

WIKIMANIA 2010
GDANSK, POLAND

GETTING AROUND:

While attending the conference your most reliable and convenient mode of transportation will be walking. Virtually everything in Old-Town is as easy, comfortable, and scenic walk. Unless traveling outside of Old-Town it will likely be easier for you to walk than find a cab. Walking around in the evening is generally safe, but as always use precaution and consider traveling in groups.

Trams and buses are cheap and frequent. Locals are keen to help with directions but always ask several people and see if they agree.

Tickets are based on travel time, so you need to estimate the duration of the journey or have a few extra tickets to check when the previous expire. The tickets are stamped in machines on the buses. There is also a 24hr ticket (9.10zł) valid on all trams, day buses, and night buses. Use the commuter train SKM to quickly travel to Sopot and Gdynia.

To and From the Airport:

You can reach the city of Gdansk for around 50zł for a taxi from the rank in front of the airport terminal. Also, you can go to www.bookuj.com/client/taxi.php and enter your flight information and they will send a taxi to pick you up from the arrivals gate. Your name will be displayed on a board and you'll get help with your luggage. Price is per cab and not per person 100 PLN (34 USD). Email taxi@gdansk-life.com for special requests.

By Taxi:

City Plus Neptun (tel. 011/48-19686) is the official taxi firm and can be trusted. Their cars will have the 19686 logo on the side. Be suspicious if offered a lift by any car not bearing their logo. Try not to hail your taxis from the rank – ask someone to phone one for you, it will be 30% cheaper. *Remember* that taxis cost around 50% more at night! Tipping at 10% is acceptable, above 10% would be excessive.

Hallo Taxi (tel. 011/4858-3015959)

Super Hallo (tel. 011/48-19627)

By Bus:

Gdansk bus station (Dworzec PKS) is open 06:30-22:00 and is found on the hill behind the main railway station (Gdansk Główny Dworzec PKP). It can be reached by descending into the tunnel in front of the Scandic hotel and following it right to the end where you will find escalators leading up to the ticket hall. The platforms can be reached by going up the stairs to ground level. Tickets can be purchased in the ticket office or by the driver.

By Train:

Traveling between the three cities of Gdansk, Gdynia, and Sopot is easy, and best done using the SKM kolejka (commuter train). Trains run more or less every 10 minutes between 05:00-19:00 through the Tri-city and less frequently outside of these hours with trains also running occasionally between 00:00-04:00. Tickets can be bought from modern ticket machines which can be found on most platforms and have instructions in English and a couple other languages. However, the machines are broken frequently so you can

alternatively buy tickets in main stations where you see the sign for Kasa Biletowa or as a last resort from the conductor at the front of the train. If you buy from the Kasa Biletowa, be sure to validate them (yellow boxes) before boarding and keep the stamped stub for the not so infrequent checks by plain-clothes inspectors, they are known for having almost more ticket inspectors than passengers.

Gdansk to Gdynia will cost 4.50zl and take 30 minutes.

Gdynia to Sopot will cost 3.10zl and take 10 minutes

Eurail Poland Pass: Lets you see Poland with unlimited travel on the national rail network of Poland. For between \$118-\$153 for adult (over 25) and \$83-\$107 (under 25) you can travel to any city within Poland, unlimited, over a 5 day period on the Eurail Poland Pass. Visit www.raileurope.com for more information.

ORIENTATION:

Gdansk is fairly straight forward, the main sights of interest being located in three historic districts. The **Main Town** (Glowne Miasto), the central area, is within easy walking distance of the main station. The main pedestrianized avenues, ulica Długa and its continuation Długi Targ (home of the **Neptune Fountain**, bronze statue of sea god erected in 1549 and converted to fountain in 1633), form the heart of the district, which backs east onto the attractive and, in summer, very lively water-front of the Motława Canal and the island of Spichlerze. To the north is the **Old Town** (Stare Miasto), bounded by the towering cranes of the shipyards, beyond which the suburbs of Wrzeszcz, Zaspa, and Oliwa sprawl towards Sopot. South of the centre stands the quieter **Old Suburb** (Stare Przedmieście) not so rich in gabled houses and impressive mansions as the Main City.

