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Gniezno

Gniezno is a city in central-western Poland, about 50 km east of Poznań with about 70,000 inhabitants.



According to the Polish version of a legend, "Three brothers, Lech, Czech and Rus, were exploring the wilderness to find a place to settle. Suddenly they saw a hill with an old oak and an eagle on top. Lech said, 'This white eagle I will adopt as an emblem of my people, and around this oak I will build my stronghold, and because of the eagle nest [gniazdo in Polish] will call it Gniezdno [modern: Gniezno].' The other brothers went further on to find a place for their people. Czech went to the South and Rus went to the East.

Travelling to and from Gniezno

There are numerous **train** connections between Gniezno and Poznań/Warsaw/Berlin.

To Gniezno:

August 6/7, 2017: Poznań - Gniezno: 05:18**, 05:46**, 06:31**, 06:40**, 06:57, 07:38, 08:34, 09:30**, 09:44, 10:27, 10:42, 12:38, 12:43**, 12:56, 14:30, 14:56, 15:04, 15:42, 16:32, 16:50, 17:33, 17:47, 17:55, 18:45, 19:26, 19:52, 20:55

August 6/7, 2017: Warsaw - Gniezno: 05:50, 06:50*, 08:36**, 09:59, 11:15, 12:40, 14:19, 15:38*, 16:55, 17:54, 19:00, 22:30*

August 6/7, 2017: Berlin - Gniezno: 09:25, 12:25*, 14:24, 16:27, 06:37**, 09:37, 12:37, 14:37

* available only on August 6

** available only on August 7

From Gniezno:

August 11/12, 2017: Gniezno - Poznań: 06:53 08:02, 08:50, 09:20, 09:28, 09:58, 10:08, 11:19, 11:58, 12:40, 12:58, 13:10, 13:35*, 14:46, 15:30, 15:42, 17:04, 17:12, 17:44, 18:47* , 19:28, 20:10, 20:48, 21:03, 21:36, 22:26, 22:55

August 11/12, 2017: Gniezno - Warsaw: 06:15, 07:27, 08:09, 09:56, 10:15, 13:04, 13:17, 16:09, 17:05*, 18:27, 20:19

August 11/12, 2017: Gniezno - Berlin: 08:50, 09:58, 12:58, 15:42, 18:47*

* available only on August 11

It takes about **17 minutes (on foot)** to get from Gniezno Train Station to the conference venue (and the dormitory).

Map of Gniezno



Conference venue

All lectures take place in the Conference building which is the main building of the **Instytut Kultury Europejskiej UAM w Gnieźnie**.



Conference office is located on the ground floor of the building. Please, go there to register, pick up the keys to your dormitory room, or whenever you have any questions or inquiries.

Registration opens on August 6 at 11.00. If you want to stay longer in Gniezno, please contact the organisers in advance.

Breakfast is included in your accommodation and will be served at the hotel and at the dormitory's cafeteria (for those staying at the dormitory).

Lunch will be catered directly at the conference venue.

For hungry travellers some snacks and sandwiches will be served on Sunday from 6 p.m. till 10 p.m. at dormitory's cafeteria.

Contact e-mail address: rsa2017@amu.edu.pl

Transportation

Gniezno is a relatively small city and by far the easiest way to get around is by **foot**. For longer trips you can use a bus. Tickets can be bought either in news-stands [kiosk], or in ticket machines located at major stops.

Daytime buses operate from around **6 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

| Type of ticket | Price |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Single ticket (without transfer) | 2.70 PLN |
| 60 minutes* | 4,00 PLN |
| 24 hour* | 10,00 PLN |
| 10-day ticket | 38.00 PLN |

*Those tickets can be bought only from the driver with an exact amount of cash or by the internet (mobile ticket - through moBilet, SkyCash or CallPay app)

Taxi

We made a deal with the Radio Taxi Lech corporation. With the codeword **rsa** you can go around Gniezno for discounted fixed rates. Approximate prices of some selected rides:

- Institute of European Culture in Gniezno - Hotel - PLN 15
- Institute of European Culture in Gniezno - Balcerowo Palace - PLN 15
- Institute of European Culture in Gniezno - Gniezno railway station - PLN 15
- Balcerowo Palace - Hotel - PLN 15
- Gniezno railway station - Hotel - PLN 15
- Gniezno - Poznań airport (Ławica) - PLN 200

To order the taxi, call:

