

INTRODUCTION

Dear Irish Fans! The warmest welcome to the city of Warsaw and National Stadium on the occasion of the European Qualifiers match Poland – Republic of Ireland. The Polish Football Association is pleased to host you in Poland. Hereby we present to you the guide that contains the most important and practical information to facilitate your stay in Warsaw. Please enjoy the spectacular National Stadium as well as the friendly city of Warsaw.

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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Match: Poland - Republic of Ireland

Date: 11/10/2015 (Sunday)

Time Zone: CET / UTC+01:00 (all hours in local time)

Gates open: 17:45

Kick-off: 20:45

Venue: National Stadium in Warsaw,
Ryszarda Siwca Street

Dedicated gate for Irish Fans is gate 10.

Dedicated entrance for Irish Fans is entrance L.

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Dialling Code: + 48

Emergency numbers: General: 112 / Police 997 / Fire

Brigade: 998 / Ambulance: 999.

Currency: Polish Zloty (zł / PLN),

1 EUR = 4,2 PLN

MATCH / STADIUM

The match is organized by the Polish Football Association (**web:** <http://www.pzpn.pl/en>) at the National Stadium in Warsaw (**web:** <http://en.pgenarodowy.pl/>) which can accommodate around 57 000 spectators.

GATES OPEN

It is strongly recommended to arrive to the stadium as early as possible. The stadium will be open at 17:45 with the kick-off at 20:45. Fans who will come just before the match kick-off may stand in the queues and

probably not see the beginning of the match. Spectators are requested not to bring any unnecessary, additional belongings such as luggage or backpacks.

HOW TO GET TO THE STADIUM?

National Stadium in Warsaw is a public transport destination and we recommend that spectators coming to the match should use the public transport. The distance from the city centre to the stadium is 3,2 km (reachable by trams, trains, buses and on foot - 35 minutes walking distance). The distance from the old town (Stare Miasto) to the stadium is 2,8 km (reachable by buses / metro trains and on foot – walking distance 30 minutes). **Please note that the gate dedicated for your entry (visiting team's supporters) is gate no. 10 on the northeastern site of the stadium (ul. Siwca). After passing the outer perimeter line, fans are requested to walk through the entrance L (block of turnstiles).** Spectators with reduced mobility (using a wheelchair) are advised to enter through the gate no. 1. The local names of transport stops/stations nearby the stadium are: BUSES



/ TRAMS: 'Rondo Waszyngtona' and 'Al. Zieleniecka'.
METRO: 'Stadion Narodowy', Suburban-Train: 'WAR-SZAWA STADION'. If you want to reach the stadium by train or tram from the center of Warsaw (shadow of Palace of Culture and Science) take the train at the station "Warszawa Srodmiescie" (close to "Warszawa Centralna" and "Metro Centrum") or take the tram at the stops 'Dworzec Centralny 07' or 'Centrum 09'.

AROUND THE CITY

There is an extensive public transport network of buses, trams and an underground covering every area of the city. **Please be informed that match**

ticket issued by Polish FA entitles you to use public transport in the area of Warsaw city (buses, trams, metro, trains) for free from 06:00 on the match day morning till 01:00 on the match day night.

Beyond these hours you need to buy regular tickets which are issued and controlled by the Warsaw Transport Authority (ZTM). Tickets can be purchased in ticket machines (at the stops/stations and inside buses/trams) and kiosks. Do not forget to validate your ticket immediately after boarding onto the bus or tram (in a yellow validator), or at the underground station gate. Standard single ticket costs 4,40 PLN. All ticket prices are available on the web: www.ztm.waw.pl/index.php?c=110&l=2. Very useful search engine of the various municipal means of transport can be found on the web: <http://warszawa.jakdojade.pl/?locale=en>.

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MATCH TICKET VALIDITY

Access to the Stadium will be authorized upon presentation of a valid ticket per person (regardless of the age). The proof of identity in the form of an official document (such as ID, passport or driving license) might be requested by relevant authorities (stewards, policemen). Supporters are advised to keep their ticket in a secure place. In the event of a ticket being lost, no replacement will be issued. The ticket must be kept by the holder to the end of the match. If spectator leaves the area of the stadium then re-entry is not possible.



