



# Welcome

## 2012 CEESA Conference

### 16-17 March

WITAMY W WARSZAWIE!  
WELCOME TO WARSAW!



Dear CEESA colleagues and friends,

The American School of Warsaw is thrilled to host the 2012 CEESA conference. The faculty and staff of the school warmly welcome you to the city that Wars and Sawa founded in the 12th century, or so the legend goes. And like all great Polish legends, it reflects the romanticism for which the Poles are known. Wars, a humble fisherman, fell in love with Sawa, a beautiful syrena, or mermaid living in the Vistula River, so naturally they founded a city here, on a spot close to where the conference is held. The syrena became the symbol of the city, and you will see her likeness everywhere: in statues, on city busses, on all official city documents. Poles like to say her spirit is present.

The story of Warsaw and Poland is a remarkable one. As recently as 1945, at the end of World War II, 85% of the city center lay in utter ruin, with large portions resembling an urban desert. Forty-five years of uninspired Soviet-dominated communist rule did not extinguish the syrena's spirit however, and it is no surprise that the fall of communism led to the rebirth that is present-day Warsaw.

Today, you will find a city where glimmering skyscrapers live side-by-side with the socialist realism of the Soviet era; where the Warsaw Stock Exchange is housed in the old communist party headquarters; where a soaring building by Daniel Libeskind (a contributing architect of New York's One World Trade Center), is being constructed across the street from Stalin's Place of Culture, a "gift" to the people of Poland. It is a city whose love of history and tradition led to the reconstruction of the Old Town square to replicate its 13th century appearance, garnering it a United Nations World Heritage Site designation.

You will find Warsaw is a city very much on the move. Every week it seems as if a new gallery, a new restaurant, a new club, a new café opens, each filled with people. Nowy Świat (New World) Street is alive and buzzes with activity 365 days of the year. You will see a good deal of construction as Warsaw and Poland speedily spend the billions of Euros it received for joining the European Union in 2004 and for hosting the European Cup in the summer of 2012. Many wonder how the many soccer fans who will descend upon Warsaw and Poland this summer will fare, but no one wonders how warmly they will be received.

We invite you to take in the spirit of the syrena in this great city, in this great country. It is a pleasure to welcome you, and we wish you a wonderful 2012 CEESA conference!

Tony Gerlicz, Director, American School of Warsaw.

## History, Culture...

Warsaw tourist offices have a number of excellent brochures. Some of these, along with a map, are in your conference bag. If you are here on Sunday for an hour or two, we definitely recommend Old Town-New Town and The Royal Route.

Other brochures that you can download from [warsawtour.pl/en/warszawa-dla-ka-dego](http://warsawtour.pl/en/warszawa-dla-ka-dego) :

Judaica—Jewish Warsaw

National Memorial Places

Socialist Realism in Warsaw

Praga District

Parks & Gardens

For Kids

Shopping

Spa & Wellness



### Need More Information?

[warsawtour.pl/en](http://warsawtour.pl/en)

[www.inyourpocket.com/poland/warsaw](http://www.inyourpocket.com/poland/warsaw)

### Banking

ATMs are everywhere, even inside the Marriot.

### Important Numbers

Central Emergency: **112**

- Police **997**
- Ambulance **999**
- Fire Brigade **998**

### Conference Hotel

Warsaw Marriott Hotel

Al. Jerozolimskie 65/79

Warsaw

00-697 Poland

48 22 6306306

## Public Transport

### Nearest bus stop

Dworzec Centralny

### Route planners

[tinyurl.com/ztm-waw](http://tinyurl.com/ztm-waw)

[warszawa.jakdojade.pl/?locale=en](http://warszawa.jakdojade.pl/?locale=en)

Public transportation tickets can be purchased in some newspaper kiosks and at ticket machines located in the metro stations and selected tram and bus stops. You can pay either with cash or a debit card. Instructions on the ticket machines are in Polish, English and German.

The prices of selected tickets in zone 1:

- Ticket for one trip: normal - 3.60 PLN or a 20min ticket (2.50 PLN) will get you most places
- Daily ticket (valid for 24 hours): normal - 12.00 PLN
- 3-day ticket: normal - 24.00 PLN

*Bus Line 180 runs every day and follows the Wilanów - Powązki Cemetery - Chomiczówka route. It includes the very popular Powązki Military Cemetery (Cmentarz Wojskowy Powązki). The route is worth investigating as it follows the Royal Route (Trakt Królewski), which goes from the Old Town to Wilanów, where the summer Palace is located. The entire route takes about 60-70 minutes.*

**Closest stop to Marriot:** Foxel

### Taxis

There are many reliable taxis in the city centre.

These are the ones we usually use:

Ele Taxi	48 22 811 11 11
Merc Taxi	48 22 677 77 77
MPT	48 22 191 91
Sawa Taxi	48 22 644 44 44



# Nearby...

## Want a quick break?

Within 10 minutes are cafes, bars, and a large mall. Here are some places we've enjoyed.

**Get the best view of Warsaw...**A great "instant" tour of Warsaw from the terrace on the 30th floor of the Palace of Culture & Science. To get there you'll need to buy a ticket (20zł). You will then be shepherded into an old-style lift, in which you will be escorted to the top. Mon.-Sun. 9 am-6 pm.

**Best night view...40th floor Marriot**—Panorama Bar

## Shop, Drink, Eat.....

Złote Tarasy Mall with everything that you would expect.



