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# **WROCLAW FROM THE ODER RIVER IS EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL**

**A TOURIST GUIDE TO CANOEING THROUGH THE HISTORIC PART of  
WROCLAW WATERWAYS INTERSECTION**

**"Wroclaw and the Oder – Always Together"**

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From the publisher and the author

More and more tourists are visiting Wrocław. This is a multicultural city with a rich, one thousand year history of Polish dukes of Piast, Czech Brothers, and with many years of German influence. At the end of World War II Wrocław was severely damaged, but then arduously rebuilt, and in recent years it has been renovated with great care. Architectural monuments can be found side by side with modern European buildings. The city is flourishing thanks to its inhabitants, who arrived here after the World War II from all parts of Poland, mainly from the Eastern borderlands.

Wrocław is bustling with life from morning till the crack of dawn, chiefly in the vicinity of the beautifully renovated Old Square Market with its supreme Renaissance Town Hall. There is so much to see in Wrocław that it is difficult not to succumb to its rich cultural current. Wrocław has been chosen the European Capital of Culture 2016 not by sheer coincidence.

We can explore the city on foot, by bike, by droshky, by melex, or by means of public transport, and recently by canal boats or sailing ships. Unfortunately, the Oder advantages are still underestimated when it comes to exploring all of Wrocław's charms. Meanwhile, the Wrocław Waterways Intersection (WWI) is the best in Poland. It can be confirmed by anyone who has at least once sailed on the Oder River, on its branches and canals, especially in the evening when the twinkling city lights charm the illuminated boulevards and waterside monuments.

That is why Wrocław should take full advantage of this asset. More types of vessels carrying Wrocław's inhabitants and tourists could make use of the river. The Oder River offer has to be continuously expanded. People should have the possibility to visit the city from the river – by means of a ship, a canal bus, a gondola, a boat, and a canoe.

That is why this mini-guide was created. It is aimed not only at the users of canoes, but also at people who sail on the river by other means of transport. Such a thought motivated the author and the publisher - International Commission for the Protection of the Oder River against Pollution, for which the tourist development of the Oder River is a matter of the utmost importance. So let's grab some paddles and sail on the tourist-friendly Oder - the river of Wrocław and the pivot of Lower Silesia.

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## *Wroclaw from the Oder is even more beautiful*

Every year crowds of tourists visit Wroclaw. However, some of Wroclaw's chief assets are still underestimated, such as the Oder River and the Wroclaw Waterways Intersection. The city was built on the river, and it has been connected to it since its beginnings. Wroclaw has twelve islands and fifty four kilometers of water routes; it takes tributaries of Oława, Bystrzyca, Widawa and Ślęza rivers and of twelve streams, over which there are more than 120 bridges and footbridges. In this regard Wroclaw can compete only with Venice, Amsterdam, Hamburg, and Saint Petersburg. There are many parks and forests by the river.

Many water sports enthusiasts claim that Wroclaw is unlike any other city in the world in the way it is connected to the river, from which it is possible to admire city monuments and to relish in the beauty of the waterside nature. Rafting expeditions around Wroclaw and the rowing regatta organized on the anniversary of the first European rowing competitions in 1881 are becoming more and more popular. John Paul II, who was an avid canoeist, visited Wroclaw in 1983. In order to commemorate this event, the John Paul II Rafting event is organized in June during the Wroclaw Days.

There are several places along the Oder where we can rent canoes and water equipment. There is the marina by WODNIK hotel, fully adapted to the needs of disabled and seniors. Sailing on the Oder is a real pleasure. On the outskirts of Wroclaw we are surrounded by picturesque meadows and forests, while south-eastern edges of the city are the tourist areas.

Canoes enable tourists to delve into the bosom of nature, on water, in the sun, and under the canopy of trees. Moreover, the biggest advantage of canoeing is that there is no age limit. Undoubtedly, we can list other advantages of canoeing in tourism and recreation.

