



## **Basic information about your stay in Toruń** **(including a short manual for Poland)**

### **How can I reach Toruń?**

The most diverse air connections to Poland are through Warszawa (Chopin Airport, IATA code: WAW). Chopin Airport has a direct **train connection** (approximately every 15 min) to the city center.

**Tickets for train or bus may be purchased at the at the Passenger Service Centre in the arrival hall of the airport or** in bus or some trains (see below). It is the same ticket for all trains and buses.

The underground train station is located all the way to the right. Tickets are available at newsagent or vending machines at the station (zone 1, price: 4.40 zł) and in SKM trains. A ticket must be validated in the train: either in a validation machine (SKM line) or by the inspector (KM line, immediately after getting on). All trains go to the main railway stations. You must get off at:

- WARSZAWA ZACHODNIA or WARSZAWA ŚRÓDMIEŚCIE, in case of **SKM S2 line**. WARSZAWA ŚRÓDMIEŚCIE station is connected with WARSZAWA CENTRALNA by an under-pass (approx. 5 min of walking).

WARSZAWA ZACHODNIA or WARSZAWA CENTRALNA, in case of **SKM S3 and KM lines**. It takes about 16 min to get to WARSZAWA ZACHODNIA + 6 min to WARSZAWA CENTRALNA or ŚRÓDMIEŚCIE.

There is also a **bus** (no 175) from the airport to WARSZAWA CENTRALNA railway station (25 to 30 min). The bus stops are located in front of Arrivals halls, and also to the right (BUS TERMINAL). Busses are equipped with vending machines where you may buy a ticket (single ride = 4.40 zł), but you will need a contactless credit card (Visa payVave or MasterCard PayPal). A ticket not purchased in bus must be validated.

**A taxi from the airport** to WARSZAWA CENTRALNA station will usually cost about 30 to 40 zł. We recommend to ask dispatcher (in a yellow jacket, in front of Arrivals) to call the taxi.

All **trains to Toruń** (TORUN GŁÓWNY station) go first through WARSZAWA CENTRALNA, and then WARSZAWA ZACHODNIA railway stations.

If you have enough time, go rather to WARSZAWA CENTRALNA station as it offers plenty of places for eating and shopping in a vicinity (e.g. ZŁOTE TARASY shopping mall).

If you have a short connection, go to WARSZAWA ZACHODNIA and don't look for the ticket office. In all long distance trains in Poland it is legal and always possible to buy a ticket from a ticket inspector. It may be a small fee of 10 zł = 2.5 € for this service and you have to pay cash in zł. To get a ticket, report to the inspector right after getting on the train. Trains to Toruń (often described as direction: BYDGOSZCZ) usually depart from ramp 6 of WARSZAWA ZACHODNIA station.

Depending on the class and train category a ticket from Warszawa to Toruń costs from about 45 zł to 80 zł.



Selected trains from Warszawa (valid for weekdays, July 2013):

Caution: This for your convenience only. We are not responsible for any schedule change, (last update: June 17th, 2013)

Check your connections at: <http://rozkład-pkp.pl/bin/query.exe/en?>

**Notice, please, just announced changes since last update in May**

Latest departure from W-wa Airport	Change to Toruń at Warszawa Zachodnia*	Arrival to Torun	Travel duration	Train number and name	Final destination
6:48	7:17	10:14	3:26	TLK 15107 KOPERNIK	Bydgoszcz
9:20	9:42	12:36	3:16	TLK 25112 CZARTORYSKI	Bydgoszcz
12:35	13:00	15:51	3:16	TLK 35108 WIENIAWSKI	Bydgoszcz
14:43	15:10	18:05	3:22	TLK 25102 LUBLINIANIN	Bydgoszcz
15:35	16:03	19:03	3:28	IR 15108 FLISAK	Toruń
16:35	17:05	20:22	3:47	TLK 18109 NIEMEN	Bydgoszcz/Pila
18:35	19:05	21:55	3:20	TLK 35104 SOLINA	Bydgoszcz
19:20	19:40**	Kutno 20:55**	3:27	TLK 17103 GOPLANA	Poznań
		22:47		TLK 45110 RAWA	Bydgoszcz
22:05	22:35	01:31	3:26	TLK 38202 USTRONIE	Kołobrzeg

\*all trains depart also from Warszawa Centralna (main station) about 5 min. earlier

\*\*additional change at Kutno at 20:55/21:17

We recommend to take a taxi (or a bus) from Toruń Główny RR station to the city centre. To go to the University Hotel it is possible to use bus No 27 (direction WRZOSY, stop Grunwaldzka).

You may also check flights to BYDGOSZCZ airport (IATA: BZG, Bydgoszcz Ignacy Jan Paderewski Airport) which is the closest, but with not many connections.

Other international airports within the distance of 200 km from Toruń are Poznań (POZ), Gdańsk (GDN), Łódź (LCJ).

