



30th ANNIVERSARY OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CLUB GDAŃSK

EVENT PROGRAM

Detailed description

This document contains a short version of the event programme as well as a descriptive version of all planned attractions. In the first part, you will find the key organisational information, dates, venues and prices, while the following section includes more detailed descriptions of the places and programme items.

Gdańsk
18 – 20th September 2026



EVENT PROGRAM | SHORT VERSION FOR PRINT

	FRIDAY, 18.09.2026	SATURDAY, 19.09.2026	SUNDAY, 20.09.2026
BEFORE NOON		10.00-12.30 13.00-14.00	10.00-13.00
		Conference and lunch 10.00–12.30 — conference, 13.00–14.00 — lunch	Sightseeing in Gdańsk program to choose from
		Dwór Artusa, Długi Targ, 80-748 Gdańsk https://muzeumgdansk.pl/oddzialy-muzeum/dwor-artusa/	1. Cruise around the Port of Gdańsk 2. Museum of the Second World War, https://muzeum1939.pl/
		Price PLN 250/ 65 Euro	Price PLN 120 / 30 Euro
AFTERNOON		14.00-17.00	
		Sightseeing in Gdańsk program to choose from	
		1. Walk with a guide to the Amber Museum, https://muzeumgdansk.pl/oddzialy-muzeum/muzeum-bursztynu/ 2. European Solidarity Centre, https://ecs.gda.pl/ 3. Main Town with sightseeing of selected sites	
		Price PLN 100 / 25 Euro	
		17.00–17.45 return to Hotel Arche 18.45 departure to Hotel Hilton Transport on your own	
		Hotel Hilton, Targ Rybny 1, Gdańsk https://hiltongdansk.pl/	
EVENING	19.00 -21.00	19.15- 23.00	
	Welcome Drink	Concert and Gala Dinner	
	Hotel Arche Uphagena, Prof. Kieturakisa 1, Gdańsk https://www.archedworuphagena.pl	19.15–23.00 Concert and Gala Dinner 23.00 Return to Hotel Arche	
	Price PLN 120 / 30 Euro	Price PLN 400 / 100 Euro	



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Welcome Drink

19.00 -21.00

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<https://www.archedworuphagena.pl>

Hotel ARCHE Dwór Uphagena.

The history of this place begins in 1800, when the Gdańsk Uphagen family built their summer residence here. In the garden, a grotto with a statue of the Virgin Mary was created, surrounded by a fountain and a waterfall — one of those details that still recall the former character of the estate.

Years later, in 2015, the complex was acquired by the Arche Group and underwent a careful revitalisation. The renovation and conservation works were carried out with great attention to preserving historical elements: original bricks, ceiling beams, frescoes, railings, tiles, and even old inscriptions on the walls. As a result, a hotel was created that combines modern standards with the memory of the place and its unique atmosphere.



The Welcome Drink is planned to take place at Hotel ARCHE Dwór Uphagena. Guests may also stay here during the event and enjoy the hotel's offer and SPA area.



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Dwór Artusa, Długi Targ, 80-748 Gdańsk

<https://muzeumgdansk.pl/oddzialy-muzeum/dwor-artusa/>

Artus Court and the Weta Hall – places where history meets our own story

Artus Court holds a very special place in the history of our SI Club of Gdańsk. It was here, 30 years ago, in 1996, that our Club was chartered. Ten years later, in 2006, we celebrated our 10th anniversary within these walls. That is why returning to Artus Court for our 30th anniversary is not only a solemn occasion for us, but also a symbolic one. It is a meeting with a place that has accompanied the important moments of our Club's history from the very beginning.



Artus Court itself is one of the most important and recognisable historic interiors in Gdańsk. Built between 1348 and 1350, it owes its name to the medieval legend of King Arthur — a symbol of chivalry, courage and noble ideals. For centuries, it served as the seat of several brotherhoods that brought together the elite of old Gdańsk: the patriciate, wealthy townspeople, affluent merchants and foreign guests.

This was where the city's social, commercial and representative life took place. Evening gatherings were enriched by musicians, singers, tightrope walkers and performers, while the interiors of Artus Court became the setting for lavish feasts and important conversations. It was a place of prestige, influence and meetings between people who helped shape the strength of old Gdańsk.