Visiting Wrocław waterside monuments from the river will be a very interesting experience. How so differently Ostrów Tumski with its cathedral, the Episcopal Palace and the Tumski Bridge looks from this perspective.

Such escapades start from friendly and available marinas located on the Wrocław Waterways Intersection, mainly from the WODNIK marina, which was marked as the start and the finish point in this guide, in order to present the city water route for the canoeists.

There is an easy access to water from piers and many parking spaces, the possibility to rest in the park surroundings and, what is more, a rich culinary and accommodation offer.

## *The clean Oder – eco-treasure of the city*



Wrocław, which kept its back turned away from the Oder River for many years, finally began to look at it a little more favorably. It is a pity that this change in attitude occurred only in recent years, but "better late than never".

Suddenly, it was discovered that in the first half of the 20th century the Oder and its banks were bustling with life and attracted people at work and at rest.

The works that are slowly being carried out around the river try to remind us of this history. Several water equipment rental points have been already built, the first marina has been opened, and there will be more. Restaurants, cafés and new housing estates with boulevards are being built along the river. Water sports, tourism, and recreation are developing. There are regular ship cruises, sailing boats, and motorboats, and the Oder banks are being successively developed and illuminated.

More and more of Wrocław's inhabitants are looking for places by the river to actively spend their spare time. The clean Oder River can guarantee all these attractions. The river owes its good condition to the natural self-purification processes and to many undertakings which have been carried out to improve it, some of

which undertaken by the International Commission for the Protection of the Oder River (ICPO).

As a result we have the Oder with a flourishing riverside fauna and flora. Maybe in the future there will be some bathing beaches.

That is the future. However, even today we can relax and admire the sumptuous nature of the river without leaving the city.

There is a floodland with rich flora typical of marshy terrains on the left-bank of the Oder from the Zwierzyniecka Footbridge to the Opatowicka Island. There are fragments of riparian forests, where we can find poplars, willows, ash trees, elm trees, limes, hornbeams, and many more.

On the right-bank of the river the flora is similar but artificially planted. There has been built a route for walking and cycling on the river embankments, known as the Szczytnicko-Bartoszewicka Levee.

The interesting elements of the Oder flora are Słowacki Park, the Polish Hill, and the ivy-covered National Museum, all of them located near the route described in the guide.

In the park we can admire old trees and stretches of the so-called "open green areas". Among the other plants, there stand out London plane trees.

North American in origin, the black locust dominates the Polish Hill. When in bloom, it turns into the beautiful, decorative tree.

The National Museum is thickly covered with the Virginia creeper which turns red in autumn. There are many fish species e.g. European catfish, common bream, silver bream, and many wading birds, among which wild duck and the

mute swan are the most dominant. Some of the species have liked the city so much that they spend winter on the Oder River, its tributaries and ponds.



5. Coast nearby „Pod Kasztanami” Inn

# *The river of culture*



Wroclaw has been chosen to be the 2016 European Capital of Culture.



The Oder River has been included in the program of events as a creative factor of culture. This fact delights and satisfies both the inhabitants and water sports enthusiasts.

Below there is a list of annual events which will take place up to 2016:

- Sightseeing parts of Wrocław from a ship, a canal bus or a canoe (among other things: a cathedral, other monuments of Ostrów Tumski, Odrarium in the ZOO, The Jerzy Grotowski Drama Center, city islands, waterside boulevards and bridges: Grunwaldzki, Pokoju (Peace Bridge), Tumski).
- Weekend rafting expeditions on the Oder River along the route from Rędzin to Uraz, and from The WODNIK marina to the Bajkał Lagoon (the modern Millennium Bridge and the longest concrete bridge in Poland with the highest pylon: the Rędziański Bridge and the interesting rope park on the Opatowicka Island are worth seeing).
- The John Paul II Rafting - organized in June, commemorating the first visit of the Polish Pope to Wrocław. This event is of a recreational character.
- International Integration Rafting Expedition from Wrocław to Głogów is 131 km long, launched under the slogan "Oder - the pivot of Lower Silesia", and it is held on August 10-15. The event is aimed at promoting the beautiful Oder valley, bringing to people's attention the attractiveness of the healthy recreation, rehabilitation, and the integration of disabled and seniors.
- The Oder River Days and The Odrzańska Street Festival - a two-

day outdoor event during which water shows and concerts are organized.

