

Free map for young travellers



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ONE CITY - MANY STORIES TO TELL

You can learn the city's history from many angles. **Muzeum Warszawy** is pretty good at telling Warsaw's history with alternative languages and from unexpected perspectives. If you want to understand our city, its history and inhabitants better, take an hour or two to visit this museum. *Rynek Starego Miasta 28-42*

FIVE O'CLOCK CAN BE ANYTIME

In an urgent need of some tea (we know it happens), find **Herbaciarnia Same Fusy** at the heart of the Old Town. They serve numerous types of tea and other drinks, which you can enjoy in the cozy, medieval-like basement. *ul. Nowowiejska 10*

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FLUFFY BREAKFAST COMPANIONSHIP

It's one of those cool all-day-breakfast places, but with a modern twist: you choose 3 or 5 small plates and mix the spreads, veggies and sweet stuff. Together with good food, at **Mon Nom** you get the cutest fluffy companionship of a corgi, who is always curious about what you're eating and sits up on his fluffy booty to see your food better. *ul. Długa 6*

HISTORY OF JEWS IN POLAND

In the middle of the old Jewish district stands **Muzeum Historii Żydów Polskich POLIN**. It is an important educational center, where you can learn not only about the Holocaust, but also about the 1000-year-old history of Jews in Poland. Do not miss the monument to the Ghetto Heroes in front of the building. *ul. Morduchajla Anielewicz 6*

THE KEBAB KINGDOM

You cannot fully act like a local, if you haven't experienced the unusual pleasure complex on the - **Jana Pawła II 46**. Three kebab places and all of them worth recommending, with **Sapko** taking the popularity lead. Take a bite of this party-saving treat. Then look to your left, and glimpse into the city center. Close your eyes. Remember this feeling. *ul. Jana Pawła II 46*

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ALL-FLAVOURS DUMPLINGS IN A JAR

When thinking of Polish cuisine, *pierogi* is probably the first thing that comes to mind. But why not try some other forms of Polish dumplings? At **Pyszny, Flaki Gorące** they'll serve you a jar of *pyszny* with a topping of your choice like *kale pesto*, mushroom sauce or sweet yogurt with fruit. For a starter, order some *ogórek* and *siedzik* to make it a truly Polish experience. *ul. Podwale 5 and ul. Brzeska 29/31*

LIKE AT GRANDMA'S

OMA is the smallest restaurant we know with the most heart-warming cuisine. It's like a visit at grandma's: you get a soup + one dish (with meat or vegetarian) - everyday they serve something different. The place is rather small, so give them a call to book a table - but believe us: the food is worth this effort! *ul. Radna 13*

EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN CELLS

It is worth to check **Centrum Nauki Kopernik** - a science center (not only for kids!) where you can learn about human possibilities, new technologies or learn about the animal kingdom. To visit the Planetarium it is best to reserve a spot (check for the event "*The Night of Shooting Stars*" in August to watch perseids). Careful for crowds during the weekends. *ul. Wyb. Kosciuszowskie 20*

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MILK BAR ALIKE PIENIOGI PLACE

When visiting Warsaw, you will want to eat *piernogi* at least once. You can choose some *bar mleczny* or you can visit **Syrena Irena** which is an alternative to a milk bar with a modern twist. It's a little more expensive, but they serve the best *piernogi* with duck and plums you can have. Find here other traditional Polish dishes and enjoy our cuisine at its best! *ul. Krak. Przedmieście 4/6*

ARTISTIC ENCOURAGEMENT

Housed in a pompous fin-de-siecle building since 1901, **Zachęta** is Warsaw's oldest contemporary art gallery. Hosts exhibitions of leading Polish and foreign 20th and 21st century artists, an art book shop with a trimmed down souvenir section. Its name is drawn from the historic Society for the Encouragement of Arts. *pl. Małachowskiego 3*

BEST LOCAL BAZAAR

The 123-year old **Hala Mirowska** is a beautiful example of fin-de-siecle civic architecture that has survived both world wars. Inside, there is a cross-section of modern Warsaw - from thrift shops frequented by senior citizens on the mezzanine, to a gay disco in the basement. Outside, you will find a famous market (where Margaret Thatcher stopped by to buy tomatoes and mingle with the locals back in 1988) with well-stocked flower stalls. *Plac Mirowski 1*

POSTCARD OF WARSAW

Warsaw is a city of contrast with a complicated history and you can especially see this in Grzybowski Square. This area pre-war was mainly inhabited by Jews, part of this history can still be seen in the synagogue **Synagoga Nowykowski** that survived the Ghetto and Warsaw Uprisings. It stands in the shadow of sky-scraper

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Ever dreamed of dancing the night away in a palace? Welcome to **Bar Studio**, prominently located in one of the wings of the iconic Palace of Culture and Science (20). Serving as the foyer of the theater above, this lively spot blends a vibrant atmosphere with an unbeatable central location. *Plac Defilad 1*

