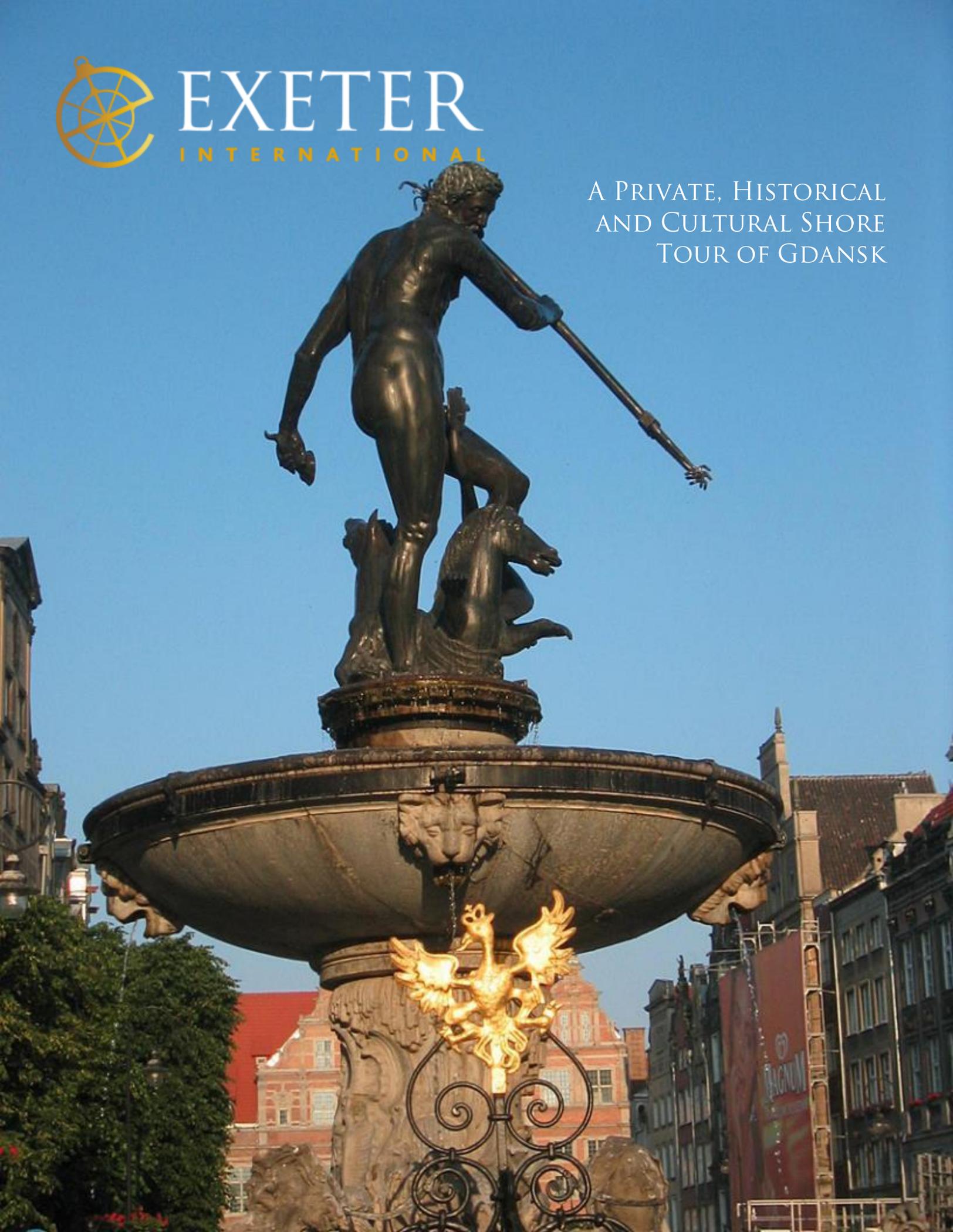




EXETER  
INTERNATIONAL

A PRIVATE, HISTORICAL  
AND CULTURAL SHORE  
TOUR OF GDANSK





This is just a suggested daily touring schedule. Sightseeing may be changed to reflect your exact arrival and departure dates, as well as your specific interests.

Gdansk, or Danzig, as it was formerly called, is a city of charm and elegance, even though it is most known for its industrial shipyards and the popular movement by Lech Walesa that marked the end of Communism in Poland. While Gdansk was mostly German before WWII, the Poles expelled all remaining Germans at the end of the war and left the city to become truly Polish. Gdansk was an important city of the Hanseatic League for centuries.

The thousand-year history of Gdansk is very complicated. Gdansk was German before WWII, but the city has belonged to Poland for 700 years with some breaks. The most important time in history of Gdansk is from 1454 till 1793, so called Golden Age. At this time Gdansk was the biggest and richest Polish town (one of the biggest in Europe). It was also a melting pot of cultures and ethnical groups. Most of its citizens were German-speaking. The air of tolerance and the wealth built on trade made culture, science, and art flourish.