- The Wroclaw Rowing Regatta Open Championship, including disabled and seniors. Both, the canoeing competitions and the races on dragon boats take place during the whole year.
- Rafting expedition around Wroclaw on the Wroclaw Waterways Intersection on 13.5 km long distance.
- Odra CUP- the international student rowing regatta of eights. Races are held right in the city center in the vicinity of Ostrów Tumski.
- Tumski CUP- the Dragon Boats Race organized in September. The aim of the event is to promote Wroclaw and Lower Silesia by showing sport and recreational values of the Oder.
- VIP's rowing regatta – organized in June, the prize is a Cup of the President of Wroclaw. This event is aimed at promoting the values of recreation and tourism on the Oder River under the slogan "Wroclaw turns to the Oder".



19. Peace Bridge



## Route description



(length 14.3 km, 6.2 m against the current)

We start this interesting tourist route in the marina - KAPOK club canoe rental point next to the WODNIK hotel at 28 Na Grobli Street. The route through the most interesting parts of the Wrocław Waterways Intersection includes visiting the most charming parts of the city.

We turn right and sail up the river called here the Wrocław Upper Oder. We try to stick to the right bank of the river for safety reasons in order to keep clear of the numerous ships and motor boats. In our description we mark buildings located on the right side of the route.

**0 km** - From the very start we can admire the beautiful palace at 32 Na Grobli Street, which was renovated in 2010 and is now used by The Jerzy Grotowski Institute and the Students' Sport Association (AZS) of the Wrocław University of Technology.

**0.4 km** - We pass the WOPR (Aquatic Volunteer Emergency Corps) marina and then we sail under the Zwierzyniecka Footbridge.

**1.4 km** - The pier, the marina, and the buildings of the Scout Water Center RANCHO at 49 Na Grobli Street.

**2.8 km** - An interesting construction with the pipeline hanging above the Oder. "Pod Kasztanami" Inn and wild, waterside floodlands stretching from Bierdzany estate to the Nowy Dom (New House).

**4.2 km** - The Opatowicka Island with a poorly developed marina. The Opatowicki Channel and the Opatowice Lock are a bit



WODNIK Hotel

farther. On the Opatowicka Island there is one of the biggest rope parks in Poland. Here we can moor and hike. During the walk we can admire the lock, the weir, the Bartoszowicki Bridge, and the beginning of the Oder Flood and Sailing Canal.

⌏ - We **turn back** next to the Opatowicka Island. On the right we can see the large Opatowicki Lock, but we cannot sail in its vicinity. Strong currents, called whitewater, may cause the canoe to capsize.

**6.8 km** - Now we go down the river with the current.

The Nadorzański Park and the green Biskupin estate are on the right shore after the Szczytnicko- Bartoszowicka Levee. Wrocław's inhabitants often camp here; the area stretches as far as to the Water Scout Center STANICA. There we can moor and hike in the surroundings of the Szczytnicki Park.

**8.6 km** - As we pass the Polish Tourist Association WIADRUS (we can go out and visit the ZOO and the surroundings of the Szczytnicki Park) and the villa of the University of Physical Education (AWF), we sail to the Oder Navigation Harbour, next to the new entrance to the ZOO: the Japanese Gate. There is a summer café situated next to the Szczytniki Weir and the Szczytniki Lock complex, both renovated with great care after the flood of 1997.



1. The WOPR marina

We can go out of the canoe (mooring is difficult here due to the traffic of ships) and visit the ZOO which boasts about the new Odrarium with different species of fish from the Oder. Then we can walk several hundred meters to the Szczytnicki Park with the Centennial Hall, then to the pergola with multimedia fountain, business tourism center, and the beautiful Japanese Garden. It is a very

interesting walk if you want to stretch your legs.

