www.krakow.pl

www.krakowlife.pl

www.krakow4u.pl

Kraków is one of the largest and oldest cities in Poland. The city dates back to the 7th century. Situated on the Vistula River.

One of the leading centres of Polish scientific, cultural and artistic life.

Unfortunately, it is difficult to establish today where Chopin stayed in Krakow in July 1829 on a journey abroad to Vienna.

Worth seeing:

- The Old Town.
- Wawel Hill
 - ✓ Wawel Royal Castle,
 - ✓ Wawel Cathedral with its outstanding Renaissance chapel. The cathedral crypts contain the graves of members of royal families and many eminent Poles,
 - ✓ The Zygmunt Bell.
- Europe's largest Medieval Market Square
 - ✓ The Sukiennice Cloth Hall,
 - ✓ The Church of the Holy Mary with its Gothic altarpiece carved from limewood.
- St Florian's Gate with the Barbican along the Royal Coronation Route.
- The Medieval university building of Collegium Maius. The entry made by Chopin in the visitors' book in 1829 is held in the Manuscripts Section of the Jagiellonian Library, which is now home to the Jagiellonian University Museum (at 15, Jagiellońska str., on the corner with Św. Anny, Str.).
- The Jewish quarter of Kazimierz features wealth of Jewish heritage:
 - ✓ The 16th century cemetery,
 - ✓ Seven synagogues of which one is now the Jewish museum.

In 1978 Kraków's historic centre, which includes the Old Town, Kazimierz and the Wawel Castle was included in the UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage List.



SURROUNDINGS OF KRAKÓW

WIELICZKA

www.kopalnia-wieliczka.pl

Wieliczka is located about 15 km from Kraków, in Wieliczka county, in the Lesser Poland voivodeship.

One can travel to Wieliczka from Kraków by road (E40 in the direction of Bochnia).

The salt mine (situated at 10, Daniłowicza Str.) is one of the world's oldest mining sites still in operation. In 1978 was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

The underground tourist route leads through a labyrinth of galleries and caverns with unique sculptures, all carved from rock salt.

- St Kinga's Chapel at the depth of 101 meters – the most beautiful chamber decorated with white crystal salt chandeliers and bas-relief sculptures carved in grey salt.
- The mine also runs an underground sanatorium for those with breathing ailments.
- The Krakow Salt Mines Museum exhibits include salt crystals, the oldest salt-works in Europe, sacred art relics and a panorama of old Wieliczka. Also on display in the museum are reproductions of pages from the visitors' book with the signatures of illustrious guests, the signature of Fryderyk Chopin included.

OJCÓW NATIONAL PARK

www.ojcow.pl

Ojców and Pieskowa Skała are situated about 30 km from Kraków. They can be reached from Kraków by road E40 in the direction of Olkusz.

Ojców National Park was founded in 1956. The picturesque landscape of Prądnik Valley consists of:

- ✓ white calcareous rocks of extraordinary dimensions and shapes (including Hercules's Club and Diotima's Needle),
- ✓ almost four hundred caves or grottos within the park,
- ✓ the presence of numerous species of bird, insect and caves where numerous species of bats live,
- ✓ the Castle Mount, with the preserved ruins of its gothic castle, erected in the 13th century,
- ✓ the Ojców National Park Museum - natural history museum.

Visiting the park is facilitated by footpaths, cycle paths.



PIESKOWA SKAŁA

www.pieskowaskala.pl

Pieskowa Skała is located in an exceptionally picturesque area near Kraków, in the southern part of the Kraków-Częstochowa Upland.

- ✓ The castle, perched on a hill, is reached by an avenue with steps.
- ✓ An extraordinary calcareous rock, two hundred metres high known as Hercules's Club. Next to this are Wernyhora's Rocks.
- ✓ The gothic castle built most probably in the mid14th century.



THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS 2009/2010

WARSAW

THE BIRTHDAY DECADE

22 February – 1 March, 2010

The Birthday Decade is going to be the first of the three dominating events of the Chopin Year. Organised by the Fryderyk Chopin Institute, it is going to feature a series of concerts held between 22 February and 1 March 2010, i.e. it will encompass the two hypothetical dates of the composer's birth.

