

5 The Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Kamień Pomorski



It is a Romanesque-Gothic style basilica. The interior furnishings were donated by Ernst Bogislaw von Croÿ (the son of the last member of the House of Griffin – Anna of Pomerania, sister to Bogislaw XIV), including a high quality Baroque decorative organ, pulpit, and grille alongside the font among others. The Cathedral admits visitors every day, outside of the hours that the services are held.

The tower – Monday – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.;
The viridarium and the vault
Monday – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In the period between the last Friday of June and the first Friday of September, at 7:00 p.m. the Cathedral hosts concerts under the International Festival of Organ and Chamber Music.

Plac Katedralny 8
72-400 Kamień Pomorski
tel. 888 591 219
www.katedra.architektura.pomorze.pl

The Museum of the History of the Kamień Pomorski Region
www.mhzk.eu



6 The Cathedral Basilica of St James the Apostle in Szczecin



It is the most important church of Szczecin, which dates back to the 12th century. The Cathedral includes the Dukes' of Pomerania Chapel where the remains of the members of the House of Griffin were entombed in 1995, after they had been removed from the sarcophagi kept in the crypt of the Pomeranian Dukes' Castle in Szczecin. The stained-glass window above the chapel shows the coat of arms of the Duchy of Pomerania.

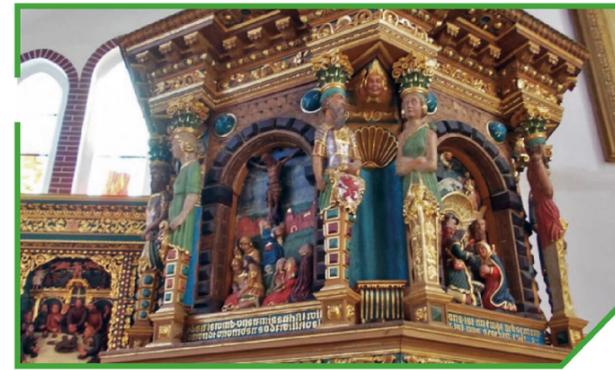
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Viewing balcony opening hours:
Monday – Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday – Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The International Festival of Organ Music held between the last Saturday of June and the last Saturday of August: at 8:00 p.m.

Ul. Św. Jakuba Apostoła 1
70-543 Szczecin
tel. 501 858 223

www.katedra.szczecin.pl



7 St Mary Magdalene Church in Sowno (Stargard District)

The church holds a wooden altar from the 16th century and a pulpit donated by Barnim IX, Duke of Pomerania, and the porch holds a commemorative plaque dedicated to Hintze – the jester of John Frederick, Duke of Pomerania.

The church is open only during the service held at 11.30 a.m. on Sundays.

The church can be visited provided that the visit is agreed upon beforehand – the contact number is 668 934 698.



8 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Kołbacz

The former Cistercian monastery complex became the seat of the Dukes of Pomerania following the introduction of Protestantism to Pomerania.

The parish church is open to visitors who make an appointment by phone (91 312 40 27)

Ul. Wacisława 8, Kołbacz

www.architektura.pomorze.pl
www.spichlerz-sztuki.pl



9 The Immaculate Conception of the BVM Parish in Marianowo

The former Cistercian monastery donated by Barnim I, Duke of Pomerania, is connected to Sidonia von Borcke, whose stay there, according to the legend, led to the extinction of the House of Griffin.

To visit the church you need to contact the Parish Priest first:
Ul. Sydonii 3, Marianowo
tel. 91 561 38 80

www.marianowo.org



10 The Assumption of the BVM Church in Sławno

This 14th century church was donated by Sophie (the wife of Barnim IV, Duke of Pomerania).

Ul. Rapackiego 24,
76-100 Sławno
tel. 59 810 70 39

www.mariackaslawno.pl



11 Trzebiatów Palace

The seat of dowager Duchesses – Anastasia (the wife of Bogislaw I, Duke of Pomerania) and Sophia (the wife of Philip II, Duke of Pomerania). Today, it holds the Trzebiatów Community Centre (Community Centre, Museum, Library, Gallery).
ul. Wojska Polskiego 67, tel. 91 38 72 614.