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The main part of Artus Court is a large Gothic hall of approximately 400 m², with a height of 11 metres. It is in this impressive space that our conference will take place, attended by our Guests of Honour and our Sisters from all over the world.

Today, Artus Court remains a venue for important events in the social and political life of Gdańsk.

Distinguished figures and

international guests are received here, ceremonies granting honorary citizenship of the city are held here, and significant economic agreements are signed here. It is a space that connects the memory of the past with the importance of contemporary events.



After the main ceremonies, we invite you to lunch in the historic Weta Hall — one of the most important interiors of the Main Town Hall. In the past, it served as a royal audience hall and as the meeting place of the Municipal Bench. For centuries, it was the centre of judicial and political power in Gdańsk, and after 1793 it was renamed the White Hall by the Prussians.

It will be our great pleasure to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our Club with you in these exceptional interiors — full of history, meaning and memories that remain in the heart for a long time.



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SATURDAY, 19.09.2026 | 14.00-17.00

Sightseeing in Gdańsk | program to choose from **14.00-17.00**

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1. Walk with a guide to the Amber Museum, <https://muzeumgdansk.pl/oddzialy-muzeum/muzeum-bursztynu/>
2. European Solidarity Centre, <https://ecs.gda.pl/>
3. Main Town with sightseeing of selected sites

After lunch, we invite you to discover Gdańsk more closely — a city where history is not locked away in textbooks, but still lives in its walls, streets, gates and stories.

Depending on your interests, we offer one of three attractions to choose from:

1. The Amber Museum — a story of the “Gold of the Baltic”

The Amber Museum in Gdańsk, founded in 2000, is one of the most important institutions in the world dedicated to amber — often called, and rightly so, the “Gold of the Baltic”. Since 2021, the museum has been located in the remarkable setting of the historic Great Mill, dating back to the 14th century. The building itself is impressive, and today it provides a unique backdrop for a collection of more than 1,000 exhibits. They document both the natural history of amber and its cultural, practical and artistic use over the centuries.



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2. European Solidarity Centre — a place of civic victory

The European Solidarity Centre, opened on 30–31 August 2014 by the historic Gate No. 2 of the Gdańsk Shipyard, is a modern museum and cultural institution documenting the phenomenon of “Solidarity” and the history of the fall of communism.

It is here that the memory of courage, community and civic victory is presented in a moving and contemporary way. The ECS attracts

millions of visitors from all over the world, guiding them through one of the most important stories of the 20th century — the story of people who believed that change was possible.

This option is for those who would like to visit a place that is important not only for Gdańsk, but also for the history of Europe.



3. A walk through the Main Town — Gdańsk written in its streets

For those who prefer to feel the rhythm of the city step by step, we offer a guided walk through the Main Town — among medieval streets, Gothic towers, Renaissance façades, street art and lively cafés.

The route will include, among others, the tallest brick basilica in Europe, the Green Gate and the Shakespeare Theatre. It will also follow in the footsteps of great figures connected with Gdańsk — the astronomer Johannes Hevelius, Newton’s friend Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit, and Arthur Schopenhauer.

Gdańsk captivates not only with its rich history, but also with its story of transformation — a city that for centuries has brought together trade, science, culture and freedom.

This option is for those who would like to see Gdańsk up close, feel its atmosphere and discover the stories hidden in its details.



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SATURDAY, 19.09.2026 | 17.00-23.00

Concert and Gala Dinner

17.00–17.45	return to Hotel Arche (transport on your own)
18.45	departure to Hotel Hilton (transport on your own)
19.15–23.00	Concert and Gala Dinner
23.00	Return to Hotel Arche

Price: PLN 400 / 100 Euro

Hotel Hilton, Targ Rybny 1, 80-836 Gdańsk

<https://hiltongdansk.pl/>

Hilton Gdańsk

It is one of those places where the location immediately sets the mood. Situated on the Motława River, right next to the historic city centre, it combines the urban rhythm of Gdańsk with the atmosphere of a calm, elegant gathering. After its latest transformation, the hotel has gained a new look — more subdued, softer and contemporary. It is luxury without excess: built on light, comfort, natural materials and details that do not dominate, but create the perfect backdrop for conversation, relaxation and celebration.



