

# POLAND

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## Masauri Lakes

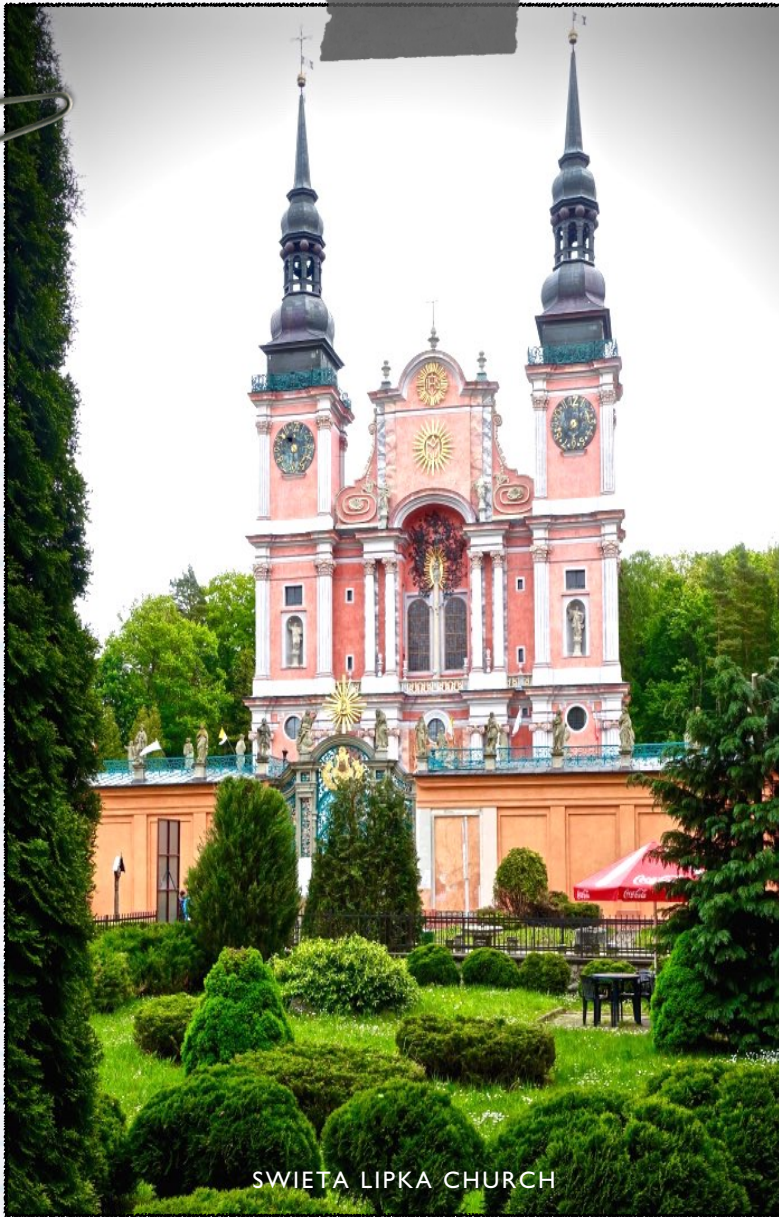
We had a rather relaxing day today. Vlodek took charge and he proudly showed us around an area he was familiar with. There are 2000 lakes in the Masauri region. They were created by glacial action and all are linked by canals. The lush green hills are a perfect playground for Germans looking for cheap holidays and the many local Poles.

The first attraction was Swieta Lipka, a 17th century baroque style church. It's main interior feature is an organ consisting of 5000 organ pipes with a number of moving characters. We were lucky enough to be present during a recital. It was very uplifting experience.

Next it was on to Hitler's wartime headquarters (from 1941 to 1944). It was in one of these buildings that a group of high ranking officers made an unsuccessful attempt to kill Hitler. It is said that all the 1000 foreign workers who built the complex were killed to ensure secrecy.

The final attraction on our long itinerary was the Boyen fortress. Built in the mid 1800's by the Prussians to defend the border with Russia, this place is huge but in poor condition.

Our excellent day was completed with a meal of favourite polish dishes.



SWIETA LIPKA CHURCH



**POLISH METRE MAID** We were all shocked when this person came over to the car and demanded a parking fee. Vlodek paid up. Would you argue with this character? Weird.



**BOMBS AWAY!** The Wolf's Lair is supposed to have lots of unexploded mines around its perimeter. It certainly disuades kids from exploring where they should not!



**BROKEN** I saw this seat and thought that the local council had blown its maintenance budget until I looked more closely. It IS deliberately made to look broken.



