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The publication you are holding in your hands is an invitation to a family trip into the northern Poland. The unique journey, as it is along a trail of 23 manor houses and palaces in northern Kashubia. Anyone who has visited Kashubia at least once, knows that the region is full of flowery meadows, green hills, a thousand lakes and wonderful forests. Northern Kashubia also offers being close to the sea, which is stunning at any time of the year.

Two counties - Wejherowo and Puck - are hiding real architectural pearls. Some of those places are used as agrotourism places, others offer hotel rooms or flats for rent. In some of them you can find a swimming pool, a stud farm, a luxurious spa or even an elegant restaurant. The opportunity to spend a night in places that date back to the 14th century is an experience that not even the most luxurious modern hotel can offer. On our list there are also two buildings adapted as cultural centres, a museum and three buildings which are undergoing major renovation and will be opened in the near future.

The residences are all different, but all of them share a rich history and natural surroundings. Some of them are shrouded in mysterious legends. If you dream of a real break - one, where instead of the sound of television and roaring engines you will hear cows mooing and crickets chirping and where a good connection to yourself is more important than a strong Wi-Fi signal - choose one of our proposals. The owners of these places are lovely people who will welcome your family as their own.

We have sorted the manors and palaces in alphabetical order. Each description includes a short history of the place together with attractions for both children and adults, in the buildings and in the immediate vicinity. We have also catered for geocaching enthusiasts, i.e. outdoor treasure-hunting with a GPS-enabled phone. The places where we have hidden the chests have been marked in the publication with a special logo. We made sure that its locations were not so obvious and that it would bring lots of fun to the explorers, so don't be shy to peek in to the stables, over the fence or even in to the family tombs. We encourage you to participate in the game via the following websites: **opencaching.pl** and **geocaching.pl**.

Northern Kashubia hides many mysteries. The manors and palaces on our list will fascinate anyone who can appreciate the rich history and magnificence of centuries-old architecture. The region we present is a kind of cultural melting pot and most of the buildings date back to German times.

The manor houses and palaces of Northern Kashubia are located in a relatively small area. A tour of all the manor houses is an excellent idea for a several-day trip by car, motorbike or bicycle. We recommend using the verified bicycle routes via **traseo.pl** or **komoot.com** websites. More information can be found on our website: **kaszubypolnocne.pl** and at: **dipp.info**.

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Old places, new life



palaces, castles



manors

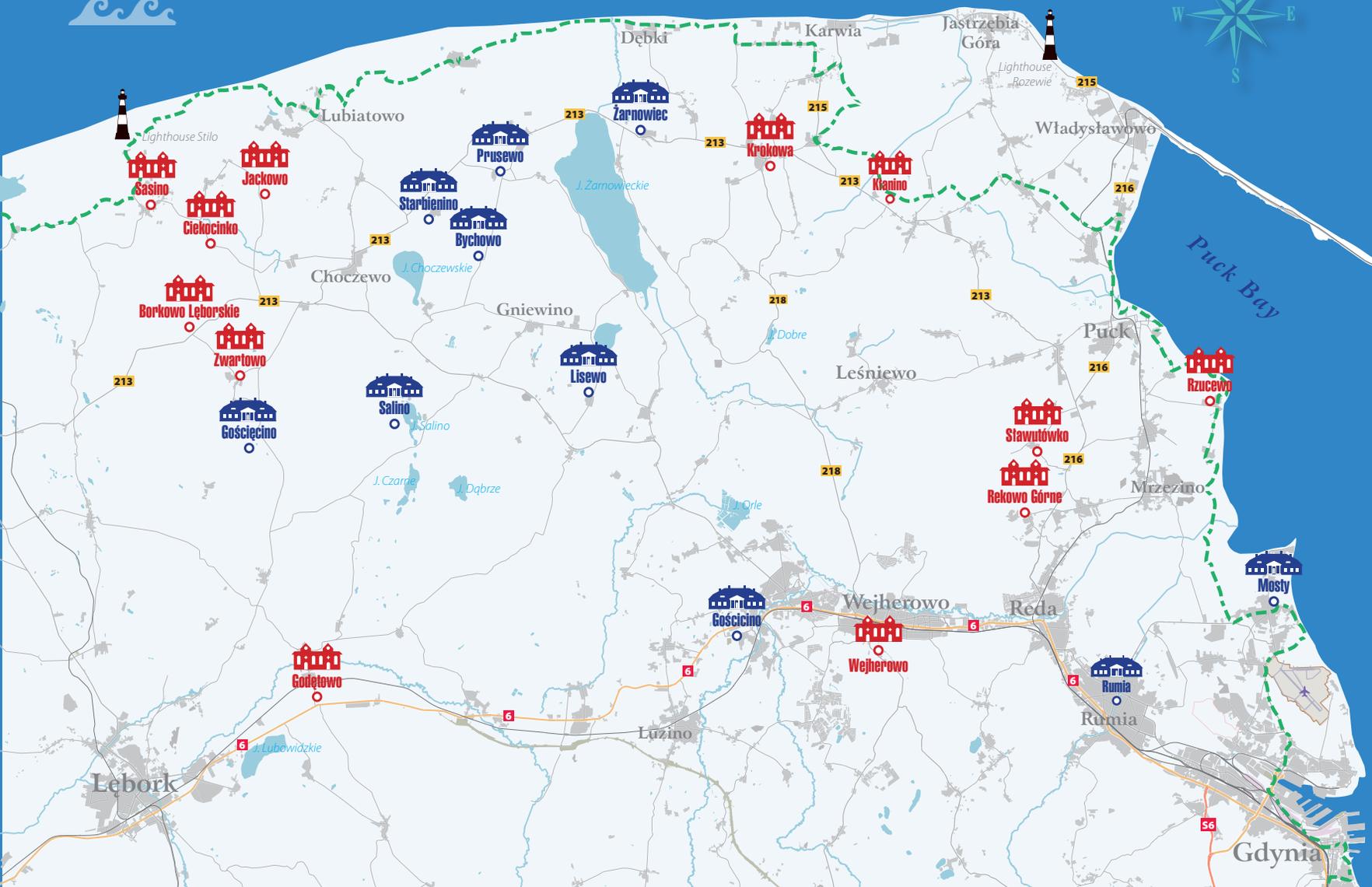


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Łębork

Godętowo

Borkowo Łęborskie

Zwartowo

Sasino

Ciekocinko

Jackowo

Choczewo

Salino

Starbienino

Bychowo

Gniewino

Lisewo

Zarnowiec

Luzino

Goszczino

Krokowa

Leśniewo

Wejherowo

Wejherowo

Stawutówko

Rekowo Górne

Reda

Rumia

Rumia

Puck

Rzucewo

Mirzezino

Mosty

Gdynia

Dębki

Karwia

Jastrzebia Góra

Władysławowo

Puck Bay

Lighthouse Stilo

Lighthouse Rozewie

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The Palace under the Red Beech

– rural rest and the secret
of a family tomb



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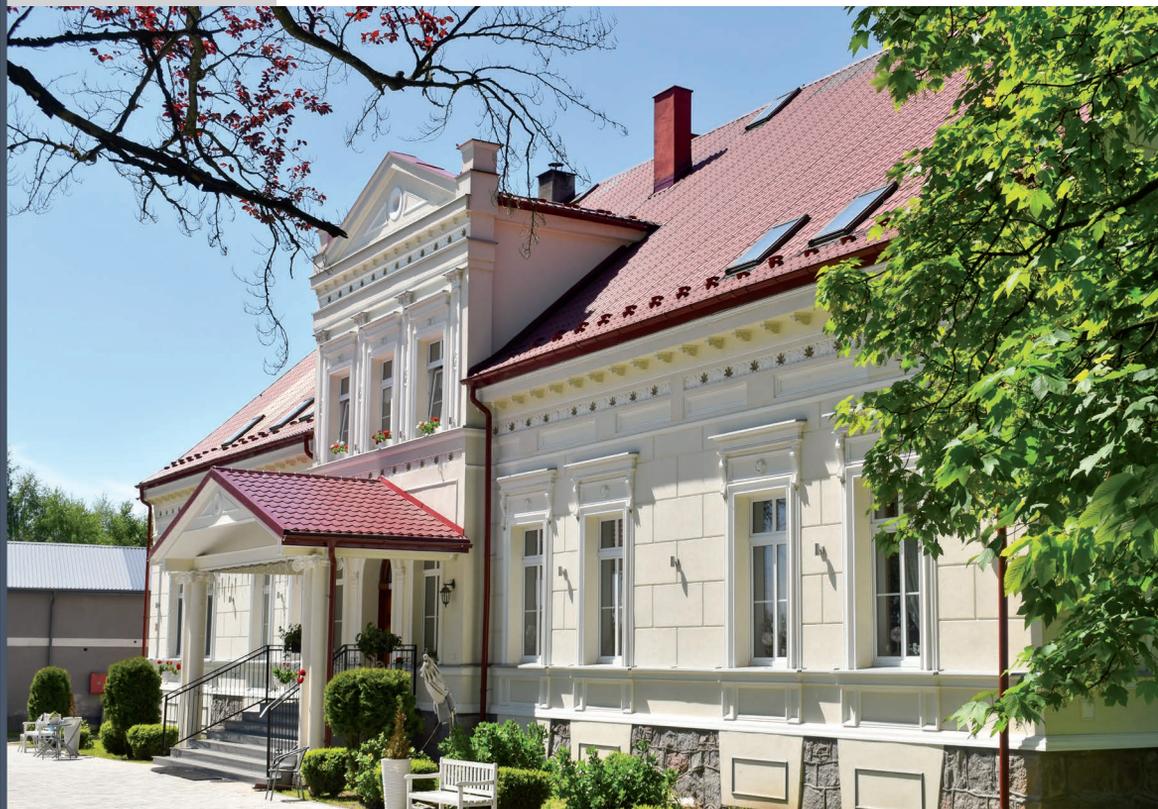
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When the Stanicki family wondered how to name the newly renovated palace, they quickly noticed the blood-red beech standing proudly in front of the building. The choice was obvious – it will be the Palace under the Red Beech, where you will rest surrounded by nature and discover the mysterious history of the von Tesmar family.