ART IN THE BOX

At plac Centralny, right in front of the **Pałac Kultury i Nauki**, you will see a huge white box that each **Warszawiak** has a strong opinion about. Some love the building's freshness, some hate it - but the art inside **Muzeum Sztuki Nowoczesnej** is what can unite us. Don't mind the low rates on Google - they were made before any exhibition was there. Pop in and enjoy the world-class modern art exhibitions. *ul. Marszałkowska 103*

TAKE THE ESSENCE OF POLAND WITH YOU

In the **Panda Concept Store** you will find beautiful souvenirs created by local artists. Socks with Polish sites, jewelry, posters, mugs with *piernogi*, postcards, mugs with the pope... just name it, buy it and enjoy it! *ul. Chmielna 27/31*

DRAW YOUR FRIENDS TO THIS CLUB

La Pose Varsovie is a home for many Polish Drag Queens so you can find drag related activities here such as bingo or queer-oriented parties with drag, burlesque and vogue performances. So go grab a drink and dance the night away. *ul. Mazowiecka 6/8*

NO FORKS, JUST YOUR HANDS

While walking around Warsaw, you will for sure get invited by waiters to random restaurants to have random *piernogi*. But why to have random *piernogi*? Pop into a small bar **Ministry of chebureks** to eat great *chebureki* - a huge stuffed *piernogi*-like dish originating from Turkish and Mongolian cuisine. Have it with meat & cheese or with potato & truffe sauce. And eat it with your hands! *ul. Nowy Świat 54/56*

COFFEE FOR A BOOKWORM

If you're a bookworm and in need of a coffee - the coziest place for you in the city center will be **Wzrzenie Światła**. It is filled with good books, a bookstore and coffee shop at once. Besides good coffee and cake, it offers a cozy atmosphere and a selection of events like meetings with authors or insightful discussions. *ul. Gałczyńskiego 7*

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PUB-CRAWLING FOR LAZI

This cluster of tiny, almost a true mass of flavours, music conversation. Whether you're craft cocktails, a cold beer, or **Pawilony** offers it all. You'll fit spots, including a Vietnamese lounge, and even a small disc a great place to explore Wars nightlife. *ul. Nowy Świat 22/24*

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MULTIPLE CITY CENTERS



Warsaw has an obvious city center, but we also love to hang out outside of it, creating several 'local centers' around the city's districts, like at Praga, Mokotów or Żoliborz. Most of them didn't fit on the map, so if you want to explore them too, take a look at the DISCOVER MORE section and explore!

CAREFUL WITH THE ALCOHOL, OUTSIDE



Drinking alcohol *al fresco* is prohibited in central areas (except for licensed sidewalk terraces) and you can get fined even for an innocent bottle of beer. Only spots in Warsaw where you can enjoy a drink under the sky are Schodki (29) along the river's boulevard (11) and Poniatówka beach (62).

LUNCH AT MILK BARS



Probably the most cherished legacy of the communist era. For some a necessity, for others a lifestyle choice, *bar mleczny* is still popular among students, pensioners, and hipsters. The name comes from the times, when most of the meals were based on milk products - but now the menu is more diverse. Leftover from communist days, they offer you a cheap lunch - some meals even under 10 zł. It's a great place to try *piernogi* or *zurek* (if you're brave enough). On our map a few of the milk bars are marked with .

EAT INTERNATIONAL AND VEGAN



Warsaw is a true heaven for vegans and people seeking international and diverse cuisine. Did you know that who was once voted one of 5 typical Warsaw dishes? The Vietnamese once became the largest ethnic minority in Warsaw, now taking 2nd place behind the Ukrainian. There are plenty of Vietnamese, Ukrainian, Georgian and Korean restaurants, and probably each of them is worth a visit.

BUY AND WEAR VINTAGE CLOTHING



We invented vintage before it was called vintage. You will find a shop bearing a sign *odzież używana* (used clothes) on every corner - the biggest number of them await you along Targowa street in Praga district.

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

You don't really have to act like a local. At least half of Warsaw's citizens were not even born here. Strangers are welcome, no matter how strange.

a downloaded version of the lavish interiors of the Moscow metro. It was actually a gift from the Russian capital to Warsaw during communist times. Check out a piece of this original machinery in the basement, by the (free and clean!) public toilet and the Stalinist decor on the lower platform, near Stare Miasto tram stops

HISTORY SPEAKS....



... at Dom Spotkań z Historią. This venue hosts loads of great photography exhibitions and discussions that bring us back in time to the Warsaw of yesterday. The in-house bookshop is one of the best places if you're looking for publications on the history or architecture of Warsaw. *ul. Karowa 20*

THE VISTULA DISTRICT

We cherish the Vistula river more and more. And you'll see it at the all-day lively **boulevard**, where we ride bikes, meet with friends, have our first dates and show our music talents. To act like a local, take a walk along the river, and at least once during your Warsaw stay, cross the river with **Kładka** - a footbridge that is always busy, but gives the best view at the Old Town and city center.