Farther down the river, we can see the historic steam tugboat NADBÓR and the floating WRÓBLIN Crane, we pass the Water Sports Centre belonging to the students of the Wroclaw University of Technology, beyond which there are university buildings, the Vice Chancellor's Office, and the modern building called by many students "the cheese".

**9.8 km** - We sail next to the Wyspiański Coast and under the monumental Grunwaldzki Bridge, the famous symbol of Wroclaw. Then there is the Joliot-Curie Coast with numerous scientific institutions and with the new building of the University Library.

**10.2 km** - When we sail under the Peace Bridge we have an exceptional view on the historic Ostrów Tumski with its observation hill, the St. John the Baptist cathedral, the Papal Theological Department, the Episcopal Palace, and beautiful gardens. Next, there are typical diocesan buildings, Caritas buildings and the two-storey St. Cross Church.

**10.9 km** - Heading right, we sail under the historic Tumski Bridge decked with newlyweds' padlocks and we sail to the new, three-storey restaurant "Barka Tumska" (The Tumski Barge) floating on the water. Here we can refresh ourselves and quench our thirst. In order to walk on the city islands and Ostrów Tumski streets (starting from the Holy Mary



Mooring place near Bema Square

Virgin Church) we have to moor on the sand bar in front of the Tumski Barge, next to the stone steps leading to the Sunny Bulevouard at Drobnera Street.

⌚ - Here we **turn back** and, keeping to the right, we pass the marina Kardynalska on the Sand Island (one of four city islands besides Bielarska, Słodowa and Tamka islands), and the marinas Golden Duck and Targowa on the Dunikowski boulevard.



27. The Gulf of Gondola

Here we can moor, get out of the canoe and sit in the cafe on the barge.

From this place we can take a walk to the Słowacki Park, visit the National Museum and the "Panorama of the Battle of Racławice".

**Attention:** Ten-person canal buses sail out on cruises from the The Gulf of Gondola.

**12.9 km** - After passing the Grunwaldzki Bridge, we enter the mouth of Oława River next to the Marshal's Office and the glazed office block called "FORTUM". Under the beautiful stone Oławski Bridge we can delight in the green waterside.

On the right side, there is the new housing estate with its own promenade and marinas. Not far from here there is a house situated on the water, first of such kind in Wrocław.

**13.5 km** - Sailing back the Oder River, we pass the buildings of Municipal Transport Company (MPWiK), and among them, a monumental historic red brick water tower.

**14.3 km** - We sail several hundred meters farther, next to the closed camping site Ślęza and then we finish our rafting trip in the marina of the WODNIK hotel. Now, since we deserve some rest, we can chat on the terrace under a canopy or by the fireplace and look with satisfaction at the flowing, friendly river. We can walk from the marina to the ZOO and to the Szczytnicki Park by the Zwierzyńska Footbridge, which is not far away.



33. The Water Tower

**Attention:** The whole route takes about 3-4 hours without hiking.

The start and  
the end of the  
canoe trail



WODNIK Hotel marina

## Information on buildings along the Oder banks

**1 Aquatic Volunteer Emergency Corps (WOPR):** The marina and the large WOPR buildings situated at 40-44 Na Grobli Street. The center, which is an important lifeguards training base, is in constant development.

**2 The Zwierzyniecka Footbridge:** Built in 1976, connects Na Grobli Street with The Japanese Gate to the ZOO. It is a steel hanging-rope construction with a 232 meter long span, leaning on abutments and on four piers. Footbridges for pedestrians and cyclists are carried on two pylons.

**3 HOW RANCHO:** A big and popular Scout Water Resort (at 49 Na Grobli Street) which belongs to the Silesian Scout Regiment. The resort specializes in sailing and training yachting beginners.

