Warsaw by ferry

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The banks of the Vistula are connected by three ferry crossings:

- **Slonka** – links the left-bank port of Cypel Czerniakowski with the right-bank beach at Saska Kepa.
  - Both the port and Cypel Czerniakowski have been recently modernised, and a prime beach volleyball club has opened there.
  - At weekends, sunbeds are usually available at Saska Kepa. If you have enough time, take a short walk to Francuska Street, the heart of Saska Kepa, much loved for its greenery and full of trendy eateries as well as design and artistic events.

- **Wilga** – connects the left-bank port of Podzamczce-Fountains with the right-bank Zoo port.
  - A multimedia fountain show is a great Podzamczce attraction on summer weekend nights. On the other side of the river, you will find the most gripping view of the Old Town as well as a one-of-a-kind club, La Playa, where you can party on the beach. Dances and concerts are held on a special roofed stage.

- **Pliszka** – connects the left-bank port near Poniatowski Bridge with Poniatowska Beach.
  - Vistula Flotilla Boulevard is an eldorado in terms of food trucks, clubs, and concert barges. There are plenty of places where you can have a snack.
  - The largest beach in Warsaw is located right next to the National Stadium. It can get really busy in the summer. I recommend a visit to two well-known riverside clubs – Plazowa and Temat Rzeka.

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Your walk can start on whichever bank of the Vistula River you choose, but make sure you reach one of the Warsaw ferry crossings. There are several options. Prams, bicycles, and pets are welcome on board. This tour is suitable for both walkers and cyclists; you can do it either by yourself or with your family, your friends, or your pets. Adapt your route depending on the time available, the weather conditions, and the places you want to see. The ferry crossing timetable is your only limitation. On hot summer days, the pleasant coolness of the river will bring you relief.

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- Slonka and Pliszka ferries can take 12 people and 12 bicycles on board.
- Wilga ferry can accommodate 40 people and 40 bicycles.
- From 30 April to 30 June ferries sail only on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays plus on 2 and 27 May.
- From 1 July to 31 August they also sail on weekdays, and in September on the first and second Saturday and Sunday.