



Gdańsk & Pomerania

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Why Go?

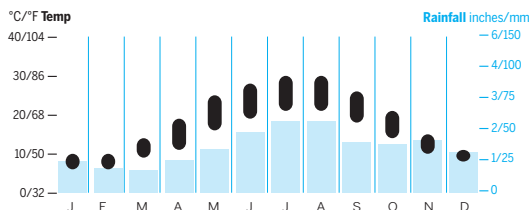
Cream-hued beaches shelving smoothly into the nippy Baltic Sea, wind-crafted dunes vivid against leaden skies, stern red-brick churches and castles erected by a medieval order of pious knights, and silenced shipyards that once seethed with anti-communist tumult – this is Pomerania, Poland's north, a place with many faces.

The epicentre of Pomerania is Gdańsk, northern Poland's metropolis, a forward-looking city with a fascinatingly photogenic historical centre. Like most of the region, Gdańsk has changed hands many times over the centuries, each invader and overseer bequeathing a layer of architecture and culture for today's tourists to ogle.

Away from the beaches and Gdańsk's miracles in red brick you'll discover Kashubia, a region that keeps the traditional fires burning, including its own language – the perfect place to slow down and escape Poland's beaten tracks.

When to Go

Gdańsk



Apr

Go amber hunting after spring's high tides along Pomerania's white-sand beaches.

Aug

Enjoy a spot of bric-a-brac hunting and local culture during Gdańsk's Dominican Fair.

Dec

Explore the deserted dunes and lakes of the Stowiński National Park.



Gdańsk & Pomerania Highlights

1 Exploring the recent past at the **Roads to Freedom Exhibition** (p309), tracing Gdańsk's part in the fall of communism

2 Boogying on the beach at one of **Sopot's** (p317) many nightclubs

3 Admiring the architecture of **Gdańsk's Długi Targ** (p301),

one of Poland's grandest thoroughfares

4 Wandering the halls, corridors and chapels of **Malbork Castle** (p335)