**4 Pipeline:** The building of the engineering architecture which provides the gas flow over the Oder River.

**5 "Pod Kasztanami" Inn:** Beautifully located, 100 m from the river, it serves meals and drinks both inside and outside in the shade of the park trees (at 11A Opatowicka Street).

**6 The Opatowice Lock:** One of the most beautiful locks on the Oder River. It is 75 meters long, 10 meters wide and with a slope of 2.5 meters. It is often visited by Wrocław's inhabitants, mainly by cyclists. The way to the Rakowiec estate leads through Międzyrzecka and Opatowicka streets.



2. The Zwierzyniecka Footbridge



**7 The rope park on the Opatowicka Island:** The biggest rope park in Poland, where we can test our physical fitness in extreme conditions. Operators have thought of children too, so there are easier rope routes, and the youngest children have the playground.

**8 The Opatowice Weir:** It was ready to use in 1985. This modern three-span section weir is 104 m long and has the slope of water in typical swelling of 2.5 m. The first weir was built in 1896. Falling water creates dangerous whitewater, that is why we cannot sail close to it.

**9 The Weir and the lock, that is, the Bartoszowice barrage:** These are important water buildings acting as a weir. They regulate the water level before Wroclaw, and they open the Navigation and the Flood Canals. The width of three spans of the lock is 100 m. The length of the lock's chamber is 188 m, the width 9.6 m, the water slope over 3 m. Buildings were built in 1917 and some of them, e.g. needle weir winch, are engineering monuments.



9. The Bartoszowice Weir

**10 The green Biskupin Estate:**

This picturesque housing estate in the city center by the Oder River became a part of Wroclaw in 1918. This exclusive residential family district was only slightly damaged during the Second World War. Nowadays it is being developed, and it attracts Wroclaw's inhabitants with its location (it is situated near Szczytnicki Park, the ZOO, and the Centennial Hall).

**11 The Scout Water Resort STANICA:** Located at Kożuchowska Street, the Scout Centre promotes sailing among teenagers. It is beautifully located by the quiet and picturesque small bay; we can moor vessels here.

**12 The Canoe Club PTTK WIADRUS:** This is one of the two water clubs of the Polish Tourist Association in Wrocław. The name "WIADRUS" refers to the god of the Oder, and the club organizes many canoe events, sometimes even similar to the first European canoe competition on the Oder River, which took place in 1881.

**13 The ZOO:** The Wrocław ZOO, which is popular in Poland and well known in all Europe, was built in 1865. Most ZOO buildings are of historic character, and in 1979 they were entered into The National Register of Historic Monuments. In the ZOO there are many small ponds as the remains of the Oder's old river bed. There is the project concerning building the Odrarium, where we

will be able to observe fish living in the river. The new Japanese Gate from the side of the river marina was opened in 2010.

**13a The Centennial Hall (People's Hall):** This outstanding achievement of modern architecture was the largest building in the world in 1913 made of reinforced concrete. This building is listed on a UNESCO



11. The Scout Water Resort STANICA

World Heritage Site. Next to the Hall there is the steel spire, the symbol of the Regained Territories Exhibition in 1948. Next to the Hall there is the modern Congressional Business Center and the amazing multimedia fountain.

**13b The Szczytnicki Park:** The largest park in Wrocław (115



hectares) with a separate and unique Japanese Garden. There is the bust of Friedrich Schiller, the creator of "Ode to Joy", the anthem of the European Union. In the park there is also a little, 18th-century larch church.

**14 The Zwierzyniecka Marina:** This is a sailing marina on the Oder River, located next to the ZOO, right by the Zwierzyniecki Bridge and the Szczytnicki Weir. Most ships sail down the Old Oder River. Next to the marina there is an artificial beach with deckchairs to rent and with the summer café.

**15 The Szczytniki Weir and the Szczytniki Lock:** The Szczytnicki Weir, which is located in the city center next to the Wyspiański Coast, was built in 1897, and it separates the Old Oder from the Upper Oder. The weir, which was severely damaged during the flood in 1997, was thoroughly reconstructed and renovated, and it is now visited by many tourists as the part of the Open Engineering Museum.

