Bydgoszcz
Bydgoszcz is the 8th largest city in Poland and the capital of the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Region. Legend has it that the name of the city of Bydgoszcz derives from the phrase “be our guest”.

- First trace of settlement: **8000 BC**
- Became a city in: **1346**
- Area: ~**176 km²** (Warsaw: ~517 km²)
- Population: ~**350 thousand inhabitants** (Warsaw: ~1.7 mln)
- Number of higher education institutions: **15**
- Transport: airport, 3 train stations, coach station, efficient public transport
Public transport

- Tickets are the same for both trams and buses.
- Tickets can be bought in small news-stands (KIOSK) which are usually open until 6 pm. There are also ticket vending machines located near bus/tram stops and sometimes inside newer trams.
- If there’s no kiosk or vending machine, you can buy the ticket from the driver – only for exact change!
- Both buses and trams run between 5.00 am and 11.00 pm. At night you can use special „night bus lines”.
- Large luggage needs an additional normal ticket.
- There are no conductors on board but your tickets will be frequently checked. You need to buy a ticket beforehand and punch it when you get on the vehicle (unpunched ticket is not valid!).
- Polish student ID card entitles you to a 50% discount on tram, bus, and train tickets (discounts for train tickets only below age 26) – if you don’t have your student ID, use a normal ticket.
- Ticket fares can be found here: ticket fares in Bydgoszcz.
Getting around Bydgoszcz

You can easily plan your journey using the platform „JakDojade.pl” (it means: „How do I get to…”):

JakDojade – Bydgoszcz

Simply enter starting place (or let the app locate you) and your destination.

From the website you can download the app for your mobile device.

You can check public transport timetables on the website of the company responsible for public transport in the city – ZDMiKP:

✓ bus/tram schedules – line selection
✓ timetables at specific bus/tram stops
✓ bus/tram lines layout
Bydgoszcz City Card

- **Bydgoska Karta Miejska**
- Enables Bydgoszcz inhabitants to use various municipal services, including public transport.
- It looks like an ATM card. It is a contactless card, which means that in order to use it (buy a ticket or check ticket validity), you need to bring it to a deciphering device (a ticket vending machine or a terminal at the ticket sales point).

**How to get the Bydgoszcz City Card?**
Submit an application online:
Bydgoszcz City Card - application form
PS: item „ELS” in the form means „student ID card”

Detailed information on the website.
Bydgoszcz City Bike

✓ **Bydgoski Rower Aglomeracyjny (BRA)**
✓ It is a self-service bike rental system.
✓ Currently, it includes 53 stations and 510 bikes.
✓ It operates 24/7 in spring, summer and autumn.
✓ Every time you rent a bike, the first 20 min of cycling are free of charge.
✓ The website contains a regularly updated map of stations, including the number of bikes available for rent.

**How to use the City Bike?**

• First, create your account on the website and pay PLN 10 for activating it.
• To rent a bike, use the terminal at the bike station – it will guide you through the steps.
• To return a bike, simply park it at the station of your destination.
Taxi

If you decide to use a taxi, it is recommended to choose licensed corporations. The most popular are:

- Taxi Express: (+48) 52 344 40 00
- Taxi Łuczniczka: (+48) 52 344 44 44
- Taxi Zrzeszeni: (+48) 196 22

Catalog of licensed taxis in Bydgoszcz

The entry fee (for the 1st km) is about PLN 7; the fee for every next 1 km is about PLN 2.50.
Travelling in Poland & Europe

Journey planner (e-traveller)

Travelling by train:
Polish State Railways (PKP)

Travelling by coach:
PolskiBus & Flixbus

Travelling by plane:
Bydgoszcz Airport
What to see in Bydgoszcz

There are many interesting and picturesque places in the city, such as:

- the Mill Island,
- **Myślęcinek** – Forest Park of Recreation,
- **Opera Nova**, 
- Bydgoszcz Canal,
- Bydgoszcz Cathedral,

- **Basilica of St. Vincent de Paul**, 
- **Museum of Soap and Dirt**, 
- Granaries on the Brda River, 
- **Bydgoszcz Marina**, 
- **Exploseum**, 
- and many more...

Explore the official website for tourists: [Visit Bydgoszcz](https://bydgoszcz.pl/)

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Leisure time

Shopping malls:
- Focus Mall
- Zielone Arkady [Green Arcades]
- Galeria Pomorska [Pomeranian Gallery]
- Rondo [Roundabout]

Cinemas:
- Cinema City
- Multikino
- Helios

Gyms:
- McFIT (inside Zielone Arkady)
- StepONE (inside Focus)
- Bella Line
- Cegielnia [Brickyard]
- Fit-Max
Cost of living in Bydgoszcz

- Bread ~ PLN 2.5
- Milk (1l) ~ PLN 3
- Corn flakes ~ PLN 3.2
- Lipton Tea (100 teabags) ~ PLN 14
- Jam ~ PLN 3.5
- Cheese (1kg) ~ PLN 25
- Ham (1kg) ~ PLN 39
- Sugar (1kg) ~ PLN 3
- Milk chocolate ~ PLN 3
- Orange juice (1l) ~ PLN 4
- Monthly ticket (for all buses/trams) ~ PLN 44
- Single fare ticket ~ PLN 1.5

**PLN 1 ~ EUR 0.23 ~ USD 0.27 ~ GBP 0.21**

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Enjoy your stay in Bydgoszcz!

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