The Palace under the Red Beech (“Pałac pod Czerwonym Bukiem”) is located in Borkowo Lęborskie. It is a small Kashubian village, situated in the Wejherowo commune, which was chosen by only 150 inhabitants as a place to live. Therefore, what is recommended to people seeking above all, peace and quiet is agrotourism. Visitors can go for a walk in the surrounding forests, full of mushrooms or get a breath of fresh air on the beach or swimming area at the nearby Lake Choczewskie. An interesting attraction in Borkowo Lęborskie is the thematic village



“Wioska Runa Leśnego”, where you can learn more about mushrooms, bilberries, raspberries and blueberries, taste aromatic dishes inspired by the treasures of the forest and buy take-away forest products.

There are plenty of family attractions on the premises of the palace. Staying with the Stanicki family, guests can use the sports field, play table tennis and make a barbecue or a feast by the bonfire. The youngest guests will not be bored at all, on the premises there is also a playground. For the family dinner guests can go to the nearby Eden restaurant, however if there is a need for more experiences, you can always get a good fish in Łeba, located 18 kilometers away. On the other hand, guests do not have to get outside of the facility to eat well. At their disposal there are spacious double and four-person rooms, and the common space has been equipped with a communal kitchenette, where you can prepare your own meals. There is also a large hall in the palace, where you can organize larger celebrations with good traditional cuisine, served by the employees of the facility.

The Palace under the Red Beech is also a real treat for history lovers. Close to the property, there is a tomb of the von Tesmar family who managed the estate in the 18th century and which guests can reach by taking relaxing leisure walk. History enthusiasts will be thrilled of a mention from their family chronicle. According to the source, the family was considered cursed because no child was born in the palace in



which they lived for almost 98 years. It lasted until the birth of little Joachim Neitzke in 1902 what reversed the course of history. Unfortunately, the von Tesmar family did not stand the test of time, however to this day we can admire its legacy in the form of: a palace, a family mausoleum from 1857 and a family coat of arms commemorated on a stained glass in the Councilor's Hall of the Lębork Town Hall.



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The Manor House in Bychowo

– a noble atmosphere
and a mini zoo



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In Bychowo you will not only feel the old noble atmosphere, but - most importantly - you will recharge your batteries. All of that being surrounded by a historical park, quietly humming Bychowska Struga river and friendly farm animals that you can feed in a mini zoo.

Bychowo is a small village on the Kashubian Coast in the Gniewino commune. It is located near Lake Żarnowieckie and the unfinished Nuclear Power Plant „Żarnowiec”, which attracts enthusiasts of abandoned facilities from all over Poland. In this quiet area, there is a 19th-century manor house, where you can relax in nature and eat local delicacies in the hotel’s restaurant.

The first records of the property date back to 1377, but it was most likely built (although not in the form in which we can admire it today) at the turn of the 16th and 17th centuries when the property was taken over by the von Büchow family.



Passed from hand to hand, it underwent numerous reconstructions until the second half of the 19th century when it had already gained its final form. After World War II, the manor house had been partially destroyed and until 1989 it was further devastated. In the 90s it gained a new owner who restored it to its former glory. It was not an easy task, because the manor house had to be demolished to the very foundations and then recreated according to the original.

Today, the Manor House in Bychowo ("Dwór w Bychowie") is a showcase of the region. Not only the facility itself looks beautiful, but also the historic 5-hectare park just behind it. You will find there many natural monuments, headed by Władek, the 450-year-old oak. What also makes a great impression on the visitors is the age-old hornbeam alley.

Although the area is primarily intimate, there are still plenty of family attractions here. Enthusiasts of bicycle rides can rent bikes for free. Within about 30-40 minutes drive you will reach, among others the beach and swimming area on Lake Choczewskie or the Lubiатовskie Dunes by the Baltic Sea. After 50 minutes on the other hand, you will reach Dębki, a popular seaside resort.



A great attraction for the youngest is the possibility of being alongside horses and a small zoo where they can feed rabbits, sheep, ram and a goat called Marcelina. When you feel hungry, it is best to dine in the hotel's restaurant which serves traditional Polish dishes. The advantage of this place is a conscious approach to products - meat and vegetables come from organic farming and cold cuts served for breakfast are prepared in a friendly smokehouse in Bychowo.



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Ciekocinko Palace Hotel Resort & Wellness

– a pinch of luxury
in the bosom of nature



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Imagine a place where you don't have to look at the clock hands and where the rhythm of the day is determined by birdsong and the rustle of trees. A place where modern and elegant atmosphere blends with the nostalgia of the old times. This is what a Ciekocinko Palace is like. Once a family estate with a palace, stables and a beautiful park, today a five-star hotel with luxurious wellness by the sea.

Ciekocinko is a small settlement in the Kashubian Coast, first mentioned back in 1361. The village is located just 6 kilometers from the sea, so the sandy beach can be reached on foot. The green surroundings invite to hiking, biking and horse riding. Here you can have a picnic on the grass and hide from the rest of the world. In the center of the village there is a real palace where you will feel like a former owner of a luxurious estate.



Today the Ciekocinko Palace impresses with its splendor, but it was not always so. The property gained a new identity in 2004 after 60 years of looting and neglect. The building underwent a thorough renovation, and then was developed as a five-star boutique hotel with elegant Wellness area, thanks to which its history - in a slightly changed form - continues to this day.

Apart from the palace, the estate also includes a stable and a palace-park complex with well-preserved walking paths, centuries-old trees and two ponds. The construction of the building as we know it today dates back to the years 1908-1910. There are sources in which we can find information that the building was built thanks to the efforts of Paul Ewest on the site of an even older palace. The Ewest family led a prosperous life here until 1934. Later the palace-park complex was auctioned off and came into the hands of the Koops family. In 1945 the estate became the property of the "Państwowe Nieruchomości Ziemskie", a state-owned land management agency. A significant part of the historic buildings was then rebuilt and thus - irreversibly destroyed. After 1989 the building deteriorated. Valuable elements and items were almost entirely stolen. Since 2004, the current owners have begun to restore its former glory. Today the Ciekocinko Palace looks like a time machine, full of antique furniture with soul.



What attractions await the guests of the Ciekocinko Palace? In the facility you can use the Wellness area. Two restaurants serve local delicacies, full of treasures from the nearby forests, Baltic waters and the palace garden. Horse riding enthusiasts can visit the stud farm where instructors can give first lessons (for children and adults) or go with us and the horses to the nearby meadows or golden beaches. You can also play golf, have a picnic on the grass, take a walk with nordic walking poles, explore the area on foot or by bike or even go fishing. A real gem is the palace library, hiding over 1000 volumes from the 18th to the 20th century. Browsing through this book collection by the crackling fire in the rococo fireplace will absorb you for long evenings. A good idea after sunset is also tasting wines from the palace cellar. All of this accompanied by delicious cheeses and candle-light. What more do you need to be happy?

The Ciekocinko Palace is a great starting point to get to Łeba where many attractions await. The most popular are the Shifting Sand Dunes in the Słowiński National Park, commonly known as the Polish desert. After such a trip you can relax on one of the beaches in Łeba. If you are looking for spending your time with the whole family actively, we recommend visiting e.g.: the Dinosaur Park, the Museum of Butterflies, the Museum of Wax Figures, Adventure Golf Park, Alex's Farm or Oceanarium.



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Godętowo Palace

– a romantic boutique hotel
with exceptional food



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Not far from Lębork, but far away from the hustle and bustle of the big city, there is an elegant palace. You will spend here both a romantic evening for two and a quiet weekend with your family. At the same time you can enjoy a delicious meal of European cuisine with a Kashubian touch in the hotel restaurant. Sounds like a perfect leisure?

Godętowo is a Kashubian settlement not far from Lębork, inhabited by less than 200 people. The biggest attraction of this small village apart from peace and quiet, is a renovated palace which serves as a hotel. You can stay here - literally and figuratively - for a weekend or longer.

The history of the estate dates back to the 13th century, but it was only after 1770 that the property took its present form. For several centuries the palace was used by Pomeranian families



and for a while it was even used by Wermacht as its headquarters. After World War II it has become part of the State Treasury and was destroyed in the 1990s. It regained its splendour after 2009 thanks to the investment of Mr. and Mrs. Labuda, who cut that diamond from the ruins so it can shine up to this day.

The Godętowo Palace offers 22 stylish rooms of various standards. The facility includes elegant areas such as: fireplace room, club room and conference rooms. It is therefore the perfect place for business trips and special events such as: communions, birthdays and weddings. The palace is surrounded by a beautiful park where you can, among others organize an open-air wedding. On the other hand, in the hotel's restaurant overlooking the park, you can dine in a truly royal style. What you can order here are e.g. hot eel or shrimps, but also traditional dishes, such as: herring with sour cream, fish soup in bread, duck with apples and potatoes, sour rye soup ("żurek") with eggs and white sausage, ribs, trout fillet or beef tenderloin steak. The menu also includes dishes prepared especially for children and delicious desserts.