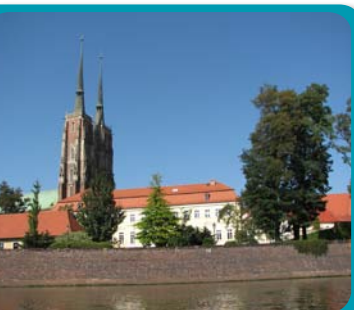
**16 NADBÓR Ship and the WRÓBLIN Crane:** The steam tugboat NADBÓR and the floating crane WRÓBLIN are moored next to the Szczytniki Lock and by the Wyspiański Coast. They are the most important units of the Engineering Museum. Both can be visited.

**17 Students' Sport Association of The Wrocław University of Technology:**

By the Wyspiański Coast in the tavern, there is the rowing section famous for training many European and World champions as well as Olympians. Not far away there is the Students' Sport Association Yacht Club.



16. The NADBÓR ship



The oldest part of Wrocław

### 18 The Grunwaldzki Bridge:

The symbol of Wrocław, a suspension bridge, 127 m long. This important monument of engineering was built in 1910. In 2003 it was renovated, and now it is splendid again. Next to the Grunwaldzki Bridge there is the Governor's Office building and the complex of university buildings.

### 19 The Peace Bridge and the

**University Library:** The Peace Bridge in its contemporary form was built in 1956 according to the project of the Wrocław University of Technology professor Jan Kmita, in the place of the bridge from 1875, which was damaged during the World War II. The Peace Bridge is 120 m long, classic in proportions and shape.

### 20 The Oder Enthusiasts' Hill and the John Paul II Faculty:

Sailing out behind the Peace Bridge into the Ostrów Tumski area, behind St. Joseph Street we can see a scenic hill, located against the background of the Wrocław Cathedral, which water sports enthusiasts call the Oder Enthusiasts' Hill. Not far from there we can find the buildings and beautiful gardens of the Papal Theological Faculty.



21. Ostrów Tumski

### 21 St. John the Baptist Cathedral and monuments in Ostrów Tumski:

Monumental but beautiful and soaring domes of the St. John the Baptist Cathedral, which is the first church of the Silesian Diocese built in 1000 by the Polish king, Bolesław Chrobry, overlooks Ostrów Tumski buildings. Renovat-

ed with great reverence after wartime damage, it is the treasured architectural monument with lavish interiors and the complex of Baroque and Gothic sculptures. It has numerous Baroque chapels and interesting stained-glass windows made by modern masters.

Right next to the church we can find the oldest church in Wrocław, St. Giles' Church. At Katedralna Street, which leads to these buildings, there is a stretch of monuments illuminated at night with street gaslights.

On the building number 12 there is the plaque commemorating the first visit of John Paul II in Wrocław on 21 June 1983. Every year participants of the John Paul II Rafting expedition from the KAPOK canoe club lay flowers here.

**22 The Tumski Bridge:** The iron bridge was built in 1889, but in 1893 it was enriched with life-size statues of St. Jadwiga and St. John the Baptist, placed from the side of the Sand Island. The bridge with Ostrów Tumski churches and monuments is a popular destination among tourists and a fashionable

topic for painters and photographs. For several years, the bridge has been visited by newlyweds, who padlock it as a symbol of their fidelity.

**23 The Tumski Barge and city islands:** After crossing the Tumski Bridge, and before arriving at the Klara culvert, we can see the newest Oder River attraction floating on the water. It is the three-storey barge, the restaurant in the vicinity of the hotel. It caters to 220 people on three decks.



23. The Tumska Barge



24. Marina „Kardynalska”

At its very top there is the observation deck, open only during the summer. Views over the beautiful Ostrów Tumski monuments and city islands (Piasek, Słodowa, Bielarka, Tamka) stretch beyond the deck.



