

# SGH Warsaw School of Economics – practical guide for visitors



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## Arriving in Warsaw

To get to your hotel you can take either public transport (bus or train) or taxi. It is not very far to the city centre from the airport so the taxi shouldn't be too expensive; besides public transport may be too complicated if you'd need to switch the buses. There is no shuttle bus at the airport but some of the hotels can offer such possibility – please check that with your hotel.

There are many taxis waiting outside the airport terminal. Don't react to people offering you taxi within the hall of the arrival terminals because they are usually private taxi drivers who will charge you much more than the corporations, especially seeing that you're a foreigner. Although the airport has taken care of the illegal taxis there still may be some cases of taxi drivers trying to catch clients at the arrivals.

Warsaw Fryderyk Chopin Airport recommends 3 taxi corporations:

Name	Phone	Website
ELE TAXI	+48 22 811 11 11	<a href="http://WWW.ELETAXI.PL">WWW.ELETAXI.PL</a>
SUPER TAXI	+48 22 196 22	<a href="http://WWW.SUPERTAXI.PL">WWW.SUPERTAXI.PL</a>
SAWA TAXI	+48 22 644 44 44	<a href="http://WWW.SAWATAXI.COM.PL">WWW.SAWATAXI.COM.PL</a>

The taxi fare from the airport to the city centre is approx. 40-50 PLN.

They do not recommend other non-corporate taxi. The taxis of the above companies stand on the first lane by the exit from the terminals. The fare to the hotel should not be more than 40-50PLN but please consider that there might be special charges for example because of the day of the week [weekends are more expensive] or the time of your arrival [night fare].

Most of the taxis have the terminals for credit cards but you can always withdraw some money in the ATMs situated in the baggage claim halls as well as in the arrivals hall. Information on whether it's possible to pay by card should be displayed on taxi's window together with the price of the fares. Visa is most popular, then Master or Maestro or American Express (the last one is least popular).

As to paying by credit/debit cards it is not difficult to pay with them. Most of the shops acknowledge cards, maybe only the small shops with food or kiosks with newspapers won't accept them or will have the minimum limit from which they accept payments by card. You can even buy your travel card and pay for it with card if you will buy it in special ticket machines.

## Getting Around Warsaw

### Warsaw public transport

[Zarząd Transportu Miejskiego ZTM](#) is an organiser of public transport within the territory of Warsaw. Selected lines (i.e. zone lines) extend also beyond the borders of Warsaw, thus creating a network of convenient connections at the territory of Warsaw conurbation. ZTM is

responsible, among others, for the arrangement of routes, timetables, sale of tickets and ticket inspections.

ZTM offers a combination of tram, bus, metro and urban rapid rail lines. Thanks to this it is not necessary to buy tickets for each different mean of transport. With such ticket you can use tram lines, bus lines, underground and also fast rail (*but only if you wanted to go somewhere out of the centre of Warsaw – in the centre it is best to use the first 3 means of transport*). Below you will find the prices of tickets that may be useful to you. Since you will be travelling only within the Zone 1 the below list includes only the tickets that are valid for this zone.

Ticket fares valid until end of May 2017. For current tariffs please check [ZTM's website](#)

Ticket	Description	Price [regular]
TIME TICKETS valid for all day lines and night lines	20-minute ticket entitles to an unlimited number of journeys for a period not exceeding 20 minutes from its validation	3.40 PLN
SINGLE-FARE TRANSFER TICKETS valid for all day lines and night lines	Single fare transfer ticket entitles to an unlimited number of journeys for a period not exceeding 75 minutes from its validation or entitling to a single journey to a stop or station which is the last on the route.	4.40 PLN
SHORT TERM TICKETS valid for all day lines and night lines	One-day ticket entitles to unlimited number of journeys for 24 hours from its validation	15.00 PLN
	Weekend ticket entitles to unlimited number of journeys from 7:00 PM on Friday till 8:00 AM on Monday	24.00 PLN

As mentioned you can buy the travel card in special machines. You can find such machines on every underground station and on many bus stops; also in most trams and buses it's possible to buy the tickets in machines. Each ticket machine has instructions in English on how to use it.