LIBRARY'S ANOTHER LEVEL

A library doesn't have to be only for studying. **Biblioteka Uniwersytecka** - a stunning university library - offers a breathtaking city panorama from the roof's beautiful garden. Some say it's really one of a kind in Europe! The best place to meet the deadline or go on a date. All that available between spring and autumn and entirely for free. *ul. Dobrza 56/66*

especially see this in Grzybowski Square. This area pre-war was mainly inhabited by Jews, part of this history can still be seen in the synagogue **Synagoga Nożyków** that survived the Ghetto and Warsaw Uprisings. It stands in the shadow of sky-scraper **Cosmopolitan**. Continue walking in the **Próżna** street (which means van) among pre-war tenement houses.

REMINERS OF THE PAST



While walking around the city center, you may notice gold iron lines embedded in the sidewalks, tracing the borders of the former Warsaw Ghetto. These subtle markers guide you to fragments of the **Ghetto Wall**, which still stand as silent witnesses to the city's wartime history. Hidden in courtyards at places like **Sienna 55**, **Złota 62**, and **Wallców 11**, these remnants tell tragic stories. Look out for plaques to explore further. It's a quiet yet reflective stop, connecting you to Warsaw's resilient and complex past.

FROM SOVIETS WITH LOVE



Is it a rocket? No! It is the **Palace of Culture and Science** built in 1955 as a gift from Soviet nation to Poles, and is a cousin to Moscow famous "Seven Daughters of Stalin". From a place a little bit ignored by locals, nowadays it is a meeting place where you can go for a drink (**Bar Studio** - 21), to the cinema, see the spider exhibition, visit several museums (e.g. Instagramable **Muzeum Neonów** (Neon Museum)), 4 theatres and an observation deck on the 30th floor. You can basically spend all day there. *Plac Defilad 1*

Looking for an intimate concert by a local avant-garde band? **Kubuś i Jadzia Miodsza Siostra** promises a true community experience, also offering delicious, primarily vegetarian cuisine in a natural, laid-back, and welcoming atmosphere. For events check their FB page. *ul. Dobrza 14/16*

THE MEETING POINT



For a drink and French fries, with the best view over the Vistula, the best outdoor location will be **Plac Zabaw nad Wisłą**. It's open usually May-September, making a perfect place for a meeting with friends. At their small stage, you'll often see great free concerts - check out the schedule of events at their Facebook page. *Between most Świętokrzyski and most Poniatowskiego*

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STEP BY STEP

Schodki (the stairs) is what we call a part of the boulevard by the Vistula river. But they are not just stairs - it's a place to experience Warsaw's real nightlife during summer. Just grab some drink and sip it while sitting on THE stairs. **Schodki** are kind of a symbol of youth and freedom. It's a rare spot where you can legally drink beer open-air in Warsaw. **BONUS QUEST**: visit **schodki** and ask Polish people if they know any song about it.

RAVE UNDER THE BRIDGE

Nestled under a bridge, **K-Bar Powiśle** stands out as a unique staple of Warsaw's nightlife. With a Berlin-like vibe, the venue creates an electric atmosphere enhanced by street art and a diverse crowd. Its music program spans jungle and dub to bass-heavy

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One of the iconic Polish *schabowy* (schnitzel-like pork mashed potatoes and *mizeria* salad), but in a vegan version easier for **Lokal Vegan Blisz** serves great and affordable meals. *ul. Krucza 23/31*

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house. Entrance under the bridge on the junction of ul. L. Kruczkowskiego

31 POLAND IN A NUTSHELL

Muzeum Narodowe w Warszawie (National Museum) is the place to experience a crash course in Polish art and history. From medieval altarpieces and Gothic sculpture, to great paintings of Jan Matejko and modern Polish design. The building is an attraction in itself – designed in the 1920s, is a true pearl of modernism. *at Jerozolimskie 3*

32 THE PARTY IS NEVER OVER

Right by the Palm, you cannot miss a huge modernistic building that until 1990, for almost 40 years, used to be home for the communist Party. Warsaw citizens used to call it **Dom Partii** (House of the Party). Now "the Party" has a new meaning: each summer the patio vibes with music and people hanging out, sipping a drink from **CUDA** or heading to **Radebla** for an improv gig. You can also pop into **Zegrywki** - a popular activity bar where the cool kids go to for katarake or mini-golf. *UL: Nowy Świat 67/2*

33 POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BAR

Instead of asking locals how it was, during communist times - check it yourself. Although **Bar Kawowy "Plotrus"** opened in 1958, it seems like not much has changed since then - but that is a good thing! It is a small, dark, cozy place with traditional food and a variety of Polish drinks. Start your evening in Warsaw with one of the specialty shots and try to become a local even just for a second. *uj. Nowy Świat, 18/20*