26. The Trade Harbour

**24 Marina „Kardynalska” by the Włostowica Boulevard:** It is the sailing marina located next to the beautiful and popular boulevard and the monumental St. Mary's Church on the Sand, and next to the monument of bishop Bolesław Kominek, who rendered a great service to Polish-German reconciliation.

**25 The Market Hall:** Built in 1906-1908. The ceiling of the Hall was supported by parabolic arches made of reinforced concrete, which is the trailblazing achievement of the building engineering on the world wide scale. The trade exhibition of fruits, vegetables, and flowers delights tourists and Wrocław inhabitants.

**26 The Trade Harbour:** Located right next to the Wrocław Market Hall by pedestrian Dunikowski boulevard. From that marina ships sail away during many different occasional events held on water.

**27 The Gulf of Gondola:** Between the National Museum and the Polish Hill, and vis a vis the "Panorama of the Battle of Racławice" and the Słowacki Park there is the Gulf of Gondola, a large place where we can rent canoes, boats, and motor boats. Here is where the canal boat route starts.

**28 The "Panorama of the Battle of Racławice":** The rotunda of the "Panorama of the Battle of Racławice" was built in the sixties. Since 1985 it has been one of the biggest tourist attractions in Wrocław.

**29 The National Museum:** Close to the Peace Bridge, there is the ivy-covered National Museum, established in 1947, which is an amazing architectural accent on the left Oder bank. Its exhibits

include mainly the Lower Silesian collections and those which were rescued from Lvov. Of great interest are the Silesian stone sculptures, including the gravestone of the Wrocław prince Henryk Probus IV. Among many collections, the Abakanowicz's and Lebenstein's paintings are worth seeing. You can visit the National Museum if you have the ticket to the "Panorama of the Battle of Racławice".

**30 Governor's Office:** It is a huge monument, typical for the architecture of the Third Reich (as the construction was completed in 1939). It is a quadrangle comprising of four wings; the northern and southern parts are arch-shaped. Silesian Provincial Governor and its departments have their seats in this building.

**31 The Oławski Bridge:** This is the bridge overlooking the Oława River, the left-bank tributary of the Oder, in the proximity of the Heat Engineering Center, the Marshal's Office, and the Impart. It connects Wróblewski Square with Na Grobli Street. This is a charming stone bridge similar to typical Roman and Parisian crossings. This monument is 100 years old and includes Neo-baroque balustrades.

**32 The new complex of apartments:** A new, elegant estate is being currently built on the Oława River. It includes restaurants, cafes, the pedestrian walkway, and sailing equipment marinas. This estate is to try to change the character of the infamous Wrocław Bermuda Triangle.

**33 The Water Tower:** Historic brick tower of the Municipal Transport Company (MPWiK) on the Oder River, located at Na Grobli Street, was built in 1871. It has got some characteristic features of a medieval bastion. What makes it even more intriguing, is its interior furnishings: steam engines and pump turbines, picturing the history of water supply in Wrocław. The Water Tower is used as the original setting for theatrical shows.



32. The new complex of apartments near the Oława River

**14 PAN (Polish Academy of Sciences) Low Temperatures Institute:** The PAN center is located on the intersection of Międzyrzeczka and Na Grobli streets and it was named after the famous Wrocław scientist Włodzimierz Trzebiatowski. In front of the building there is an interesting fountain in the shape of a standing woman with a man lying at her feet. This place opens the route to the Zwierzyniecka Footbridge, the WODNIK hotel and marina, the WOPR center, and to the Water Scout Center RANCHO.