SAFETY

In general Gdansk is far safer than most Western cities, and visitors are unlikely to face any problems. Petty crime does exist, and travelers should be on guard against pickpockets working tram and bus routes by the trzain station. If you're in a bar or restaurant keep your wallet inside your pant pocket, not inside a jacket casually left laying around. Avoid being ripped off by opportunistic taxi gits by using only clearly marked cabs. The vagrants who gather around the train station are by and large harmless and easily ignored.

Language:

Many Poles, particularly younger people, have a fairly healthy command of the English language. Many will also be adept at other European languages with German being the most commonly spoken. Older Poles fiercely contest that they have 'forgotten' the Russian taught to them at school but most will still have a reasonable understanding. Mastering the Polish tongue can be a terrifying ordeal and will often result in personal degradation as shop assistants laugh at your flustered attempts. Polish sounds just as it appears, once you know how to pronounce each letter/combination of letters, and many letters represent the same sounds as they do in English.

MONEY:

Currency:

The Gdansk currency is the Polish Zioty (PLN). The best and safest method of obtaining money in Gdansk is via ATM's (called Bankomats) and almost all offer services in English. There are plenty of them and you'll get instant exchange rates. Check with your bank before you leave for any fees they may charge and to let them know you will be withdrawing money

abroad. You can find exchange offices in the Gdansk City Centre; but the exchange rate is usually not as competitive as ATM's. The best place to exchange your money is a Kantor, they will often provide better value than the banks in your home country or the ATM although for obvious reasons be very wary of Kantors in the airports, bus stations and close to tourist sights. Listed are some Kantors within close proximity of the hotels:

Kaszub Kantor, Dlugie Ogrody 10, +48 58 763 4020

Kaszub Kantor, Dlugie Ogrody 45, +48 58 305 6377

Average Pricing Guide:

Fast Food Meal: 10 PLN

Restaurant Meal: 30 PLN

Beer: 5 PLN (½ litre)

Taxi: 2 PLN/kilometre

Shot: 5 PLN

Nightclub Entry: 20 PLN

Conversion Rate: (As of Friday, June 16)

1 USD=3.30 Zloty

1 Euro= 4.07 Zloty

Using Credit Cards:

Don't assume that everywhere will take credit cards. Though improving in this area, cash is still king in Poland, so look out for Visa/Mastercard stickers (or lack thereof) on restaurant and vendor doors.

Travelers Checks:

These are a huge mistake in Poland!! The Kantors will not exchange them and there are no American Express offices in the area. Best avoid.

Tipping:

Tipping is expected in restaurants and taxis, usually about 10%. While in other countries it's polite to say thanks when a waiter collects the money, you'll be horrified to learn that in uttering the words thank you is taken as a sign that you won't be wanting any change back – so beware.

Climate:

Gdansk enjoys a temperate climate, with cold, cloudy, moderately severe winters, and mild summers with frequent showers and thunderstorms. Summer, which begins in June, is predominately warm but hot at times (with temperatures reaching as high as 95 F at least once per year) with plenty of sunshine interspersed with heavy rain. July, the month in which Wikimania takes place, and August are the hottest months of the year in Gdansk and will get about 3 inches of rain during each month.

July High 32C (95F), July Average 20C (69F), July Low 13C (56F)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS/INTERNET ACCESS:

The international country code is +48; and the local area code is 58. If you plan to use your mobile or PDA in Gdansk check with your carrier before traveling to ensure your phone will work in Poland and other international locations.

Internet Access: All of the hotels booked have free wi-fi throughout. There are also a number of internet cafes located throughout Gdansk, Sopot, and Gdynia. In particular, *Internet Cafe (ul. Karmelicka 1;tel: +48 58 301 6212)*, which is located between the Gdansk train station, and Old Town, offers a free cup of coffee or tea at one of their 30 sweet machines, a super fast connection speed, and a vast array of extras. For a few extra zloty, you can even burn Cds/DVDs, print documents, or upgrade to the VIP room. They even have PS2 and Xbox for all you gamers.

10 minutes of internet = 1 PLN

ELECTRICITY:

Poland uses the standard continental 220 volts. Round two-pin plugs are used.

MEDICAL/PHARMACIES:

Simple complaints can normally be dealt with at a regular pharmacy (ateka), where basic medicines are dispensed by pharmacists. Do not expect all pharmacies to be like those in the US where over the counter medications are stored on shelves. It is likely you will need to speak with a pharmacist and tell them what you need even for over the counter medications. Do not expect that all pharmacists will speak english, if you need something from a pharmacy ask someone at your hotel to write what you need down in polish.