And what attractions await the guests of the Godętowo Palace? Apart from the beautiful park next to the palace and the centuries-old trees where you can have a picnic or stroll all day and night, children have their own private playground.





It will keep them occupied for hours. Although the surroundings are especially conducive to peaceful strolls, you can satisfy your hunger for excitement in a city of Łęborg, less than 10 kilometers away. There you will find a Teutonic castle, a museum of the region's history, the Ivy Tower and a charming city promenade with a wide range of restaurants around. You can also visit the neighbouring village of Zdrzewno where you will be able to sightsee the ruins of a neoclassical palace and a historic Dutch windmill. 20 kilometers from Godętowo, in the village of Kniewo, there is an ostrich farm. In the neighbouring Czestkowo village you will also find attractions for the slightly older ones - the Paintball Ranch, where you can completely dedicate yourself to outdoor games.

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The Drzewiarz Manor House

– house of culture
with beautiful sculptures



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This object stands out from the other manors and palaces in our publication. It does not function as a hotel or agritourism facility, but is a full-fledged house of culture with a wide educational offer. However, it does not mean that it is not worth visiting. Not at all! The Drzewiarz Manor House will delight you, among others with large-scale sculptures and paintings. And with a bit of luck, you will witness artistic events, open-air theaters or stage concerts

Gościcino is a small Kashubian village in Wejherowo County, one of the oldest in Pomerania. The first mentions of the village date back to 1292. In the village there are 4 palace-like or manor-like buildings. Two of the older ones are in ruins, while a former furniture factory and a villa of the director of a former brickyard have gained a new „life”.



The paradox is that the Drzewiarz Manor House is located not in the building of the former furniture factory, as the name might suggest, but in the brickyard.

The red brick manor house was built in 1905 and for years it belonged to the owner of the brick factory – Mr. Brandt. In 2012, the Communal Cultural Centre started operating in the facility. The 11-room villa was then transformed into an education center where you will find, among others: conference rooms, art and thematic exhibitions. You can also learn about the history of the facility itself here.

The cultural centre hosts numerous workshops: photography, painting, handicraft, dance, acting and sculpture. Inside there are exhibitions of old photographs and paintings. There is also a communal library. However, the most intriguing is the exhibition of large-scale outdoor sculptures next to the manor house. The sculptures depict, among others, characters from Kashubian legends and animals associated with old folk superstitions. The exhibition is very impressive and can be seen all the time, regardless of the opening hours of the centre. There is also a place for a bonfire on the premises, eagerly used by the young people of Gościcino. An interesting fact is that Ms. Natasza Sobczak, the director of the facility, is a very artistically talented person. Numerous paintings and sculptures by her can be seen in the manor house.





After visiting the Drzewiarz Manor House, it is worth going to a pizzeria in Gościcino, called Pap-ryczka or going to Bolszewo village, less than 3 kilometers away, to dine at the family restaurant called U Bąbli. In the vicinity of Gościcino but no more than 10 kilometers, you can also visit: Os-trich Farm, the GRYF Museum of Military Technology and the Sierra Golf Club golf course. Gościcino is also a good starting point for trips to Reda where is an aqua park with real sharks.

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The Manor House under Linden trees

– Excuse me,
is it haunted here?



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This charming manor house in Gościęcín is an example for others on how to run agritourism with a flair. Its hosts, Anna and Zbigniew Szafoni, take care of their guests as if they were their closest family. The guests on the other hand, return the same with favour finding joy in cooking together, collecting eggs from happy hens or raking autumn leaves. For people from the city, active participation in the life of the farm is a big attraction. Furthermore, the icing on the cake is the possibility of experiencing a night with a thrill, if you wish so.

The Manor House under Linden trees ("Dworek pod Lipami") is a place where you can get away from civilization, choosing to live in harmony with nature. Here, the rhythm of everyday life is determined by seasons and each season brings new possibilities of spending free time. The family atmosphere created by the hosts encourages guests to work together on the farm.



Of course, this is not an obligation. Some choose to rest in peace and quiet, but it is good to know that it is possible. Guests are happy to help the hostess preparing preserves for the winter, bake bread together, pick fruit from the trees and bushes or feed the animals. Especially the latter is a big attraction for the children, who spend whole days with the hens, ducks and cats. In the evenings, guests can integrate with each other around a bonfire arranged in a stone circle and sometimes together with the hosts, they can organize a game of scavenger hunt. An unusual attraction of the manor house is... scaring on demand. When guests ask „Mrs. Anna, does it haunt here?“, the hostess replies teasingly: „Should it haunt?“. If the answer is positive, you can expect something to knock at night and creak somewhere.

The peaceful surroundings are ideal for hiking. The hostess will be happy to show you the most beautiful places in the village and tell you about the centuries-old trees growing in the forest. Adults can spend all day fishing in the chateau pond. In the pond there are carp, tench, crucian carp, perch, pike and grass carp. It's worth bringing a fishing rod, but if you don't have one, the hosts will pre-prepare some equipment for you from a piece of hazel and a line. Whenever catching a fish, for a symbolic fee, you can either cook it by yourself, e.g. on an evening bonfire or ask Mrs. Anna to do it for you.



The cuisine of the Manor House under Linden trees tempts with traditional flavours. Guests who decide to try the meals prepared by Mrs. Ania will certainly not regret this decision. All dishes are prepared with vegetables and fruit from her own farm. The question is, how does the hostess feed you? With whatever your heart desires! Among others, the following dishes have become iconic: stuffed cabbage rolls (“gołąbki”), sorrel soup, pasties filled with mushrooms and cabbage or dumplings filled with every conceivable filling. On request, the menu can be either with meat or vegetarian. In addition, adults can enjoy a special home-made rosehip wine certified as a traditional product. Mrs. Ania also occasionally prepares wines from other fruits.

The manor house in Gościęcino was first mentioned in 1865. A large folwark with a cowshed, a pigsty, a barn and a granary was built at that time. A manor-park complex was built next to the folwark. After 1957, half of the manor was given to Mrs. Anna's parents as a compensation for property lost as a result of repatriation from the Eastern Borderlands. In 1985 Mrs. Anna and Mr. Zbigniew Szafoni purchased the other half of the manor house and after a general renovation, transformed it into an agritourism farm, operating today under the name of Dworek pod Lipami.



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Folwark Jackowo

– the quintessence of life
without hurry



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There are places that are hard to forget. Once you visit them, you will miss them and sooner or later you will return to them. Such place is the Folwark Jackowo. A lot of credit for this goes to the housewives - mother and daughter - who take care of their guests like they would be their friends. They welcome you personally, show you around the facility and cook something tasty every day. The folwark is impressive in its entirety, although the real pearl is the 19th century palace in neo-classical style, which will be available for tourists in the future.

The Folwark in the village of Jackowo has a manor-park form. You can find there a 19th-century palace, an 18th-century park and an agritourism farm with rooms for guests including a greenhouse room, very popular with photographers. The Folwark is located on the Kashubian Coast, less than 30 kilometres from the city of Łeba.



The sea can be reached in a 1.5-hour walk or by bike in less than 30 minutes. The surroundings are quiet and peaceful, mostly surrounded by fields and forests. In Jackowo you can relax from the hustle and bustle of the city, drink your morning coffee while enjoying the view of the treetops or lie down on a blanket accompanied by a purring cat and a horse nibbling grass nearby.

The first mention about the place dates back to 1804. It was when a family mansion had been built and which was extended 80 years later in the neoclassical style. Over the years, the manor had undergone numerous modernizations until it took the form of a palace. Inside the two-storey building, which is now undergoing further renovation to prepare it for tourists, there are, among others, two ballrooms, the manager's office, a playroom, a dining room and bedrooms.

In the premises of the agritourism facility, there are guest rooms by the greenhouse and one suite with a large glass wall overlooking the greenhouse. This unusual suite makes a big impression on guests, so it's worth booking it in advance. Admittedly, morning coffee by the window overlooking the lush greenery in the greenhouse is an unusual experience and well worth the price. Besides that, there are also theme rooms available and decorated in various styles: Scandinavian, Thai, Kashubian, Maritime and Mexican.



Within the agritourism here, there are many family attractions awaiting. One of the possibilities are visiting a stable and meeting one of the 21 horses that live there. Furthermore, qualified riding instructor is available on site. In the evenings, horseback trips to the beach and to the surrounding fields or forests are organized. You can also explore the beautiful Kashubian landscapes on foot or by bike. There is a playground for children on site. An interesting proposition for adults are „After-images - a Meeting Place with Mindfulness” (“Powidoki – Miejsce Spotkań z Uwagaścią”). During the workshops and courses conducted by professional staff, you will rest from the pace of life, choosing peace and harmony.

The housewives of the folwark also serve delicious homemade dishes. They prepare breakfast based on ecological products from their own farm or from local producers. Among others, you can eat here fresh vegetables, eggs from happy hens, dairy products and cold cuts. Three-course dinners have already stolen many a heart and homemade cakes combined with aromatic Italian coffee are the essence of real life without being in a hurry. Here, you can really forget about all your problems, fully enjoying your life.



