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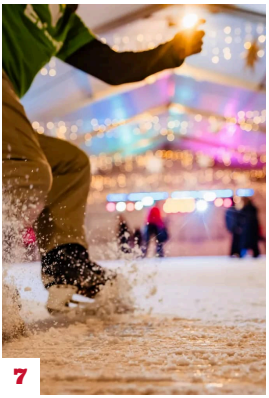
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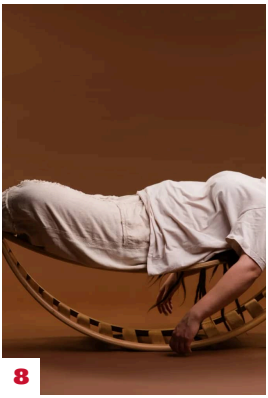
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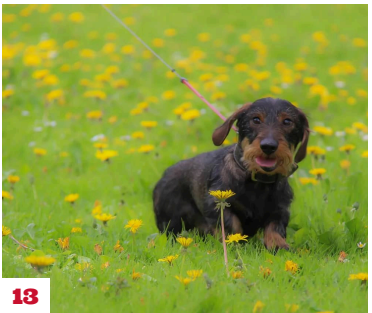
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Clear Your Calendar (and Make Room for Croissants): St Martin's Day 2026

Poznań will celebrate St Martin's Day on Wednesday, 11th November, with its annual street procession, a city-centre festival, family activities and a free evening concert by Katarzyna Nosowska. The celebrations run from 11:00 to 21:00, bringing one of the city's best-loved traditions together with Poland's National Independence Day.

Every November, Święty Marcin becomes the centre of attention in Poznań. The street's name day is marked with a colourful procession, the unmistakable scent of freshly baked rogale świętomarcińskie and a programme that brings together local performers, community organisations, families and music fans.

The 32nd edition takes place on Wednesday, 11th November 2026, with the main festivities centred on the junction of Święty Marcin and Aleja Niepodległości, extending towards Adam Mickiewicz Square and the Imperial Castle. Entry to the main festival area, known as Imieninowe Miasteczko (Name Day Village), will be free.

The St Martin's Day parade starts at 2 pm

The highlight of the day begins at 2 pm on Adam Mickiewicz Square, where Poznań's mayor will hand St Martin the symbolic keys to the city. St Martin will then lead the traditional procession through the city centre.

Around 300 participants representing 24

organisations are expected to take part in the parade. The procession will feature school groups, theatre performers, sports teams and musicians, alongside figures inspired by Poznań's history and folklore.

Look out for the city's famous goats, traditional Bamberka figures, horse-riding lancers and a brass band from nearby Swarzędz. Large-scale creations, including Mother Earth and Pegasus, will also join the parade.

The programme brings together familiar local symbols and less conventional theatrical interpretations. Performers from Studio Teatralne CK ZAMEK, Circus Ferus and children from Łejery school will help bring elements of the city's past to life, including the River Warta, composer and politician Ignacy Jan Paderewski, and workers from the historic H. Cegielski industrial works.

The St Martin's Day procession is scheduled to travel along Święty Marcin, Aleja Niepodległości, Składowa and Towarowa before returning to Adam Mickiewicz Square.

At the end of the parade, Chór Pogłosy, conducted by Joanna Sykuła, will perform a song created specifically for the celebrations. Its lyrics were developed during creative writing workshops for young people, with music composed by Sambor Dudziński.

For the first time, the procession will also be streamed online and shown in the Great Hall of the Imperial Castle. Commentary will explain the people, characters and stories appearing on screen, making the event easier to follow for audiences watching remotely.

Rogale, crafts and a festival across the city centre

From 11:00 am to 9:00 pm, Imieninowe Miasteczko will spread across the streets around Święty Marcin and Aleja Niepodległości, reaching from the area around Fredry and Kościuszki to Składowa and Skośna.

The St Martin's Day market will be one of the main attractions, with traditional croissants and handmade crafts. The rogal świętomarciński, made with white poppy seeds and dried fruit, is closely associated with Poznań and the November celebrations.

Its origins are linked to the legend of St Martin, a Roman soldier who shared half his cloak with a person in need. According to local tradition, the story later inspired a Poznań baker, Walenty, to bake croissants for poorer residents.

Today, the pastry is a recognised regional speciality protected under the European Union's geographical indication system. Visitors hoping to try one should look for authentic St Martin's croissants rather than assuming every pastry sold under a similar name is the traditional product.

