



Art Center Gallery EL

Not far from here is the **Art Center Gallery EL** located in the imposing Dominican church. What is unique here, is the combination of modern art exhibits with historic interior. The EL Gallery is the initiator of the earlier mentioned Biennale of Spatial Forms.

Art Centre Gallery EL (Centrum Sztuki Galeria EL), ul. Kuśnierska 6,  
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### Day 2 – afternoon:

*Walking in the “Bażantarnia forest park”*

**Bażantarnia forest** is called by many “small Bieszczady”. Mountainous features of this terrain, turns into beautiful beech and hornbeam covered forest, hills, creeks, mysterious ravines – all of these make the Bażantarnia forest a favourite rest place for inhabitants of Elblag. Delineated routes encourage one to go on foot. Choosing a walk along the Silver Creek valley, we can reach Diabelski Kamień [Devilish Stone] located in the river channel and, which according to legend, was dropped by Satan. A precise eye may notice an imprint of the devils paws in the stone.

Through the Bażantarnia forest and farther through the city, is the Copernicus red route, which links places related to this prominent astronomer.

Nestled in the Bażantarnia forest, is the picturesque Chrobrego Hill, and it is worth climbing to its peak as it provides a fantastic panoramic view of Elblag and its surroundings. If you are lucky and the weather is nice, you will notice the waters of the Vistula Lagoon. It is particularly worth observing the sunset from this place. In winter, the hill turns into the centre of winter sports – T-bar lifts, illuminated slope, ski runs positively evaluated by GOPR (Mountain Volunteer Search and Rescue), cross-country skiing routes; snow park means winter sports lovers will find here, the best skiing and snow-

Bażantarnia



boarding conditions north of Poland. In the summer, a ropes park operates here.

### Day 2 – evening:

In the evening it is worth returning to the Old Town to join the night life of Elblag. Omnipresent pubs, cafeterias and restaurants will not let you get bored. Visiting the Old Town, in a weekend evening you will most surely run into a music concert in one of the clubs.



Elblag Canal

### Day 3 – before midday:

*Cruise on Elblag Canal, and for those who are willing to spend time more actively – sport, sport and once again sport.*

At the end of the visit in Elblag, we recommend a real treasure among all attractions, namely a cruise on Elblag Canal, the only place in Poland and Europe where ships overcome differences in water levels sliding on... grass. It is doable thanks to a magnificent historic objects of the XIX century technique – ramps, which are rail platforms powered by the mechanical power of water flow.

Ostróda - Elblag Shipping (Żegluga Ostródzko-Elbląska), ul. Wódna 1b,  
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Those who want to familiarize themselves with Elblag and its surroundings more actively, can have unlimited possibilities to do sports. Kite surfing, windsurfing, sailing, walking and cycling (also mountain biking), horse riding, jogging, Nordic walking, paintball, iceboating, canoeing, cross-country skiing – regardless of age and form, everyone can find something suitable for themselves. In the tourist offer are also the following: two climbing walls (indoor and outdoor), ice rink, swimming pool, bowling, go-kart track, ski lift and rope parks.

Sporting emotions can be connected with visiting attractive places. In particular, we recommend canoeing tour to the nature reserve – Lake Drużno; where you can find over 200 species of water and marsh birds. It is a real paradise for nature photography lovers. Archaeological works are executed on the eastern bank of this extensive lake, which used to be a Baltic bay, allows one to assume that was here the legendary Truso settlement was situated.

A cycling tour to Raczki Elblaskie would also be original; it is the place where the lowest point in Poland is located, 1.8 meters below sea level! Fortunately, it is only a geological depression, because visiting Elblag and its surroundings can only be pleasurable.



# ELBLAG

Discover Elblag  
in one weekend



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Elblag is waiting for you!



For those who want to spend a few days exploring Elblag, we offer the following programme.

All interested persons should please check opening hours of the sites directly at the given tourist attraction, or at the tourist information centre at Stary Rynek 25 (Old Town) as soon as possible, tel. +48 55 239 33 77, [ielblag@umelblag.pl](mailto:ielblag@umelblag.pl).



View on Old Market Square



Museum of Archaeology and History in Elblag

### Day 1 – afternoon:

Visiting the Museum of Archaeology and History, and for those who are willing to stretch their legs after the tour-walking in the Open Gallery.

In the Museum of Archaeology and History in Elblag one can see unique exhibits which come from the archaeological sites of the Elblag Old Town. Unprecedented excavation works conducted on a European scale makes the museum's collections increase in number every year. Some of these items are phenomena on a European scale, for example a collection of medieval musical instruments, pilgrim tokens, and wax tablets used as a didactic aid. Discovered items are the evidence of vast trade contacts of Elblag merchants with numerous centres of the former Europe.

Elblag Museum also possesses an unusual collection relating to the history of the region. It is made up of archaeological sites and exhibits associated with the functioning of the legendary - Truso settlement. In the period from the VIII to X century A.D. a trading post was founded by Danish Vikings at the shores of the nearby lake - Druzno, which maintained trade contacts even with Arab countries. This heritage is worth learning. Regular exhibitions in the Museum are complemented by interesting temporary exhibitions and additional events; such as history lessons, antique fairs, and historical stagings.

Museum of Archaeology and History in Elblag, Bulwar Zygmunta Augusta 11, tel. +48 55 232 72 73, [www.muzeum.elblag.pl](http://www.muzeum.elblag.pl)

**Open Gallery** is a unique art gallery whose area is... the entire city. Metal sculptures scattered in every part of Elblag are the effect of the Biennale of Spatial Forms which have been taking place since the nineteen sixties, and which were a kind of experiment on a global scale (combination of artist's and labourer's work). This experiment filled the city space with sculptures created in production halls of the Elblag industrial plant – ZAMECH. One of the sculptures – 7 metres polygonal form with protruding pipes, resembling a tree branch, is the work of the famous and internationally recognized Polish sculptor – Magdalena Abakanowicz.

### Day 1 – evening:

In the evening we suggest making use of the vast cultural offer of the city. It is worth seeing the European Meetings Centre “Światowid”; it regularly hosts exhibitions and cultural events. Passionate film lovers can also visit the “Światowid” cinema, which is a rarely encountered art house. Next to this place, is the Elblag's Aleksander Sewruk Theatre with very interesting repertoire.

We recommend concerts of Elblag Chamber Orchestra, whose diverse programme of classical music and cooperation with leading Polish artists makes participation in the concerts an unforgettable experience.

European Meetings Centre “Światowid” (Centrum Spotkań Europejskich Światowid), Pl. Jagiellończyka 1, +48 55 611 20 50, [www.swiatowid.elblag.pl](http://www.swiatowid.elblag.pl)  
A. Sewruk Theatre (Teatr im. A. Sewruka) ul. Teatralna 11, +48 55 641 97 00, [www.teatr.elblag.pl](http://www.teatr.elblag.pl)  
Elblag Chamber Orchestra (Elbląska Orkiestra Kameralna), Stary Rynek 25, +48 55 237 47 49, [www.eok.elblag.eu](http://www.eok.elblag.eu)

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### Day 2 – before midday:

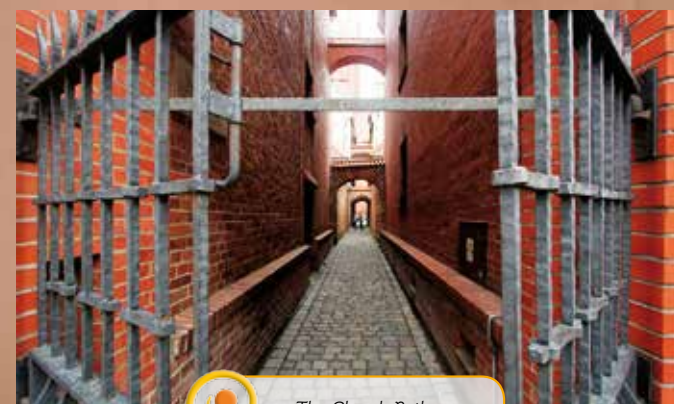
Visiting Elblag Old Town

A walk through the **Old Town** is compulsory when in Elblag. This historical city centre may surprise you because the Old Town is actually... young. Apart from surviving historical buildings, most of the tenement houses are the effect of reconstruction works which have been conducted since the nineteen eighties of the XX century. The key word for reconstruction of the Elblag Old Town is *retroversion*. New tenement houses are erected on the foundations of former tenement houses and allude to their previous shapes. New-old tenement houses bring back the Old Town atmosphere and create beautiful background for preserved and perfectly renovated architectural historic sites.

Located in the Old Town, **St. Nicolas Cathedral** is not only the most significant sacred building in the city, but also the highest church building in Poland on the right side of the Vistula River. Inside we can see sacred historic relics, among others the guild altars, baptismal font made of bronze in 1387 and gothic wooden statues of apostles. The church is at the same time, the Sanctuary of the Relics of the Holy Cross, and every Friday of the month, adoration is given to the Relics during mass, and on a daily basis the relics of the Holy Cross are located in the wonderful gothic niche right of the main altar.

Next to the Cathedral, there is a historical **Church Path** – this enchanting passage between tenement houses is one of its kind architectural historic places in Poland. In the Middle Ages this path was longer and linked all churches of the Old Town (hence the name). The section, which links Mostowa and Św. Ducha streets, was preserved up to the present day.

At the other end of the Old Town, is the **Market Gate** – once surrounded by fortifications, today serves as an observation point. Next to the Gate, is the legendary monument of the Baker, who helped save the city from the invasion of Teutonic Knights.



The Church Path