Celebrating the 200th anniversary of the genius composer's birth, Warsaw will be hosting a splendid array of the world's pianism, with performances by Martha Argerich, Daniel Barenboim, Piotr Anderszewski, Leif Ove Andsnes, Rafał Blechacz, who will open the celebrations, Dang Thai Son, Evgeny Kissin, Garrick Ohlsson, Janusz Olejniczak, Murray Perahia, Ivo Pogorelich and Yundi Li. The artists will be accompanied by Frans Brüggen's Orchestra of the Eighteenth Century and the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antoni Wit. A detailed calendar of concerts will soon be available at the portal www.chopin2010.pl/en

3rd INTERNATIONAL CHOPIN CONGRESS, 1810 - 2010

22 February – 1 March, 2010

A meeting of world specialists dedicated to the life and work of Fryderyk Chopin. The Fryderyk Chopin Institute, under the auspices of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of Poland, is holding the 3rd International Congress Chopin 1810-2010 Ideas - Interpretations – Influences, to mark the 200th anniversary of Fryderyk Chopin's birth. The 3rd International Congress is going to cover a wide range of topics, however, the issues for discussion should focus on the ideas which inspired Chopin's works, the interpretation of these works and their influence on the music of other composers, other forms of artistic expression and intellectual activity.

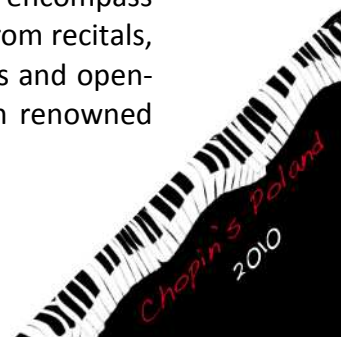
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<http://chopin2010.pl/en/events/year2010/id/10>

6th THE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL "CHOPIN AND HIS EUROPE"

1 – 28 August, 2010

The International Music Festival organized by the Fryderyk Chopin Institute will have a special dimension in the Jubilee Year. It will last for the whole August and will encompass 50 music events with the participation of over a thousand of performers. Apart from recitals, symphonic and chamber concerts, the Festival will see happenings, jazz concerts and open-air music performances. The list of invited artists and ensembles includes such renowned



figures as Marc Minkowski of Les Musiciens du Louvre-Grenoble, Misha Maisky, Nelson Freire, Maria João Pires, Maurizio Pollini, Nelson Goerner, Philippe Herreweghe, Orchestre des Champs-Élysées, Il Giardino Armonico or Orchestre de Chambre de Lausanne. Europa Galante conducted by Fabio Biondi is going to perform Vincenzo Bellini's Norma using historical instruments for the first time in Poland. As it is traditionally the case, music lovers will have a chance to listen to recitals and concerts played using historical pianos: a 1849 Erard, a 1848 Pleyel and a Graf (a copy of an instrument from ca 1819).

www.chopin.nifc.pl

W.A.MOZART REQUIEM

17 October, 2010

The Mozart "Requiem" will be performed during the church liturgy, in front of Chopin's heart, in the Basilica of the Holy Cross with the participation of the Orchestre des Champs-Élysees – a Parisian ensemble playing historical instruments – under the direction of Philippe Herreweghe.

www.chopin.nifc.pl

16th THE INTERNATIONAL F. CHOPIN PIANO COMPETITION

2 – 23 October, 2010

One of the most prestigious music competitions in the world. This will be the crowning moment of the Chopin Year celebrations. The Competition has existed since 1927 and is held every five years.

Preliminary qualification : candidates' documents and recordings will be assessed by the Admissions Committee, comprising renowned Polish musicians.

The Committee will admit to the Preliminaries in principle 160 candidates.

The list of candidates admitted to the Preliminaries will be made public by 1st March 2010.