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Kłanino Palace

– feel the atmosphere
of the movie „The Butler”



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The present owners of the Kłanino Palace have paid great attention to history. On the premises, you will find many major sights, including the unique interior of the Hall of Gdańsk ("sala Gdańska"), dating back to the turn of the 17th and 18th centuries. Preserved history however, is not everything at all. What you can enjoy here is horseback riding, relax in the spa, eat traditional Polish cuisine and taste delicious artisanal ice cream. All of this in a scenery as if from the famous Polish film „The Butler”.

The property in Kłanino belonged to several families where in 1838 it came into the hands of Friedrich Gustaw von Grass and gave shelter to the von Grass family until the end of World War II. The construction of the palace itself dates back to the 17th century, but it gained its final form in the 19th century by Friedrich's son Leo von Grass. The man had led the folwark-palace complex and the surrounding area to flourish.



He even bought the then 200-year-old “Sień Gdańska” and moved it to the building. After 1945 – what should be known is that during the war almost all the halls being as “Sień Gdańska” were burnt to the ground - the one from the Kłanino Palace was considered a valuable monument, so it was moved to the Nowy Dom Ławy in city of Gdańsk. Thanks to the commitment of the present owner of the palace, Mateusz Deling, we can once again admire this architectural “gem” in the building. Mr. Deling acquired the antique staircase, fireplace and baroque wardrobe from one of the tenement houses in Gdańsk and adapted it for the interior of the palace. This is a real treat for history enthusiasts, as the historic interior is one of the last five halls that survived World War II and are spread around the world.



If you choose to rest in the picturesque Kłanino, you will stay in one of the rooms, which style and equipment strongly correspond to the history of the place. In the palace restaurant „Sieniowa”, which has been arranged in the former dining room for servants, you will taste dishes of Polish cuisine. An additional attraction for children and adults is the opportunity to buy artisanal ice cream, made on site by the owners. The youngest can enjoy the playground, while older guests can enjoy the intimate Spa & Wellness area.



Not far from the chateau is the Museum of Military Technology and Pomeranian History. What you will find there, among others are majestic military vehicles and elements of military technology and weaponry.

The peaceful surroundings encourage for long walks and bike trips. You can hire bicycles for the whole family on site free of charge. You can reach the city of Puck in less than an hour, the village of Chałupy in an hour, and the town of Hel in two and a half hours. Those who do not want to set off on further journeys can stroll for hours in the 2-hectare park adjacent to the palace, full of historical attractions. There are numerous natural monuments, a historic lime tree alley and a 19th century entrance gate. Noteworthy among others is a gazebo, in which bullet marks can be seen, probably dating from 1945. In the neighbouring village of Starzyński Dwór, you will find the tomb of the von Grass family. In the evenings, you can make a barbecue or a bonfire in the palace garden and feast until the morning.

An interesting fact about Kłanino Palace is that it was the setting for the Polish film „The Butler”. For unknown reasons, the film was not shot in Kłanino, but in another location in Warmia, however the atmosphere of the film can be felt at every step.



9

Krokowa Castle

– a sweet residence
by the Baltic Sea



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Krokowa Castle is a proposal for those who expect leisure with a rich history in the background. In the palace and park complex, guests will find historic interiors, a romantic park, traditional cuisine, a sweet buffet and... the company of the mysterious Countess Luiza von Krockow, who, as legends say, has been strolling around the castle gardens for several hundred years.

Krokowa Castle is one of the few places where you can feel the authentic energy of a baroque palace. A stay within its walls is like a journey through the last few centuries; you will observe here the design of the palace interiors with a salon of famous Gdańsk styled furniture, Gdańsk and Nuremberg styled stoves with original tiles and a collection of family memorabilia of the former owners of the castle estate - the von Krockow family. In the Archivum Crocovianum located on the ground floor, you can learn more about the history of this place.



The Krokowski family is one of the oldest Pomeranian families, first mentioned in 1285. The family lived here until March 1945, inspiring legends about both the palace and the surrounding area. One of them is connected with Luiza von Krockow, who in 1782, with a special royal permission, stood for auction on behalf of her husband and acquired the Krokowa estate after her cousins. She converted the early baroque chateau built on a gothic site into a late baroque residence and the adjacent Italian garden into an extensive romantic landscape park. It is said that she can still be seen strolling along the shady avenues. In 1803, the estate was taken over by the so-called "Mad Graf" - Albert Kaspar Ewald von Krockow, who - according to legend - is still in the habit of riding his fiery steed with a pack of dogs around midnight. It is also worth mentioning that Sigismund III Vasa stayed at Krokowa Castle in November 1598 when he arrived in nearby Lisi Jar as a castaway after an unfortunate Swedish expedition. One of the palace chambers commemorates the royal stay.

Today the castle, surrounded by a moat, is open to tourists. The apartments and rooms retain the hotel standard with a touch of history. In the castle restaurant, under a polychrome ceiling dating from 1691, Chef Daniel continues the culinary habits of Pelagia Gawrońska, who cooked here in the inter-war period. The menu is dominated by: game from Pomeranian forests, fish from nearby fishponds and white cheeses from the Lisewski cheese factory.



The hit of the summer is the Sunday sweet buffet and the Kashubian cake flavoured with honey added to the entrance ticket. Honey from Kashubian apiaries in a unique jar from the Puck glassworks, can be a great reminder of the castle park, where a wild bees protection programme is being developed. Especially for these beneficial insects, hives have been set up and flower meadows have been sown. Furthermore, if you feel like having a good cup of coffee, you can enjoy it in the castle café admiring a Gdańsk styled furnace from 1736 or contemporary paintings by Pomeranian artists.

An asset of the Krokowa Castle is the vast park surrounding the building. A wrought-iron gate, a neo-gothic wooden fence and a red bridge lead into the courtyard with an oval box-wood lawn ("gazon"). The white bridge invites you to the garden, a place of romantic park in English style with two ponds and a chestnut Philosophers Avenue ("Aleja Filozofów") that leads, among others, to the Owl's Ravine ("Sowi Jar") and to the Diana's Bath ("Kąpielisko Diany"). Besides all of that, there are many more attractions in the park. The youngest visitors will find plenty of places to play hide and seek, and in the bailey, there's a playground that awaits them.

The surrounding area is good for hiking. Cycling enthusiasts can plan a rally along the 17-kilometre route from Krokowa to Swarzewo, laid on the embankment of former railway tracks. Sea lovers can visit beaches in Dębki and Jastrzębia Góra and canoe on the river Piaśnica all the way to the Baltic Sea. The youngest will enjoy a visit to the Ostrich Farm in Kniewo, those that are open to artistic activity - the Glassworks in Puck and the amateurs of spirituality and baroque embroidery - the Benedictine Abbey in Żarnowiec.



10

The Lisewski Manor House

– better than
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They say that everywhere is good but at home is best. When it comes to the Lisewski Manor House this saying can be put into a fairy tale. It is even better here - as in an enchanted fairy tale. In the Lisewski Manor House you can rest, regain strength and eat well. All of this surrounded by stylish interiors and Kashubian meadows.

Lisewo is a small Kashubian village in Gniewino commune, which beginnings date back to the 15th century. As the name suggests, its history is connected with the Lisewski family. When in the 16th century the village property was divided between two other families, Jackowski family did the most for the village. They shaped the buildings of the village and gave it a manor-park form. The landed properties passed through other hands as well and in the 1880s they became the property of the captain von Breitenbach, who in 1804...



lost them all during a game of dice. Kranzig, the last owner of the property before the War, was killed by the Red Army in 1945. His grave can be seen in the manor park. Afterwards, the estate deteriorated until 2007, when an entrepreneur Mariusz Brudniewicz has bought it, thoroughly renovated and reopened as a facility with guest rooms and a restaurant.

A great asset of the manor is its restaurant, which you can visit also without accommodation. It serves Polish and Kashubian dishes. Roast duck with red cabbage, Silesian dumplings and cranberry sauce is a hit there. You can also order traditional Polish pork chops, fried pike perch and whole roast trout with herbs. Dumpling lovers can choose from a variety of fillings, soups however include duck and goose broth with homemade noodles and mushroom soup with homemade dumplings. There is also a special menu for children. The restaurant can accommodate up to 90 people, so it is a good place to hold special events. There is a large catering tent on the premises of the manor, ideal for garden parties. An asset for couples planning an outdoor wedding is a beautiful gazebo located next to the tent.

The rooms at the Lisewski Manor House are decorated in a classic style. The most beautiful is, of course, the Louis-style apartment.



Stylish furniture as well as numerous sculptures and works of art arranged in its spacious interiors attract attention. By booking accommodation in the apartment, you get, among others, breakfast in bed and free use of the relax zone.

The manor is surrounded by a spacious park with several natural monuments. The oldest of them - a hornbeam and a lime tree - bear witness to several centuries of history of this place. The majestic trees cannot tell the tale, but all you need to do is let the wind blow and you will hear exactly the same humming sound our ancestors heard. The sounds of nature are worth more than words.

What attractions await in Lisewo itself and in its immediate vicinity? Children can enjoy the playground and visit the ecological mini zoo with ducks, geese, guinea fowl, peacocks, sheep and Vietnamese pigs. The animals are tame, so you can pet them. There is a rental service for sports equipment such as bikes, cross-country skis and Nordic walking sticks. Larger groups can take advantage of the offer for cruises on Lake Żarnowieckie, both on motor boats and cruise ships. Those who are thirsty for excitement are welcome to go canoeing down the river Piaśnica in Dębki. An interesting attraction are also seasonal trips to Kashubian forests to pick berries or mushrooms and so called „hunting” with a camera for wild animals. The Lisewski Manor House helps to organize the above mentioned trips, so you do not have to deal with tedious formalities.



