

## EMIGRATION MUSEUM IN GDYNIA

[MUZEUM EMIGRACJI W GDYNI]

- Characteristics** The museum is located in Gdynia at Polska 1 street in the building of the Marine Station [Polish: Dworzec Morski] – a place from which thousands of Polish women and men began their emigration. The Station building has been adapted for exhibition purposes and is disabled-friendly.
- Role/Function** Opened in 2015, the Emigration Museum in Gdynia is the first institution in Poland that depicts the story of the migration of Polish women and men. The Museum's permanent exhibition provides a comprehensive overview of the history of emigration from the Polish lands over the last two centuries. The exhibition portrays the experiences of people leaving their homeland, their fears, and hopes, as well as the causes and consequences of emigration. The temporary exhibitions at the Museum discuss past and present migrations and their impact on cultures and societies. The museum also carries out research, educational and cultural projects aimed at introducing visitors to the phenomenon of migration and creating a place for everyone.
- Offer** The Museum offers events addressed to a wide range of audiences, including families with children, school children, people with disabilities and anyone interested in migration issues. The permanent exhibition can be visited with an audio guide in several languages (including English, Ukrainian and Russian). People with migration experience are invited to participate in particular through:
- visiting the exhibition with a volunteer guide (on selected Saturdays from 13:30–15:00; guided tours in Russian and Ukrainian are also available, free of charge. A ticket needs to be purchased for viewing the permanent exhibition; for booking: [kasa@muzeumemigracji.pl](mailto:kasa@muzeumemigracji.pl));
  - meetings of the Gdynia Language Swap – language exchange point. On selected Saturdays, the museum organises a space to meet, share experiences and learn languages. Participants can practise conversation in different languages by exchanging skills. Meetings are free of charge. Booking is required: <http://bit.ly/GdnLandSwap>;
  - Polish language courses (booking: [warsztaty@muzeumemigracji.pl](mailto:warsztaty@muzeumemigracji.pl));
  - The “Pop-quiz z widokiem na Bałtyk” meeting, i.e. cultural entertainment for all those interested in pop culture. Meetings are held weekly on Fridays. Admission is free and no registration is required.

**Entity in charge** The Emigration Museum in Gdynia – a local government cultural institution run by the Municipality of Gdynia

**Access conditions** The museum can be visited on Tuesdays from 12:00–20:00 and from Wednesday to Sunday from 10:00–18:00 hrs. To visit the permanent exhibition, tickets must be purchased in advance at the museum's box office – see [www.polska1.pl](http://www.polska1.pl) for ticket costs. Admission to the permanent exhibition is free on Wednesdays. The fee to access the audio guide is PLN 10.00. For some of the workshops and events held at the museum, fees apply. Event dates and details of the offer are available on the aforesaid website.

**Funding** the budget of the City of Gdynia and income from activities; some projects are implemented with external funding, including support from UNICEF

**Contact details, website or social media contact**

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