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Participation in the cultural programme must be confirmed during the registration process in the online form. Cultural events are free of charge.

Museum of the City of Łódź - Guided Tours, 20 September



Photo: P. Buczek



Photo: M. Nadachewicz

1st guided tour will begin at 11.30 a.m. and will last maximum 1.5 hours

2nd guided tour will begin at 1 p.m. and will last maximum 1.5 hours

The guided tours will be conducted in English.

Participants should gather at the entrance of the Museum at the appointed times.

The Museum of the City of Łódź is housed in the Poznański family Palace. The monumental residence is the most recognizable building and a flagship of the city, as well as a testimony to the 19th century history of Łódź. It is the largest residence of a factory owner in Europe. Visiting the Museum of the City of Łódź is an opportunity to learn about the industrial past of the metropolis and the extraordinary history of a multicultural city. During a walk through the unique interiors of the Poznański family Palace, you will be able to feel the atmosphere of the world of big business, of high finance industry circles as well as the splendour and richness of everyday life of the richest inhabitants of Łódź. It will be facilitated by consecutive exhibitions that reveal the backstage of the spectacular success of the factory-owning family, recounted not only by the guides but also by world-class paintings and sculptures. A visit to the Museum is also an opportunity to get to know about the biographies of famous people from Łódź. Archival photographs, valuable documents and personal items make up a unique museum collection related to the most important people of science, art and culture. Participants will learn about Arthur Rubinstein, through the presentation of private belongings, which currently constitute the world's largest collection of memorabilia of the outstanding pianist who was born in this city. The Museum will also offer guests the chance to enter the colourful world of literature and music of the city, provided by a temporary exhibition dedicated to Paul Kletzki (an opening reception will take place on 22 September at 6 p.m., the exhibition will run through September 23). Celebrating the artistic activities of the well-known composer and conductor will also be an occasion to get to know the works of his friends, Julian Tuwim and Alexander Tansman, both exemplary figures of extraordinary talents and creativity of Łódź artistic milieu.

The Forum participants will be offered the possibility of visiting the Museum individually, free of charge, on 21-23 September (the Forum badge will serve as entry ticket).

The Museum's opening hours:

Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday-Saturday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Address: 15 Ogrodowa St.

91-065 Łódź

<https://muzeum-lodz.pl/>

The Factory Museum - Guided Tours, 20 September



Photo: P. Miłek



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2nd guided tour will begin at 1 p.m. and will last maximum 1 hour

The guided tours will be conducted in English. Participants should gather at the entrance of the Museum at the appointed times.

The Factory Museum has been operating in the Manufaktura complex since 2007. It is located in one of the revitalized post-industrial buildings - the former textile printing works. It is a multimedia exhibition that presents the history of the Poznański family and their factory, with particular emphasis on the production process. Visitors can learn how cotton was made into yarn, then see how it was transformed into textile while watching 19th century looms at work. The Factory Museum shows the details of textile finishing process and product quality control. The visitors will also find information about architectural details, old plans and photos of the factory.

The Forum participants will be offered the possibility to visit the Museum individually, free of charge, on 21-23 September 2023 (the Forum badge will serve as entry ticket).

Museum opening hours:

Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Address: 58 Drewnowska St.

91-002 Łódź

<https://muzeumfabryki.com.pl/>

Visiting the Science and Technology Centre EC1 Lodz - City of Culture, 20 September



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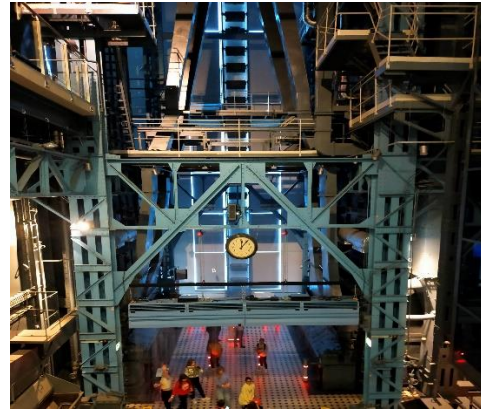


Photo: K. Tomczyńska-Zdulska

Participants of the Forum will have the opportunity to see the EC1 Science and Technology Centre Łódź City of Culture. During the welcome dinner, turbine hall and cooling tower will be accessible to guests. From the cooling tower, guests will have chance to admire the panorama of Łódź.