SAFETY AT THE STADIUM

Spectators and their belongings may be searched by stewards at the stadium's security perimeters. Follow the instructions of stewards or police officers present at the Stadium. Occupy the seat described on the match ticket and use the appropriate access route. Any person may be obliged to change the seat indicated on his/her match ticket if so requested by stewards or police. If you cannot communicate efficiently with the stadium staff due to language reasons ask for the volunteer support.



The following items may not be brought into the Stadium (list is not exhaustive):

- weapons or explosives of any kind. This includes any fireworks, flares, smoke powder, smoke bombs or other pyrotechnics;
- bottles, cups, jugs or cans of any kind as well as

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other objects made from PET, glass or any other fragile, non-shatterproof or especially tough material;

- alcoholic beverages of any kind, drugs etc.
- racist, xenophobic, religious or political propaganda material;
- any promotional or commercial objects or materials;
- flagpoles or banner poles of any kind. Only flexible plastic poles and so-called double-poles that don't exceed 1 metre in length and 1 cm in diameter are permitted;
- gas spray cans, corrosive, flammable substances, dyes or receptacles containing substances which are harmful to health or are highly flammable. Standard pocket lighters are permitted;
- very professional (with a large lens) cameras, video cameras;
- unwieldy objects such as helmets, ladders, stools, (folding) chairs, boxes, large bags, rucksacks, suitcases and sports bags. For the purposes of this rule, "unwieldy" means any objects which are larger than 25cm x 25cm x 25cm and which cannot be stowed under the seat in the Stadium;
- large quantities of paper and/or rolls of paper;
- mechanically or manually operated sound-emitting devices such as mega-phones, klaxons or vuvuzelas
- laser pointers,
- different types of balls / ballons,
- drones;

In case of any doubt the safety steward shall be responsible for defining which objects are prohibited or permitted.

The full text of stadium rules can be found on the web:

<https://goo.gl/VJ6vnK>.

AFTER THE MATCH

Visiting Fans might be requested to wait at the stands around 10-20 minutes after the final whistle. The relevant information will be communicated in English by the stadium announcer.

GENERAL SAFETY

Aware of personal safety. To avoid being a victim of pick-pocketing, keep your bags closed and never leave bags unattended.

ALCOHOL

In Poland, it is prohibited to drink alcohol in public places, with the exception of properly licensed designated places, such as bars, restaurants, open air cafés, etc. It is strictly prohibited to sell or offer alcohol to young people under the age of 18. **Persons under the obvious influence of alcohol and behaving inappropriately will be refused to enter the stadium.**

