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Warmia and Masuria is a unique region, both in terms of nature and culture. Only here do the relics of the past harmonise so smoothly with the values of nature, creating a landscape which you don't meet anywhere else. Having arrived here, it is worth combining idyllic rest and contact with nature with discovering the history of the region. In comparison to other regions of Poland and Europe, Warmia and Masuria are distinguished by their unique nature. In 2011 the Masurian Lake District was ranked among the 14 most beautiful places in the world in the international competition for the New 7 Wonders of Nature. There are nearly 3000 lakes in the whole region! Forests occupy more than 30 percent of its area, and the main local woodlands are the Piska, Borecka, Romincka, Napiwodzko-Ramucka Forests and the Iławskie and Taborskie Forests. The most valuable areas are protected in landscape parks (there are eight of them in the region) and nature reserves (over 100).

A holiday in excellent agritourism farms can help you to appreciate the assets of Warmia and Masuria. There are plenty of such farms scattered in the whole region. They are winners of the Agro-Eco-Tourism Contest "Green Summer". This is a competition organised by the Self-Government of Warmińsko- Mazurskie Voivodeship to choose the best of the best in the field of agrotourism in Warmia and Masuria. Plajny, Glendoria, Moniówka, Cottage Apiary and From Pasture to Plate fully deserve this title.

#### **PLAJNY - Garden of Good Thoughts**



arch.WMROT

This unusually beautiful, historical settlement is located in the countryside near Żuławy. The hosts claim, that time clearly slows down here and you can enjoy life in Nature`s bosom. Plajny is a place, which came into being out of dreams to create slow life in Warmia and Mazury.

For a long time we have had a dream to have a house outside the city, somewhere in a small village, among meadows and forests... we wanted to be closer to nature to enjoy its pure charm and breathe the fresh country air.

The heart of the settlement is a 200-year-old arcaded house. Additionally, outbuildings uniquely adopted and filled with art and "good thoughts" are at guest's disposal. Guests can take part at dance or yoga workshops, which are organised here.

Plajny is worth seeing . and very hospitable. It's cuisine will satisfy every gourmet.

www.plajny.pl https://www.facebook.com/plajny

### **GLENDORIA**



arch. Glendoria

Glendoria is a settlement with an area of 40 hectares, far of the beaten track, in a small village named Ględy in Warmia and Masuria. Glendoria borders a small lake in the west, in the east and the north it is surrounded by a forest, while meadows, stretching to the horizon, create it's southern boundary. The Glamping in Glendoria means peaceful and comfortable relaxation in suites. Moreover, there is a glamour camping in comfortable tents surrounded by wonderful nature. Glendoria means a dab of decadence, a forest spa, excellent cuisine and extraordinary hospitality, what creates a perfect mix for a glam holiday in Warmia and Mazury.

www.glendoria.pl

https://www.facebook.com/glendorianawarmii

#### Z PASTWISKA NA TALERZ/ FROM PASTURE TO PLATE



arch. Z Pastwiska na Talerz

This unusual settlement is located in the Landscape Park of Iława Lake District. On the one side the neighbourhood of Jeziorak, the longest lake in Poland and, on the other, the history of East Prussia, create a unique atmosphere of a place that is in harmony with nature and takes advantages of its benefits.

Our main idea is to run an ecological farm. We breed Simmental beef cattle, Cameroonian sheep and goats. Our animals have access to free range all year round. They are fed with hay from our meadows, where we do not use artificial fertilisers. We are a certified organic farm.

The hostess invites her guests to feast together "under a cloud", taste homemade preserves made of fresh fruit, delicious cured meats and excellent beef steaks from her own eco-farm. Here, in the heart of the landscape park in Warmia and Mazury, the spirit of slow life meets the spirit of slow food.

#### www.zpastwiskanatalerz.pl

https://www.facebook.com/pg/Pastwiskogospodarstwoe
kologicznemoniowka

## MONIÓWKA



arch. Moniówka

Tourists visiting Moniówka find here a space for respite, cooking together, evenings with wine and laughter. They have an opportunity to take part in yoga or "green" cooking workshops. They are invited to enjoy cross-country skiing, winter swimming, a sauna or...a hammock. Without any rush, in a picturesque atmosphere, they savour vegetarian cuisine while sipping coffee of 5 transformations, prepared by the farm's owner. The hosts of Moniówka say that when we focus on the pleasures of mind and body, a day can last forever. It is a unique place not far away from Olsztyn.

https://www.facebook.com/Moniowka/

#### SIEDLISKO PASIEKA / COTTAGE APIARY



arch. Siedlisko Pasieka

An old Warmia cottage in the middle of the Warmia forest - this is a short profile of one of the best agritourism farms in Warmia and Masuria. The owners of the cottage say: it's as if days of the week, hourly systems, shirts and ties and 9-to-5 work suddenly ceased to exist. The atmosphere might really infect the guests, because when they are here, they usually ... don't remember where they put their shoes. The cottage Pasieka is not only a beautiful house where you can eat delicious meals. It is not only the essence of slow life and slow food. It is also, and maybe above all, bees, honey and an apiary. There are a few hundred thousand bees in the apiary, depending on the season. They are the main "heroes" of the workshops and the creators of the honey for which visitors come here from all over the country. Buckwheat, lime tree, rapeseed or dandelion honey is also one of the basic ingredients of the cuisine served in the cottage. Moreover, you can taste here all kinds of home-made goods, such as bakery products, liqueurs, smoked meats and preserves – they create the phenomenon of the cottage. Far from the city, far from the village, close to people - this is how the owners invite guests to their house outside the village. They want everyone to feel at ease here and spend time doing what they like, but away from the TV set. Hosts call their guests friends.

www.siedlisko-pasieka.pl https://pl-pl.facebook.com/Siedlisko-Pasieka-632911293397557/