In addition, during the welcome dinner, its participants will also be offered a visit to the EC1 Spherical Cinema. There will be 5 film screenings (at 19.00, 19.30, 20.00, 20.30 and 21.00). The capacity of the cinema is 44 people.

Address: 1/3Targowa St.
90-022 Łódź

<https://ec1lodz.pl/?language=en>

Visiting of the Central Museum of Textiles in Łódź (CMWŁ), 21 September



Photo: P. Waclawiak



Photo: D. Kulesza

The Central Museum of Textiles in Łódź is located in the White Factory - a unique place on the map of Łódź and a symbol of its textile past. The complex of post-industrial buildings has been revitalised step by step over the years, with respective wings adapted for exhibition purposes. The idea to create this kind of museum in Łódź, which had been the largest textile industry centre in Poland since the 19th century, arose as early as in 1946. The Museum has come a long way to become a specialised institution presenting textiles from many perspectives: as a field of art, an industry, a vast area related to fashion, customs and everyday life. Thanks to the unique and priceless collections gathered over the years, visitors may learn the secrets of the textile production process and see the variety of textile design manufactured in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Event schedule for the evening of September 21:

- 18.00 - 18.30 p.m. – guests arrival at the Museum. Guests will be divided into six groups of about 50 persons. The guided tours of each group will be preceded by a short (about 5 minutes) introduction outlining the history of the houses reconstructed in the Łódź City Culture Park and the idea of the Microhistories. Łódź and its People exhibition. Groups will visit houses and the church one after the other (which is necessary due to the limited space in the houses). The last element of the tour will be the loom work presentation in the Machines in Motion Workroom. The whole presentation is to last for maximum 1 hour. Guided tours and all provided information material will be in English.

- 20.30 p.m. – the concert of the film music performed by the Grohman Orchestra will begin in the courtyard of the Museum, where the stage will be set up. The concert's duration is maximum 40 minutes.

The participants of the dinner and guided tour at the Central Museum of Textiles in Łódź (CWMŁ) are advised to wear comfortable, stable shoes, because a large part of the Museum's outdoor area is paved with rounded cobblestones. We also advise taking warmer outer clothes, because the planned dinner and accompanying events will be held outdoors to a large extent.

During the dinner at CMWŁ, all the exhibitions will be open to guests, so that they can also visit them on their own.

On 21-23 September the guests of the Forum, after presenting the participant's badge, will be able to visit the CMWŁ exhibitions free of charge (information about current exhibitions can be found on the website <https://cmwl.pl/>; there will be also a dedicated leaflet attached to the information materials prepared for the participants of the Forum).

Address: 282 Piotrkowska St.
93-034 Łódź

<https://cmwl.pl/>

The Underground Cathedral in Stoki, 22 September

Due to difficult access conditions, please note that the visit to the underground cathedral is not adapted for people with reduced mobility.



Photo: S. Glapinski



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In Łódź there is a treasure hidden literally underground. This is the so-called Underground Cathedral located in Stoki - four gigantic water cisterns with a storage capacity of 15 million litres each. They were built on a square plan with a side length of 60 meters, from a special, waterproof and pressure-resistant brick. The roof of each reservoir is composed of hundred vaults supported by 81 columns. This "forest of columns", with arched vaults, resembles in appearance Gothic cathedrals - hence the name: The Underground Cathedral in Stoki. These historic engineering structures were built according to the plans of an English engineer William Heerlein Lindley, the designer of the water supply and sewage system for Łódź. However, the cost of these facilities was so high that the investment was divided into stages. The first two reservoirs were built in 1935-1937, the subsequent two after the Second World War, in 1949-1953. The Stoki hills are at the highest altitude of the city, so water that was drawn from deep wells and pumped into huge reservoirs could flow down by gravity, without the use of pumps, through the water supply network to consumers.

This industrial monument is not available to the visitors, so the participants of the Forum will have a unique opportunity to visit this facility.

Recommendations regarding safety rules when visiting the Underground Cathedral:

- each participant must have an identity document with a photo and a serial number;
- each participant is obligated to submit to security screening - similar to security procedures at the airports;
- entering with bags is not allowed (they can be deposited at the entrance);
- filming and photographing on the premises of the facility are not allowed, excluding the interior of the reservoir;
- wear clothing adapted to staying in a room with high humidity where the temperature does not exceed 10 degrees Celsius;
- visitors must wear shoes with flat soles.

Limited access to 30 persons in a group. Visit takes about 40 minutes. The exact hours of visits will be provided in the registration form.

Address: 246A Pomorska St.

92-013 Łódź