If you require medical attention beyond a pharmacy you will be directed to a public hospital (szpital), where conditions can be cramped, so be prepared for a long wait.

Pharmacies:

Ratuszowa Apteka, Długa 54, Gdansk Tel: +48 058 301 5106

Apteka NOVA, Malczewskiego 118B, 80-112, Gdansk Tel: +48 058 305 2077

TIME ZONE:

Poland Time Zone is UTC+2 hours

This means, if it is 12:00pm (noon) in Poland, it is 03:00am in San Francisco, CA.

FOREIGN CONSULATES:

Only one of the below consulates is in Gdansk. If you lose your passport you will have to travel to Warszawa (a 5hr drive each way) to have a temporary passport issued. My advise is: ***DO NOT LOSE YOUR PASSPORT!!!!!!!!!!***

Australia: ul. Nowogrodzka 11, 00-513 Warsaw, Poland, tel. 011/4822-5213444

Canada: ul. Jana Matejki 1/5 Warsaw, Poland, tel. 011/4822-5843100

France: Ulica Piekna 1-00-477 Warszawa, Poland, tel. 011/4822-5293000

Germany: ul. Dabrowiecka 30, 03-932 Warszawa, Poland, tel. 011/4822-5841700

India: ul. Rejtana 15, Flats 2-7, 02-516, Warsaw, Poland, tel. 011/4822-849 5800, 011/4822 849 6257/6850

Netherlands: ul. Długi Targ 33/34, 80-830 Gdansk, Poland, tel. 011/4858-7214900

South Africa: IPC Business Centre, 6th Fl, ul. Kosykowa 54, Warsaw 00-675,
tel. 011/4822-625-6228/6233, 011/4822-625-7239/0325

United Kingdom: Warsaw Coporate Centre, Ul. Emilii Plater 28, 00-688 Warsaw, Poland, tel. 011/4822-6253030

United States of America: Aleje Ujazdowskie 29/31, 00-540 Warsaw, Poland, tel. 011/4822-5042000

OTHER HELPFUL PLACES:

WikiSym Conference Venue:

Dom Muzyka
Lakowa 1 /2, Gdansk
www.wikisym.org

Wikimania Conference Venue:

The Polish Baltic Philharmonic in Gdansk
Olowianka Str., 1, Gdansk
http://wikimania2010.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

Supermarkets:

Rossmann Polska, Grobla I 13, Gdansk Tel: +48 058 300 0850
Bomi SA, Karmelicka 1, Gdansk Tel: +48 058 769 3138
Hours: Mon-Sat 07:00-21:00, Sun 10:00-19:00

Other Resources:

<http://wikitravel.org/en/Gdansk>

<http://www.gdansk-life.com/>

<http://www.en.gdansk.gda.pl/>

EATING:

Hotel Dining

SURE Bar – located in the Radisson Blu Hotel, is an all-day stylish lounge and bar with 52 seats. It is an ideal spot for a get-together with friends or a leisurely drink after a hard day's sightseeing. Voted Poland's best burger. They offer an exclusive selection of cocktails, wine, and beer. Hours are 10:00-01:30.

Hotel Gdansk Brovarnia Brewery – on the lower level of the Hotel Gdansk Restaurant, you will find the only mini brewery in North Poland, where 3 kinds of beer are brewed according to a very old tradition and with use of the most modern technology – Brovarnia Light Beer, Brovarnia Dark Beer, and Brovarnia Wheat Beer. For their production they use solely water, high quality malt from barley, wheat, hop and yeast. They have a top drawer menu with a beer bites menu including grilled sausages, chicken strips, and a selection of flavored lards from spicy pepper to plum. (33-58zl)

Krolewski Hotel Restaurant – gives you the feeling that you could reach out and touch the water with large arched windows that give views of The Crane. Here, it's your standard Baltic mix of meat and fish, with some more international touches thrown in, such as carpaccio to start of with. Hours are 07:00-22:00 (35-80zl)

Verres en Vers - located in the Radisson hotel, this modern French/International knocks the socks off everything that's been before. Featuring hardwood floors, bespoke chandeliers and

an open kitchen, this French inspired brasserie promises a school report that includes stints in Poland's best restaurants. Pricey (80zł for steak), but the quality is unquestionable. A Gdansk highlight if ever there was. This is also where the Wikimedia Foundation Welcoming Reception will be held. Address: C-5, ul. Długi Targ 19 Tel: +48 58 555 5203 Hours: 12:00-23:00, Fri/Sat/Sun 12:00-24:00 (35-90zł)