The wider festival area will also feature street performances, acrobatics and circus acts. A large-scale installation, Kartka z kalendarza (Calendar Page), will stand at the central junction, while the Świąteczny Dziedziniec, or Festive Courtyard, will bring further activities to the open courtyard in front of the Imperial Castle.

Katarzyna Nosowska headlines the music programme

Music will run throughout the day on the main stage at Adam Mickiewicz Square, with a programme spanning family-friendly performances, rapcore, choral singing, folk dance and contemporary Polish music.

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Poznań's University of Economics Receives the City's Highest Honour



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Photo: poznan.pl

Poznań's University of Economics and Business has received the Great Golden Seal of the City of Poznań, recognising a century of education, research and contribution to the development of the city and the wider Wielkopolska region.

The award comes in the university's centenary year, marking 100 years since the establishment of the Higher School of Commerce in 1926. What began as an institution responding to the commercial needs of a growing city has developed into one of Poland's established centres for economics, business and management education.

Presenting the honour, Poznań Mayor Jacek Jaśkowiak highlighted the university's long-standing influence on the city's economic and academic life.

"It is difficult to talk about Poznań's economic, academic and social development without recognising the role played by the University of Economics," he said.

He also pointed to its research, teaching and graduates, as well as its ability to respond to changing business needs. The university's work extends beyond the classroom, with academics contributing expert knowledge to discussions about Poznań's development.

That relationship is visible across the city, too. The university's distinctive Collegium Altum tower and its buildings along Aleja Niepodległości and ul. Towarowa have become familiar features of the urban landscape. Its students and staff also contribute to the everyday life of Poznań, connecting the academic community with local businesses, institutions and neighbourhoods.

By Klara Ertav Online 30 October 2026
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Seasonal Ice Rinks Return to Poznań from 10 October



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Photo: A. Olszanowski

Poznań's seasonal skating season gets underway on Saturday, 10th October, when Poznańskie Ośrodki Sportu i Rekreacji (POSiR) opens the ice at Malta and at Hala Sportowa Wilda.

The two rinks give skaters another option for getting on the ice as the colder months arrive, alongside the year-round full-size rink at Chwiałka.

People in Poznań can get their skates sharpened. We are opening two ice rinks that will be available to anyone who wants to enjoy recreational skating. They are a great addition to the year-round full-size rink at Chwiałka. I warmly invite everyone to come along,

says Marcin Gołek, Deputy Mayor of Poznań.

Lodowisko Malta opens for daily skating

The Malta rink is located in a tent beside the start of the Regatta Course, close to the junction of Jana Pawła II and Baraniaka.

It will be open every day from 8 am to 10 pm, with opening hours extended until 11 pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

The ice is resurfaced during three half-hour breaks each day, at 12.30 pm, 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm.

The rink will also host Ice Party evenings during the season, combining skating with music from a DJ and special lighting on the ice. POSiR has not yet announced the date of the first event.

By Klara Ertav Online 9 October 2026
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What Makes a City Good for Growing Older? Poznań Design Festival Explores Longevity



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Photo: "Sensory Object" by Oliwia Dobrzyńska

Poznań's Stary Browar will host a week of exhibitions and international discussion starting next week, as Poznań Design Festival turns its attention to longevity. The programme opens on Friday, 23rd October, with an artistic performance and exhibition vernissages, followed the next day by a conference bringing together international experts in architecture, healthcare and urban planning.

For the festival's English-speaking audience, Saturday's Poznań Design Talks: Futures of Longevity offers a chance to hear how different countries are approaching the challenge of living well as we age. From the design of everyday public spaces to the social habits associated with long life, the speakers will explore ideas with practical relevance for Poznań and the way its neighbourhoods develop.

An artistic opening and a week of exhibitions

The festival begins at 7:00 pm on Friday, 23rd October, with Wielostan, an artistic prologue combining choreography and music. Choreographed by Paulina Wycichowska, with music by Sabio Janiak, the performance features Kinga Grącka, Amelia Jankowiak and Antoni Horla. The project involves the Scientific Student Research Group at the Dance Studies Laboratory of the Poznań University of Physical Education (AWF).

The official inauguration follows at 7:10 pm, alongside exhibition openings across Stary Browar's Słodownia spaces.

