In the time machine – Warsaw from the 21st to the 15th century

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Get ready for a walk which will take you on a journey in time!

This is a unique opportunity to personally experience how the capital of Poland has evolved over the centuries.

Our walk starts in Warsaw City. Walking along Emilia Plater Street, take a look at modern Warsaw with its distinctive skyscrapers, among which one building stands out: Zlota 44, designed by Daniel Libeskind. Take note of the shopping centre Golden Terraces and drop by Warsaw Central Station. The famous Palace of Culture and Science, an impressive gift from Joseph Stalin, overlooks the city. Walking along Jerozolimskie Avenue, admire the beautifully restored facades dating back to the early 20th century. Turn right onto Poznanska Street with its original 19th-century buildings that survived World War II. Our next destination is Koszyki Market Hall, a culinary concept store where you can taste delicious food and buy products from local suppliers.

Going further down Koszykowa Street, you will reach Plac Konstytucji – a model example of Stalinist architecture. Just before the square, take a look at the buildings on your right-hand side where restored townhouses may help you imagine what this place looked like in the early 20th century. When crossing the square, have a look at the beautiful twin towers of the Church of the Holiest Saviour. Turn right into Marszalkowska Street, which will lead you to Plac Zbawiciela, also known as Hipster Square. Full of trendy venues, this place is a mecca for young Varsovians. Then, enter Wyzwolenia Avenue to see the post-war Latawiec estate, modelled after Place des Vosges in Paris.

After a short stroll along Mokotowska and Koszykowa streets, you will reach Plac Trzech Krzyży with its beautiful St Alexander’s Church. Continue walking until you reach Rondo Charles’a de Gaulle’a. The monumental building on your right is called the Party’s House. In the past, it was used as the headquarters of the former Polish communist party (Central Committee of the Polish United Workers’ Party). Continue along Nowy Swiat Street until Krakowskie Przedmiescie. This representative street, with its restored churches and palaces, is part of the Royal Route connecting the Royal Castle with the Palace of Wilanow.

Turn left by Europejski Hotel to reach the Saxon Garden where the Great Fountain offers a splendid view. The next point on our route is Plac Teatralny, dominated by the impressive building of the Grand Theatre – National Opera. Nearby Senatorska Street leads to Plac Zamkowy. We are now in the Warsaw Old Town, which was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1980 as an outstanding example of historical reconstruction. Walk down the beautiful Swietojanska Street to Old Town Square.

Walking along Freta Street, you will reach the last point on our route – New Town Square. The nearby Church of the Visitation of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, built in 1411 presumably on the site of an ancient pagan temple, is one of the oldest religious buildings in Warsaw.