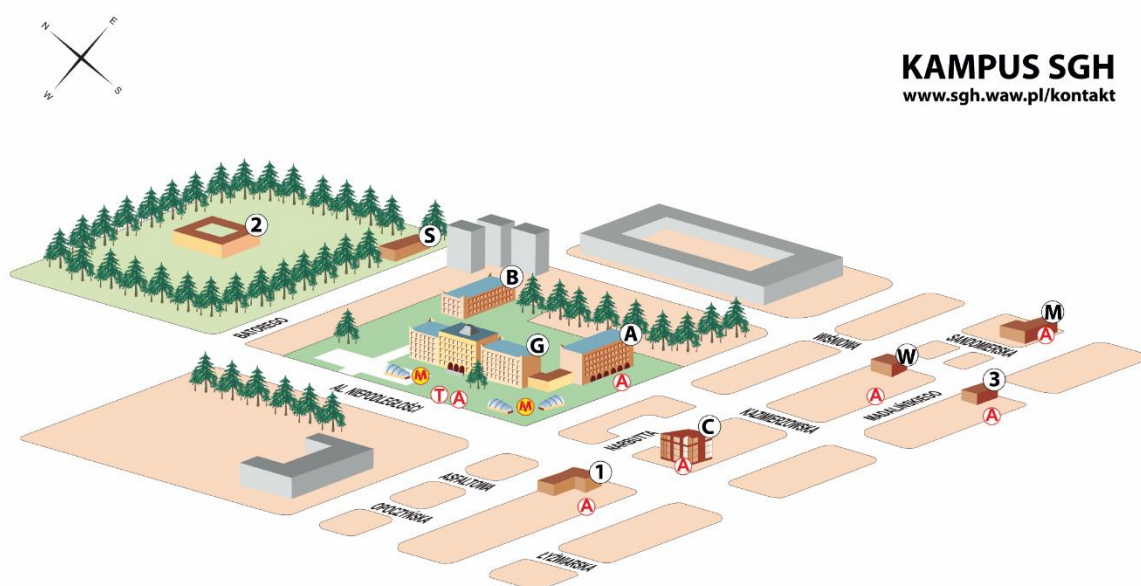
### VETURILO – Warsaw Public Bike

Veturilo is one of the largest urban bike systems in Europe. Alternative means of transport, allowing quick navigation through our city. It is a good complement to public transport in Warsaw. Cyclists Veturilo are available to 316 stations and 4660 bicycles <https://www.veturilo.waw.pl/en/>

## How to get to SGH

SGH is very conveniently placed in the city district called Mokotów. By the main campus there is the bus, tram and underground stop. The name of the stop is "Pole Mokotowskie" and in case of the underground it's just 2 stops from the city centre.

The Main Building (hosting i. a. Rector's office) is located at Aleja [Al.] Niepodległości 162 (on the campus map below marked with letter "G"); International Centre is located on the ground floor of Building "A" (ul. Rakowiecka 24).



- budynek A – ul. Rakowiecka 24  
budynek B – biblioteka, ul. Rakowiecka 22B  
budynek C – al. Niepodległości 128  
budynek G – (gmach główny) al. Niepodległości 162  
budynek M – ul. Madalińskiego 6/8  
budynek S – ul. Batorego 8  
budynek W – ul. Wiśniowa 41  
budynek 1 – Dom Studenta nr 1 SABINKI, al. Niepodległości 147  
budynek 3 – Dom Studenta nr 3 GROSIK, ul. Madalińskiego 31/33  
budynek 2 – Klub Studencki PARK, al. Niepodległości 196

### Legend

- Building A – ul. Rakowiecka 24  
Building B – Library, ul. Rakowiecka 22B  
Building C – al. Niepodległości 128  
Building G (main) – al. Niepodległości 162  
Building M – ul. Madalińskiego 6/8  
Building S – ul. Batorego 8  
Building W – ul. Wiśniowa 41  
Building 1 – Student House 1, aka Sabinki – al. Niepodległości 147  
Building 2 – "Park", SGH Students' Club – al. Niepodległości 196  
Building 3 – Student House 3, aka Grosik – ul. Madalińskiego 31/33

## Sightseeing and Eating Out

Warsaw is a place where there are many things to do and see. There are also many places to eat out and in May many restaurants offer places to sit outside. You can find different kinds of cuisines here; for example, [Zomato](#) app or website could come in handy.

