

BRESLAU (Wrocław) 2018 Planning Document

Objective: Spend minimum money and maximum time to take a one-day, no-night trip into Poland.

Consider the following:

- Poland has a separate currency from the Euro. Namely, the Polish złoty. On the 9th of January, 2018, the exchange rate was 1 Euro for 4.18 Polish złoty (roughly one to four).
- This, however, also means that for most normal credit cards, transaction fees – as you switch from Euro to złoty – will apply, which usually are around 3% of what you take out of any ATM.
- Though Poland is in the EU, it is an international border crossing and considering international crime rates going over the border from Germany to Poland (e.g. stolen cars being resold in Eastern Europe) is high, police presence is increased. There is the possibility of being stopped and passports are without a doubt a must-have. If diplomatic or “semi-diplomatic” IDs are available, these should be taken along as well just because they make things easier.
- Poland currently has a questionable political situation; a far-right party is dominating parliament and rewriting the country to be authoritarian. Maybe don’t fuck with the police.
- Pickpockets are common, and an occasional trick is to use a sharp knife while in public transport to cut open bags without being noticed. Be aware of where your travel documents and cash are.
- Don’t forget your health insurance. Due to lack of funding, the public hospitals lag behind western European healthcare, and only a few private hospitals live up to the standard. As Stettin is close to the border, unless absolutely necessary, it is advisable to go back to Germany to receive treatment.

Immigration:

- Passport must be valid until the time of departure.

Getting Money:

- Exchange is possible in all banks and ATMs, as well as private “Kantors”.

Tipping:

- When to tip: Customary in restaurants and at service establishments, such as hairdressers; optional everywhere else.
- Restaurants At smaller establishments and for smaller tabs, round the bill to the nearest 5zł or 10zł increment. Otherwise, 10% is standard.

- Taxis: No need to tip, though you may want to **round up the fare** to reward good service.

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The Route:

- Flixbus from Berlin to Breslau (Direct)
 - Leaves at **Berlin ZOB**
 - Leaves at **06:55** (be there latest 15 minutes before)
 - Duration: 04:25
 - Arrival: 11:20
 - Arrives at: **Dworzec Autobusowy, 11-400 Wrocław, Poland**
- Flixbus from Breslau to Berlin (Direct)
 - Leaves at **Dworzec Autobusowy, 11-400 Wrocław, Poland**
 - Leaves at **19:30** (be there latest 15 minutes before)
 - Duration: 04:25
 - Arrival: 23:55
 - Arrives at: **Berlin ZOB**

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Lonely Planet's Description:

Everyone loves Wrocław (vrots-wahf) and it's easy to see why. Though in some ways it's a more manageable version of Kraków, with all the cultural attributes and entertainment of that popular destination, the capital of Lower Silesia also has an appealing character all its own.

Tola's scientific objective description: I mean yeah it's nice and stuff. Just Kraków is prettier.

Things To Do

The "Things to do" google maps list:

<https://goo.gl/maps/u4pBbsTjZQ2>

Restaurants

I found some cool restaurants in different areas, depends on when we get hungry. Also, u need to try pierogi or schabowy.

- **Greetings** It's customary to greet people, including shopkeepers, on entering with a friendly *dzień dobry* (jyen do·bri; good day). On leaving, part with a hearty *do widzenia* (do vee·dze·nya; goodbye).
- * **Religion** Treat churches and monasteries with respect and keep conversation to a minimum. It's always best to wear proper attire, including trousers for men and covered shoulders and longer skirts (no short shorts) for women. Refrain from flash photography and remember to leave a small donation in the box by the door.
- **Eating & Drinking** When raising a glass, greet your Polish friends with *na zdrowie* (nah zdroh·vee·ya; cheers)! Before tucking into your food, wish everyone *smacznego* (*smach·neh·go*; *bon appetit*)! End the meal by saying *dziękuję* (jyen·koo·ye; thank you).