**1 Wook**  
*Cheap, fast Chinese*  
Aleje Jerozolimskie 65/79  
11am – 11pm

**2 Radio-Cafe Restauracja**  
*Polish café*  
Nowogrodzka 56  
7:30am -11pm

**3 Legends**  
*British pub & restaurant*  
Emilii Plater 25

**4 C.K. Oberża**  
*Polish Restaurant*  
Chmielna 28

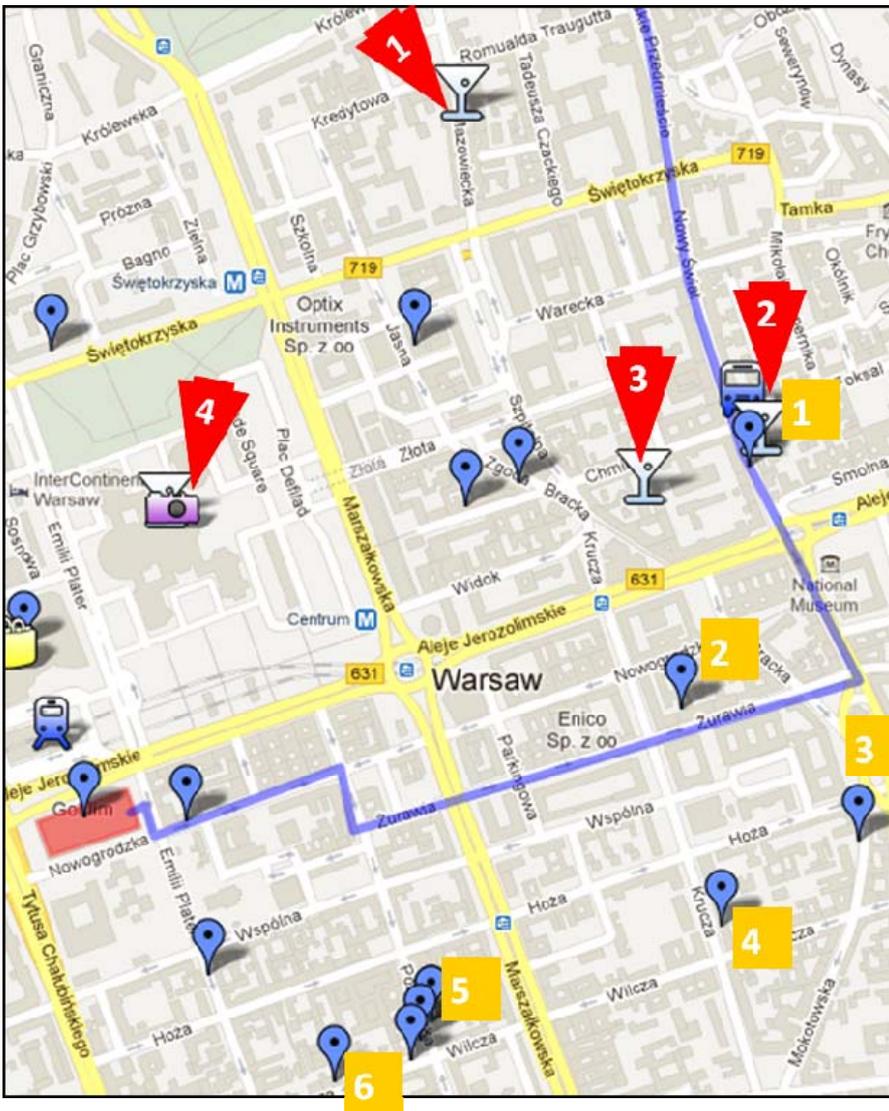
**5 Borpince**  
*Hungarian cellar restaurant*  
Zgoda 1

**6 Fenicja**  
*Lebanese*  
Świętokrzyska 32  
10am – 5am weekends

**7 Gar**  
*Old world Italian*  
Jasna 10

# An hour or two to spare...

Warsaw is full of places to explore. These are some that we think are worth a look. Be sure to check out our ASW Recommends map at [g.co/maps/ccqzx](http://g.co/maps/ccqzx)



- 1 Buddha Indian Restaurant**  
*Indian Restaurant*  
Nowy Swiat 23
- 2 Sushizushi**  
*Sushi*  
Żurawia 6/12
- 3 Adler**  
*Bavarian bar & restaurant*  
Mokotowska 69
- 4 Sunanta**  
*Thai restaurant*  
Krucza 16/22
- 5 Bar Tektura**  
*Small, friendly, Czech beer*  
ul. Poznańska 12
- 5 Tel Aviv**  
*Middle Eastern Cafe*  
Poznańska 11
- 5 Beirut Hummus Bar**  
*Lebanese food, Belgian beer*  
Poznańska 12
- 5 Ganesh**  
*Excellent Indian food*  
ul. Wilcza 50/52
- 6 Znajomi Znajomych**  
*Hip, avant-garde, Belgian beer, Polish films*  
ul. Wilcza 58a

- 1 Enklawa**  
*Late night bar/club; 70s, 80s and 90s classics to chart hits*  
ul. Mazowiecka 12, 15zł
- 2 Pawilony / Pewex**  
*Late night venue; variety of character bars*  
Nowy Swiat 22/28
- 3 Hustawka**  
*Late night bar/club; "middle-ground between an edgy dive bar and a fashionable 'must visit'"*  
ul. Bracka 20a
- 4 Cafe Kulturalna**  
*Late night bar/club; "In the evening it turns into a monster"*  
Inside Palace of Culture on the Marszałakowska side

# Further afield...

**Tsinghis Chan in "Cesarski Pałac"**  
*Mongolian all-you-can-eat*  
ul. Senatorska 27

**Dekada**  
*Late night bar/club; 70s, 80s, and 90s disco party*  
ul. Grojecka 19/25

**Trattoria Rucola**  
*Great pizza & Italian*  
Miodowa 1

**Przekaski Zekaski**  
*Late night bar/club; round-the-clock bites*  
entrance from ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście