

Excursion 1: Museum of Textiles

The Museum of Textiles and Łódź City Culture Park

The Museum of Textiles is located in the White Factory, the complex of post-industrial buildings of the former textile factory built by Ludwik Geyer in the middle of 19th century. The museum presents rich collections of textiles coming from many centuries as well as a collection of modern tapestry - one of the largest in the world, and collection of tools and machines used in textile industry in 19th and 20th centuries.

In Łódź City Culture Park the visitors can find eight historic buildings in the area, typical of Łódź in the 19th and early 20th centuries: a stately summer holiday villa, a wooden church, four craftsmen's houses, a two-storey house and a tram stop building are located along two cobbled streets. In some of the buildings there are permanent exhibitions presenting the story of multicultural textile Łódź from the perspective of its residents' everyday life.

Excursion 2: Impresiones de Łódź (en castellano)

Impresiones de Łódź – pasado, presente y futuro (en castellano)

La excursion es dedicada a los participantes extranjeros y presenta el pasado (600 anos pero solo 200 como ciudad cierta), el presente y el posible futuro de la ciudad de Łódź en el fondo de la historia y presente de Polonia.

La visita empieza con la vista al Centro Nuevo de Łódź, un antiguo espacio industrial en la transformacion al barrio moderno.

La segunda parte de la visita demuestra origenes de la Łódź industrial - una "ciudad" de los fabricantes textiles Grohman y Scheibler.

La ultima parte es un paseo en la calle Piotrkowska y alrededores, una parte muy centrico de Łódź. La calle contiene muchos edificios del estilo secesion y vestigios de la historia.

Como una preparacion a la excursion los organizadores sugieran ver a la pelicula "La tierra prometida". Un enlace a la peli en youtube con subtítulos espanoles:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9OrkIU87hM>

Excursion 3: Herbst Palace

The Herbst Palace and a walk around Księży Młyn and Źródlińska Park

The Herbst Palace is a place connected with the histories of the Herbst and Scheibler families counted among the richest and most influential families of the industrial era of the second half of the 19th century. In the palace one can find representative salons and private rooms of the owners as well as the equipment close to their original appearance.

Urban complex "Księży Młyn" (in English Pastor's Mill) is the biggest historic factory complex in Lodz which was built in the 19th century by Karol Scheibler, the richest industrialist of Lodz. It was a self-sufficient city and had factory buildings, warehouses, workers' houses, school, fire station, two hospitals, gasworks, factory club, shops, houses of the owners, and a railway siding.

Źródlińska Park is the oldest park in Łódź, founded in 1840 which was the only city park until 1875.

Excursion 4: University of Music

University of Music in Łódź - the Karol Poznański Palace and short walk to the Piotrkowska street

The Karol Poznański Palace was built in 1904 for the son of Izrael Poznański. It was designed and implemented in the Neo-Renaissance style which mirrored the Florence architecture from the 16th century. Nowadays the palace is the seat of University of Music in Łódź. It has a representative character and contains lavish interiors with paneling made of various types of wood, richly decorated stucco ceilings, marble fireplaces and furniture. The interior staircase with fan-shaped stairs, lined with marble, with a beautiful stained glass window has been preserved in an unchanged state.

Piotrkowska Street is the most representative street of Łódź with many historic tenement houses, where numerous restaurants, cafes and pubs operate.

Excursion 5: Museum of the city

Museum of the City of Łódź – Izrael Poznański Palace

The Museum of the City of Łódź is located in the former palace of Izrael Poznański, one of the richest of factory owners of the 19th century. The monumental residence, built in the eclectic style, is the most easily recognisable building and contains numerous collections of objects documenting the history of Łódź as a city of four cultures (Polish, Jewish, German and Russian).

Next to the museum, there are buildings of the former factory of the Poznański family, which now houses the Andel's hotel and the Manufaktura shopping and entertainment center.