QUICK EATS

Bar Pod Ryba (Under The Fish Bar) – for a cheap, quick eat in Gdansk, this gem apparently can't be beat as the best budget dinner in town. It's all about the jacket potatoes, despite the name, and other enormous spuds cooked in a cast-iron stove, and the editorial favorite – Hungarian sausage with lashings of 'devil sauce'. Located at ul. Długi Targ 35/38/1 in Gdansk, it is said to be well hidden so be sure to take your map but it is anywhere from a 1-12 minute walk, depending on which hotel you are at. www.barpodryba.pl Hours are 11:00-19:00 (8-35zł)

Bistro Kos – located in the heart of the Old Town Street Beer, you can go for one of their 17 breakfast specials (6-30zł), starting at 10:00, or throughout the day for their huge portions of soups, pastas, salads, and traditional polish dishes of beef meatballs. They also have delicious cakes for dessert. All for a very reasonable price! Address: Piwna 11/12, Gdansk. Hours: 10:00-24:00 Tel: +48 58 3010909 (9-40zł) <http://www.bistrokos.pl/>

Bar Mleczny Neptun – reliable milk bar with a wide range of cheap Polish meals on the menu.

Address: 80-827 ul. Długa 33/34 Tel: +48 58 301 4988 Hours: 07:30-18:00, Sat/Sun 10:00-17:00 <http://www.barneptun.pl/index.php?lang=en>

FISH

Scampi – a completely enjoyable seafood experience with a a fine fish soup and portions that will leave you needing to be carted home in a wheelbarrow. Tasteful, warm interiors hark back to Gdansk's seafaring past, and a spiral staircase spirals diners to a mezzanine level from which one can peer at all the comings and goings downstairs. Address: D-3, ul. Targ Rybny 10c Tel: +48 58 301 5342 Hours: 12:00-22:00 (28-58zł) www.scampi.com.pl

Salonik – The best choice on the main drag – excellent Polish food, including Halibut fillet (54zł) or pierogi with salmon, spinach and chili sauce (28zł) in classy surroundings. Address: ul. Długa 18 Hours: 11:00-23:00

<http://www.restauracjasalonik.pl/>

Tawerna – entering Tawerna isn't unlike walking the gangplank and boarding an 18th century galleon. Fitted with heavy woods, nautical trinkets and paintings of naval engagements Tawerna is the spitting image of Nelson's cabin. The chefs, trained in France, have cooked for dignitaries like the President of Poland, and while the menu is primarily famed for its seafood there's also some highly rated Gallic dishes on show.

Address: C-5, ul. Powroznica 19/20 Tel: +48 58 301 4114 Hours: 11:00-23:00 (32-139zł) www.tawerna.pl

INTERNATIONAL

Restauracja Filharmonia – located in the heart of Gdansk, this marvelous neo-Gothic facade of red brick dates back to the end of the 19th century. They also have 2 terraces with knock dead views that are only open during the summer months, so you are in luck! Their menu changes with seasons and availability of fresh ingredients. They also offer a Tasting Menu of

molecular and fusion cuisines so that guests can experience tastes from all over the world (Book in advance for the Tasting Menu). Www.restauracjafilharmonia.pl

Address: 1 Olowianka St, 80-751 Tel: +48 58 323 8353 Hours are 12:00-22:00 (28-56zl)

Cico – The food is every good as bit as it smells in this chic looking restobar crossover. Visual diversions are limited to brick walls and chocolate colors; it's the menu that does the talking here, with a damn good selection of pasta, salad, meat and fish dishes to pick from. Streetside stools and their seasonal garden are two of their best features and allow you to sit back and marvel at the view across the street to the imposing St. Mary's Cathedral.

Address: C-4, ul. Piwna 28/30 Tel: +48 58 305 0455 Hours: 08:00-24:00 (14-55zl)

www.cico.pl

Euro – A formal looking venue with a longstanding reputation as one of the best dinners in the city. There's a real 18th century flavor to the design with lots of rococo elements and delicate antiques, and you'll find these quietly posh surrounds compliment by a magnificent menu that includes local, French and seafood recipes.

