



Attractive places and events in Toruń

Welcome to Toruń – a modern academic and business town, originating from Middle Ages. In the medieval times Toruń played an important role as a commercial centre in the Hanseatic League. Toruń is the birthplace of some famous people, including the astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus and the anatomist Samuel Thomas von Sömmerring.

Toruń Old Town has been added to the UNESCO's World Heritage List, due to original, almost completely saved medieval gothic centre, with buildings and streets, which reveal the way the people lived in the Middle Ages. This year Toruń celebrates its 775 anniversary.

We have the honour to invite you to visit great places in Toruń and to participate in attractive cultural events. You can find our special recommendations below:

Monuments of the old town

You can visit several medieval monuments in Toruń, including Old Town's Hall, the Nicolaus Copernicus House, several gothic churches, including Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, St. Mary's church, St. Jacob's church, ruins of the Teutonic Knight's castle, city walls and gates, as well as the 19th century Prussian complex of forts surrounding Toruń and making it one of the largest fortresses in Central and Eastern Europe of that century.

- Old Town's Hall museum: open Tue-Sun, 10.00 – 18.00, fee: 10 PLN, Wed free
- St. Johns Cathedral: open: weekdays 9:00-17:30, Sunday: 14:00-17:30, fee: church: 2PLN
- St. Mary's church: open daily, free
- St Jacobs church: open daily, random hours, free

Sights seeing

You have an opportunity to see a beautiful countryside around Torun once you climb up either the Town Hall Tower or St. Johns Cathedral Tower. You can also take a short trip across the Vistula river to the Kępa Bazarowa Island by *Katarzynka II* a boat available for the tourists at the riverbank near the town centre.

- City Hall Tower, open daily, 10:00-20:00, fee 10 PLN
- St. Johns Cathedral Tower, open: weekdays 9:00-17:30, Sunday: 14:00-17:30, fee: church: 2 PLN + tower: 6 PLN
- *Katarzynka*, driving daily 10:00-18:00, fee: 3 PLN

Nicolaus Copernicus Museum

You can visit the museum to see how the burghers family lived in the 15th century, when Copernicus was born in this town. You can also check out how the scientist lab looked like at that time and see the astronomical instruments of another famous astronomer - Johannes Hevelius.

Open: daily (except Mon), 10:00-18:00, fee: 10 PLN.



Planetarium

The Planetarium is the best place to visit in the town of Copernicus. It offers popular astronomical shows that embrace almost the entire scope of the astronomical knowledge. There is also an interactive exhibition *The Orbitarium*, where you can feel like a NASA expert and pilot the Cassini spacecraft.

- WWW: <http://www.planetarium.torun.pl/index.php?strona=6>,
- Planetarium programme: <http://www.planetarium.torun.pl/index.php?strona=14>, fee: 12 PLN
- Orbitarium: entrance (max 45 people each) Tue-Fri: 11:45, 13:00, 14:15, 15:45, 17:00, Sat: 11:20, 12:45, 14:15, 15:45, 17:00

Centre of Contemporary Art

The Centre aims to be a modern and dynamic place of artistic fervor through establishing a regional art collection, a spectrum of open exhibitions, publishing and educational activities, stimulating support for art and contributing to art market development. The interdisciplinary nature of contemporary art requires the Centre's program to engage fields that form visceral relationships with art, including music, dance, theatre, film, architecture and design.

WWW: <http://www.csw.torun.pl/> open Tue-Thu 10:00-18:00, Fri-Sat: 10:00-20:00, fee 10 PLN (some exhibitions are free on Thursday)

Gingerbread Museum

A fully functional copy of 16th century gingerbread factory. You could taste here famous Torun's gingerbread as well as learn baking gingerbread according to few hundred years old (some five hundred) recipes.

WWW: <http://www.muzeumpiernika.pl/english.php> , open daily: 9:00-17:00, fee: 7.5 PLN

TOFIFEST

July 5-11, 2008

International festival of independent movie makers. Movies shown here are made by mostly young creators, touching contemporary issues. You can't see these movies on TV, at cinema or fetch them from Internet.

WWW: <http://www.tofifest.pl/index.php?lang=2> , Jul 5-11th, fee: 5 chosen movies: 12 PLN, 10 chosen movies: 22 PLN (reservation: coordinator@festivaltoffi.pl, +48 56 6222159)

For more detailed information please check the leaflet Toruń City Guide and contact ISSEP Office .