By Klara Ertav Online 13 October 2026
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Six Violinists Advance to the Semi-Finals of Poznań's Wieniawski Competition



Photo: fot. Wieniawski Society/Bartek Barczyk

Six violinists have secured their places in the semi-finals of the 17th Henryk Wieniawski International Violin Competition in Poznań. With three places in the grand final available, the next two days will decide who remains in contention for one of classical music's most prestigious prizes.

The jury, chaired by Polish violinist Bartłomiej Nizioł, selected the six musicians following the third round of performances. They are Jooha Choi, Anna Im, SooBeen Lee, Jinzhu Li, Bohdan Luts and Meng Zou.

The semi-finals take place on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October, with the three finalists due to be announced shortly after the final performance.

By Klara Ertav Online 19 October 2026
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European Mink and Other Small Carnivores Get New Homes at Poznań Zoo



Photo: Ogród Zoologiczny w Poznaniu

Visitors to Poznań Zoo can now see three small carnivore species in newly refurbished enclosures, with European mink, Siberian weasels and dwarf mongooses settling into an upgraded home at the zoo's existing site.

The redevelopment gives the animals a wooden indoor building surrounded by larger, netted outdoor enclosures, with a separate space for each species. The new facilities are designed to make everyday life more comfortable for the animals and easier for the keepers who care for them.

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Poznań's Kejters Are Getting Ready for Their Annual March



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Photo: Poznań City Council

Poznań's annual Marsz Kejterka will take place this Saturday, 10th of October, bringing dog owners, animal lovers and shelter dogs together for a walk in Park Jana Pawła II.

The event starts at 11:00 near the Pyra monument, on the side of ul. Żelazka, before participants set off together with their dogs.

"Kejter" is a local Poznań word for a dog, while Kejterka/Kejterek is the affectionate version. It is one of the city's best-known examples of its distinctive local dialect and vocabulary.

The first Marsz Kejterka was held in 2022, with more than 100 people taking part. Four years on, the event has become a small but established tradition for Poznań's dog-loving community.

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Give Blood at Poznań City Hall This Thursday



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Photo: Poznań City Council

Poznań residents will have another opportunity to donate blood at City Hall this Thursday, 29th October, with a collection session taking place at Plac Kolegiacki 17.

The session will run from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm, with donation stations located on the ground floor near the council chambers. Visitors should enter through the courtyard, using entrance W11 marked Sala Sesyjna (Council Chamber).

The initiative is part of the city's ongoing cooperation with the Regional Centre for Blood Donation and Blood Treatment, helping make it easier for people to donate without travelling to a dedicated collection centre.

Further blood donation sessions at City Hall are planned for 22nd and 30th December.

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Blu/Bry Bring a New Generation of Polish Jazz to Poznań's CK ZAMEK



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Poznań's jazz calendar continues in November with a performance by Blu/Bry, a young Polish quintet whose music moves between contemporary jazz, folk traditions and electronic experimentation. The band will take to the stage at Centrum Kultury ZAMEK on Sunday, 15th November, as part of the JazZamek concert series.

The performance, titled Ejber, is the 77th concert in the series and comes during a year marking ten years of JazZamek, which has been presenting a wide range of jazz artists since 2016.

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Poznań Opera: What's On in November 2026



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Photo: Ośko Bogunia

November brings a varied programme to the Grand Theatre in Poznań, with familiar operatic favourites sitting alongside contemporary performance, a tribute to one of the city's most influential dance artists and a new production shaped by young people's experiences of conflict.

The month includes Charles Gounod's Faust, Mozart's The Magic Flute and Rossini's The Barber of Seville. There is also a special Independence Day performance celebrating choreographer Conrad Drzewiecki, while Art of War turns its attention to the language and emotions of conflict. Ballet workshops offer younger visitors and adults an opportunity to explore dance for themselves.

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New Ecological Mural Brings Endangered Species to a School Wall in Września

A large new mural in Września is using art to draw attention to biodiversity and the protection of endangered species.

By Poznań Magazine editorial team Online 8 October 2026
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Photo: Muzeum Narodowe Rolnictwa i Przemysłu Rolno-Spożywczego w Szreniawie

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One Small Potato, One Very Big Day Out: Pyra Day in Szreniawa This Sunday

The humble potato takes centre stage in Szreniawa this Sunday, 11th October, as the Museum of Agriculture hosts another edition of Poznańska Pyra. The day celebrates Poznań and its region's signature potato.