If you're arriving to Warsaw earlier (Saturday or Sunday morning) there are many things that you can do. Instead of using the buses or trams you can also use [Veturilo city bikes](#) which is a great alternative for public transport. There are many Veturilo stops from which you can take a bike and deposit it later. To use this mean of transport you should register earlier and charge your account with some funds.

Warsaw is a very interesting city and there's lots to see. The must see is the Old Town which is a replica of the original buildings which were destroyed during the World War II and it was possible to reconstruct them only thanks to the original paintings of Bernardo Bellotto called [Canaletto](#). We will go there during Tuesday walking tour but you can also visit it independently.

Another interesting place to visit is the park and palace in [Łazienki Park](#). It is a must see so plan the visit there during one of the afternoons. Every Sunday from 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 until the end of September there are live concerts of Chopin's music by the monument of the composer. The concerts take place at 12.00 and 16.00; if you're staying longer you should try this.

Also, the season will be opened for the [Multimedia Fountain Park](#) offering water, light and sound shows every Friday and Saturday at 21.30.

If you want to be up to date with current events while you're in Warsaw it's best to follow these websites:

- [Fall in Love with Warsaw](#) – Facebook fanpage
- [Warsaw Tour](#).

If you are interested in visiting Warsaw museums there are several museums worth seeing. The most recommended are:

- [National Museum in Warsaw](#) which was originally founded in 1862 as the Museum of Fine Arts and is currently one of the oldest art museums in the country.
- the [Fryderyk Chopin Museum in Warsaw](#) which aims at cultivating the memory of the great composer and makes information about his life and work available to a wide audience.
- the [Warsaw Rising Museum](#) is recommended for those of you interested in the World War II who would like to learn more about this part of Polish history in an interesting way. The museum is in possession of many original exhibits from the period of Warsaw Rising in 1944 including documents, films, sounds etc. The biggest exhibit is the Liberator plane which was delivering supplies to fighting Warsaw.
- another very interesting museum is [POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews](#). The

museum is on the site of the former [Warsaw Ghetto](#). The museum features a multimedia narrative exhibition about the vibrant Jewish community that flourished in Poland for a thousand years up to the Holocaust.

## Shopping

When in Poland, it is good to do some shopping of things that are characteristic for our country. We of course have many stores with clothes (mainly) the same as in other countries [*H&M, Zara, Bershka, Levi's* etc.] but we have also our own brands and our own products [clothing: *Solar, Simple* for women; *Wólczanka, Vistula, Bytom* for men, shoes: *Rytko*].

Poland is very famous for [amber](#) which is called the gold of the North. There are plenty of shops in every city selling jewellery made with amber, mainly in silver but one needs to be careful about the prices. It is not recommended to buy it in the Old Town in Warsaw or in the centre of Gdańsk because the prices there are just for tourists. It's better to go to jewellery shop in one of the shopping malls; there is a big mall in the centre of Warsaw called [Złote Tarasy](#) and it is situated at the back of the central railway station.

## Accommodation

We recommend you the following hotels:

[Reytan](#) (quite close to SGH),

[Metropol](#) (city centre),

[MDM](#) (close to city centre).

## Useful links:

- [Warsaw](#)
- [Fall in Love with Warsaw](#)
- [Alternative City Guide](#) – guide to Warsaw prepared by Erasmus Student Network SGH mainly for students but information can be also useful to you
- [Map of Warsaw](#)
- [Polish cuisine](#)
- [Fryderyk Chopin Airport](#)
- [Veturilo bikes](#)

We're looking very much forward to hosting you in  
SGH Warsaw School of Economics!

We wish you safe trip to Poland 😊

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