34. PUB-CRAWLING FOR LAZY ONES

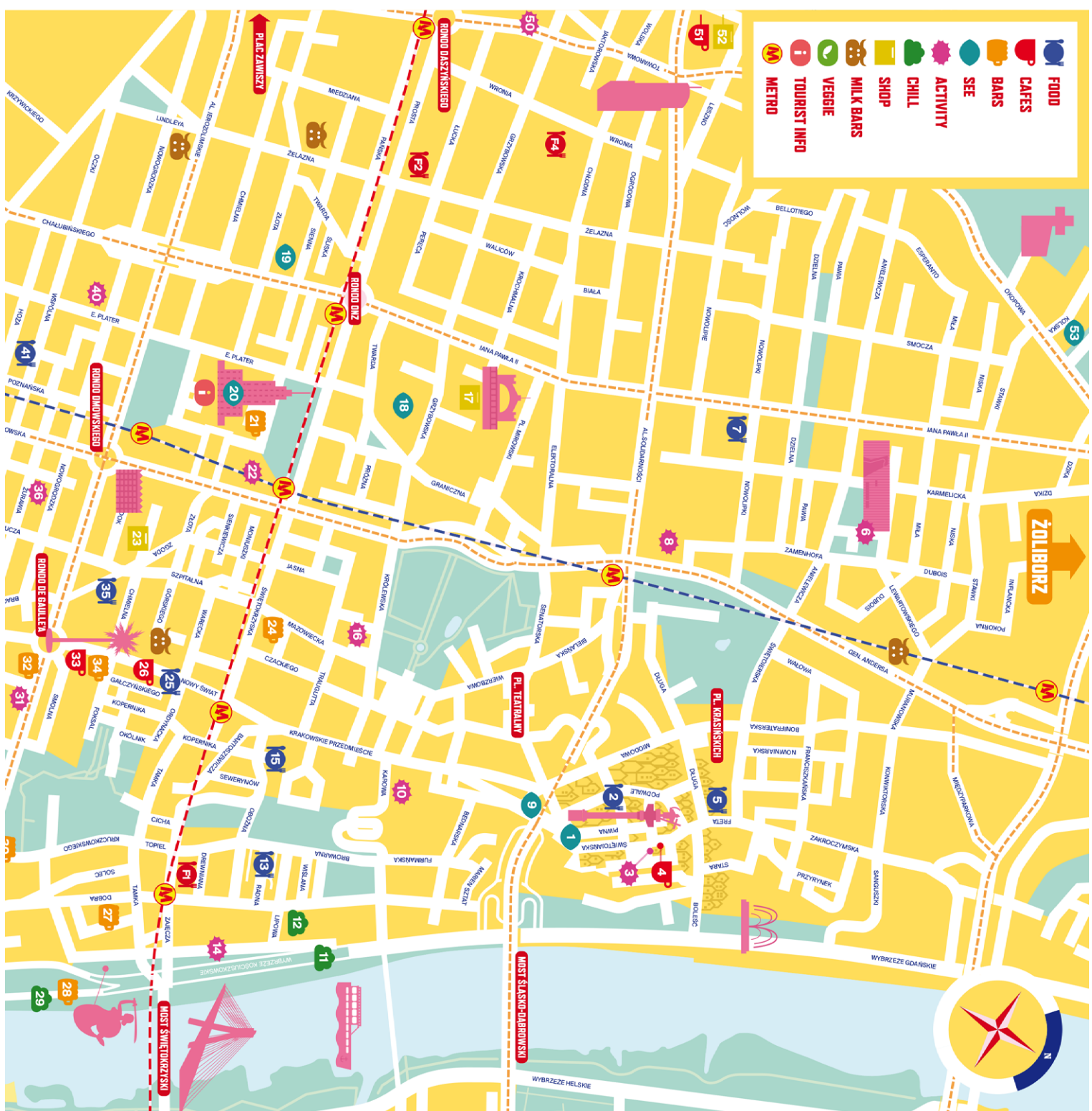
This cluster of tiny, atmospheric bars is a true maze of haouours, music, and endless conversation. Whether you're in the mood for craft cocktails, a cold beer, or just good vibes Pawlowsky offers it all. You'll find a variety of spoils, including a Vietnamese bar, a snisha lounge, and even a small disco, making it a great place to explore Warsaw's vibrant nightlife. *—U. Nowy Swiat 22/228*

35 **ICONIC LUNCH SPOT**

Iconic caté which is a go-to place for artists and regular human beings for already 25 years now. **Między Nami** is always perfect for either a lunch break, a budget-friendly first date or an evening friends' meeting for gossip and wine. *ul. Bracka 20*

36 BIG-TIME SMALLEST CINEMA

Kino Amondo, tucked in the heart of Warszawa, is an alternative haven for cinephiles, also is a good idea for anybody who wants to hide from the city center. With cozy screening rooms (max. 30 seats), and a nice bar, it offers a refreshing escape from mainstream cinemas. Except indie films, thought-provoking film clubs, and unique events for true film lovers. *ul. Żurawia 20*



