WHAT TO DO IN WARSAW IF ...

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Come rain or shine and no matter if you’re here for just a short while or for longer, Warsaw is a great choice for any mood or weather. The city has a fascinating history and is really full of surprises, revealing ever new secrets. It is a melting pot of sounds, tastes, and emotions. It is a green, modern metropolis and an ideal place to visit with your family, with loved ones or just by yourself. So buy a ticket, pack some things and off you go. And don’t worry – we’ll tell you what to do in Warsaw if…
If cool and hip places are your thing, Plac Zbawiciela is an absolute must – the hipster hub of Warsaw, a meeting place for students and artists.
Make sure to get a tan when in Saska Kępa – it’s easy to get one playing beach volleyball on the Poniatówka beach or partying at Port Czerniakowski. You can choose from as many as six city beaches in Warsaw.

Just imagine that in days gone by distinguished Varsovians such as Fryderyk Chopin or Maria Skłodowska-Curie walked down the streets of Warsaw. In the spring and summertime, the enchanting Krakowskie Przedmieście turns into an elegant promenade. You can rent one of the Veturilo Bikes available there throughout most of the year. Don’t forget to pop over to the Main Campus of Warsaw University – one of the biggest schools of higher education in Poland.

The Vistula Boulevard is a place where you can do everything you love the most, whether it’s observing picturesque sunsets, rollerblading, or perhaps just hanging out at one of the open-air bars. There is also a viewing deck – just climb up and check out the boats, barges and water trams sailing down the river. Or perhaps you’d venture a kayaking trip?
WHAT IF...

IT’S RAINING?

There’s no need to panic if the sky is covered with heavy clouds. You will definitely not get wet in the city’s interactive museums: POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, the Chopin Museum or the National Museum. Afterwards, you can relax by doing some shopping: there are plenty of smart department stores and small boutiques with international brands as well as the best quality ‘Made in Poland’ products. You don’t need to walk – the convenient public transport system will take you anywhere you wish. In between museums and shops, do pop in to one of the hundreds of small friendly restaurants. A cup of nice aromatic tea and a plate of delicious cheesecake will soon make you forget about the rain outside.

Take a walk down the Jewish streets in POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, stop under the impressive ceiling of the synagogue, reconstructed using traditional techniques from the 17th and 18th centuries. Admire the spectrum of colours. And try to find a single nail… good luck!

This is not a spaceship – it’s the Warsaw metro. Every station has been designed in a different style, but all enchant with their modern architecture and functionality. Take the M1 line to Plac Wilsona which has been recognised by CNN as one of the most impressive metro stations in Europe. The colourful décor of the M2 line was designed by the prominent Polish artist Wojciech Fangor. Go on – hop on one of the trains and see that travelling on public transport doesn’t have to be boring.
Find and admire the monumental ‘Battle of Grunwald’, the priceless image of St Anne at the Faras Gallery or a hefty dose of 20th century painting – come to the National Museum and become a true art connoisseur.

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Visit the multimedia Fryderyk Chopin Museum and see the last piano of this outstanding composer; take a look at his manuscripts or take a deep breath and... smell his favourite aroma. If you thought Chopin was French, you will soon change your mind after you visit the museum.

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Come and see with your own eyes how different epochs and cultures intersect in Warsaw. Start your sight-seeing with the youngest old town in the world. As hard as it may be to believe, the whole site was resurrected from rubble and reconstructed so faithfully that it has been included on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Take a stroll down the elegant Royal Route (Trakt Królewski) with as many as three residencies of Polish kings – each built in a different style. Visit the old Jewish quarter, saturated with the stories of those who lived there. Hop over to Praga – the only city district which was not burnt to the ground during the war, and stop by the Warsaw Rising Museum, where you will learn about the history of the city’s heroic struggle for freedom. Finally, go on a tour of the corridors of the tallest and most recognizable building in Warsaw, the monumental Palace of Culture and Science.

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View the Royal Castle from the Vistula – the view was almost identical several centuries ago. Thanks to the very precise paintings by the artist Canaletto, which are on display in the castle’s museum, it was recently possible to reconstruct the castle’s gardens. The paintings were an invaluable source of knowledge during the rebuilding of the Old Town.

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The Royal Łazienki Museum and Gardens.
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The Warsaw Rising Museum is the place to learn about the history that is key to understanding the city. See a faithful replica of a Liberator bomber, newsreels made by the insurgents and a 3D bird’s eye view of the enormity of the destruction caused by the war. Also see hundreds of photos and listen to the sounds of the fighting capital.

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A visit to Wilanów Palace is a great opportunity to learn about one of the greatest Polish kings from a slightly different angle. Did you know that John III Sobieski not only defeated the Turks in the Battle of Vienna but was also a very loving husband and a caring father? In the Museum of the King John III’s Palace in Wilanów, you can see impressive baroque interiors, precious art collections and the charming palace garden.

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This place still hides many mysteries from communist times: secret underground passages, cellars and spaces kept hidden for years… Find out some of the secrets of the Palace of Science and Culture.

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Let us tell you a secret: there is a place in Warsaw from where you can see the entire city at a single glance. Go up the 30th floor of the Palace of Science and Culture and look around: not bad, is it? Now you know how much there is for you to see when you come back. And now off you go, we don’t want you to miss your plane! See you next time!
YOU’RE A TRUE EXPLORER?