- **+48 614262626,**
- **+48 607262626,**
- **+48 601785562**

Poland - general information

Post Office

There are a couple of post offices (POCZTA) in Gniezno open from 8 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Pharmacy

If you need something from a pharmacy, look for APTEKA. Most pharmacies are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Electricity

230 V, 50 Hz. Plugs are the same as in the most of Continental Europe.

Money exchange / ATM (Bankomat)

In Poland the official currency is zloty (PLN), often abbreviated to zł. You can exchange all major currencies into zloty at banks or currency exchange offices - KANTOR. The current exchange rate is app. **3.65 PLN for 1 USD, 4.23 PLN for 1 EUR and 4.73 PLN for 1 GBP**. The rate can vary from day to day. The best way to change your foreign currencies into zlotys is to go to a KANTOR (bureau de change, currency exchange office).

Shops - opening hours

Shops are generally open Mon - Fri 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sat 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Supermarkets and shopping malls may stay open as late as 10 p.m., also on Sundays.

Useful facts

Toilet signage

Toilets are typically marked by one of the signs TOALETA or WC. Also, it is customary in Poland that ladies' toilets are denoted by a circle or the sign "dla pań", whereas gents' toilets are denoted by a triangle or the words "dla panów".



Tips

Although tipping at restaurants, clubs, etc. is not obligatory, yet it is customary to show your appreciation by leaving a tip of around 10-15% of the bill. When paying for a taxi, you can round up the bill, it prevents hunting for change. Generally, taxi drivers do not expect to be tipped, but if you do the driver will be pleased. Always request a receipt (PARAGON) to avoid an (unlikely) possibility that someone would like to cheat you.

Law: drinking, smoking and jaywalking

Drinking in public places (outside restaurants, pubs or party zones) is illegal (the police can give you a ticket) and also inappropriate. Smoking at bus/tram stops (both under the roof of the stop and around it) is illegal and you can be fined for it. You cannot smoke in restaurants and bars unless there is a separate smoking area. Smoking on streets, however, is very common.

Jaywalking is illegal and may incur a fine if noticed by a police officer.

Contact information

Important phone numbers

- All emergencies: 112
- Ambulance: 999
- Fire Brigade : 998
- Police: 997
- Organizers : Iza Krupińska: +48 500 140 137
Michał Karoński: +48 601 515 726
- Email: rsa2017@amu.edu.pl



Internet Access

Conference Venue: conference network name and password will be provided upon registration. EduRoam will be also available.

Dormitories EduRoam is available through the WiFi or cable connection (it is better to bring your own cable).

Hotel Pietrak / Adalbertus

Standard hotel WiFi.

Excursion

Conference trip

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

We will visit ***Gniezno's Cathedral*** the place where the Poland's first five kings were crowned.

The highlight of the Cathedral are the ***Gniezno doors***, a pair of winged bronze doors from the 12th century. Featuring 18 panels, each masterfully engraved with scenes from the life of St. Adalbert, start from Adalbert's birth on the bottom left panel, and then follow his story upwards and around. Among them the most interesting are an exorcism illustrated on the sixth panel, and St. Adalbert's murder on the fourteenth.

Next we will visit the ***crypt*** - which contains Poland's oldest gravestone, the coffins of the country's past archbishops, and a famous pattern of the tiled floor.

All participants will be given an audioguide in English.

Extra

Thursday-Friday August 10-11, 2017

Do not throw away the tickets from Wednesday excursion! We do not organise an official trip but on those days there will be a chance to visit **Cathedral vault** and **Cathedral tower**.

Random Run

Random Run will take place on Wednesday at Gniezno municipal stadium. The stadium is located just next to the conference venue. It is a training ground of the local soccer team Mieszko and therefore will be accessible only on the day of the run. Please notice that the running track is in a rather poor condition.



There is a park and a lake next to the venue. The circumference of the lake is about 1.5 km and can be used as a training course before the run.

For more hardcore runners there are numerous lakes outside the city which can be considered as a destination for a longer jog.

Additional attractions

Sport

Conference venue has a **gym** and a small **sports hall**, as well as an **out-door basketball court**. They are all available for the participants and the equipment can be checked out on spot.

Welcome party

Welcome party will take place on Monday evening at the conference venue.

Conference Dinner

Conference dinner will take place on Thursday in **Balcerowo Palace** which is located 2.2 km from the conference venue. More information about the place can be found at <http://www.hotel-pietrak.home.pl/balcerowo/>

Restaurants, pubs and coffee shops