Address: B-4, ul. Długa 79/80 Tel: +48 58 305 2383 Hours: 12:00-24:00 (23-110zl)

www.restauracja-euro.com.pl

Tawerna Olowianka – From the same stable as Filharmonia, so a good meal comes practically guaranteed. Set on the 'other' side of the river, the Tawerna does a good job of proving an old town location is not the be all and end all, with a menu that includes budget bits like chicken wings and chili. Www.tawernaolowianka.pl

Address: D-3, ul. Olowianka 9/13 Tel: +48 58 305 7171 Hours: 09:00-22:00 (12-25zl)

Czerwone Drzwi (The Red Door) – doubles as a restaurant and a cafe, drop by for a coffee or a first class lunch or dinner. The Polish menu changes with the seasons, but you can count on excellent options from the nearby Baltic, and great service. Set in a beautiful scarlet room with melancholic jazz sounds, a collection of rattan furniture, flower arrangements, and eccentric curios, it is sure to impress. Located at ul. Piwna 52/53, in the heart of the Old Town of Gdansk between St. Mary's Basilica and the Armoury. Reservations are recommended Tel: +48 058 301 5764 Hours are 10:00-22:00 (18-72zl) www.reddor.gd.pl

PIZZA

Napoli – It doesn't look particularly Italian, and it doesn't look particularly good, but as the tagline under their signature attests, this really is '*the best pizza in town*', when it comes to pizza anyhow. There's approximately forty to choose from, though its odds on you'll find something you like (ie, the first thing you ever order) and then stick with it thereafter. High addictive, and a takeaway king. Recommended is the Roma, a delicious salami pizza that is absolutely top-drawer in taste. www.napoli.pl

Address: C-4, ul Długa 62/63 Tel: +48 5830141 Hours: 11:00-23:00 (17-59)

RUSSIAN

Kuchnia Rosyjska – Pad out your stomach lining with a visit here, a cheap, cheerful venture presenting strange mashed dishes that defy efforts at identification. Still, the pielmieni are good, and the service rarely goes wrong. All this in an interior that looks like a really naff gift store – lots of dolls and unwanted craftwork.

Address: D-4,, ul. Warzywnicza 10z-e Tel: +48 58 320 1818 Hours: 11:00-23:00 (12-37zl)

www.kuchnia-rosyjska.aleks.pl

VEGETARIAN

Green Way – Poland's undisputed masters of vegetarian and wholefood cooking provide monster portions of always edible and sometimes sublime food with lashings of brown rice and salad in a restaurant the size of a hotel bathroom. Outside seating helps avoid a crush during the warmer months, plus there are other outlets around town. Address: B-4, ul. Długa 11 Tel: +48 58 301 8228 Hours: 10:00-20:00, Sun 10:00-19:00 (8-102zl)
Also at F-3, ul. Dmowskiego 11f Open 10:00-21:00 / B-3, ul. Garncarska 4/6 Open 10:00-20:00 / Zabianka train station Open 11:00-20:00

COFFEE

Coffee Heaven– The most recognizable coffee chain in Poland, and long regarded its best. Coffee, cakes, smoothies and wraps inside a generic looking urban space.

www.coffeeheaven.com

Address: 80-159, Szuberta 102a / B-2, ul. Rajska 10 (Madison Shopping Mall)

Tel: +48 58 763 5807 / +48 58 766 7426 Hours: 09:00-21:00, Sun 09:00-20:00

Red Spot Cafe – A decent new cafe chain though one with absolutely zero design sense. 'Welcome to anonymity' it seems to say; with a good computer and a fast link to a factory outlet, this place could have been built in 3 minutes, and it's quite possible it was. Find a good selection of sandwiches sitting behind the glass, as well as a fine range in coffee and precisely the same smoothies you get in Coffeeheaven.

Address: A-2, ul. Podwale Grodzkie 2 Tel: +48 58 721 5048 Hours: 06:00-22:00

Costa Coffee – In the space of a couple of months, Costa Coffee has gone bananas and opened in practically every town in Poland. You'll find the tri-city representative lying on the top of the Długa, the main benefit being the tides of eye candy that flow past. It might lack individuality but this is one of the best options for caffeine in the area.

Address: B-4, ul. Długa 5 Tel: +48 58 746 9232 Hours: 08:00-21:00, Sat 09:00-21:00, Sun 10:00-21:00

www.costacoffee.pl

BARS & PUBS

Cafe Absinthe – Penetrate the greenish fog and find a basic space with tables and chairs squeezed in at all angles occupied by a collection of what can only be described as true pub legends including the occasional one-eared Absinthe drinker, a midget, after-work cabaret dancers and visiting sailors. By day, a great place to eavesdrop on foreign language teachers involved in intense conversation, by night a choice place to cut loose the shackles of sobriety.