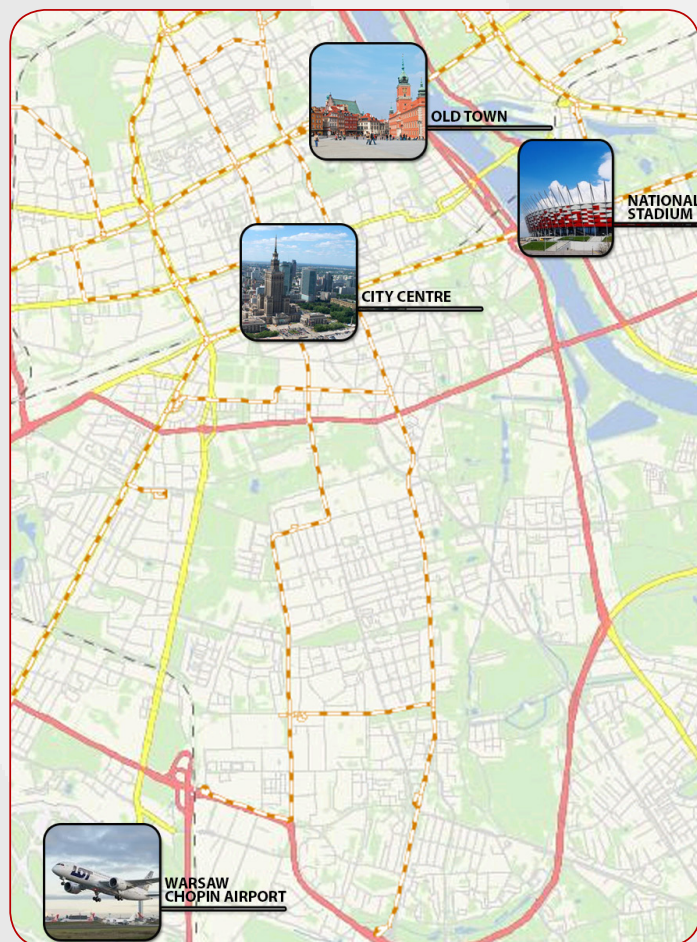
AIRPORTS

Warsaw Chopin Airport (*web: www.lotnisko-chopina.pl/en/index.html*; IATA: WAW, also known as 'Okęcie' / 24h information: +48 22 650 42 20) is the main airport in Warsaw located 10 km southwest of the city centre. Taxi spots are just outside the arrival halls. There are three main companies allowed to operate from the airport, they are: SAWA +48 226444444 www.sawataxi.com.pl, Ele Taxi +48 228111111 www.eletaxi.pl, Super Taxi +48 2219622 www.supertaxi.pl. The fare into the centre of Warsaw should cost around 30-40 PLN. The journey takes between 15-30 minutes. If you want to save your money, you can get the buses: day bus



#175 (goes to Stare Miasto in the Old Town) and night bus #N32 or train SKM (passes City Centre Station and National Stadium). Trains SKM (similar to S-Bahn suburban railway system) depart approx. every 10-12 minutes during peak times and every 15 minutes otherwise.

Warsaw Modlin Airport ([web: http://en.modlinairport.pl](http://en.modlinairport.pl); IATA: WMI, 24h information: +48 801 80 18 80, +48 22 315 18 80) is the second, supplementary airport in Warsaw, mainly serviced by the low-cost airlines. The airport is located 40 km northwest of the city centre. In order to get to the city



centre you can take special shuttle bus ([web: https://www.modlinbus.pl/en](https://www.modlinbus.pl/en); approx. price: 30-33 PLN, taxi (official corporations: SAWA TAXI and TAXI MODLIN; approx. price: 160-200 PLN) or train Koleje Mazowieckie (Mazovian Railways – KML, approx. price with combined shuttle bus: approx. 20 PLN).

TAXIS IN WARSAW (approx. prices)

Starting fare: 8,0 PLN

- City of Warsaw
 - Fare per 1 km 06:00-22:00: approx. 2,0-2,5 PLN
 - Fare per 1 km 22:00-06:00: approx. 2,7-3,5 PLN
- Suburbs of Warsaw
 - Fare per 1 km 06:00-22:00: approx. 4,0-4,5 PLN
 - Fare per 1 km 22:00-06:00: approx. 7,5-8,0 PLN

DOMESTIC TRAINS

There are three main train stations in the centre but the one you're most likely to use is Warsaw Central (Warszawa Centralna), Al. Jerozolimskie 54. It handles most domestic trains and all international trains ([web: http://rozkład-pkp.pl/en](http://rozkład-pkp.pl/en) or [web: www.intercity.pl/en/](http://www.intercity.pl/en/)). Timetables are displayed in stations with departures (odjazdy) on yellow boards and arrivals (przyjazdy) on white boards.

DOMESTIC BUSES

There is one major bus terminal for PKS buses: Western Bus Station (Dworzec Warszawa Zachodnia), Al. Jerozolimskie 144 ([web: http://pkspolonus.pl/](http://pkspolonus.pl/)) which handles domestic as well as international buses from all major Polish cities. The terminus is southwest of the centre next to the Warszawa Zachodnia Train Station.

MONEY IN POLAND

The currency in Poland is the Zloty (PLN). Notes come in denominations of 10, 20, 50, 100 & 200 PLN. 100 Groszy make up one Zloty. Coins come in denominations of 1 PLN, 2 PLN, 5 PLN and 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 Groszy. You can exchange currency at airports, hotels, banks and exchange bureaux (kanttor). Kanttors can often provide a better exchange rate than banks or even ATMs. It's also worth carrying small change or notes around with you for things like public toilets, or entrance fees to some establishments, as most places will refuse to accept big notes for small charges. Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in almost all establishments.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is always a good idea to get comprehensive travel insurance which covers all overseas medical costs before travelling abroad. In addition, you can obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) free of charge which entitles you to emergency medical treatment, although this card is not a substitute for travel insurance.

CITY OF WARSAW

Warsaw is the country's largest city and its political and economical centre. There are plenty of attractions to see in Warsaw. For more information visit: www.warsawtour.pl/en.

