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The Christmas Fair begins in Gdańsk, Poland, on 24 November. For four weeks, this event, considered one of the most beautiful in Europe, will put us in an exquisitely festive mood. This year, we are all Celebrating in Gdańsk!

The Christmas Fair town will again transform the Coal Market (Targ Węglowy), Bogusławskiego and Tkacka Streets, and the Armoury (Zbrojownia) into places full of festive magic. The Foregate Complex (Zespół Przedbramia) will come aglow for the first time. From 24 November to 23 December, the people of Gdańsk and the Tri-City, alongside visitors, will fill them with cheery pre-Christmas buzz. It is a traditional place to meet, look for original gift ideas and take a winter walk. The Christmas Fair has become the pre-holiday showcase of Gdańsk, as confirmed by, among others, the European Best Christmas Markets 2023 poll: 48,000 Internet users voted it the second most beautiful one in Europe.

“The Christmas Fair in this location is now a tradition that is enjoyed not only by the people of Gdańsk who flock to the stalls but also by many visitors attracted by the event. We have already taken high places in several polls, with the Fair changing for the better every year,” says Mayor of Gdańsk Aleksandra Dulkiewicz.

“We begin in just a week with a grand opening and parade on Saturday. Later, the illuminations will come alight, not only here at the Coal Market but also throughout our city. In this time of darkness, every one of us needs light and good cheer,” she adds.

Inspirations & Gifts

According to the surveys conducted at the previous Christmas Fair, visitors who are set on finding gift ideas come to the festive town to get inspired and find one-of-a-kind presents to buy. The Fair, which begins on 24 November, will meet these expectations. A special crafts and handicrafts offering will be available at over 80 stalls, 45 of which will be located in the Armoury. The Christmas Treasure Trove of Ideas (a special display case) will also premiere there. That is where the exhibitors will present their most inspiring gift ideas.

“We ask our visitors what they are looking for at the Fair. It’s how we know that, in addition to good cuisine, they search for gift ideas. That is why we will provide inspirations and gifts, available for purchase at more than 80 craft stalls,” says **Paweł Orłowski**, Vice-President of the Management Board, MTG SA Gdańsk International Fair Co.

The World of Flavours

Over 60 festive stalls will be filled with the flavours of various world cuisines. Family and social gatherings, so popular during the Christmas Fair, can be held with dishes from 17 countries and regions of the globe. There will be Polish, Kashubian, Oriental, Crimean Tatar and Hungarian cuisines, and more. If you have a sweet tooth, you’ll find it hard to ignore Dutch poffertjes, doughnuts, churros and

kürtőskalács. If you are more into savoury flavours, you can choose from: sprats in dough, roasted chestnuts, pierogi, lángos and raclette.

Hot chocolate and various types of tea infusions will bring the temperature up. Gourmets will enjoy spiced, raspberry and orange mulled wine. They taste best in the original Christmas Fair Mug, which is perfect for all types of beverages. And, most importantly, some of the proceeds from their sale will go to the Hospice Foundation.

Christmas Travel Corner with AmberSky

New on the 2023 Christmas Fair map is the Christmas Travel Corner with AmberSky. It is a special place with attractions for kids: Santa's Magic Sleigh VR simulator, Gdańsk Carousel, Observation Wheel on Ołowianka Island and, new this season, the Barrels of Fun Spinning Coaster. In the pre-holiday rush, it's good to find the time for moments of joyful relaxation and fun with family and friends. An all-in-one ticket will make it easier for you to use all the attractions.

The adventure will doubtless begin on the Spinning Coaster debuting at the Fair. The structure of the Barrels of Fun varies in height: the track backs up on itself in a figure of eight, with the barrel cars running along it. Additionally, the cars rotate around their own axis at different speeds, depending on the number of passengers and their weight, which makes each journey unpredictable, exciting and full of new experiences.

The Gdańsk Carousel at the Coal Market will once again delight you with beautiful figures, decorations and lighting. Just before this year's Fair, its new, hand-painted version made in an Italian manufactory was put in place. It moves smoothly and gracefully, although you should know that it weighs . . . 15 tonnes in all. Thirty people can use the attraction at one time on a ride that lasts several minutes.

Right next to the Carousel, Santa's Cottage will be waiting for you, where you can meet its host. Just get into Santa's Sleigh, put on the 'magic' VR goggles and see for yourself how Santa Claus delivers gifts to all people of the world in just one night!

The AmberSky Observation Wheel, for which you need to go to Ołowianka Island, is the fourth feature of this Corner.