11

The Six Oaks Manor House

– real
country life



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You won't find a TV here. There is a creaky floor and the company of singing birds in the morning instead. There are also owls hooting at night and martens stamping on the roof. This is a real country life, where you breathe freely and more important than a Wi-Fi is good connection with yourself.

The Six Oaks Manor House (Dwór Sześć Dębów) is located in Prusewo. It is a small village, far away from main transit routes. Apart from the beautiful neo-Baroque building, which is the biggest attraction of the village, you will find here peace and quiet, interrupted only by the sounds of animals and rustling insects.

The first mention of Prusewo or more precisely, of the borders of Żarnowiec monastery, comes from 1342. In 1623 the village came into the hands of Geomar Reinhold Krokowski.



The manor, park and outbuildings of the manor-park complex were created after 1863, back when the property was managed by the Fliessbach family. After World War II, the property was taken over by the State Treasury and at the end of the 1990s, have been passed into private hands. For 7 years, the new owners diligently renovated the building, restoring its former layout and splendour.

For several years now, the most important pillar of the Six Oaks Manor House has been development workshops, most often yoga, which starts in spring and continue until October. The immediate surroundings are conducive when establishing a connection with the soul and body and furthermore, adjacent to the park, a special room exclusively dedicated for the workshops purpose has been built. Yoga is taught by different practitioners and different schools, so you can sign up for it either from outside, without being a guest of Six Oaks Manor House or during your stay.

Guests are also impressed by the two-hectare park, which was created in the early 20th century. One of its parts is built in a geometric arrangement and the other in the English style. 6 oak trees with a 300-year history are proudly standing out there. There are also fruit trees, which are used by the owner to make preserves and serve them later to her guests e.g. during breakfast.



The garden is enchanting at any time of the year but in summer, when the rose alley is in bloom, you can linger here for hours. Preferably with a cup of good tea. The eclectic interiors of the manor are also awe-inspiring. It is furnished with furniture from the inter-war period as well as with the modern ones. The walls are decorated with contemporary art by artists from all over Poland. Occasionally, vernissages are held in the building.

In the hotel restaurant you can try traditional cuisine with a predominance of vegetarian dishes. The menu changes seasonally and is seasoned with herbs and fruit from the own garden. Guests can especially enjoy hand-made dumplings with various fillings. During the season, the blueberry dumplings are a hit, but the spinach ones are also worth tempting. You can also fall in love with the meringue with mascarpone and raspberries and the classic apple pie.

The surroundings are conducive to long walks and bike rides. Prusewo is only 2 km away from Lake Żarnowieckie and 7 km from white sandy beaches in and around Białogóra village. There, you will find the Coastal Landscape Park, a nature reserve and a stud farm. The surrounding pine and mixed forests abound in berries and mushrooms.



12

Wieniawa Spa & Wellness

– hotel with a swimming pool
in Kashubia



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There is no other place in Kashubia with such a rich family offer. In a historic palace you can use a swimming pool and sauna, have a good dinner (the palace serves products from its own smokehouse), give yourself into the hands of professional masseurs and even play tennis, squash or golf.

The historic palace in Rekowo today under the name of Wieniawa Spa & Wellness Hotel. The place looks elegant after renovation, but it was not always like that. The new owners have taken care of restoring its old glory and splendour, which had been lost after the Second World War. The history of this place is equally impressive. In the 14th century Rekowo was a knight's property and its owner was the knight Scibor of Krostkowo. Scibor built a palace in a different place than where the present one is located. Later a cemetery for wealthy inhabitants of the village was established there.



In 1871 the Rekowo lands became the property of Hagen from Sobowidz. It was then that the history of the palace began, which we can admire to this day. Hagen opted for an eclectic building with elements of Italian architecture. In the later years, when the building was managed by the Mahncke family, a distillery and a smithy were built there. The latter was converted into a St. Hubert's chapel and still exists in this form to this day. The year 1994 was a breakthrough for this estate. The palace, destroyed by the war and years of neglect, have been renovated and today is an architectural gem of the Puck Land.

The four star Wieniawa Spa & Wellness Hotel welcomes those who seek a bit of luxury and need contact with nature. If your body and soul are crying out for a bit of relaxation, you will find it here. Professional masseurs will take care of every inch of your body and the green space surrounding the place is ideal for meditation. There are 31 elegant rooms on the premises: 16 of them in the palace and 15 in the SPA Manor. Each room is decorated differently and has a unique name. The rooms overlook the historic, three-hectare protected park. All the trees are guarded by two of the oldest witnesses of history - the elm and the ash tree. In the park, there is a pond and two clumps of trees planted in honour of the sons of the previous, pre-war owners of the property.



In the SPA Manor, professionals offer, among others, relaxing face and body treatments, massages and exclusive rituals (e.g. Middle Eastern hammam - using strawberry oils or a royal one, just for couples). You can also use the swimming pool equipped with hydro-massage areas and the Taifun Jet counter-current or just relax in the sauna area. At your disposal are a steam sauna with aromatherapy, a dry sauna and a Moroccan hammam bathing room.

In the hotel restaurant you can enjoy dishes of Old Polish and Mediterranean cuisine. The menu is dominated by: herring in various versions, duck with beet salad, rabbit stewed in cider, Angus beef steak with truffle oil and as well, fish and seafood. There are also vegetarian dishes and a special menu for children. A smokehouse operates next to the hotel. You can buy there, aromatic, natural and healthy meat and fish products fired with smokehouse smoke, as well as preserves. All products come from local farmers and small producers.

Enthusiasts of active leisure can make use of the extensive recreational facilities on the manor premises. You will find here as many as 3 tennis courts, a squash court, a golf simulator, a mini-golf course and a pitch for: volleyball, basketball, football and floorball. Occasionally, the hotel organizes exercise classes such as Pilates, aerobics and yoga. Hikers can hire Nordic walking poles and avid cyclists can hire touring bikes. In the immediate vicinity you will also find many interesting attractions, such as: Evolution Park (Park Ewolucji) with large models of dinosaurs, Ocean Park in the city of Władysławowo, Seal Hunter Settlement or Labyrinth in the cornfield in Swarzewo village.



13

The Manor House under Linden trees

– a house of culture
with a beautiful garden



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When the historic manor was renovated in 1990, a date was revealed on one of the beams suggesting that the building may date from the 18th century. Despite the fact that little is known about its history, today a new one is being written. The Manor House under Linden trees is a thriving cultural centre where you can feel the old atmosphere of this place.

As the archives indicate, in the second half of the 16th century there were water objects in the area of the present manor. The beginnings of the property on the river Zagórska Struga are connected with the Rumian smithy from 1603. The manor passed from hand to hand until the end of the Second World War. Later, the building was adapted for residential premises. In the 1990s, the city took over the building and started restoration work. The building was transformed into the City House of Culture and in this form it remains to this day.



From the outside, the manor has retained its original shape and thanks to its juicy yellow colours, it is hard not to notice it. The interiors of this historic building have been adapted for the cultural integration of the inhabitants of the city of Rumia. The following sections operate there: art, dance, theatre and music. Occasionally, various thematic events and even weddings are organized in the manor and on its park grounds. Up until recently, the building housed a permanent museum exhibition, thanks to which, anyone could learn more about the history of Rumia and the surrounding area. Apart from information boards, there were also postcards, photographs, antique household items and... a skeleton of a woman from 2 thousand years ago. The number of exhibits grew so much that it was decided to move them to another – still unknown – place outside the building.

The City House of Culture, known by some as the Manor House under Linden trees, is an exceptionally picturesque place, surrounded by the historic Starowiejski Park, which has two playgrounds for children and a charming pond. In the place of a former smithy there is a watermill, now owned by the Kashubian-Pomeranian Association. A walking and cycling trail meanders along the Zagórska Struga River, which is a major attraction of the region.



Both the manor and its immediate surroundings offer a fairytale atmosphere, but if you feel hunger for more attractions, you will find them in the city of Rumia. One of the most interesting is the Lemur Park, where the youngest and the slightly older will learn how the life evolved on earth, learn knights' fights, archery and meet exotic animals (some of which can be petted). Horse-riding enthusiasts are encouraged to visit the stud farm „Kawa i konie” („Coffee and horses”), where – as the name suggests – apart from interacting with the animals, you can drink aromatic coffee. For those craving sporty attractions, we invite you to Jumpcity trampoline park.



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Jan III Sobieski Castle

– holidays within
historical walls



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If you dream of staying at the castle, we invite you to Rzucewo. You will find there everything what a royal soul desires - a brick palace with neo-Gothic towers, exquisite cuisine and a his-toric, over 7-hectare park. Another attraction is the closeness to the sea, as the complex is lo-cated by the Puck Bay.

Based on the archaeological discoveries, it may be assumed that there was a fishing and hunting settlement in Rzucewo 5,000 years B.C. The main source of food at that time were the seals which were abundant in the Baltic Sea. That is why it was called a seal-hunting settlement. The place where the Jan III Sobieski Castle stands today is unique because it is known that there were as many as 3 other buildings on this area earlier. First the family of Wejher built two castles here and then the Przebendowski family established a palace.



The construction of the neo-gothic palace, which we can admire to this day, dates back to the years of 1840-1845. After World War II the building was taken over by the Polish state and for a while, its interiors housed the Vocational School. The historic palace and park complex became a place of recreation and relaxation after 1997.