Jury:

Andrzej Jasiński, Piotr Paleczny, Edward Wolanin, Janusz Olejniczak, Elżbieta Tarnawska, Kazimierz Gierzod, Marta Sosińska, Magdalena Lisak, Bronisława Kawalla, Andrzej Tatarski.

Preliminaries

Jury:

Ludmil Angelov (Bulgaria), Akiko Ebi (Japan), Bernd Goetzke (Germany), Adam Harasiewicz (Poland), Krzysztof Jabłoński (Poland), Andrzej Jasiński (Poland), Kevin Kenner (USA), Ivan Klansky (Czech Republic), Alberto Nose (Italy), Piotr Paleczny (Poland), Boris Petrushansky



(Russia), Jerome Rose (USA), Jacques Rouvier (France), Marta Sosińska-Janczewska (Poland), Wojciech Światała (Poland), Xu Hong (China), Dina Yoffe (Israel).

Calendar:

11-25 February 2010 - Preliminary qualification,
12-21 April 2010 - Preliminary Round,
3-7 October 2010 - Stage 1,
9-13 October 2010 - Stage 2,
14-16 October 2010 - Stage 3,
18-20 October 2010 - the Finals,
21th October 2010, at 8 p.m. - Prizewinner's Concert,
22th October 2010, at 7:30 p.m. - repetition of the Prizewinner's Concert,
23th October 2010, at 7:30 p.m. - second repetition of the Prizewinner's Concert.

Special Concerts:

1st October 2010, at 7:30 p.m. - Piano Recital: Mitsuko Uchida,
2nd October 2010, at 7:30 p.m. - Concert: Martha Argerich and Nelson Freire,
17th October 2010 - Concert: Orchestre des Champs-Élysées, Philippe Herreweghe (conductor). W. A. Mozart - Requiem d-moll.

Tickets:

Tickets available in the Internet and in the box-office of Warsaw Philharmonic from 2nd January 2010.

Organizer: The Fryderyk Chopin Institute

<http://konkurs.chopin.pl/en>

KRAKÓW

FROM KRAKÓW TO CHOPIN

28 February, 2010

The year 2010 is going to be rich in events celebrating the 200th anniversary of Fryderyk Chopin's birth. Kraków is going to take an active part in different initiatives marking the jubilee.



In the morning of 28th of February 2010, a special mass co-celebrated by cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, the Archbishop of Kraków, is going to be held in the cathedra at Wawel, the long-time seat of Polish monarchs.

In a symbolic act of tribute to the composer, a Fryderyk Chopin's medallion is going to be put in place in the Wawel Cathedral's crypt where great Polish national poets of the Renaissance are also buried. The ceremony will also feature a performance of Scherzo in B minor for piano and a recitation of C.K. Norwid's poem "Fortepian Chopina" (Chopin's Piano).

Visitors will also have a chance to see Fryderyk Chopin's original scores at an exhibition to be opened at the Collegium Maius of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, whose launch will be accompanied by a concert held in the Collegium's Green Room and performed using one of a few authentic surviving pianos of Fryderyk Chopin.

The event is going to be shown on large screens situated at the Collegium's courtyard.

<http://chopin2010.pl/en/events/year2010/id/45>

www.krakow.pl



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EXAMPLES OF PROGRAMS

WARSAW

CHOPIN'S ROUTE

- The famous monument of Fryderyk Chopin (in Łazienki Garden).
- The Holy Cross Church, where the heart of Chopin is entombed.
- Ostrogski Castle – Fryderyk Chopin Museum housing interesting exhibitions dedicated to Fryderyk Chopin.

