

Cultural trip – fortified monuments in Poland

Fortress Pearls on the River Vistula

Fascinating fortresses in the wonderful river and lake landscape of east Poland

Gdansk - Malbork - Grudziadz - Chelmno - Torun - Modlin - Warsaw



European Culture Route
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Vistulamouth-Fort
at Port Gdansk



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Our travel recommendation

Driving upstream the Vistula from the Baltic Sea, you can find gorgeous panoramas in Poland's nature and lake landscape. Behind every bending you come across cities with cultural meanings and with a rich history.

UNESCO World Heritage cities like **Gdansk, Malbork, Torun, Warsaw** and **Kraków** are situated directly on the Vistula or in immediate proximity. Our travel recommendations are to inspire you to experience these cultural cities from a completely new point of view and to motivate you to explore the cultural heritage of fortified monuments along the Vistula.

For a long time the **Fortress "Weichselmünde"** served as a fortification at the gates of the **UNESCO city Gdansk** and protected the harbor. Today it accommodates a history museum.

In the Vistula delta, at the Nogat, you can find the **Marienburg in Malbork**, one of the biggest medieval fortresses of Europe. The former Ordensburg of the Knights of the German Order is wonderfully restored and let's visitors feel the history.

The Vistula upstream, the hidden large **Fortress System Grudziadz** can be found by curious tourists. Not only the large citadel is impressive but also the panoramic view of the old city with its medieval town walls.

You cannot miss the unique and almost completely preserved medieval town walls in **Chelmno**. The hidden fortification belt from the 20th century surprises with forts and bunkers. It circles the city with around 25 km.

The beautiful old city of the Hanse town **Torun** belongs to the UNESCO World Heritage. It's gorgeous Vistula panorama impresses before even entering. The Prussian large Fortress System on both sides of the river with forts, ramparts, bridgeheads and the fortified railroad bridge is at least as impressive.

On the way to Warsaw you come along the **Fortress System Modlin**, a unique pearl of fortification. It is the biggest fortification of Poland and offers fascinating insights and great river panoramas.

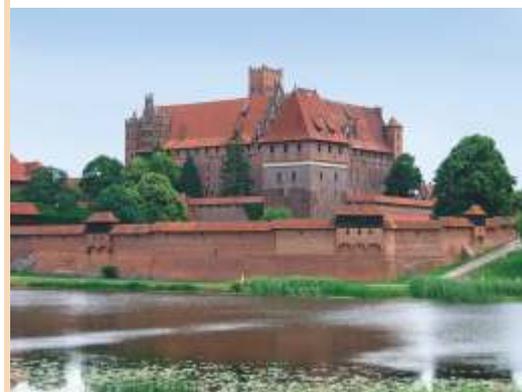
Stroll through Poland's modern capital **Warsaw** and discover the history of the former large fortification system, which includes the fortified castle Ostrogskirch.

Along the Vistula you can find famous UNESCO cities and explore Poland's natural beauty. FORTE CULTURA reflects the rich fortification architecture and offers you therefore a completely new and interesting point of view.

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Historical battle at Fortress Gdansk



Fortified Castle Malbork - Poland's largest Medieval Fortification Complex

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Fascinating wealth of fortifications along the riverside

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 Gdansk Fortress, Fortified City	<p>The UNESCO city Gdansk has been a very influential city on the estuary mouth of the Vistula to the Baltic Sea for more than a thousand years. The Fortress "Weichselmünde" has been protecting the harbor of the city with 4 bastions, trenches and ramparts. The officers house, set up as a Flemish residential ensemble is an eye catcher. They accommodate a magnet for culture and history lovers: the history museum. Worth a visit is also the old city in the Fortified City.</p> <p>www.mhmg.gda.pl</p>
 Malbork Fortified Castle	<p>The Marienburg is situated at the Nogat, a river arm in the Vistula delta. The medieval fortress is the biggest brick building of Europe and was the most important fortress of the German Order almost 600 years ago.</p> <p>It was accredited UNESCO World Heritage in 1997 and offers among others a precious collection of old weapons and military equipment.</p> <p>www.zamek.malbork.pl</p>
 Grudziadz Citadel, Fortified City	<p>Well hidden between dense forest at the Vistula, the large Fortress System Grudziadz is situated. The huge citadel in it was built as half a octagon, ordered by Frederic II from 1776-89. Only a special permit makes it possible to visit it. The fortification ring was enhanced with a bunker line in 1939.</p> <p>Also the medieval fortified city of Grudziadz is very impressive with mighty city walls, which can be explored on a walk along the Vistula.</p> <p>www.grudziadz.pl</p>
 Chelmno Major Fortress System	<p>The major fortress system of Chelmno is one of the youngest fortification systems of the German Reich and dates back to the 20th century.</p> <p>The 25 km long fortification belt includes forts, stations and bunkers. A welcomed contrast is the medieval defense system from the 13th century. The defensive walls with towers and bastions run around the whole old city and are almost completely preserved.</p> <p>www.chelmno.pl www.twierdzachelmno.pl</p>
 Torun Major Fortress System	<p>The forts of the large Fortress System Torun are diversely used. The well-preserved artillery fort IV offers a hotel, a beer garden, conference and party rooms, a restaurant and even a small golf course on the Glacis.</p> <p>Guided tours connect the historic old city with the omnipresent mighty fortifications for example on an interesting night tour with torches.</p> <p>www.visittorun.pl www.torun.fortyfikacje.pl</p>
 Modlin Major Fortres System	<p>The Fortress System Modlin is Poland's biggest fortification and a unique complex of fortified buildings at the junction of the Narew and the Vistula. European fortification architecture with bastions of the 19th century and forts from the early 20th century connects with a scenic river landscape. In 1656 the Swedish King Karl X. Gustav had an entrenchment built here. In 1806 Napoleon Bonaparte had built a huge fortification complex which can be conquered today on individual or guided tours.</p> <p>www.twierdzamodlin.pl</p>
 Warsaw Major Fortres System	<p>Warsaw, UNESCO world heritage was enhanced to a large Fortress System by the Russian empire over the 19th century. The huge citadel (built up 1832-1834) is very interesting for tourists and offers exhibitions and museums about the Polish history.</p> <p>www.warsawtour.pl</p>



Houses of officers, Vistulamouth-Fort



Grudziadz Citadel



Gdansk, Fortified City



Fort IV, Fortress system Torun



Modlin Fortress - Poland's largest Fortification Complex



Citadel Warsaw

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