



Poland



Mazurian Lakes



MIKOLAJKI

NEW



In North-East Poland, close to the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad, **Mazuria**, the “**land of a thousand lakes**”, stretches from South to North, a network of lakes, canals and rivers fringed by great forests of pine, oak and silver birch. A nature-lover’s paradise, the whole area boasts a rich fauna: lynx, deer, bison, wolves, wild boar, beavers as well as a wide range of birds, such as swans, cormorants and grey herons.

Mazuria, which until World War 2 was part of East Prussia, was converted to Christianity by the Teutonic Knights in the 13th century. During your cruise you will be able to see their ruined castles atop many hills, and specially at **Gizycko**, **Worgorzeno** and **Ryn**. The little towns along your route have been popular since the 1920s for their boating, fishing and bathing, and there are many festivals and concerts during the summer months.

The town of **Mikolajki**, our base, stands on an isthmus and is one of the most attractive in Mazuria. There are many historic buildings dating from the 18th and 19th centuries. Between **Ruciane Nida** and **Mikolajki** do visit the Wildlife Park at Kadzidlowo. As well as the zoo, you can see inside a beautifully restored traditional house. At **Gizycko**, the vast fortress of Fort Boyen stands as a reminder of Poland’s troubled past. Further north, the little town of **Wegorzewo** on Lake Mamry is only 20km from the Russian frontier; it’s an attractive place to visit both for its many craft workshops and for the sandy beach at Ogonki 7km south-east.

ACCESS

MIKOLAJKI



WARSAW IS AT 260 KMS, TRANSFER BY TAXI OR MINIBUS FOR THE PRICE OF 600 PLN (180 €)



MIKOLAJKI (2 KM)



N161 / N53 THEN TAKE THE GREEN ROAD N° 609 THROUGH THE FOREST DURING 60 KMS

MIKOLAJKI IS AT 20 KMS FROM THE RUSSIAN BORDER NEAR TO KALININGRAD



Suggestions of Cruises

OUT AND BACK

 STARTING FROM

 **MIKOLAJKI**

► One week

• **MIKOLAJKI, GIZYCKO, WEGORZEWO, SZTHNORT, ZIELONY GAJ, RYN, MIKOLAJKI**

110 km, 4h 00 / day.



• **MIKOLAJKI, ZIELONY GAJ, RYN, MIKOLAJKI, OKARTOWO, PISZ, RUCINA, MIKOLAJKI.**

100 km, 4h 00 / day.



► Two weeks

• **MIKOLAJKI, GIZYCKO, Ogonki, WEGORZEWO, SZTHNORT, RYDZEWO, RYN, MIKOLAJKI, RUCIANE, PISZ, OKARTOWO, WIERZBA, MIKOLAJKI.**

200 km, 4h 00 / day.



Navigation not advised on the lake at Sniardwi in wind superior to Force 3.

Departure days : Saturdays.

Beginning of the season :

Saturday 26th April 2008



Hiring with or without a licence

A navigation licence is required on the lakes in Poland except for residents of countries where a licence isn't delivered (eg England, Denmark, USA).

The quality of waters

The quality of the water and the environment will allow you to drop the anchor and swim in the appropriate places.



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