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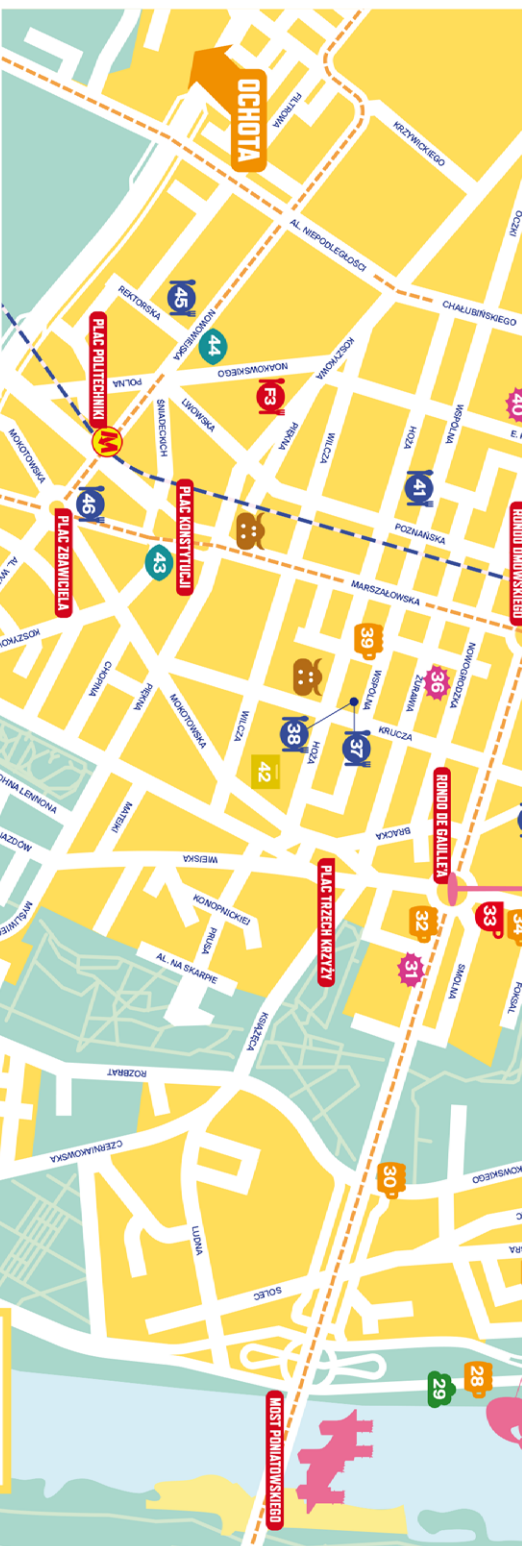
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39 COZY EVENING DRINK

After long city sightseeing and eating *pierniki* all day, you deserve some rest at a cozy bar. Pop into **Armand** for a quick (and pretty affordable) drink and meet some students, experts and queer community. *ul. Wspólna 29/33*

40 ART IN THE OLD SCHOOL

Looking for some alternative art? **Teatr Komuna Warszawa** has much to offer at their home located in an old primary school building. Check out the agenda on Facebook or website, and choose either a progressive theatre performance, a weird concert or join one of the inclusive cooking events organized with the refugees. *ul. Emilii Plater 31*



41 SUPER DUPER VEGAN SUSHI

Ever dreamt of eating top-class vegan sushi. Well, you should! **Youmiko Vegan Sushi** is a hidden gem, which will leave an urge in you to spelunk other basements in the area. Just be careful, not all of them will have such great lunch options! *ul. Hoza 62*

42 SMALLEST BOOKSHOP IN WARSAW

There is a bookshop in Warsaw that fits into a space that even a coffee shop would struggle to fit in! **Bec Księgarnia** is one of the coolest bookshops in Warsaw - rather small, yet rich in quality books. Check out their shelf with books in English and find some good stories about our city! *ul. Mokotowska 65*



you, it's time to **Awakening Friday!** you can get amazing coffee, breakfast or pastries and above all - atmosphere. You will feel like you are in the middle of an oasis. Check their socials to find dates for chess tournaments or other events. *ul. Bulwar Fiolny 11 Pniskiej 1E*

lights, it's to celebrate the All Souls' Day. *ul. Powązkowska 1*



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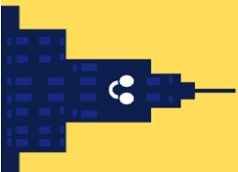
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SPRITING

As days grow longer and temperatures climb past 10°C, the city comes alive again. In May, check out the current date of **Noc Muzeów** (Night of Museums) when you can visit numerous museums for free at night. Don't miss the 12pm and 4pm **Chopin concerts** in Łazienki Królewskie (49), starting in May and running till late September - a truly magical experience. Before the concert, join **Targ Śniadaniowy** (Breakfast Market) in one of 3 locations for a diverse choice of breakfast: **Unmissable:** A walk or a bike ride along the paths: 11 and 61. *Targ Śniadaniowy: check locations and dates on their Facebook page!*

Speak LOCAL



Cześć! [tsheshch] - Hello!
Dziękuję! [jheekuyel] - Thank you!
Poproszę piwo [poproshe pevo] - One beer, please
Warszawa jest super! [varshava yest super] - Warsaw is great!
Poproszę paczkę [Poproshe pouckka] - One package, please
Kocham pierogi! [kohan peerokhee] - I love pierogi!
W Szczepieszynie chrząszcz brzmi w trzcinie [v shchepeeshyneye chhoshch brzmi v trsheeneyel] - In Szczepieszyn, a beetle buzzes in the reed