The price list of the attractions is available at bozonarodzeniowy.pl

Workshops for Kids and Locals Day

The Art Corner in the Armoury will house Santa's Workshop, where primary school students and preschoolers can take part in Christmas workshops. The programme includes a meeting with Santa, Christmas decorations and an attraction from the Christmas Travel Corner with AmberSky. More information at bozonarodzeniowy.pl.

On 12 December, we invite people living in the City Centre (Śródmieście) to **Locals Day**, with inspiring workshops and surprises prepared for the neighbours of the Fair; electronic registration is required. Gdańsk Resident Card holders are welcome.

"About 40 stalls at the Fair are run by Gdańsk-based entrepreneurs, slightly over 60% by entrepreneurs from the Pomorskie region, so the Fair also stimulates our local economy," says Mayor of Gdańsk Aleksandra Dulkiewicz.

Diverse & Extensive Programme

This year's artistic programme fills almost every day of the Fair. **On Tuesdays**, music fans can listen to Christmas concerts, featuring the Slavic Soul Christmas Band, Gospel Carol Singing and Carol Singing with the GUMed Choir. **On Wednesdays**, visitors can grab microphones and sing the most beautiful Polish and international Christmas hits at Christmas Karaoke. **On Thursdays**, there will be surprises to please the eye—the Fire Theatre and parades—as well as the ear: Fairy Tales read with the Wybrzeże Theatre and the Voivodship & Municipal Public Library. **On Fridays**, the organisers invite kids to activities with the Wykrzyknik (Exclamation Mark) Academy of Fun and Education, and older participants to an evening dance with festive DJ sets. **On Saturdays**, there will be a Christmas medley: performances by the Gdańsk Song & Dance Ensemble and the Neptune Song & Dance Ensemble, and the Winter Adventure with Treflik.

As always, the Fair will be visited by Santa Claus and the official mascots of the event, Mr and Mrs Nutcracker, who are just waiting to have snapshots taken with visitors and record Christmas greetings. **Sundays are time** for loved ones. Children and their parents can watch performances and take part in activities organised by the Qfer Theatre, listen to carolling with Carillon and have fun with Caritas, which will promote volunteering and the joy of sharing kindness.

From 1 December, together with the E.Wedel confectionery company, we invite you to the opening of the windows of the Advent Calendar, which, as always, will become part of the Advent Gate.

Atmospheric decorations, stalls with unique products and an extensive artistic programme, including creative workshops—all this will be organised by the Polish State Forests Regional Directorate, Gdańsk.

Located near the big JARMARK (The Fair) sign in the Coal Market, the Gdańsk Tourism Organisation's cottage, Santa's Gift Factory, is one of the unique Christmas Fair cottages. Everyone who visits it can buy attractive Gdańsk souvenirs, with Christmas (and other) themes. A delicious surprise is also waiting inside the cottage. There you can buy Flavours of Gdańsk project packages, available in versions for 1, 2 and even 4 people. And that's not all! The Gdańsk Tourism Organisation has prepared a competition for Gdańsk Resident Card holders. You can win fantastic prizes by scanning QR codes. The task is to hunt for 10 cubic display towers with the codes and scan them. All competition details will be available at jestemzgdanska.pl on the day the Fair starts.

“We make sure for the Gdańsk Christmas Fair celebration to give you something new every year. This year, there are several new features, including a spinning coaster. We positioned it so that you can admire the panorama of the Fair during your ride,” reveals **Paweł Orłowski**, Vice-President of the Management Board, MTG SA Gdańsk International Fair Co.

“We also wanted not to obscure the beautiful, renovated façade of the Wybrzeże Theatre, which we wanted to display to visitors. The Theatre authorities also work with us on the programme of the Fair, which is why you will be able to hear our great actress Dorota Kolak, who will read Christmas fairy tales. You can find the extensive programme of the Fair on the updated website, bozonarodzeniowy.pl. You're welcome to visit it,” he adds.

The Fair Helps Out

As every year, the Christmas Fair invites you to take part in special and charitable events. These will include the Christmas Closet, which will be used to exchange toys in a toy crossing campaign. The familiar book crossing bookcase will appear in the Armoury as part of a campaign organised in partnership with the Voivodship & Municipal Public Library.

The GPEC Group, together with AmberExpo, will collect funds for the Hospice Foundation. You can buy tickets in the GPEC Group's winter cottage, with the proceeds donated to the Foundation's beneficiaries. The tickets entitle you to activate Christmas Magic with a single button. Huge elves will help you with this; they will also pose in the delightful Christmas scenery for a souvenir photo.