Duration: 3 hours

WARSAW – HOME OF FRYDERYK CHOPIN

- Arrival in Warsaw, Poland's capital and the home of Fryderyk Chopin's heart. We recommend a welcome dinner in an Old Town restaurant. Overnight in Warsaw.
- City sightseeing tour of Warsaw in Chopin's footsteps. First you visit the Royal Łazienki Park with its Chopin monument. One of Warsaw's major roads is Krakowskie Przedmieście Str., which leads you straight to the Old Town. Here you visit the poor flat where Chopin lived for a couple of years. After that, there is a visit to the Holy Cross Church, where Chopin's heart is symbolically kept and the Ostrogski Palace - Fryderyk Chopin Museum. In the evening visit a Chopin piano concert. Overnight in Warsaw.
- After breakfast, there is an excursion to Żelazowa Wola. In the Chopin's birthplace, surrounded by a large park, a museum visit has been arranged. After that, drive to Brochów and visit a Renaissance basilica where Fryderyk Chopin was baptised. Back in Warsaw, visit to a Chopin piano concert. Overnight in Warsaw.

Breakfast and departure.

Duration: 4 days

Overnights: 3

Other: half-board, transport

WARSAW - FRYDERYK CHOPIN CONCERT AT THE LAZIENKI ROYAL PALACE (evening tour)

- Two-part piano concert
- A glass of sparkling wine during the intermission
- Transportation
- Guide assistance

Duration: 2h

Term: every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

15 June 30 September



WEEKEND IN WARSAW

- Łazienki Royal Park,
- Monuments and Plazas of the town,
- Krakowskie Przedmieście Avenue,
- St. John's Cathedral, the Market Square, Museums and the Castle, the Old Town of Warsaw,
- Żelazowa Wola – Chopin' family house and Wilanow – summer residence of the Polish kings.

Duration: 3 days

Other: 2 overnights, full board, entrance fees, transportation, guide assistance

Tour operator: Ernesto Travel

WARSAW OF CHOPIN

- The Piłsudskiego Square and the Saxon Gardens, the site of the Saski Palace, one of the places where Chopin stayed.
- The Chopin's Drawing Room in the Czapski Palace, where Chopin's family lived.
- The Holy Cross church, where the composer's heart lies.
- the Kazimierzowski Palace – a former residence of Fryderyk Chopin and the National Philharmonic, where Chopin's International Competition is held.
- The Fryderyk Chopin Museum in the Ostrogski Castle.
- Visiting Powązki cemetery, where Chopin's parents and sister are buried.
- Visiting Łazienki Royal Park with Chopin's Monument, where Chopin music concerts are held every Sunday from May to September.
- Optionally on request: a private concert of Chopin's music with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine; the Botanical Gardens of the Polish Academy of Sciences at Powsin near Warsaw, where the Music Floralia – Music in Flowers International Piano Festival – is held every Sunday from May to September.

Duration: half a day

Other: entrance fees, transportation, guide assistance

Mazovia Region

ZELAZOWA WOLA / NIEBORÓW

- Departure from Warsaw
- Żelazowa Wola - visit the birthplace of the genius composer Fryderyk Chopin,
- Brochów, Tułowice - villages famous for palaces and churches,
- Nieborów - visit the beautiful residence of Radziwiłł family with antique sculpture of Niobe,
- Niepokalanów -village with the Basilica of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Franciscan zmonastery founded by St. M. Kolbe,
- Lunch and concert included.

Duration: about 8h

Term: every Sunday from 1 May – 8 October



Warsaw + Chopin's heritage (4 days)

- Arrival in Warsaw.
- Chopin's route - visit to Fryderyk Chopin Museum in the Ostrogski Palace; visit to Saint Cross church, where Chopin's heart was laid to rest; trip through the Mazovia region around Warsaw: visit to Żelazowa Wola - the birthplace of Frederic Chopin, visit to Brochów fortified church where Chopin's parents as well as his sister got married and where he was baptized; photo stop in Sanniki, a place where Chopin stayed for holidays, visit to the Kampinos National Park (UNESCO Biosphere Reserve), a chance to discover natural charm of Mazovia, ride in horse carriages through the forest, passing dunes, lakes, streams, meadows; transfer back to Warsaw; dinner.
- Warsaw sightseeing: the Tomb of Unknown Soldier and the Saski Park, the Grand Theatre and Opera House, the Jablonowski Palace, visit to the Royal Castle, walk around the Old Town (UNESCO Heritage site) and the New Town: the Krasinski Palace, the Palace of Justice and the Monument of Warsaw Uprising; bus sightseeing of the Town Hall, Umschlagplatz and the Monument of Heroes of Ghetto, Warsaw City with skyscrapers and a glimpse at monumental architecture from the time of communism; transfer to the Lazienki Royal Park, open air Chopin's concert (summer), walk around the park with the Palace on the Water and the Island Theatre; dinner.
- Warsaw: time for shopping in Arkadia mall - the biggest shopping centre in Europe; departure to the airport.