56 **NOIR NOSTALGIA: STALOWA STREET**
In spring and summer, **Stalowa Street** transforms with blooming black locust trees, adding to its picturesque charm. This gritty yet atmospheric part of Praga, with its pre-war buildings, served as a backdrop for

to vintage vinyls and old-school **Lookinside** lets you play Tetris and **Zakładka** specializes in postcards and maps that tell gone Warsaw. Look inside: **u Anżykwarai Zakładka: ul. Inż.**

SUMMER EVENTS

In summer Warsaw shines the brightest. **Wianki na Wiśle** (Wianki on the Vistula Festival) officially starts the summer with **free concerts** near Park Fontann. Later on, enjoy the free concerts at Plac Zabaw nad Wisłą (28) or a drink at Schodki (29). Take a ferry ride across the Vistula, enjoy a picnic at Poniatowska (62) or in the evening enjoy a variety of cuisines **Noctny Market** (Night Market). On August 1st, experience the powerful **"W Hour"** moment, when the entire city pauses to honour the Warsaw Uprising, followed by numerous concerts and happenings around the city. **Unmissable:** A dance party and sunrise on Barka at Plac Zabaw nad Wisłą.

FOODHALLS



If you cannot decide what to eat or you need to accommodate the needs of **hail** might be the option! Each of the following places is unique, often local and special. It's a great way to discover the Warsaw culinary scene in a nut expect crowds, as all of those places use to be packed with young Poles w paying a little extra.

INFOPOL

decade Warsaw definitely became more friendly for cyclists and pedestrian-friendly public transportation is well-organized and cheap, so give up on a car or taxi, and the public transport offers!

JAK DOŁĄDZĘ APP

Your best friend in Warsaw's public transport exploration will be **Jak Dołądź mobile app**, which is free and will show you the best connections. You can also buy tickets there, but remember to validate them after entering the means of transport by scanning a special QR code in the bus or tram. To enter the metro, you'll scan the code outside the metro gates.

spring, summer and early autumn, you can rent a public **Veturilo** bike and my bike lanes around the city - it's not the Netherlands, but Warsaw tries its best for cyclists. There are 337 of Veturilo stations around the city, with bikes, and the first 20 minutes of the ride is free! All you need is the Veturilo round transport stands really well in Warsaw. We have only **2 metro lines - e) and M2 (red)** - but you can go across the city in just a couple of minutes. From 5am till midnight and on weekends even until 2am. On the escalator, be to stand on the right side and let the people run on the left - we really le in Warsaw!

MLO

it, on the other side of the THE party centre in the thures. It all started as nt for the nearby hospital, eworks, hot-air balloons, a competition to climb ole to grab a small gift. After a chilled out park, also vey to the ZOO.

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day it's not pretty nor in the evenings this nes the party heart of Praga re 3 bars located just door l the vibe, but offering l experiences. This is an lace, perfect if you like d by random music events, alive concerts or DJ sets. Y, for some dancing go to and for the jam sessions or visit **Skad Butelek**.

LIGA: STALOWA STREET

to summer, **Stalowa Street** blooming black locust trees, urreque charm. This gritty part of Praga, with its

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NIGHT BUSES

Warsaw is good at **night buses** - if you miss the last metro when coming back from a party, there's a high chance for a night bus. Their numbers start with N and they stop on request, so make sure you'll wave when you see it approaching the bus stop or press the STOP button on the bus when you want to get off.

TEAM WITH T

During summer, you may spot some old school **tram with letter T** instead of a number. T stands for 'tourists' because it usually passes the most important tourist spots in Warsaw. Check out their schedule on WTM website (Warsaw's public transportation company website) and remember to have your regular ticket on you!

PUBLIC FERRIES

Between May and September, you don't need to cross the Vistula river with a bridge. Do so on a **free public ferry**. There are 3 ferries (Wilga, Sionka and Pilszka), going approx. every half an hour (and if the water's level allows) from 3 locations in the city:

Wilga's route: Old Town (by the Fountain Park) - beach by the ZOO

Pilszka's route: Most Poniatołowski - beach by the Stadium

Sionka's route: Cypel Czerniakowski - beach at Saska Kępa

TAP WATER

Of course you can drink **tap water** in Warsaw! It's clean, it's tasty and we really cherish it. The quality of Warsaw's tap water is checked by 8 hard-working mussels - and they're never wrong! If at any municipal event you see a blue-ish water-wagon with the name **Warszawska Kranówka**, don't hesitate and fill your water bottle!

MUSEUMS

Most museums and galleries are **closed on Mondays**, except for the Muzeum Powstania Warszawskiego (150) - closed on Tuesdays). Some museums or galleries have a particular day of the week with a **free entry**, so check the details at: www.go2warsaw.pl/en/visit-warsaw-museums-for-free.

THE HEART OF OLD PRAGA

Stara Praga is one of Warsaw's liveliest areas, blending raw authenticity with a hip, local vibe. Over the past 20 years, it's transformed from shady to trendy. Walk down **Ząbkowska Street**, packed with bars and restaurants, or visit **Brzeska Street** to see its gritty history in old tenement houses. Don't miss the **Centrum Praskie Koneser**, a revamped vodka factory hosting art galleries, restaurants, and the **Muzeum Polskiej Wódki**.