If you want to feel like a true explorer, lose yourself in unknown Warsaw. Have you ever seen the lamplighter walking from one street lamp to another, lighting them? You can bump into him near Agrykola park. An interesting place is the Neon Museum, housing dozens of neon signs saved from destruction. There are also the extraordinary murals spread throughout the city, telling its history. You should also see the neighbourhood of Finnish houses in the very heart of Warsaw — wooden structures that look like they were simply transported here from some idyllic village. The capital of Poland is truly full of surprises.

WHAT IF...

Madonna with a can of paint, puppet-soldiers, Tibetan monks or a hen brooding a huge egg — what do all these things have in common? They all decorate the walls of Warsaw. Take a look around and see the large number of murals that taken together make up a gallery of street art. The districts of Powiśle, Praga Północ and Muranów are especially rich in mural art.

WWW.NEONMUZEUM.ORG

When passing through the symbolic gate of the Supreme Court at Plac Krasińskich, remember that one of the gateways to the Jewish ghetto during World War II was located here. Don’t miss the impressive caryatids personifying faith, hope, and love.
When it’s time to take it easy, get rid of your suit and all that business stress. Go on a wild night out with your work colleagues, or go jogging along the Vistula, or perhaps have a cosy dinner with friends. In Warsaw, you can anything.

YOU'RE ON A BUSINESS TRIP?

It’s 6 a.m.; time to wake up in one of the city’s smart hotels. A quick coffee, a look at the stock market, a few finishing touches to the presentation, and a few important signatures later, you get in a taxi and off you go – diving into the whirlpool of meetings and conferences. You have only a moment to glance outside at the shining skyscrapers: the famous ‘sail’ by Daniel Libeskind or Sir Norman Foster’s ‘razor blade building’. They really are quite impressive. You feel that every single second important decisions are made in this city in the very heart of Europe.
WHAT IF...

YOU’RE A SPORTS FAN?

Your club’s scarf and shirt, the national flag, a vuvuzela and a ticket… Pack everything you need and come to Warsaw! Nothing beats the feeling when you’re deafened by the roar of 60,000 people chanting for their football or volleyball players at the National Stadium.

Come on!

Supporting your team is one thing, but one should also get up off the sofa sometimes and get some exercise. How about a bike-ride along the Vistula Boulevard today, and maybe a small work-out at one of the open-air mini-gyms tomorrow? Why not canoe down the river, and then in a few months, if you’re in shape, perhaps the Warsaw Marathon?

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YOU’RE FEELING A LITTLE HUNGRY?

If the way to your heart is through your stomach then Warsaw will no doubt become the love of your life. It’s difficult to believe just how many different tastes and aromas from all around the world can be found here. Warsaw cuisine is a reflection of the city: it’s diverse, multicultural, succulent and full of energy.

Book a table in one of the smart restaurants. Or feel the climate of communist times in one of the ‘milk bars’. Get carried away by the local sweets and pastries: the traditional W-Z cake, the refined Żygmuntówka cake, or organic ice-cream. Come to ‘targ śniadaniowy’ – the breakfast food fair, find a seat on the lawn and picnic away, savouring the tastes of Warsaw! After all, eating is a ritual that can never be performed in a hurry.

Now, the really difficult choices: herring or bigos (stewed cabbage), borscht or sour rye soup, stuffed dumplings or potato dumplings, Żygmuntówka or W-Z cake? Wait… why not try them all? These new tastes will be your best souvenir from Warsaw. Bon appetit!
YOU'RE IN LOVE?

“I love you” – hear these words on a quite path at the Łazienki Royal Park, or on a small street in the Old Town. “Will you marry me?” – ask the biggest question in your life standing in the falling snowflakes or over a cup of steaming chocolate. Say “Yes, I will” and pose for a photograph in the beautiful roof gardens of Warsaw University library or on the banks of the Vistula. Warsaw is like the set of a romantic film. Would you like to play the main role?

WHAT IF...

YOU FEEL LIKE A PARTY?

Then off into the city you go! The night is still young and you just cannot sit still. First, chill out in one of the bars by the Vistula, then head off to the popular Plac Zbawiciela. Later, drop by one of the hip clubs on Mazowiecka Street. A short break at around midnight to grab a bite at one of the food trucks, and then go on an atmospheric trip to Praga Północ. Your head may be a little heavy the day after but, hey, it was worth it!
Warsaw is waiting with her arms open for music junkies like you who’d do anything to have the chance to listen to your favourite artist. Whatever your taste may be, you’ll definitely not be bored here. Jazz in the Old Town, concerts of the world’s biggest stars at the National Stadium, club music or the opera, big-bands playing dance tunes from the 1930s and – last but not least – Fryderyk Chopin. Warsaw is his town, and he can be heard anywhere you go. Don’t miss the free concerts of Chopin’s music in the beautiful gardens of the Łazienki Royal Park, or the international piano competitions and festivals. Not to mention the very special benches playing Chopin’s most famous pieces. Come and close your eyes and listen to the sounds of Warsaw.

If you’re really mad about Fryderyk, don’t miss the opportunity to have a selfie taken with him. Download an app and take a photo in one of the seven places connected with the composer. You can even do it just before take-off – at Warsaw airport!

Find out more about Chopin’s Warsaw:
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YOU’RE A MUSIC LOVER?

What if...
Why don’t you become a child too, if only for a moment? Don’t say you don’t find scientific experiments fascinating, or that you don’t like laser shows or adventure playgrounds. The interactive Copernicus Science Centre, Multimedia Fountain Park and modern playgrounds are just some of the city’s attractions, not just for your kids, but also for you. Who would have thought you could have so much fun!
Isn’t Warsaw a fascinating place?
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