



## **Sightseeing, cycling and canoeing**

Saturday 15- 19 June 2019

Servas Poznań Poland invites you to explore some beautiful areas of Wielkopolska Region, in the western part of Poland. It's a land of forests, lakes, rivers and historical towns dating back to the first slav rulers.

The main part of the event will be dedicated to canoeing on the river Piława (listed as suitable for beginners), which winds its way through the forest. A great opportunity to observe the wild nature of the Polish countryside.

### **Program:**

#### *Saturday 15 June*

Arrival possible from early Saturday morning.

A sightseeing trip round Poznań 'The Royal-Imperial Route', or cycling in area 'The hills of Wielkopolska National Park and The Tiver Warta valley' Cycling will be organized for those arriving by Saturday midday.

In the afternoon we will all meet at the main stage of the Ethno Port festival.

The weekend 13-16 June is very special in Poznan, because of the ETHNO PORT festival. It's one of the most significant festivals of ethno-inspired music in Europe.

<https://www.facebook.com/ethnoport/>

Accommodation with Servas hosts or a hostel. We advice you to book your accomodation with servas hosts or a hostel in Poznań well in advance.

#### *Sunday 16 June*

Time out in Poznań with Servas and moving to the canoeing area in the afternoon. We start canoeing about 120 km north of Poznań.

Cycling in and around Poznań on Sunday is an option too. 'Poznan, the fortified city'

#### *Monday 17 June*

### **Canoeing**

Two days canoeing on the Rivers Piława and Rurzyca, near Piła. The rivers twist and turn through the forest, with occasional fallen trees and branches to manoeuvre round. Just the sounds of the water and wildlife. Look out for kingfishers, cranes, eagles.

The rivers are listed as suitable for beginners. The participants will get basic training.

Safety jackets will come with hired canoes (single or double).

A certain degree of fitness, as well as the ability to swim is assumed. Canoeing will take about 6 hours a day.

A personal liability statement will be necessary for the canoeing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Oz3GxGt1U0>

*Tuesday 18 June*

Canoeing on the River Pilawa

It's possible to cycle on Monday and Tuesday too, instead of canoeing, but it depends on the number of bikes available at the canoeing site. 'Poland- a country of forests, lakes and rivers'

*Wed 19 June* – return to Poznań by about midday.

Cycling trips will be about 40-50 km long, usually on sandy roads. No electric bikes available.

### **ACCOMODATION**

Three nights accomodation at a canoeing center by the river. 22 places available in rooms and common dormitories; first booked, first served. A campsite with a campfire is on the site. Further accomodation in the village. Sleeping bags necessary for dormitories, tents for those who choose to camp.Booking in advance is essential.

Meals will be organized communally, unless booked in advance at the canoeing center.

<http://kajakiwdolinie.pl>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcbHGdduOJI>

### **How to get to Poznań**

Poznań airport is situated 20 min from the centre, the main carriers are LOT and Lufthansa, the budget carriers are Ryanair and Wizzair.

Poznań has a convenient bus and train connection with both Warsaw and Berlin. There are special offers on train tickets too. There are minibuses running between Berlin's airports and Poznań.

Transport from Poznań to the canoeing area will be organized.

### **Participation fees for the canoeing Sun 15th- Wed 19th:**

There are a few options of accomodation and meals to choose from, including self-catering.

Room- 12 euro/ a night in a two person room.

dormitory- 6 euro/ a night per bed

bedding- 3.50 euro

tent- 4 euro/ a night for a tent

Meals (breakfast and evening dinner)10 euro/ a day

Shops and a restaurant are a short distance from the canoeing center.

Estimated cost (accomodation, canoe hire, meals and transport canoes and people at the canoeing site only):

about 80- 130 euro ( Depending on options chosen)

The estimated price doesn't include bike hire and transport to the canoeing site.

Registration fee for cycling and canoeing 80 Euro ( To be paid by the end of March 2019)

Servas members who wish to join us only for the weekend are welcome without any registration fee.

Registration form is available [here](#).

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