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Photo: Pyrkon

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Pyrkon Recognised for Accessibility at National Awards in Warsaw

Poznań's Pyrkon fantasy festival has received the grand prize in the Friendly Space category at the 2026 Lodołamacze (Icebreakers) awards, recognising its work to make large public events more accessible to people with disabilities.

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The Quiet Beauty of All Saints' Day in Poland

As the afternoon light fades on the 1st of November, the cemeteries of Poznań begin to glow.

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Are You a Jesieniara? The Polish Trend That Celebrates Autumn

From golden leaves and crisp morning walks to cosy cafés and warm jumpers, Poland has a word for those who embrace autumn. And for some, the season offers a spectacular change of scenery they may never have experienced quite like this before.

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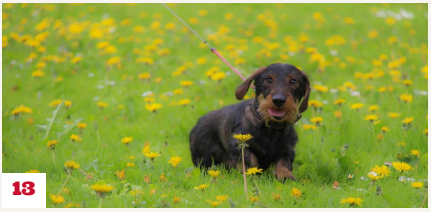


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Love Your Dog? Show Poznań You Clean Up After It

Dog owners in Poznań have a chance to turn their daily walks into a creative project, with the city inviting residents to enter a photography competition promoting responsible pet ownership.

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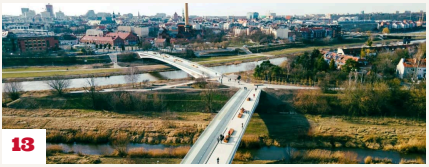


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Berdychowskie Bridges Win Poznań's Quadro Architecture Award

Poznań's Berdychowskie Bridges have received the Jan Baptysta Quadro Award, recognising a project that has reshaped connections across the Warta River and opened up new ways to explore the city. Two other recent developments, the restored Dom Książki and the redesigned courtyard outside Zamek Culture Centre, were also honoured in this year's competition.

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Poznań's Madalina Tram Depot Set for Cultural Transformation

A former tram depot in Poznań's Wilda district is set to become a year-round destination for local history, cultural events and community activities, following the announcement of a redevelopment tender.

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Poznań Tram Tests Adaptive Lighting for Passenger Comfort

One of Poznań's trams, Tatra number 412, is being used to test adaptive lighting designed to explore how light can influence passenger comfort. The project brings together Signify, Poznań University of Technology and MPK Poznań, with the specially equipped vehicle serving as a mobile research environment.

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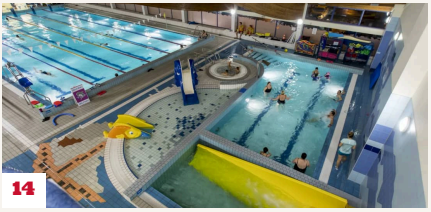


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Atlantis Swimming Pool in Poznań Celebrates 20th Birthday

Poznań's Atlantis Municipal Swimming Pool is marking its 20th anniversary with a weekend of special events, discounted admission and a look back at two decades of swimming and leisure on the city's Piątkowo estate.

By Aneta Ł Online 14 October 2026
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RestaurantWeek® Is Back in Poznań: Here Are Four Restaurants to Book This Autumn

Autumn in Poznań is a good time to discover somewhere new to eat. As the evenings draw in, RestaurantWeek® returns with special menus, seasonal ingredients and a chance to explore the city's restaurants without waiting for a special occasion.

By Poznań Magazine editorial team Online 13 October 2026
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Poznań Volunteers to Clean Up the Warta and Cybina This Week

Poznań residents will have two opportunities this week to join a city-wide clean-up of areas around local waterways, as the 5th edition of the "WARTA warta posprzątania" initiative takes place on the 6th and 7th of October.

By Aneta Ł Online 5 October 2026
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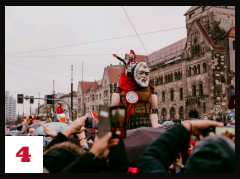
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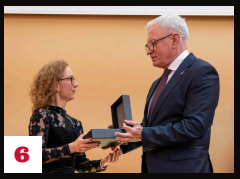
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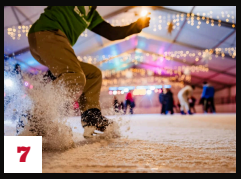
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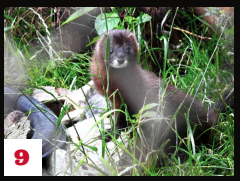














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