

Dear Friends of Scouting in Europe,

Here it finally is, the invitation for this years FOSE Tour. We know that many of you are impatiently waiting for this yearly chance to visit a city that you normally maybe wouldn't consider visiting that easily, to get to know more about its history and culture. To meet old and new international scouting friends again. And of course, last but not least, to talk to local scouts and being informed about their projects which we are asked to (financially) support. Because that is the main reason why we're FOSE. Isn't it?

Some of you already might have heard that we are going to the beautiful city of Gdansk in Poland. And as one movie can tell more than 10.000 words, we invite you to watch this video on Youtube for more information on the city <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMt7eFo9DDk>

When

- The programme is planned from Thursday **28th October afternoon, till Sunday 1st October after lunch**
- Coming earlier and staying longer is possible

Our hotel

- We will stay in the beautiful and historical hotel Arche Dwór Uphagena: <https://www.archedworuphagena.pl/en/>
- Price of the hotel, breakfast included:
 - single room 360 PLN/per night (approximately €80,-)
 - double room 425 PLN/per night (approximately €95,-)
- The hotel has a car parking. Costs 60 PLN (€ 13,50) per night. Reservation not possible, but around the hotel is free of charge car park zone
- Please mention your date of arrival and departure on the registration form for the reservation of your hotel room(s)

How to get there?

- From Gdansk Główny (main station) to hotel:
 - line 111: 8 minutes, 4 stops
 - or take a walk (around 35 min)

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- From the airport:
 - advice is to take a taxi, costs around 21 euro, booking can be made by: <https://airporttaxigdansk.com.pl/>
 - Public transport from airport to hotel Arche Dwór Uphagena Gdansk : <https://exploregdansk.info/transportation/getting-from-gdansk-airport-to-city-centre/>

A short introduction to the programme

- Thursday
 - Arrival if possible no later than beginning afternoon
 - 16.00 Tour through the old city of Gdansk in 2-3 smaller groups, guided by some local scouts
 - Followed by diner in Gdansk Scout's restaurant "Za murami" that is managed and host by scouts
- Friday
 - Visiting the European Solidarnosc Centre (audiotour)
 - Followed by lunch in "Oria magic house"
 - Meeting with the director of the Jamboree 2027 and discussion about why is this important for Gdansk in particular or Poland in general, what are the challenges, what is he expecting
 - Dinner at..... ? (We hope our plan works out successfully)
- Saturday
 - Trip by coach to Wyspa Sobieszewska, where the Jamboree 2027 is going to be held. Here we will be informed about the Polish projects that are requesting for a fund. Presentation and lunch at Hotel Orle. After lunch various options will be offered, a.o. visiting the campsite
 - End of the afternoon we will be back at the hotel to prepare for the annual meeting and Gala diner, to be held in the fortress Góry Gradowej (a coach will take us there)
- Sunday
 - In the morning a programme by choice: visit to Sopot (by boat or train) or
 - Farewel lunch

Some technical details

- What does it cost
 - Due to inflation we have to raise the price of this tour to **€ 335,-**
 - Hotel costs are not included
 - But all other costs such as tours, entrances, meals (including drinks), excursions, etc are included from Thursday afternoon until farewell lunch on Sunday
 - Any financial surplus from the gathering will be used to sponsor a Scout project, with priority given to a project in Poland.
- Who can participate
 - All Friends of Scouting in Europe
 - their adult family members
 - their friends
- Registration and paying
 - can be done by filling in the form via the link at the end of this e-mail
 - closing date: **15th August 2023**
 - Payment info will be sent straight after registration
- About money
 - Polish currency is the Złoty. 1 PLN ~ € 0,223
 - Although Poland is not a member of the EMU, you will always be asked whether you want to pay in złoty or in euro's
 - And you don't have to change your money into polish złoty's if you don't want to, as you can pay everywhere with cards or mobilephones
- Insurances of any kind are the responsibility of the participants and are not foreseen by the organizers
- And a warning from our Polish colleagues: end September the weather in Gdansk is WET! It will either rain or snow (but is there anything more unpredictable than the weather, even in Poland?)