# Swieta Lipka, Wolf's Lair and Boyen fortress



INSIDE GORING'S HOUSE - WOLF'S LAIR



GLZYKO ZAMEK

## SIGHTS



HITLER'S HIDEAWAY



RESTORED BUILDING AT BOYEN FORTRESS



GATE DETAIL - SWIETA LIPKA

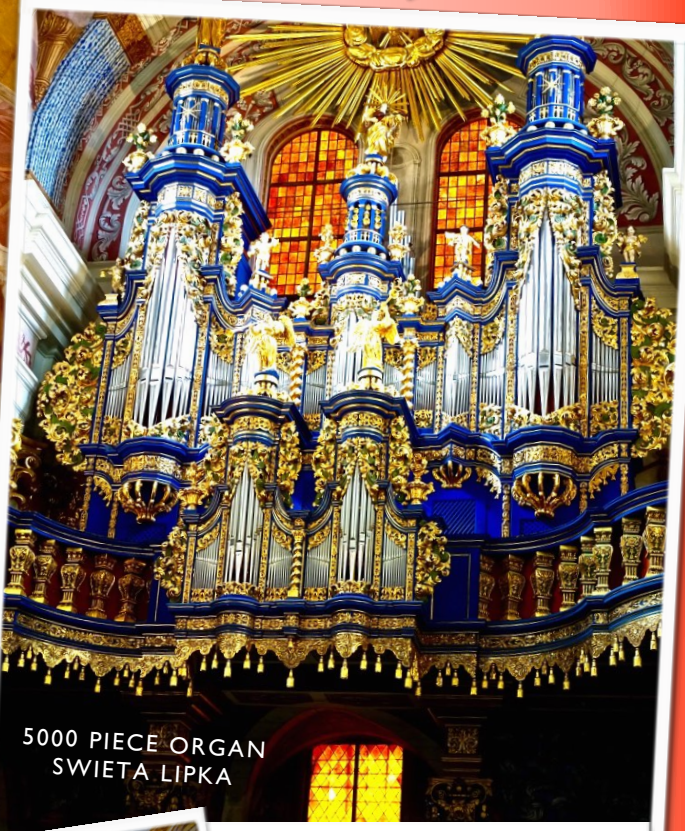


24th Nov  
1981  
October 21

# PHOTOS



CLOISTERS  
SWIETA LIPKA



5000 PIECE ORGAN  
SWIETA LIPKA



SWIETA LIPKA



WOLF'S LAIR



OLD GRANARY  
BOYEN FORTRESS



RELAXING AFTER A LONG DAY





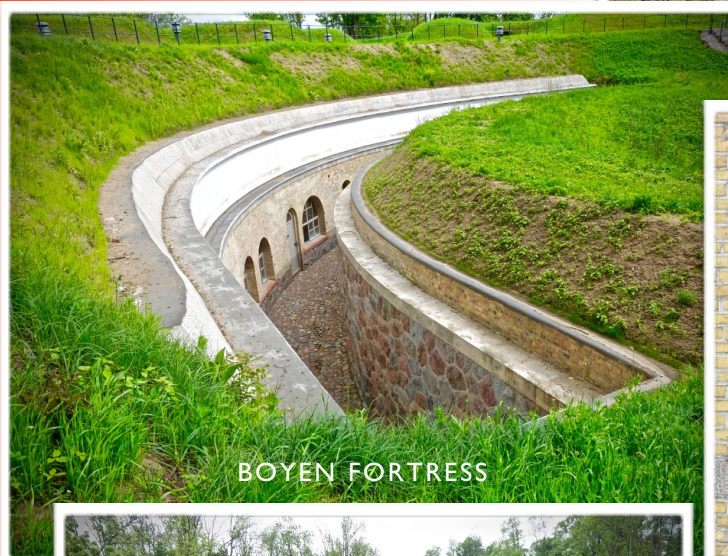
WOLF'S LAIR WITH ROGUE WOLF HOLDING UP THE PROCEEDINGS



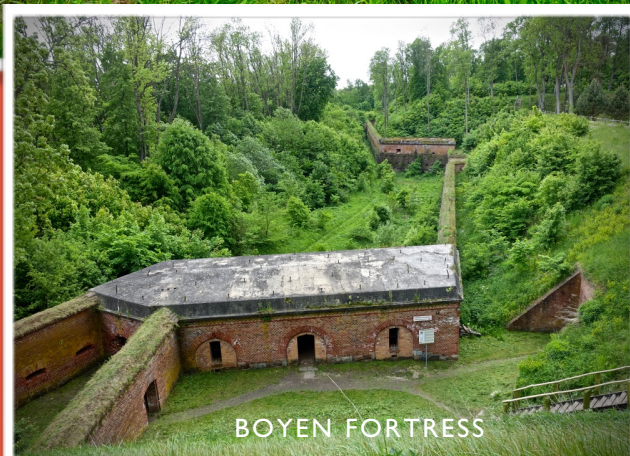
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PIGEON BUILDING - BOYEN FORTRESS (PIGEONS USED FOR COMMUNICATIONS)



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