## WHY EXETER INTERNATIONAL?

At Exeter International we have been creating memories and crafting our trademark extraordinary journeys to Central Europe, Russia, and Central Asia for 25 years. Our specialty is to distill the best of the best in iconic places that are on so many people's travel must-do list.

We are not a call center of nameless, faceless people. We do not try to be everything to everyone. We are a small team of specialists. We are all committed to providing the best travel experiences to our destinations. Each member of our team has travelled extensively throughout our destinations, giving them insider knowledge lacking in many other tour operators.

Our Extraordinary Experiences are different, unusual, and often closed to the general public. We can offer special insider access that takes you beyond the typical tourist sites. We know how important it is to remain authentic and increasingly going beyond the well-known sites is what is important to our guests—discovering the little known museum or street market that adds to their experience. We do this through our local knowledge, cultivating our extensive contacts and regularly visiting each destination to enable us to share the most up-to-date insider information with you, our valued partner.

The most important part of your trip will be your guides. Guides come in many quality levels, especially in this region. We have worked with a core group of the best of the best for over 20 years. We know them like family and if they weren't the best, they wouldn't work for us. Simply stated, a guide can make or break your experience. You should have 100% confidence in who is introducing you to your guide and the level of guiding that you are going to get throughout the countries you will be visiting. The best does indeed cost more and we pay our guides at the very top of the market, with pride.

You'll also want to know what kind of vehicle your tour will include. We use luxury late-model vehicles, often Mercedes, Audi, BMW, or Volkswagen, depending on the size of the vehicle you need. You'll want to see things that may or may not be open to the public and go in early or after hours before the crowds whenever possible. We also make every effort to skip lines whenever possible. Avoiding long museum lines is one of our top priorities and we work hard to minimize the wait time to get into the most popular sights in each city, maximizing your time in each destination.

You'll want impeccable planning and someone to bounce ideas off of before your trip and speak English as well as you do while planning your trip so there are no cultural misunderstandings when you arrive. You'll also want someone to talk to if your trip is not perfect when you get home. These are all ways that we distinguish ourselves from all other companies.

A lot goes into our travel program design. We arrange the program so that it is flawless and effortless for our travelers from the time they set foot in the first city until they leave us. The expertise to set up an itinerary like this comes after years of investing in staff on both sides of the Atlantic, and this too is a value that is incorporated into our traveler's trips with us.

# OPTION 1



## GDANSK CITY TOUR + SOLIDARITY

This morning your guide will meet you just outside your cruise ship for the journey to Gdansk (some ships dock in Gdansk, others dock in Gdynia, about 45 minutes away).

Today you will start with a visit to the European Solidarity Center. The permanent exhibition is dedicated to the Solidarity Movement and the opposition, which led to the overthrow of communism in Central and Eastern Europe. It's like a walking timeline of contemporary history in Gdansk and really all of Europe. It's a fascinating look into this turbulent time leading up to the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Afterward head to Oliwa. This is a complex of Cistercian abbey buildings and the highlight is the cathedral. It's built in the Romanesque and Gothic styles and is best known for its organ, which includes moving angels, stars and the sun. Today there is an organ concert at noon and you can attend.

Continue on to Gdansk where the rest of your touring is on foot. Your guide will take you on Gdansk's Royal Route. Around every corner of Old Town you'll find an important building or historic monument and your guide will show you the most important of them. You can also step inside St. Mary's Church, founded in 1343, and one of the largest churches in Europe and is best known for its extraordinary Gothic sculpture. At the picturesque Motlawa River bank you will see the massive, 15th century Old Crane, which is now a museum containing a wooden elevator and granaries used at the port during its heyday.

### EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver, & Guide (8 Hours)

## OPTION 2



### GDANSK AND WWII

This morning your guide will meet you just outside your cruise ship for the journey to Gdansk (some ships dock in Gdansk, others dock in Gdynia, about 45 minutes away).

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Your day will end at the fantastic WWII Museum and you will leave your guide at this time. September 1, 1939 was the date that WWII began, and it started right here with shots fired over Westerplatte. This massive museum is divided into three areas – past, present and future. You'll have a timed entrance ticket today and the use of an audio guide, if you like. With even a casual interest in WWII, you'll be hard pressed to see everything in two hours here. There are over 2,000 exhibits from the road to war to effects of the war post-1945.

*Note: This excursion cannot take place on a Monday*

#### EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle & Driver (8 Hours); Guide (6 Hours)

## OPTION 3



### MALBORK DAY TRIP

This morning your guide will meet at your ship for your journey outside of Gdansk to Malbork Castle. First begun by the Order of the Teutonic Knights in the late 14th century, Malbork Castle was once the capital of one of the most powerful states on the southern Baltic coast. Malbork Castle is a classic example of a medieval fortress and is the world's largest brick castle and certainly the most impressive in Europe. The Teutonic Knights were an order of German crusaders and their rich history dates to the 12th century.