Jan III Sobieski Castle is a marketing name, because the object is in fact a palace. A long linden avenue leads to it, which was planted by Catherine - the sister of King Jan III Sobieski. The Wejher Castle, which once existed on the site of today's palace, was handed over to Jan III Sobieski for several years. It is not known however whether the king ever visited it. Nevertheless, it is known that his wife Marysieńka with her children spent time here.

Today the palace is a fully equipped hotel, where in between the stylish guest rooms you will find a restaurant, a café with a sunny patio and a wine bar. In the historic interiors you can enjoy an aromatic coffee and an exquisite meal. Among the dishes served here are czarnina - a duck blood soup with noodles, king's sour rye soup in bread, delicious castle goose breast and roast duck with apples in the old Polish style. There is also a children's menu. The chef willingly uses herbs from the palace garden to season the dishes.



Noteworthy is the wooden library, where you can learn about the history of the Rzucewo land and of all the families who managed the palace. Sports enthusiasts can play volleyball or table tennis, hike with Nordic walking poles, ride bicycles, use the sauna in the castle and most of all improve their riding skills with the guidance of a qualified instructor.

In the palace garden, you will find many ancient trees that give shade to the picturesque benches. If you take a walk up the long Linden Alley, you will reach the playground, the Rzucewo brickyard and the ruins of the von Below family tomb. On the remains of the monument you will notice bricks from the historic Rzucewo brickyard with inscriptions „Rutzau” (the German name for Rzucewo).

From the palace gardens you can walk down to the natural sandy beach. Not far away is the Seal Hunters' Settlement. This is a cultural park where you can have a look at the exhibitions of „Rzucewo in the Stone Age” and „Archaeological Objects in the Kashubian Landscape”, as well as take a walk along the educational trail called „The Seal Hunters' Trail” full of recreated objects from the Stone Age. Near the settlement, there is a wooden viewing platform, which offers a view of the Hel Peninsula. It is also worth visiting the bird nature reserve „Beka” with an area of 193 ha, located just 2.5 km from the palace.



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The Manor House in Salino

– agritourism with a climate
for an intimate group



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In this charming place you can organize a break for up to 15 people. When you rent the manor house, the whole area will be exclusively at your disposal. In the historic interiors you will recharge your batteries, enjoy sport activities, have barbecued delicacies and maybe even meet the White Lady as she rises from the nearby lake.

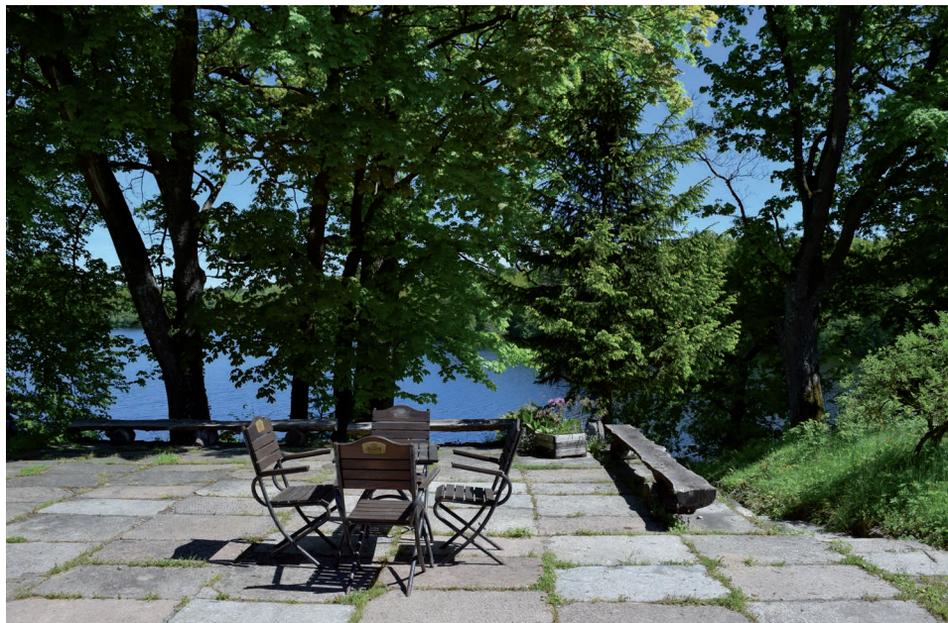
The village of Salino was first mentioned in 1344. The Grand Master of the Order of Teutonic Knights donated the Salino to St. Spirit Hospital in Gdańsk. In the 15th century the Krokowski family illegally took over the land and in the 17th century their descendant lost the village property during a card game. One of the later owners - Michael von Rexin - built a manor house in which the family elders lived for the rest of their lives. A burial chapel from 1890 commemorating the Rexin family can still be seen at the cemetery in Salino.



The manor house was completely devastated after World War II. It was rebuilt in 1970, but only 17 years later all the buildings in the folwark were completely burnt down. Another restoration had lasted until 1994. In 2004, the thatched-roof manor house became the property of a private owner and is now used as an agritourism farm. In the summer, hollyhocks are in bloom around the manor, which gives the place an idyllic, slightly fairytale atmosphere. You will also find a unique natural monument here - a 300-year-old hollow oak.

In the manor house there are: 15 accommodation places, a well-equipped kitchen where you can prepare your own meals, a dining room and a fireplace lounge. Outside you can use the recreational area and the grill shed. The surrounding area encourages to do sports, both in water and on land. It is advisable to bring your own bikes, but if you forget, you can use some of the bikes available in the manor house. The owners have also made a boat and one kayak available to guests.

Despite having 21st century amenities (including spacious parking, central heating and wifi), the manor house contains many elements reminiscent of its rich history. Highlights include the 19th century furnaces, which were moved here from the other historic manor houses, as well as the dowry chest or decorated metal chamber pot.



Near the manor house, there is Lake Salina with an island on which a fortified settlement was once located. You can enjoy swimming in the lake in the summer or take a kayak or boat trip. However, beware of the White Lady, who according to legend, may rise from the lake in windy weather, wearing a wedding dress and approach by the manor house, asking her grandmother for forgiveness. In every legend there is a grain of truth. This one has found its confirmation in historical sources. One of the daughters of the Rexin family who fell in love with a Prussian junker, did not receive the blessing of her grandmother - a Polish patriot. The grandmother cursed the young couple, which caused the ice to break under the wedding sleigh. The young couple drowned on their wedding day.

Salino is a village where you can completely escape from civilisation. Yet, if apart from rest you wish to experience adventure, a dozen or so kilometres away you will find, among others: the Kashubian Eye complex with a observation tower, the open-air museum called „Zagroda Gburska i Rybacka” in Nadole and Ostrich Farm in Kniewo. You may also go for a kayaking trip down the river Piaśnica all the way to the sea.



16

OdNova Palace in Sasino

– it will be
beautiful here



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This beautiful palace is in good hands and is undergoing a thorough renovation. The new owners plan to transform the existing hotel into luxury flats for rent. There will be an elegant spa in the historic cellars, a swimming pool at the back of the building and a good restaurant in the park. All of this close to the sea and sandy natural beaches.

The palace in Sasino has been in the hands of new owners since 2019. It is currently undergoing a major renovation, has been given a new name - OdNova - and from 2022 will be ready to welcome its guests. Not as a hotel, but in the form of luxury and independent flats for rent. Each of them will have between 30 and 100 m². The building has already the smell of modernity and luxury, while at the same time its shape refers to its almost 200-year history.



The first mention of the former farm village of Saszyn dates back to 1437. In 1527 the settlement Sasino came into the hands of the von Jatzkow family and was later taken over by the von Krockow family. The construction of the manor house was started by captain Heinrich von Stempel in 1862 and after his death the work has been continued by his son-in-law Wilhelm von Somnitz. The estate became the property of several more families and just before the war it was adapted for the German youth education service. For three years the palace was occupied by the Red Army. During the communist period, a state company recreation centre operated here, and later on - a commercial one. In 2016, the building was repurchased, renovated and transformed into a hotel by a businessman from city of Łódź, then 3 years later it came into the hands of new owners, who are putting a bit of magic into its interiors.

The current owners of the palace also run a cottage resort for rent in the area - Cisowy Zakątek - which received appreciation from Dorota Szelągowska who seeks enchanting objects for her TV programme „Tu jest pięknie”. Such an acknowledgement confirms the owners’ sense of style, which will certainly also manifest itself in OdNova Palace in Sasino.



The palace is surrounded by a 200-year old park and is located 2.5 kilometres from the sandy beach, where you can reach by a melex. In the near future there will be a restaurant in the park, where the chef will serve meals in a royal style, but with no pompousness. Every morning you can enjoy freshly squeezed juices, smoothies and aromatic coffee.

The palace is located in the vicinity of the Choczewskie Cisy nature reserve, which encourages to take long walks. The most beautiful attraction of the village of Sasino is the proximity of coastal areas. Here you will find one of the most beautiful wild beaches on the Baltic Sea in the village of Osetnik. Instead of crowds, you will find bright and soft sand with the sound of waves. Near the beach you will have a chance to admire the Stilo lighthouse and take a long walk through the Mierzeja Sarbska nature reserve. A little further away, near the Słowiński National Park, you will also find a popular tourist attraction - shifting sand dunes, commonly known as the Polish desert.