The Dutkiewicz Hospice, Gdańsk, invites you to a unique charity concert, Let's Sing with Santa Claus for the Hospice Foundation, which will feature, among others, artists from Cappella Gedanensis. There will also be a meeting with Santa Claus and Elves in a singsong atmosphere.

The Teddy Bear Gate by the Smyk Kids Store will again feature in the Armoury. At the end of the Fair, when buying Christmas Fair Mugs, you will be able to adopt a teddy bear. The funds from the purchase of the mugs will be donated to the Hospice beneficiaries.

"I would like to express my gratitude that we can be at the Christmas Fair in Gdańsk this year as well. I am grateful that you remember about us and support the Dutkiewicz Hospice, the oldest one in Gdańsk. Our volunteers in yellow T-shirts will be at the Fair doing the fundraising. Additionally, we work with the GPEC Group, which will prepare a Christmas surprise; there will also be a Christmas carol concert. These activities will allow us to raise funds for our Hospice," says **Agnieszka Paczkowska**, Vice-President of the Management Board, the Hospice Foundation.

The Fair's organisers also joined the Christmas with Ukraine campaign, which is carried out at 30 European markets in support of the Faina.ua Foundation.

The Moose Has a Laugh

In recent years, Lucky the Moose has consistently been topping popularity polls. This year, too, he will be bugging passers-by and making fun of various situations. Although his sense of humour is usually dry, the crowds in front of his cottage show that he is able to put his guests in a good mood.

We Are Lighting Up Christmas!

We Are Lighting Up Christmas in Gdańsk! The well-loved and appreciated campaign returns. It will light up even more places than last year owing to more than 150 illuminated figures that you can admire in 9 locations in Gdańsk from 5 December 2023 to 2 February 2024. There will be plenty of new features here, too. Floating Lilies will appear in Oliwski Park for the first time. The promenade in Brzeźno will sport an almost 8-metre-wide Gantry Crane under the auspices of the Port of Gdańsk Authority. The Gantry Crane will have the now-familiar 11- and 12-metre-tall Shipyard Cranes for company. Tkacka Street will feature a Rocking Horse. You can walk under a plant motif Gate next to the Armoury, and will find festively illuminated lamp posts and an illuminated Bridge in Oruński Park. Right at the entrance, you will be greeted by a gate illumination, which will also appear in Kuźniczki Park. Young Poland Movement Square will feature a 6-metre-tall Carillon, the Road to Freedom will be lit with a Solidarity sign, Fishermen's Riverfront (Rybackie Pobrzeże) will be lit with #GDN, and Stogi Square will be decorated with the BalticHub Christmas Tree.

During the Fair, owing to the stunning illuminations, the streets of the historic heart of Gdańsk will turn into a festive town. This has been made possible by, among others, Gdańskie Wodociągi (Gdańsk Waterworks), the Strategic Partner of the Christmas Fair and Gdańsk Illuminations.

The GPEC Group is a Supporting Partner of the Gdańsk Christmas Fair and a sponsor of the Gdańsk illuminations.

CHRISTMAS FAIR NON-STOP ATTRACTIONS

- YOUNG GDAŃSKERS' CHRISTMAS TREE
- CHRISTMAS TRAVEL CORNER with AMBERSKY
- Gdańsk Carousel
- SANTA'S SLEIGH Flight Simulator
- BARRELS OF FUN Spinning Coaster
- Observation Wheel

TALKING KATARZYŃKA POST BOX

CHRISTMAS STAGE WITH SANTA'S THRONE

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

ADVENT GATE with TREATS FOR KIDS

GPEC CHRISTMAS MAGIC

LUCKY THE MOOSE

ANGEL MILL

SHRINE GROVE

ENCHANTED FOUNTAIN by E.WEDEL

ILLUMINATIONS AT THE FAIR: 20 figures!

ILLUMINATED JARMARK BOŻONARODZENIOWY (CHRISTMAS FAIR) SIGN

ILLUMINATED ROOF IN BOGUSŁAWKSIEGO St.

ILLUMINATED ROOF & GATE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE ARMOURY

FIGURES: CLOCK, CANDELABRA, ARMCHAIR, BAUBLE

THREE ILLUMINATED GATES, ARBOUR, CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN by E.Wedel, WINGS

Key information:

Stalls available to visitors:

Sunday–Thursday 12:00–20:00, Friday–Saturday 12:00-21:00

The Christmas Fair, 24 November–23 December

Targ Węglowy (Coal Market), Bogusławskiego Street, Tkacka Street, Zbrojownia (Armoury), Zespół Przedbramia (Foregate Complex), Gdańsk, Poland

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