Address: B-4, ul. Sw. Ducha 2 Tel: +48 58 320 3784 Hours: 10:00-04:00, Fri/Sat 10:00-06:00

www.cafeabsinthe.pl

Rabarbar Drink Bar – a pre-club spot in spirit, but one that generates such an atmosphere it's not unusual to knock the club idea on the head and camp in here for the duration instead. Nights are long in Rabarbar, a dark, modern space with swivelly bar chairs and party sounds, while a better staff you'll be stuck to find. Who'd have thought it, a trendy bar on antique Długa? Address: B-4, ul. Długa 18 Tel: +48 58 322 0045 Hours: 13:00-0:00, Fri/Sat 12:00-04:30

LGBT BAR

Que Pasa – A gay/straight crossover bar with red/black motif that covers all surfaces. If you're here early, finding a seat shouldn't be a problem, and allows for a quick scan of the saucy photographs, but take note – space becomes premium as the night wares on. There's no

designated dance floor, but that doesn't stop anyone, and Que Pasa looks set to become one of the enduring highlights of (very) late night drinking. Don't, however, expect much personal privacy in the toilet. Address: D-54, ul. Chmielna 101 Tel: +48 58 782 961257 Hours: 17:00-04:00

SHOPPING:

Gdansk is a great place to pick up jewelry, gifts, baskets, affordable paintings, and leatherworks.

Madison Park Mall, located 5 minutes from Gdansk's main train station, is a three-story mall with everything from the only Gdansk Indian restaurant, sole Subway sandwich shop, a massive Bomi supermarket, currency exchanges, and a fitness center.

http://www.madison.gda.pl/index/about_the_gallery.html

Address: ul. Rajska 10 Hours: Mon-Sat 09:00-21:00, Sun 10:00-20:00

Cepelia, if you've ever wondered about Polish folk art, this is the place for you. For 55 years Cepelia's mission has been to preserve the traditional art forms and craftsmanship of the Polish peasantry – a defiant two fingers up against the evils of consumerism and globalisation! Ok, so that might be dramatising things slightly, but one thing's for sure, rustic souvenirs in Cepelia, and every craft – from painting to basketweaving and leatherworking – is represented. Address: ul. Długa 47 Tel: +48 58 301 2708 <http://cepelia.pl/en/>

Baltic Gallery Mall (Galeria Baltycka), in the Gdansk district of Wrzeszcz at the junction of the main tri-city, is the tri-city's newest and biggest shopping gallery with over 200 stores, cafes, and restaurants. Address: al. Grunwaldzka 141 Hours: Mon-Sat 09:00-21:00, Sun 10:00-20:00 <http://www.galeriabaltycka.pl/en/>

Empik, an emporium of music, movies, books, and magazines, that is considered a life-line to Gdansk. There are entire floors devoted to books – and a decent foreign language section to boot. The megastore branch is located about a block from Madison Park Mall. Address: ul. Polwale Grodzkie 8 Hours: 09:00-21:00 <http://www.empikgroup.com/en/Saloon/Provinces>

Hotel Details:

Dom Muzyka Hotel

Dom Muzyka, ul. Łąkowa 1/2, 80-743 Gdańsk

tel +48 58 326 06 00

Email: biuro@dommuzyka.pl (please mention you are with the WikiSym group)

Website: <http://www.dom-muzyka.pl/>

The Dom Muzyka hotel is on-site on the WikiSym conference venue. Formerly a Prussian barracks, the school consists of two large buildings with conference and teaching rooms & auditoriums, a student dormitory, and a hotel. The complex is a 5-10 minute walk to the heart of the old town of Gdańsk. Double and single rooms are available; rooms are basic but well-kept and include an excellent breakfast. Wifi is onsite. The hotel is approximately a 7 minute walk to the Wikimania venue.

Hotel Qubus

street Chmielna 47 - 52

80-748 Gdańsk

tel.: (+48 58) 752 2 100

Email: reservation@qubushotel.com

Website: http://www.qubushotel.com/hotele.php?lang=2&id_h=18#menu

The Qubus hotel is just a couple of minutes from the WikiSym venue and about 10 minutes from the Wikimania venue. A business-class hotel, it offers spacious rooms and an excellent breakfast.