17

The Przebendowski and Keyserling Family Palace

– a unique museum
in a historic residence



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The 19th century residence is the seat of the Museum of Kashubian-Pomeranian Literature and Music. There you can browse through rich ethnographic collections and the earliest documents referring to the Kashubian region and beyond. The museum also runs publishing, cultural, exhibitional and educational activities. All of this in historic interiors among poly-chrome walls, where the spirit of history can be felt.

The museum is located in Wejherowo. The town was founded in 1643 by Jakub Wejher, the Voi-vode of Malbork. The Wejher family had managed Wejherowo for several dozen years. In 1720 the Wejherowo lands became the property of Przebendowski family who started building the residence. The construction was not finished because of financial problems and difficulties connected with the First Partition of Poland. Not until 1790 was the Keyserling family able to complete the palace, giving it a neo-Gothic form.



Both the Przebendowski and the Keyserlingk families contributed significantly to the building, hence the name of today's palace. When the last owners left the building at the end of the war, it housed a militia station, a forestry technical school and a kindergarten for hearing-impaired children. The Museum of Kashubian-Pomeranian Literature and Music acquired the palace in 1995. At about that time it has been undergoing several years of renovation, restoring its former splendour.

Today, the palace draws the attention of visitors and presents itself magnificently both by day and by night. The interiors have been renovated with 19th century polychrome paintings with Italian-style views, and an elegant restaurant has been opened in the historic cellars. The palace interiors can be found in many family albums, as there is also a wedding room there. The palace gardens with a fountain and natural monuments, which are part of the Aleksander Majkowski Park, encourage the residents to take the time for long walks. The opportunity to observe white-tailed eagles, cranes and pelicans living in the park's aviaries is a real attraction. Nearby, there is the largest children's playground in the county, with many different kinds of equipment, divided into age groups, as well as the „La belle” orangery with gourmet cuisine and an amphitheatre. In the park, you can find the last station of the Kashubian Notes Trail, which allows you to discover the most interesting places in Wejherowo. At the last station - the accordionist's bench - at the press of a button you can hear the „Kashubian notes” song performed



by Tadeusz Dargacz, the head of the „Koleczkowanie” folk group. We encourage you to walk the whole trail, on which you will see, among others: the monument of Jakub Wejher, the fountain of St. Francis and the monument of Remus.

Despite the fact that the park is very impressive, the children's playground and the Trail of Kashubian Notes can take up many hours of your time, it is also worth taking the time to visit the museum itself. The museum runs educational classes on the history of Kashubia, Wejherowo and Pomerania. Visitors can also learn the basics of Kashubian language and Kashubian songs. As the museum director emphasises, the most important treasure of this place are its employees - outstanding professionals who contribute to Kashubian culture. Equally important are its collection on Kashubian region, which the museum has been collecting for over 50 years. Starting from the manuscript of the most important Kashubian novel „Żęcé i przigòdë Remùsa” by Aleksander Majkowski, to the works of contemporary artists from various spheres of culture. On the ground floor of the palace there are rooms with temporary and permanent exhibitions. In one of them you can learn about Kashubian instruments. Next to the palace, you can find the recently built Książnica, a library with the collection of Professor Gerard Labuda, a well-known Kashubian expert on the Middle Ages. Apart from the professor's valuable works you can also find there his personal items such as old cards, stamps or coins collected during his journeys. The permanent exhibition in the Książnica and a part of the exhibition in the palace have been adapted especially for children.

After visiting the museum, it is worth seeing a true pearl of sacral architecture - the Wejher's Calvary, consisting of a complex of 26 chapels founded by Jakub Wejher.



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Palace in Zwartowo

– Prison Service
Training Centre



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An unusual building on the list of manors and palaces in our publication. As a tourist, you can usually admire only the outside of such facility, as the inside is used for departmental training. Nevertheless, it is worth stopping here for a while to appreciate this architectural masterpiece in peace and quiet. The palace is situated in a beautiful park and its surroundings invite you to take a peaceful stroll.

Zwartowo is a small Kashubian settlement in Wejherowo County. The first references to the town come from 1364. The manor house was ruled first by von Jatzkow family, then by families: von Krockow and von Somnitz. In 1853 Baron von Hammerstein rebuilt the manor and its immediate surroundings, adding a touch of splendour. He raised the building, decorated its interiors and created a whole new park. The interesting fact is that in the second half of the 19th century the place was adapted for a match factory and a distillery.



In 1904, von Küster had the manor house revitalised once again and turned it into a palace. Today, the building houses the Training Centre for the Prison Service in Sucha, Branch Zwartowo.

The building has 25 rooms with bathrooms, including 8 studios (a total of 79 beds). Inside there are also: a canteen, a café, a ballroom, 3 conference rooms and a computer room with 21 workstations. Sports enthusiasts can use an outdoor gym, volleyball, and basketball courts, as well as a sports and recreation hall with sauna. Moreover, there is a place for making bonfires.

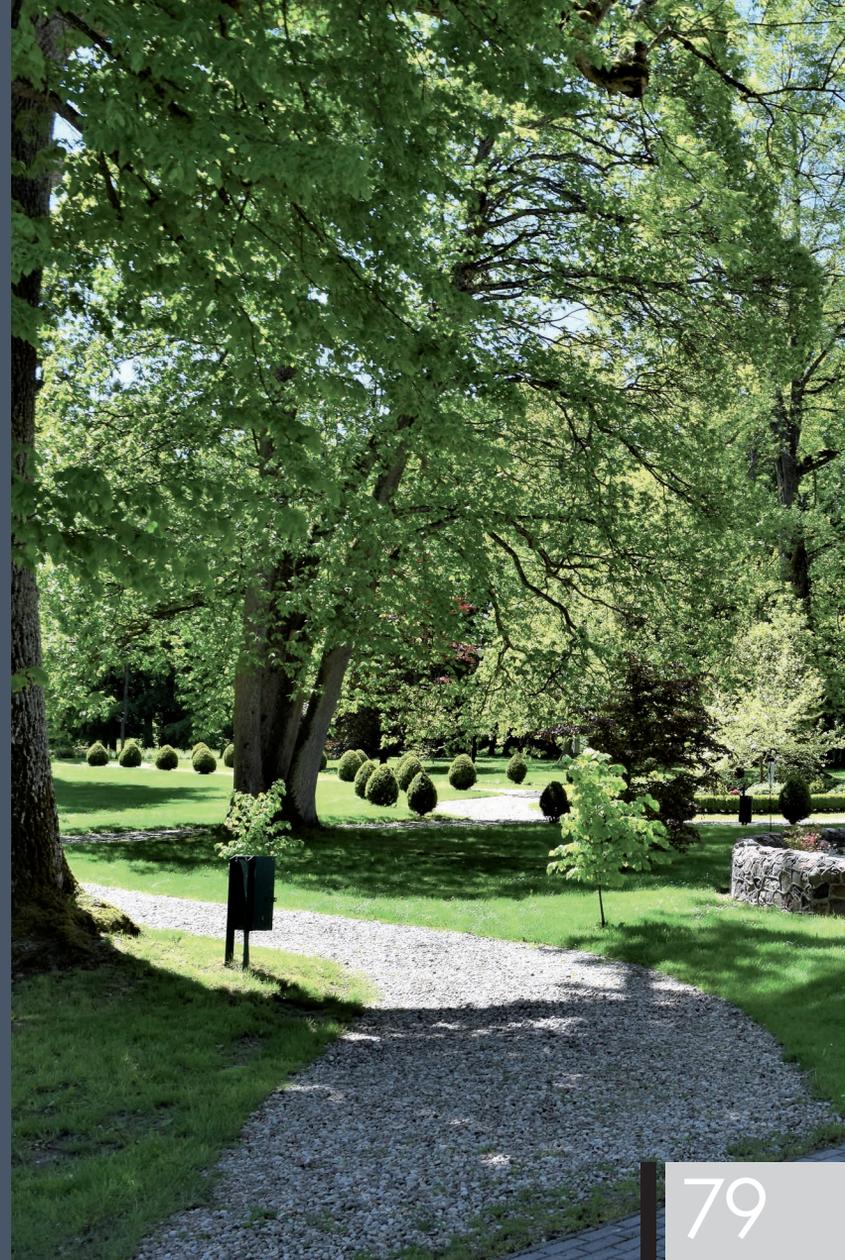
Any chance of staying at the palace as a tourist? When the centre is not used for training, you can rent rooms for accommodation, but without board. To make the best use of this offer, please inquire in advance for availability - by email or telephone. The centre is also open to larger training groups.

Despite the fact that the interiors are not usually open to tourists, you can admire the palace from the outside every day. You have to remember though, that this is a penitentiary unit, so it is advisable to announce your visit in advance. The historic park surrounding the building is available to tourists. There are valuable natural monuments including a 120-year-old American tulip tree, a Copper Beech, a Small-leaved Lime, a Norway Spruce, a Canadian Christmas Tree and a White Chestnut.



There are pathways in the park and some benches where you can read a book in the shade of the trees. An exceptionally charming place is the stream of the river Chelst, at where a small pier stands. Near the river is a church from 1929 and a historic Evangelical cemetery. In the village of Borkowo, less than 5 km away, there is an abandoned and very mysterious tomb of the von Tesmar family.

