Through islands on foot

The natural, historical and modern features of Świnoujście can be explored by taking a walk along the paths marked up in the Isles of Usedom and Wolin.

Walking tours along the seaside promenades in Świnoujście, and in the neighbouring German Ahlbeck, Heringsdorf and Bansin, will certainly be a pleasurable experience. The picturesque sea location, the scent of sand-dune plants or the ambience of the innumerable seaside cafeterias provide a sufficient incentive. A tour around the seaside districts can also be viewed as an inspiring time travel to the turn of the 19th Century which marked the flourishing of treatment services, and the rapid development of the Usedom resorts that were frequently visited by the political, intellectual and cultural elites. Indeed, in these times, the Isle of Usedom hosted such prominent figures as Emperor William II, L. Tolstoy, M. Gorki, the Mann brothers and J. Strauss. This was also when an eclectic and elegant architectural style, specific to health resort centres, was developed, the so-called 'Kaiser architecture'. Despite the severe bombing campaign experienced by Świnoujście, then controlled by Germans, on the last days of the World War II, some of the monumental buildings reflecting this ornamental style (which is comprised of decorative elevations, columns, spires and loggias), have fortunately survived. They can be now admired in Ahlbeck and Heringsdorf.

We truly encourage you to take a walk around the marked tourist trails in the Isles of Usedom and Wolin.

A didactic trail

"E-9" International seaside hiking trail

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