The Mercato restaurant holds a special place here, opening beautifully onto the view of the Motława River. It is a space where you can feel Gdańsk up close — over coffee, dinner, a meeting or a quiet conversation overlooking the water.



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SUNDAY, 20.09.2026 | 10.00-13.00

Sightseeing in Gdańsk | program to choose from 10.00-13.00

1. Cruise around the Port of Gdańsk
2. Museum of the Second World War, <https://muzeum1939.pl/>

Price: PLN 120 / 30 Euro

1. Old Timer Cruise on the Motława River

Gdańsk from a different perspective

We invite you to join us for a unique cruise on the Motława River — aboard a stylish Old Timer, accompanied by sea shanties and views of Gdańsk that cannot be experienced from street level.

From the water, the city reveals its historic and portside character. Along the route, we will see,

among others, the Wisłoujście Fortress — a medieval maritime stronghold that guarded the entrance to the Port of Gdańsk for more than 600 years. It is one of those places that best show how important Gdańsk once was as a trading and maritime city.

We will also sail towards the Westerplatte peninsula — a symbolic place, inseparably connected with the outbreak of the Second World War. From the deck, it will be possible to see it from a different, calmer perspective, while remaining fully aware of its historical significance.





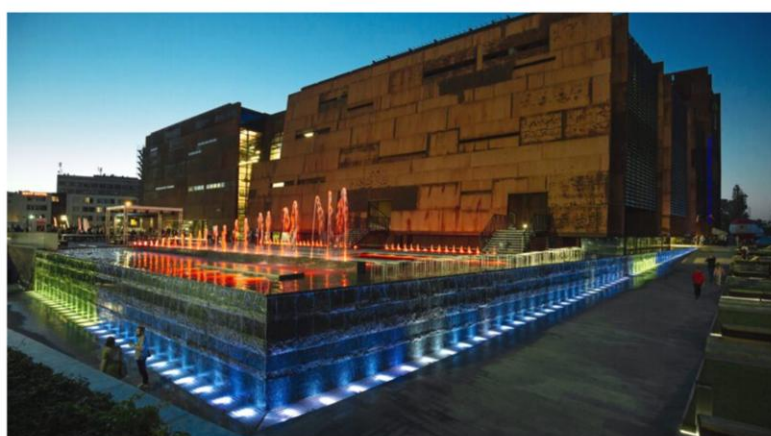
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The cruise will also offer a view of the Gdańsk shipyards — a space where history meets the present. It was here that the Solidarity movement was born, changing the course of European history. At the same time, modern shipyards still operate here today, repairing vessels from all over the world.

This option is for those who would like to feel the maritime character of Gdańsk, see its monuments, port, shipyards and places of remembrance from a completely different side — from the deck of a galleon, to the rhythm of sea shanties, with the panorama of the city slowly passing by.

2. Museum of the Second World War

History hidden 14 metres underground
The Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk is one of the largest and most modern historical institutions in the world. The entrance to the exhibition itself already makes a strong impression — the main exhibition is



located 14 metres underground, symbolically leading visitors deep into one of the most difficult histories of the 20th century.

The exhibition tells the story of the nightmare of war in a moving way, from two perspectives: great politics, the decisions of states and leaders, but also the fate of ordinary people whose lives were suddenly interrupted, destroyed or completely changed by the conflict.

This is not a museum that shows only dates, battles and documents. It is a place that helps us better understand what war meant for people — for families, children, residents of cities and villages, and for those who had to make dramatic decisions in inhuman times.



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THREE DAYS OF SHARED CELEBRATION

The three days of our anniversary will be much more than a programme of events. They will be a time for meeting, conversation, shared celebration and discovering Gdańsk — a city that beautifully brings together history, courage, freedom and openness to the world. We hope that every planned moment, from the Welcome Drink, through the conference and Gala Dinner, to exploring the city, will become part of our shared story of 30 years of our Club: a story of friendship, solidarity, action and the bond that connects Sorooptimist Sisters across borders. It will be our great pleasure to experience this special time together with you.