### How can I reach Warsaw airport from Toruń?

Take a train from TORUŃ GŁÓWNY (e.g. 5:53, 7:19\*, 8:15, 9:52, 13:50, 17:05, 18:49; \*not on Sundays - **Notice, please, just announced changes since last update in May**) to WARSZAWA ZACHODNIA and change to local train (lines S2, S3, KML) to the airport (LOTNISKO CHOPINA). **CAUTION:** line S1 doesn't go to the airport.

### What about accommodation?

A limited number of rooms will be available at the University Hotel. However, if you prefer to stay in the city center, there are plenty of hotels of different standard. Here are some addresses:



## CHARISMA

Hotel FILMAR\*\*\*\*\* (≈ 45 € /night)

ul. Grudziądzka 45

87-100 Toruń

<http://www.hotelfilmar.pl/en/home-en>

Bulwar \*\*\*\* (≈ 45 € /night)

87-100 Toruń , ul. Bulwar Filadelfijski 18; tel. +48 56 623 94 00 , fax +48 56 623 94 01

<http://www.hotelbulwar.pl/>

1231 \*\*\*\* (≈ 45 € /night)

87-100 Toruń , ul. Przedzamcze 6; tel. +48 56 619 09 10 , fax+48 56 619 09 11

<http://www.hotel1231.pl/>

Copernicus Torun Hotel\*\*\*\*\* (≈ 45 € /night)

87-100 Toruń , ul. Bulwar Filadelfijski 11, tel. 0048 56 611 57 00, fax. 0048 56 622 25 10

<http://www.copernicustorunhotel.com/default-pl.html>

Mercure Helios Toruń \*\*\*\* (≈ 45 € /night)

87-100 Toruń , ul. Kraszewskiego 1/3; tel. +48 56 619 65 50 , +48 fax 56 619 62 54

Ibis budget Torun (≈ 45 € /night)

<http://www.accorhotels.com/pl/booking/hotels-list.shtml>

Gotyk \*\*\* (≈ 45 € /night)

87-100 Toruń , ul. Piekary 20 ; tel. +48 56 658 40 00 , fax +48 56 658 40 01

<http://www.hotel-gotyk.com.pl/index.php?lang=2>

Petite Fleur \*\*\* (≈ 45 € /night)

87-100 Toruń , ul. Piekary 25; tel. +48 56 621 51 00 , fax +48 56 621 51 20

<http://www.petitefleur.pl>

Solaris \*\*\* (≈ 45 € /night)

87-100 Toruń , ul. Panny Marii 9; tel. +48 56 471 30 42 , fax +48 56 471 32 25

<http://www.hotelesolaris.pl/hotel-solaris>

Heban \*\*\* (≈ 45 € /night)

87-100 Toruń , ul. Małe Garbary 7; tel. +48 56 652 15 55 , fax +48 56 652 15 65

<http://www.hotel-heban.com.pl>

B&b Hotel \*\* (≈ 40 € /night)

87-100 Toruń, ul. Szumana 8

<http://www.hotelbb.pl/portal/en/contact.html?language=en>



## **What is the local currency?**

The currency in Poland is Polish zloty (abbreviated as zł or PLN). In some places (mostly hypermarkets) it is possible to pay cash with Euro, but the exchange rate is usually quite low.

The exchange rate varies and at present is about 1 € = 4.15 PLN.

The official, average exchange rate can be checked at:

<http://www.nbp.pl/Homen.aspx?f=/srodeken.htm>

However, exchange rates at exchange offices may be different. We recommend to exchange the small amount (50 € should be enough) at the Airport to buy a train ticket, a local bus ticket or pay for a taxi. Remember to ask for some coins for local busses and trains.

To obtain bigger amount of Polish zloty, we recommend to use any exchange office in the city center of Torun or use the ATM to withdraw from a credit card.

For payments in restaurants (excluding students canteens) and shops major credit cards (VISA, Mastercard) are usually accepted.

## **What about shopping?**

In Poland food stores are usually open from 6 a.m. till 9 p.m. Other shops usually from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., hypermarkets from 9 a.m. to 22 p.m. Most of stores are also open on Saturdays and Sundays, but usually a little bit shorter.

## **What is the electrical power supply standard?**

Electrical power supply is delivered at 230V with, usual two pins socket. German style (Schuko) plugs will work, too.

## **What is the cost of living in Torun?**

Torun is not an expensive city, by European standards. There are some restaurants in the vicinity of Physics Department and plenty in downtown (the Old Town). You will easily get a complete meal for 7 €, or less in simpler places. In more sophisticated restaurants, you don't usually pay more than 15 €, per person. Tipping (5-10%) is not mandatory (especially at cheap places) but will be appreciated. Museums, exhibitions usually cost from 3 to 10 €.

## **Is the Internet available?**

Hotels usually provide wireless access. At all University buildings the Eduroam network is available. At Physics Department there are also computer stations with LAN access available for visitors.