In 1534, during the Pomeranian Common Diet held in the Holy Spirit Chapel in Trzebiatów, the House of Griffin decided to introduce Protestantism in Pomerania. Today, it is an Orthodox church opened only during services.



12 Our Lady of Częstochowa Church in Darłowo

In the chapel near the tower there are three ducal sarcophagi of Eric of Pomerania – the ruler of Scandinavia; Elisabeth, Duchess of Pomerania, the wife of the last member of the House of Griffin – Bogislaw XIV; Hedwig, Duchess of Pomerania, the wife of Ulrich, Duke of Pomerania, and brother to Bogislaw XIV.

ul. Franciszkańska 4, Darłowo
tel. 94 314 20 12

www.darlowofranciszkanie.pl



**THE GRIFFIN
DYNASTY ROUTE
WEST POMERANIA**

1 The Pomeranian Dukes' Castle in Szczecin



This Renaissance castle consisting of five wings and two courtyards belonged to the ruling dynasty of Pomerania – the House of Griffin. As Philip II, Duke of Pomerania, had intended, today, it serves as an arts facility where exhibitions, concerts, performances and film screenings are held. The ducal sarcophagi are held in the crypt. The Castle also hosts the Opera, Cultural and Tourist Information Centre and regional authorities.

Opening hours:
permanent and temporary exhibitions: Tuesday – Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
courtyards, every day from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Guided tours
tel. +91 489 16 30
ul. Korsarzy 34, Szczecin

www.zamek.szczecin.pl



2 The National Museum in Szczecin



The Golden Age of Pomerania. The Art of the Ducal Court in the 16th and 17th Century is a permanent exhibition which bears a testimony to the significance of the Pomeranian ducal court as an artistic and cultural centre of the late Renaissance.

Opening hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday, Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ul. Staromłyńska 27
70-561 Szczecin
tel. +48 91 431 52 00

www.muzeum.szczecin.pl



3 The Pomeranian Dukes' Castle in Darłowo



It is the only Gothic castle located by the sea in Poland. Another seat of the House of Griffin. It is also a birth place as well as the place of death of Eric of Pomerania (1382-1459) – later King of Denmark, Sweden and Norway. Today, it hosts a museum.

Opening hours:
1st Jan. – 30th Apr. and 1st Oct. – 31st Dec.
Wednesday – Sunday from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

1st May – 30th June and 1st Sept. – 30th Sept.
Monday – Sunday from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Ticket Office open until 3.15 p.m.

1st July – 31st Aug.
Monday – Sunday from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Ticket Office open until 17.15

ul. Zamkowa 4, 76-150 Darłowo
tel. +48 94 314 23 51

www.zamekdarlowo.pl



4 The Pomeranian Dukes' Castle in Szczecinek



The castle was built in the 14th century; however, this seat of the Griffins had been redesigned so many times, it has lost all of its original character. Today, the castle hosts a conference centre.

ul. Mickiewicza 2
tel. +48 94 713 73 10
www.zamek.szczecinek.pl

The Ducal Collection
at the Regional Museum in Szczecinek
ul. Szkolna 1, tel. 94 37 409-77

Opening hours:
Tuesday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Summertime:
Tuesday – Wednesday from 10.00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

www.muzeum.szczecinek.pl



The Griffin Dynasty Route

The name of the dynasty ruling over the Duchy of Pomerania and, at the same time, one of the longest enduring European dynasties (existing approx. 500 years, from the 12th to the 17th century, including 16 generations) comes from the griffin – a legendary creature with a lion's body and the head and wings of an eagle. This creature has been the symbol of the Polish and German Pomerania, as well as several Scandinavian regions, for more than 800 years now.



The Griffin Dynasty Route

The Griffin Dynasty Route is a cultural heritage route including castles and ducal strongholds, churches donated by the dukes, their crypts, and museums with artefacts and collections related to the rulers of Pomerania.

This leaflet shows only a fraction of the locations included in the Route, presenting only a few locations in West Pomerania, including information on opening hours for visitors. The Griffin Dynasty heirlooms can also be found in the Pomeranian Region, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Denmark and Sweden. Following the Route allows you to learn the fascinating history of the rulers of Pomerania and discover the history of this part of Europe.

Details on the most important attractions located along the Route can be found here:

<http://zamek.szczecin.pl/site/sladami/sladami/pl/szczecin.html>



www.lubinus.pl