There was once a railway station in Zwartowo and many of its relics have remained. In some places you may see the old embankments, in others you may take a car or bike ride along the historic tracks. In the near future, there will be built here the biggest photovoltaic farm in Central and Eastern Europe with an area of 300 ha. Zwartowo is also a good starting point to visit the seaside, which is located about 15 km from the palace. It is worth wandering to the village of Osetnik, where you will find wild sandy beaches and the Stilo lighthouse. In the village of Lubiato, 15 km away, you can visit a horse stud, while in the village of Zdrzewno, a historic Dutch windmill and the ruins of a neo-classical palace await you. Enthusiasts of peaceful walks are welcomed to visit the Choczewskie Cisy Reserve in Sasino and the natural forest path in Lubiato.



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The Manor House in Żarnowiec

– a rest
in a monastery town



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This historic manor house with a soul and atmosphere draws guests from all over Poland to the village of Żarnowiec. In its historic interiors offer spacious rooms and suites while right behind the building is a green glade with a soothing view. It is a perfect place to recover in the surrounding nature and feel the energy of the monastery town.

The charm of this place, as the owner emphasizes, lies in its sincerity. Add to this the unspoilt surroundings, independence, closeness to nature and the monastery complex nearby. All these elements create the unique character of this place, making guests want to keep on coming back here.

The history of monasteries in Żarnowiec begins in 1220 when the Pomeranian Duke Świętopełk handed over the village named Sarnowitz to the Oliwa's monastery.



The manor house was built by Ludwig Zalewski, who ruled the estate from 1834 to 1878. The following owner of the estate - Bartels from Rugia - extended the building giving it an eclectic style. In the years of 1906-1924 the manor was managed by Rudolf Stenzel, who undertook another reconstruction. During World War II, the building housed the German military authorities and afterwards it became the Agricultural Culture Centre.

Nowadays, the manor house serves the tourists. Guests can rest and recover in a rural environment. There are barbecue facilities, a badminton court and a playground for the young ones. A big attraction for the youngest are the cowshed with cows and the aviary with ornamental birds. Among others you will find there: pheasants and chickens. In the garden in spring, fruit trees such as mirabelles are in blossom, so in summer you can pick the juicy fruit straight from the tree. The manor garden is located next to the Benedictine Abbey in Żarnowiec. Relaxing on the grounds of the manor house, you can simultaneously observe the peaceful life of the nuns. Moreover, next to the manor house stand: a historic monastery granary and an old distillery, both to be adapted by the owners of the complex in the future.



In the manor house you will be able to rent spacious flats with a kitchen, fridge, kettle, cooking hob and dining area. The hosts of this place do not offer catering, so you have to set yourself to prepare your own meals. The common area includes a large living room and a terrace. Behind the manor house is a glade with one of the most soothing views you've ever seen. In the foreground you will see grazing fields with cows on it and a little further, on Lake Żarnowieckie. There are no modern buildings here, only an old monastery with a church, that just emphasize the uniqueness of this place.

Żarnowiec is a Kashubian village in the surroundings of the Coastal Landscape Park. One of the biggest attractions of this place, apart from the manor itself, is a Gothic monastery from the turn of the 14th and 15th century. In the past, the Cistercian nuns were stationed here, and nowadays it is inhabited by Benedictine nuns. Apart from the monastery, you can also visit Lake Żarnowieckie with its beach, marina and pier or the abandoned „Żarnowiec” Nuclear Power Plant, which was never put into operation. In the nearby village of Odargowo you can find a large erratic boulder, called the „Devil Stone”, which is connected with an interesting legend. It is believed to have been left by the devil himself after an unsuccessful attempt to throw it at a nearby monastery. From here you can reach the beach in the village of Dębki in 10 minutes by car.



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The Manor House in Mosty

– one day it will be the centre
of community culture



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There are buildings on our list that have not yet undergone final renovation and do not have a specific function. One of them is the Manor House in Mosty, which in the future will be the centre of cultural events in the Kosakowo commune. Currently, it can only be admired from the outside, but we hope that it will shine in its full splendour very soon.

The origins of the manor houses in the village of Mosty go back to the 13th century. Duke of Gdańsk, Świętopełk II divided the land of Kępa Oksywska into two parts: the southern and northern. The southern part belonged to the Norbertine Order from Żuków, while the northern one to the Cistercians from Oliwa. The partition became the beginning of a dispute which divided both sides for many years. Later on, after 1288, the Cistercians established a 300-hectare folwark in the area of today's Mosty and took up farming, fishing and hunting. A dispute between the Norbertines and the Cistercians escalated after 1596, resulting in a violent takeover of the estate by a relative of the Cistercian abbot. The establishment of the manor house dates back to the 1610-1615 period. The building underwent several modernisations and changed its owners many times. With each subsequent change, it was losing its original character and architecture. Before the World War I, the manor became a place of education and culture and after the war it became a political salon. World War II brought further transformations. The manor had changed owners many times again and in 1998 it was ac-

quired by an entrepreneur from Gdynia, who started its renovation. Between 2004 and 2010 numerous social events were held here, but after the death of the owner the manor house remained empty for another 6 years. In order to prevent its total deterioration and to restore its former glory, the Kosakowo commune bought the building in 2017. The commune also purchased two buildings adjacent to the manor house and 0.3 hectares of land.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to visit the building at the moment, but it is worth seeing its body. It is the only manor house in the village, which indirectly „remembers” the times of the 17th century. Approximately 350-year-old linden alley leads to the building. The immediate surroundings are also worth visiting. Near Mosty, there is the beach and pier in Mechelinki and the Mechelińskie Łąki nature reserve. We also recommend visiting the beach and the ruins of the torpedo factory in Babie Doły, the Beka nature reserve, the Cypel Rewski and the Avenue of Merit of the Sea People in Rewa. Rewa and Mechelinki are also a good place to enjoy a fresh fish in one of the local restaurants or traditionally buy it from local fishermen. Another recommended option is to taste wine from the Nawrot vineyard in Mechelinki, which has a lovely view over the Bay of Gdańsk. If you feel unsatisfied, we recommend a trip to the neighbouring cliff, with breathtaking panoramic views.

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Below Palace in Sławutówek

– a place
with great potential



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Below Palace is one of those places, which are temporarily out of use. Not so long ago, the building served as a hotel, with a restaurant inside. Today, the palace is waiting for a thorough renovation, which according to the owner, is expected to start very soon.

It is a great pity that you cannot benefit from the offer to stay in the palace. It is a true architectural pearl and guests who had been staying here before, have been asking longingly for several years: when will the palace be ready for use again? We do not know the answer to this question, although the owner believes that it will happen as early as 2022. The building needs to be renovated and these are enormous costs. The only thing we can certainly recommend today is to visit the palace and park from the outside and explore the surrounding areas.

Sławutówko is a Kashubian village with origins dating back to 1277. In the 17th century the estate was owned by the Wejher family who later on became the property of King Jan III Sobieski. After 1888, the von Below family took over the property, initiated the park and landscape arrangement and built a mill. In 1912 family von Below built a palace, which was given to Albrecht von Krockow before the war. After 1945, most probably because of the Ukrainian housemaid who snitched and who was employed in the palace, the last owner of the residence - the widow von Below was murdered by the Red Army for her

origin. She was buried in the nearby forest, next to her husband who died in 1940. After the war, the building was first used by the State Agricultural Farm and then deteriorated until 2001. The new owner made an effort to bring back its former glory and renovated it, restoring its character from the past.

The Below Palace in Sławutówko was thriving until 2016, offering guests 70 sleeping places, an elegant restaurant and stables in the seclusion of the park. It was a great place to come on holiday with a family or to organize a special event for up to 300 people. The hotel also offered open-air feasts, where guests could enjoy roast venison and dance to the rhythm of songs played by a folk band. As the owner assures - those times will come back. However, we have to be patient until the building undergoes thorough renovation.

Apart from the Below Palace, the biggest attraction of Sławutówka is the Evolution Park, where you can trace the history of our planet. Here you will find, among others, life-size models of dinosaurs, scenes from the life of primitive man, prehistoric cinema in 7D technology, Flintstones' vehicles, a rollercoaster and reproductions of Stonehenge and the Egyptian pyramid. The Evolution Park is an attraction for the whole family. Meanwhile, in Sławutowo, 3 km away, you will find the Slavic Medieval Settlement, where you can travel back in time by 1000 years.

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The Manor House in Starbienino

– a rich history
and new plans



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This is the second building in our publication that is waiting to be restored and to regain its old magnificence. Previously, it served as the Kashubian Folk High School. Currently, the manor is in private hands.

Starbienino is a small Kashubian village in Wejherowo County. The first historical records of this area date back to the 14th century when Peter von Starbenin was fined for not fulfilling his obligations. In the middle of the 15th century, the Kashubian property belonged to the Schinburen family. After 1756, when a part of the village belonged to Karl von Dargolewski and the other part to the Schinburen family - the manor house, folwark and landscape garden were built. The property changed owners several more times until in 1871 when it came into the hands of the wealthy Hammer family, who rebuilt the manor house into a Tuscan villa and modernised the neighbouring park. After the World War II the estate became the property of the state and in 1995 it was handed over to the Kashubian Folk High School. Today the university is located in the village of Wieżyca in Kashubia, while the Manor House in Starbienino was acquired by a private individual.

The manor house of the late 19th century is situated on a small hill and is surrounded by a beautiful park with old trees, several ponds and charming alleys. Peaceful Starbienino invites you to go hiking in the surrounding nature. In this small village you will find, among other things, an old cemetery, strongly ravaged by time. The remains of the necropolis are located near Lake Choczewskie. At the very entrance, you can see a gravestone with a fragment from the Old Testament, specifically from the Ecclesiastes: A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.





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