34. PAN Low Temperatures Institute



10. The Biskupin estate from the Oder River



The Opatowicka Island



# Useful information offices in Wrocław

- **Aquatic Volunteer Emergency Corps (WOPR)**  
40-44 Na Grobli Street, tel. 71 3444745, fax: 71 3448219,  
emergency: 0601100100, e-mail: dolnoslaskie@wopr.pl
- **Water Police Station**  
39 b Wybrzeże Wyspiańskiego Street (next to the Szczytnicki Lock),  
tel. 71 3284104, a duty officer tel. 71 3444867 or 997
- **"The Meeting Point" Tourist Information Office**  
14 The Old Market Square, tel. 71 3443111, e-mail: info@itwroclaw.pl
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The Old Market Square - 11/12 the Town Hall, tel. 71 3430344, 71 3438331,  
71 3443923, e-mail: biuro@pttk.wroclaw.pl
- **Regional Water Management Board in Wrocław**  
34 Norwida Street, tel. 71 3378800  
The Szczytniki Lock - tel. 71 3286651 ext. 108  
The Opatowice Lock - tel. 71 3478550
- **Sailing Office**  
52 Kleczkowska Street, tel./fax: 71 3291893, e-mail: urzad@wroc.uzs.gov.pl
- **Wrocław Integrated Canoe Club "KAPOK"**  
16 Wita Stwosza Street, tel. 71 3447091 (92), the chairman 71 7963246
- **Collective Rehabilitation-Medical Center "RESURS",**  
16 Wita Stwosza Street, tel. 71 3447091(92), e-mail: resurs@resurs.com.pl
- **Wrocław Enthusiasts' Society**  
39/40 Odrzańska Street, tel. 71 3437724, e-mail: tmw@tmw.com.pl
- **Open Engineering Museum Foundation**  
27 Wybrzeże Wyspiańskiego Street - awanport of the Szczytniki Lock  
tel. 71 3279902, e-mail: nadbor@pwr.wroc.pl
- **WODNIK Hotel**  
28 Na Grobli Street, tel. 71 3433667  
e-mail: wodnik@wodnik-hotel.pl
- **International Commission for the Protection of the Oder River against Pollution**  
1 M. Curie-Skłodowskiej Street, tel. 71 3267470  
e-mail: sekretariat@mkoo.pl  
www.mkoo.pl



30. Governor's Office



## How to book a tourist rafting expedition on the Wrocław Waterways Intersection (WWI).

### Directly with the operators:

every Monday:

- in Wrocław Enthusiasts' Society - in the Club of the Oder Enthusiasts, located in the small historic tenement Malgosia at 39 Odrzańska Street, apartment 40, 1st floor, office hours: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- in the Rehabilitation-Medical Center RESURS, Wrocław, 16 Wita Stwosza Street, 2nd floor, office hours: 1 p.m.-2 p.m.
- in the Wrocław Senior Center, 6 Dominikański Square, ground floor, office hours: 2 p.m.- 3 p.m.

every sunny day:

- in the marina at KAPOK, located next to the WODNIK hotel, Wrocław, 28 Na Grobli Street, office hours 2 p.m.-6 p.m. KAPOK also rents sport equipment for a fee.

### By phone or by e-mail:

- during evening hours (until 9 p.m.) with board members of the Wrocław Integration Canoe Club KAPOK (direct operator) - Janusz Herman tel. 71 796 32 46, Tadeusz Stepa – 71 372 84 27, Halina Bober 71 780 42 32, Bohdan Krakowski 71 361 39 89
- in the Rehabilitation-Medical Center „RESURS” tel. 71 372 40 53, e-mail: [marketing@resurs.com.pl](mailto:marketing@resurs.com.pl)
- in the Wrocław Enthusiasts' Society tel. 71 343 77 24, e-mail: [tmw@tmw.com.pl](mailto:tmw@tmw.com.pl)
- in the Sport Promotion Association FAN tel. 509 234 755, e-mail: [Agata.brylewska@fan.org.pl](mailto:Agata.brylewska@fan.org.pl)
- in the Wrocław Enthusiasts' Senior Society tel. 71 344 44 44, e-mail: [centrum.seniora@gmail.com.pl](mailto:centrum.seniora@gmail.com.pl)

**Attention:** Reservations have to include at least two double canoes. The price is 30 PLN for a canoe. Upon customers' request the operator may provide a guide at a cost of 40 PLN, irrespective of the number of rented canoes.