Warsaw Tourism Organization

Weekend guide to

Classical Warsaw

First impressions of the Polish capital are usually those of sentimental nature: strolls around the UNESCO-listed Old Town or the riverside Royal Castle gardens, Chopin recitals in kings' former summer residence, sweeping views from the 30th floor of the mysterious and emblematic Palace of Culture and Science…

Follow our first-time guide to discover the classical Warsaw – where the grand remnants of the past make a wonderfully liveable present.

Day 1

1. Arrival to Warsaw

2. Hotel check-in

Warsaw offers a selection of boutique and historical hotels which will take you back to its romantic past. For the proximity of the Old Town choose one along the Royal Route – a representative tract between the Royal Castle and former kings' residences.

https://warsawcitybreak.com/where-to-stay/

3. Walk around the Old Town

Meander the atmospheric cobbled lanes of Warsaw's colourful Old Town – a unique UNESCO World Heritage site which is also a home to a handful of insightful museums. Don't miss the grand Royal Castle with splendid gardens, Warsaw Uprising Monument or – having walked through the New Town market square – a light and music show at the Fountain Park.

4. Lunch

First meal in Warsaw should introduce you to the rich and tasty traditional Polish cuisine. The peaceful garden of Dawne Smaki restaurant will be a perfect setting for your first culinary experience!

https://dawnesmaki.pl/en/restaurant-dawne-smaki/

https://www.zamek-krolewski.pl/en

https://muzeumwarszawy.pl/en/

http://www.mmsc.waw.pl/

https://swiatiluzji.pl/en/home/

Day 1

5. Follow Chopin's footsteps – guided walk along the Royal Route and a visit to Chopin's Museum.

Discover the city through the eyes of one of the world's greatest composers. Visit the Holy Cross Church, where his heart is entombed and the Fryderyk Chopin Museum with the world's largest collection of Chopin memorabilia. Take a break on one of Chopin benches and enjoy his music with a single press of a button. Stroll around the calm Saxon Garden, watch the change of guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, admire the magnificent Grand Theatre & National Opera and catch up on art and culture at Zachęta Gallery of Art.

https://muzeum.nifc.pl/en//

https://zacheta.art.pl/en

http://chopin.events/en/

https://fryderyk.events/

6. Chopin concert

Chopin music concert accompanied by a glass of sparkling wine in one of the venues near the Castle Square (Fryderyk Concert Hall, Chopin Point, Time for Chopin) will be a quintessential start of the first evening in Warsaw.

https://timeforchopin.eu/?lang=en

7. Dinner

In SPATiF you can try both classics and modern Polish cuisine. Enjoy evening dinners and late-night starters in the restaurant, in the garden or at the bar.

http://klubspatif.pl/en/restaurant/

Day 2

1. Breakfast

For a morning dose of coffee and freshly baked pastries head to one of the popular Charlotte bistros – each in a distinct location with plenty of history and local culture. Whether it's the buzz of the trendy Plac Zbawiciela, quiet atmosphere of the former Jewish quarter in Plac Grzybowski or modernised surroundings of the ex-communist party headquarters – it is bound to give you energy and inspiration for the rest of the day.

http://bistrocharlotte.pl/

2. Explore Warsaw's top museums

Now you can satisfy your hunger for history in the fantastically informative Warsaw Rising Museum - a unique place which helps visitors understand contemporary Warsaw, which was completely destroyed during the Second World War, and the beautifully housed Museum of the History of Polish Jews POLIN - a thousand years of history told in a symbolic place brings back the memory of the rich culture and heritage of Polish Jews. Art lovers should definitely visit the National Museum, where you will find a unique collection of paintings, sculptures and crafts from all eras, from antiquity to the present day.

https://warsawcitybreak.com/discover-warsaw-museums/

3. Lunch

For the best sample of modern Polish cuisine try Kieliszki na Próżnej or Brasserie Warszawska serving light and contemporary versions of Polish classics accompanied by the finest wines.

http://www.kieliszkinaproznej.pl/en/

http://www.brasseriewarszawska.pl/

Day 2

4. Discover old Warsaw

Warsaw was not always as it is now. Changing fortunes of the country have left a profound impact on the city. Would you like to experience the atmosphere of old times? Visit the Palace of Culture and Science, discover its mysterious, grand interiors and enjoy the sweeping views from the viewing terrace on 30th floor and the Life Under Communism Museum or go on a city tour in classic vehicles from the socialist era.

http://www.pkin.pl/eng

https://mzprl.pl/?lang=en

5. Dinner

Akademia Restaurant is often referred to as one of the best restaurants in Warsaw. It is a place that arose from passion and love for cooking. The dishes served in it are a combination of tradition and today's flavours.

https://restauracjaakademia.pl/en/

6. Warsaw by night

An ideal proposition for spending the evening will be a visit to the Małgorzata Potocka's Sabat revue theater, the only one of its kind in Poland. Created on the model of pre-war Warsaw revue theaters. This is true to the traditions of French cabaret and Las Vegas musical theaters.

https://www.teatr-sabat.pl/en

Day 3

1. Morning in Royal Łazienki Park

– stroll around the lush gardens surrounding the Palace on the Isle – Poland's last king's summer residence. Take a gondola ride to see the Amphitheatre and rest by Chopin's iconic statue – a venue of popular Sunday concerts.

https://www.lazienki-krolewskie.pl/en

2. Lunch

Belvedere Restaurant located in the 150-years' old New Orangery and filled with tropical plants like in its early days, with its fresh, seasonal, fine cuisine will provide an unforgettable dining experience.

https://www.belvedere.com.pl/en/home/

3. Modern art with river views

Explore the local art scene and at the same time enjoy the views from Ujazdowski Castle Centre for Contemporary Art. Museum of Modern Art, currently located on Vistula River Boulevards, is another great culture stop during a stroll along this popular promenade.

https://u-jazdowski.pl/en/main

https://artmuseum.pl/en

4. Vistula River banks

There is no such river in any other European capital. While the west side is boulevards, the right side is an actual nature reserve, teeming with wildlife. During summertime, the boulevards feature numerous fancy pubs, bars and clubs, as well as open-space parties. This place is also perfect for a walk or a bicycle trip. It's also where the Copernicus Science Centre is located – a true paradise for fans of science. Here, you can conduct your own experiments, reveal the secrets of nature and just have fun!

http://www.kopernik.org.pl/en/

5. Transfer to Warsaw Chopin Airport and departure from Warsaw

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