Hotel Gdansk

Szafarnia 9, 80-755 Gdansk, Poland

Tel: +48 (0) 58 300 17 17

Email: reservation@hotelgdansk.com.pl

Website: www.hotelgdansk.com.pl/

Hotel Gdansk is a unique place in the center of the city, located in an XVIIth century granary, just next to the yacht marina. The boutique hotel offers 48 inviting rooms with cameral atmosphere, desinged in warm and calming colors. The hotel hosts a two-level restaurant and the greatest attraction is without doubt the microbrewery Bovarnia Gdansk, where 3 kinds of beer are brewed, and ideal place to meet with guests and friends for a meal or drinks. A Buffet breakfast is served from 7:00-10:30 daily, and has been included into the hotel rate, Wifi is also included at no additional charge. The hotel is a 2 minute walk to the Wikimania conference venue, a 4 minute walk to the WikiSym venue, and a 5-6 minute walk into the old-town where you will find a variety of bars, restaurants, and shops.

Hotel Krolewski

Olowianka 1, 80-751 Gdansk, Poland

Tel: +48 (0) 58 326 11 11

Email: office@hotelkrolewski.com

Website: www.hotelkrolewski.pl/

Hotel Krolewski is situated in the heart of 1000-year-old Gdansk, the cultrual capital of the Pomeranian Region. The hotel is very exceptional thanks to its beautiful location on the Motlawa River near the famous Polish Baltic Philharmonic (Wikimania Conference location) and its rich history dating back to the 17th century. The hotel has a restaurant with serves three meals daily. Breakfast is included in your rate as well as wireless internet. The hotel is a 0 minute walk to the Wikimania Conference venue, a 6 minute walk to the WikiSym venue, and a 8-10 minute walk into the old-town where you will find a variety of bars, restaurants, and shops.

Vila Pica Paca

ul. Spichrzowa 20, 80-750 Gdansk, Poland

Tel: +48 (0) 58 320 20 70

Email: info@picapaca.com

Website: www.picapaca.com

Villa Pica Paca is located in the heart of the Old Town Gdansk. All the famous and well-known historic sites as well as the pedestrian area are within easy reach. The vila offers eight individually designed rooms, each dedicated to its own theme. The basement of the house, a spacious breakfast room is situated, as well as a stylish patio and coffee bar. This will likely be a nice WMF hangout as it is the most central hotel and we have fully booked the hotel with WMF staff, they offer a limited bar which I believe will be open in the evening for our use. Breakfast is included as well as wireless internet. The hotel is a 6 minute walk to the

Wikimania conference venue, a 6 minute walk to the WikiSym venue, and a 2-3 minute walk to heart of old-town where you will find a variety of bars, restaurants, and shops.

Radisson Blu

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The Radisson Blue Hotel, Gdansk is situated in the heart of the historical part of the Main Town, the Royal Track. The uniqueness of the hotel will result from its original location. There is unusual atmosphere created by beautiful and narrow streets with plenty of galleries, shops, and street theatrical events. The hotel offers well-designed guest-rooms with free broadband including wireless internet access available throughout the hotel. All-day dining specialty restaurant, a cafe and bar situated within the historical Gothic House, and recreation center with gymnasium. Breakfast has been included in the rate for Wikimedia guests staying at this hotel. The hotel is a lovely place for a relaxing cocktail with coworkers and guests, or a dinner alone. The furthest walk to the Wikimania conference venue with a 10 minute walk, a 6 minute walk to Wikisym, and a 0 minute walk to the heart of old-town where you will find a variety of bars, restaurants, and shops.

THINGS TO SEE & DO:

Main City Hall (*Ratusz Głównego Miasta*) – was originally built in 1379-1492, but was almost completely destroyed during WWII. It has been carefully rebuilt. The tower is 80 meters high (that you can walk up), on top there is a replica of the Golden King Sigismund August statue from 1561 (and is man-sized), and inside there is a 37 bell carillon that is played throughout the day on the hour. Inside you will also find the Gdansk History Museum. Address: C-4 ul. Długa 46/47 Tel: +48 58 767 9100 Hours: 10:00-18:00, Mon 11:00-15:00, Sun 11:00-18:00

www.mhmg.gda.pl

St. Mary's Church (*Bazylika Mariacka*) – is the largest medieval brick built church in Europe, begun in 1343, it took 150 years for completion. The tower is about 76 meters and topped by a crucifix which is illuminated at night. The walk up the tower boasts breathtaking views, but is not for the faint hearted, as it is said to resemble Max Escher's "Ascending and Descending" never-ending staircase. Address: C-4, ul. Podkramarska 5 Tel: +48 58 301 3982 Hours: 09:00-17:30, Sun 13:00-17:30 www.bazylikamariacka.pl