Duration: 4 days

Other: 3 overnights, transportation, half board, guide assistance, entrance fees

Polish landscape in Chopin music

Music and landscape harmony – Fryderyk Chopin

Day One: Warsaw

Arrival in Warsaw. During the initial sightseeing of the city you will receive general information about Warsaw and its connections with Fryderyk Chopin.

Day Two: Warsaw

Today you will have a half-day city sightseeing in Warsaw.

Warsaw is now a modern European metropolis. Two million people live in the capital which makes it a leader among other Polish cities. The Old Town, completely destroyed during II World War, was 90 per cent perfectly reconstructed after war.

During the sightseeing you will have an opportunity to see the picturesque Old Town, St John Cathedral, Royal Castle exteriors, Royal outdoorsy tract, Lazienki Palace and Park as well as the Chopin Museum. The museum is located in Ostrogski Castle, which was built in the XVII century. An interesting exhibition features documents from Chopin's life. A walk through the city will take you also to the St Cross Church located in the Warsaw Old Town. In this church, in one of its columns Chopin's heart has been walled.

In the afternoon we would like to invite you for the Chopin concert.

Overnight in Warsaw.



Day Three: Żelazowa Wola

Today you will travel to Żelazowa Wola, a tenement located 50 km from Warsaw. In this property, now a museum, Fryderyk Chopin was born. Here you will find family portraits, documents as well as a few of the composer's manuscripts. During the journey you will have an opportunity to see at first hand the beauty of Mazovian landscapes, its swamp meadows and rivers. Chopin's music mirrors this countryside.

In the evening we would like to invite you to one of Warsaw's restaurants.

Overnight in Warsaw.

Day Four: Warsaw

Departure.

Chopin's Tour

Sightseeing of the places associated with Fryderyk Chopin.

This is an individual tour. Recommended starting time: 9.00 - 10.00 am, to take about 6 hours. The price includes an air-conditioned car, professional guide service and entrance fees.

This fascinating trip will take you to many interesting places associated with the famous Polish composer.

Tour Programme:

The Łazienki Garden - the monument to Fryderyk Chopin.

The Royal Route - the Belvedere Palace, Warsaw University, The Academy of Fine Arts, the Church of the Holy Cross, the Church of the Nuns of the Convent of the Visitation, the Presidential Palace.

The Ostrogski's Castle, the Saski Garden.

Transfer to Żelazowa Wola - the birthplace of Fryderyk Chopin.

On the way you will have an opportunity to enjoy the scenery of the Mazovian countryside.

Visit Mazovia Country, Brochów and Żelazowa Wola

Duration - 4 hours.

On Saturdays, in the month of May, we recommend this guided short tour of Mazovia, to Brochów parish church and Fryderyk Chopin's house in Żelazowa Wola. This tour goes through the picturesque Mazovian planes, along the Kampinos National Park. You will be surprised to see the defensive architecture of Brochów parish church.

Note: optional piano recital at Brochów church or at the Chopin's house in Żelazowa Wola requires an advance booking.

The tour includes:

- guided tour of Mazovia Country and parish church in Brochów,
- visit to Fryderyk Chopin's birthplace in Żelazowa Wola,
- entrance fees,
- tea or coffee and apple cake before the return to Warsaw.



Options:

- Visit to the fortified gothic parish church in Brochów - 10 km from Żelazowa Wola, beautifully located by the Bzura River. Here, in 1806 Chopin's parents were married and in 1810 Fryderyk was baptized.
- Visit to the Franciscan Monastery in Niepokalanów founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe.

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