Your visit today will take you inside the castle walls, where you can visit a variety of rooms that have been restored to their former grandeur. The castle is also home to temporary exhibitions. One of the most striking features of Malbork is its existence. The castle has been under continuous reconstruction for nearly 230 years! The castle was almost completely destroyed by the end of World War II, and its restoration today is a testament to the determination of the Polish people.

As time allows at the end of the day, your guide will give you a walking overview of Gdansk before returning to your cruise ship.

*Note: This excursion cannot take place on a Monday*

#### EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver, & Guide (8 Hours)

## OPTION 4



### STUTTHOF DAY TRIP

This morning your guide will meet you just outside your cruise ship in Gdansk for your one hour journey to Sztutowo for a visit to the remains of Stutthof Concentration Camp. This camp was the first built by the Nazi regime that was outside of Germany and was used mostly for political dissidents rather than Jews and most of the early victims were non-Jewish Poles from Gdansk and Pomorze region.

In 1942, this became a “regular” concentration camp for Polish and Jews also from other regions of occupied countries. In June 1944 it became a part of Nazi "Endloesung" project "the final solution of the Jewish problem". In this way it became a camp of mass-extermiation. Within the 5 years of its existence Stutthof grew from a small camp 3500 prisoners (in 1940) to 57 000 prisoners (in 1944). It was a place where 110 000 people were kept from 28 countries and over 30 nationalities. The most of them - 65 000 died. In museum you can watch a documentary film about the camp. Most of the camp was razed to the ground when Nazis fled, but today there is a memorial building and blocks commemorating the original barracks.

As time allows at the end of the day, your guide will give you a walking overview of Gdansk before returning to your cruise ship.

*Note: Some touring today is on foot through mostly pedestrian areas. Please wear appropriate footwear.*

#### EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver, and Guide (8 Hours)



## WHAT IS INCLUDED

Cost of the Program:

### Prices:

Number of Travelers	Per Person Price
2	From \$600
4	From \$350
6	From \$225
8-10	From \$200

- All prices are per person.
- Prices for larger groups available upon request.
- Spanish or Portuguese-speaking guides are possible at a slightly higher rate.
- Prices are subject to change based on customization for each traveler and on port dates.

### Meals

No meals included. Your final documents will include our top recommendations. *Your guides will recommend restaurants that fit your exact needs daily.*

### Services

Private vehicle, driver and guide at your service as described. A full day is generally eight hours in duration. A half-day is generally three hours in duration. The timing for each day is noted in your program.

Exeter International's local offices are available for your assistance 24 hours per day while you are traveling. Our local staff may also assist you with restaurant reservations and purchasing of additional theater and museum tickets at your request.

### Transportation

In general, drivers have basic English-speaking skills. They are professional drivers, not guides. Timing for each day is noted in your program.

## Guides

Hand chosen for their knowledge on local history, art & architecture. Guides are at your disposal as noted in your itinerary.

## Tickets

All entrance tickets as described in the program.

## Exeter International Travel Information

### SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing arrangements have been made with your special interests in mind. Your drivers and guides are at your disposal for full or half-day sightseeing programs as indicated in the itinerary. Within those time and mileage guidelines, your driver and guide are at your disposal, so you are free to modify your program as you please. Should you require additional time or mileage, the costs will be quoted on request and may be paid for locally in the local currency or U.S. Dollars.

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time you plan to visit them. However, individual estates, museums, gardens and other points of interest can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange your sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

### OPTIONAL EXPENSES

Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

### GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in your tour price. Gratuities are at your own discretion. We recommend \$30 per person, per day for your guide and \$15 per person, per day for your driver. For your airport or station transfer, a gratuity of \$20 is customary, based on service. Dollars, Euros and any local currency are all accepted.

### DINING WITH YOUR GUIDE

On days when dinner and lunch costs have not been included in your itinerary (or in your tour cost), you may, at your discretion, choose to invite your guide to dine with your party. You are under no obligation to do so but, if you do extend such an invitation, the guide is your guest and you will be responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

## Booking Conditions

### PAYMENTS

Exeter International must receive a deposit of 25% of the total program cost before reservations for your independent travel program can be initiated. The balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure. *No reservations are made on your behalf until this deposit has been received.* Availability and pricing is subject to change until this deposit is received. **All deposits are nonrefundable.**

### CANCELLATION

Written cancellations received less than 60 days prior to departure are subject to the following forfeit of tour cost

- 59-14 days prior to departure, 50% of total tour cost
- 14 or less days prior to departure, 100% of tour cost

## REFUNDS

We regret that refunds cannot be issued for arrangements confirmed on your itinerary but unused once your tour has begun.

## INSURANCE

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment. You will find insurance costs noted on your invoice and insurance coverage information in your original booking packet.

## PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Once an itinerary is finalized and final payment has been made, a \$100 revision fee will be charged if the itinerary is changed.

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of 2020. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Devaluation of a foreign currency will be weighed against any tariff increases imposed. Exeter International does not breakdown costs involved in any Small Group or Individual Travel Program.

*All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.  
Prices are subject to change if necessary until paid in full.*

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