The Great Mill (*Wielki Młyn*) – built around 1350 by the Teutonic Knights, it was Europe's largest mill and working plant during medieval times. Before the Radunia Canal was built in 1356, the 18 large (5m diameter) wheels were powered by slaves. The huge building was a combination of flour mill, granary and bakery and was in use until 1945 when it was damaged by the war. It now hosts a shopping mall, and is surrounded by other buildings, most of them dating from 1400, now also hosting various little shops. Address: B-3, Ul. Wielkie Młyn 16

St. Nicholas' Church (*Kościół Sw. Mikołaja*) – the oldest church in Gdansk (only one not damaged in WWII) was built in the late 12th century. The historical value of the furnishings inside are much higher since they are original, and mostly baroque or rococo. This is also the home of the Magnificent Chandelier, built in 1617 of bronze rosary with Mary and child carved in wood. Address C-3, ul. Swietojanska 72 Tel: 09:00-11:30, 13:00-17:00,

19:00-20:00, Fri 09:00-11:00, 19:00-20:00, Sat 09:00-11:00, Closed Sun

www.gdansk.dominikanie.pl

Cemetery of the Lost Cemeteries (*Cmentarz Nieistniejących Cmentarzy*) – a monument that is dedicated to the citizens of Gdansk who were once buried in one of the city's 27 graveyards either destroyed during WWII or bulldozed on purpose after the end of the war, and was designed to resemble a temple. The main memorial is surrounded by broken gravestones representing all faiths, and includes a poem by the Jewish poetess Mahsa Kaleko (1912-1975), whose poetry was burnt on the direct orders of Hitler in May 1933. Address: A-1, ul 3 Maja

Amber Museum (*Muzeum Bursztynu*) – located inside Gdansk's medieval Torture Tower, this fine, multi-floor exhibition with additional multimedia displays features everything amber-related from large raw lumps of the stuff to some stunningly ornate artistic creations. Highlights include plants and insects trapped inside pieces, the world's largest display of natural amber blocks, a small section devoted to ambers former medicinal uses and an amazing Fender Stratocaster. Address: B-4 Targ Weglowy 26 Tel: +48 58 301 4733 Hours: 10:00-16:00, Tue 10:00-15:00, Sun 11:00-16:00, Closed Mon; Admission 10/5zl, Tue Free
The Crane (*Zuraw*) – first mentioned in 1367, the original structure burnt down in 1442, and it's current design was created in the middle of the 15th century. The large crane was used to place masts on ships and to load cargo. After WWII, Zuraw was once again rebuilt and handed over to the Maritime Museum, that is now located there. (8/5zl)

Address: D-4 ul. Szeroka 67/68 Tel: +48 58 301 5311 Hours 10:00-16:00, Sat/Sun 10:30-16:30, Closed Mon

53rd International Organ Music Festival – located in the Cathedral in Oliwa (12min drive) is one of the oldest organ music festivals in Poland and one of the best known festivals of organ music in the world. Concerts presenting worldwide artists, take place every Tuesday and Friday during July beginning at 20:00.

Address: ul. Biskupa Edmunda Nowickiego 5

Baltic Sail Gdansk 2010 – international sailing event with hundreds of ships and boats from all countries neighboring the Baltic. Ships will be arriving on 7/8/10 and the festival will continue until 7/11/10. Admission is free, and you can even pay 35zl to climb aboard one of their most beautiful yachts for a sail on Gdansk bay (purchase in advance). Visit

www.balticsail.pl for more information. Location: Marina Galion, Gdansk Western Hills

Neptun Shanties Festival – takes place on the main stage in the heart of Old Town on Dlugi Targ. Enjoy the best Polish shanty bands (sailor songs) who will perform and compete for the President of Gdansk Prize for Best Premiere Shanty. The Old Town will be full of shanties and the festival club will be rocking till morning. Admission is free, and it takes place on 7/9/10.