MEET THE LOCALS

If you find yourself at Praga Północ and looking for a good place to meet locals over a drink, go directly to **Offside** - an inclusive bar, which locals choose for their wide range of beers and the neighborhood vibe. If you get hungry, they'll serve you a legendary students' main meal - a cheese toast.

ADVENTURE SHOPPING

Praga's antique shops are like stepping into a time capsule. Dive into pre-war Warsaw's curiosities and hunt for that one-of-a-kind gift that screams personality. From intricately painted porcelain teapots to vintage vinyls and old-school cassettes, **Lookinside** lets you play Tetris on a retro TV and **Zakładka** specializes in books, pre-war postcards and maps that tell stories of a by-gone Warsaw. **Look inside:** ul. Wileńska 27 I

Antykwarjat Zakładka, ul. Wileńska 27

Discover more

There's a district that has its own, slow pace. **Żoliborz** is the smallest district in Warsaw, yet it's worth taking a short trip there to wander around old villas at Czarnieckiego street and blocks of flats around Krasińskiego Street. If you like history, go to **Cydyblea** - an impressive 19th century fortress - where 4 museums are located (incl. Muzeum Historii Polski (Polish History Museum), named one of the most beautiful museums in the world). Catch a coffee at **Prochownia Żoliborz** at the park and for lunch enjoy a unique veggie fusion cuisine at **Osmia Kolonia**. In the evening, hop for a snack and drink to **Cafe Bar Havana** and meet (probably) half of the 30-years-old population of Żoliborz and some local hipsters. **Cydyblea:** ul. Gzyna / Prochownia Żoliborz: ul. Krasińskiego 15 / Osmia Kolonia: ul. Słowackiego 15 / Cafe Bar Havana: ul. Słowackiego 16 / 18

Give yourself the chance to get out of Warsaw's city centre and explore another unique district - the old **Mokotów**. It's one of those districts with a mixture of old villas with ivy climbing the walls and old-school blocks of flats, right from the 50s. If you're up for more Warsaw history, visit **Kopiec Powstania Warszawskiego** - a hill built out of Warsaw's after-war ruins. Pop into **Wars I Sawa** at Nowy Teatr for a lunch or to catch some art books in their bookstore. For breakfast, visit **Śniadaniownia Różana 25** or head out to join some students' picnic at **Pole Mokotowskie** - a big park where students hang out a lot on sunny days.

To discover more of Warsaw's history and some slower vibe, visit **Ochota** district. Take a walk along Krzywickiego and Filitowa Street to admire pre-war villas and tenant houses. Head to **plac Narutowicza** to take a picture of a pink tenant house that used to be home to the Polish resistance movement during the Warsaw Uprising. Take a look at the enormous, pre-war dormitory - by students called 'Alcatraz' - or to have a waffle brunch at **Waffle Bar**. You can also choose **Bula** if you're in the full breakfast mood or take a longer walk between the blocks of flats to **SZUK** to enjoy some delicious meze for dinner. **Waffle Bar:** ul. Akademicka 1 / **Bula:** ul. Reja 9 / **SZUK:** ul. Grójecka 107

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64 FULLY VEGAN ASIAN FUSION One of a kind: truly vegan asian restaurant, that students of near-by university occupy between the lectures. Their plant-based versions of iconic Vietnamese and Thai meals can make any carnivore go vegan. **U&M** can be pretty packed on the weekends, so just book yourself a table - it's definitely worth this effort! ul. Grochowska 302

WHERE THE LOCALS GO FOR A COFFEE

If you've wandered around Saska Kępa, you might've already caught the vibe of this hood: beautiful old villas, weird, but artsy balconies and hipster Francuska Street. To meet the locals and slow down a little, visit **HALAS** based in the basement of one of the villas. It's a tiny coffee roastery and cafeteria with a very friendly staff and good vinyl music. ul. Eliserska 10

UNDER COLORFUL UMBRELLAS

At Saska Kępa there are many good cafes and bars, but one of the locals' favourite is **Francuska 30 Cafe&Bar**. You can rather sit under colorful umbrellas outside or in the vintage interior - both places are good to enjoy their delicious crêpes and coffee. ul. Francuska 30

VIET STREET FOOD BISTRO

Within the huge amount of restaurants and bistros at Saska Kępa, there's only one place to go if you want to have a truly soul-warming Vietnamese food experience. Behind the popular Francuska street, at the back of one of the villas, you'll find **Viet Street Food Bistro**. Catch a table in or outside and enjoy Vietnamese at its best - all dishes with duck are highly recommended. ul. Królowej Aldony 5

COMMUNITY BAR AND MORE

Visit this legendary bar - **Kubokowarnia Towarzyska** - where locals from Saska Kępa district meet for a drink, a speed-dating or for some chess on Sundays. Next door there is a pizzeria **Koleżanka** if you get hungry. ul. Zwycięzców 49

LISTEN TO WARSAW



LEGA: STALOWA STREET
In summer, **Stalowa Street** is a place where you can find vintage vinyls and old-school cassettes. It's also a place where you can find vintage black locust trees, vintage postcards and maps that tell stories of a bygone Warsaw. **Look inside:** ul. Wileńska 271
Antykwarjat Zakładka: ul. Inżynierska 1

Easily accessible on foot, public summer terraces, the trail winds through wild greenery and sandy spots. Near the **most Świętokrzyski**, climbing enthusiasts can enjoy a **free bouldering wall** built through a participatory budget project. Further along, by **most Gdański**, there's

enough, during your walk you may meet a local superhero - **Grochowski Ninja** (Ninja of Grochów) who runs along the paths in a ninja suit. Praga district used to be a shady district back in the day, but even now, when it's chill and safe, the Ninja patrols the park, like he used to for years - doing no harm.

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WHILE WALKING AROUND THE CITY!



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xaw shines the brightest. **Wianki na Wiśle** (Wianki on the Vistula) officially starts the summer with **free concerts** at 11 pm. Later on, enjoy the free concerts at Plac Zabaw (Children's Playground) at a drink at Schodki (29). Take a ferry ride across the Vistula to a picnic at Poniatowska (62) or in the evening enjoy **Nocony Market** (Night Market). On August 1st, the **Powerful "W Hour"** moment, when the entire city joins in the Warsaw Uprising, followed by numerous openings around the city. **Unmissable:** A dance party at Berka at Plac Zabaw nad Wisłą.

EVENTS
... AUTUMN ...
As leaves turn golden, crunch delightfully underfoot in every park, Warsaw buzzes with new energy upon return of students and locals. The **Warsaw Film Festival** in October and the **Innovative Szalone Dni Muzyki** (Crazy Days of Music) bring an eclectic mix of culture. Until the end of September, you can still enjoy Targi Sztandartowy mentioned earlier. **Unmissable:** A visit to Powązeki Cemetery (53) on November 1st for an unforgettable All Saints' Day experience.

EVENTS
WINTER
Winter in Warsaw is all about cozy, festive vibes. Glide across the **numerous ice rinks**, including the one by the **Palac Kultury i Nauki** (20), or get swept up in the holiday spirit at the **Christmas Market** at Old Town (7) with its festive lights and mulled wine. Each new year kicks off with the **WOŚP** (Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity) **grand finale** in January. **Unmissable:** Ice skating under twinkling lights and warming up with seasonal treats at the market.

5 MINUTES OF HISTORY
Czas! I am Syrenka Warszawska - a Warsaw mermaid: the protector and the symbol of Warsaw. Let me tell you a story about my city.

Warsaw became a city somewhere in the early XIV century, but I can't remember the exact date as the papers were lost. It became a capital only in 1596 when king Zygmunt III Waza (that guy at the column in the Old Town) moved it from Cracow.

In honour of the Warsaw Uprising's start. After the war, in 1945, a committee of great architects and urbanists was created to reconstruct the historical part of the city on one hand, and create a new, modern city on the other hand. Reconstruction of the Old Town is considered exemplary and was announced as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in 1980. After WW2, the communist party ruled and oppressed the Poles for decades. Till today, you can see quite a lot of socialist architecture around the city, reminding of these times.

Today, Warsaw is a modern capital, combining all the architectural contradictions, but most importantly: it's a home to a **diverse community of nearly 2 mln citizens**. PS If you'd like to take a selfie with me, visit me at the Old Town square or at Wisła's boulevard by the Świętokrzyski Bridge.

FOOD HALLS
ecide what to eat or you need to accommodate the needs of many, a **food hall** is the perfect solution. Each of the following places is unique, often located in a historical building, and offers a great way to discover the Warsaw culinary scene in a nutshell. Although as all of those places use to be packed with young Poles who do not mind extra.

- [1] ELEKTROWNIA POWIŚLE** (ul. Dobra 42) - if you would be like to enjoy a PadThai and a beer inside an old power station, this is a place to go
- [2] FABRYKA NOREBLINA** (ul. Żelazna 51/53) - old factory with great industrial vibe, fine selection of bars, located right next to booming IT center of Warsaw
- [3] HALA KOSZYKI** (ul. Koszykowa 63) - golden boy of pre-war art nouveau architecture, food loved by students of nearby University of Technology
- [4] BROWARY WARSZAWSKIE** (ul. Grzybowska 60) - good drinks and food in renovated XIX-century brewery

For centuries, despite many wars and country's partitions, Warsaw was growing. During the World War II the Nazis occupied Warsaw for almost 5 years, oppressing its citizens - even pushing the Jewish part of our community into a Ghetto. My Warsaw was very brave and stood up to fight frequently, but there are two important dates to remember: **Ghetto Uprising** in 1943 and the **Warsaw Uprising** in 1944, where during 63 days, Warsaw citizens fought for their freedom. As a consequence, 70% of Warsaw was destroyed. Up until today, each year the entire Warsaw literally stops on 1st August at 17.00