

Dear FECC members,

we invite you to come to Zielona Gora,

Zielona Gora is the largest city in Lubusz Voivodeship, located in Western Poland, with 141,222 inhabitants (2019). Zielona Góra has been in Lubusz Voivodeship since 1999, prior to which it was the capital of Zielona Góra Voivodeship from 1950 to 1998. It is the seat of the province's elected assembly, while the seat of the centrally appointed governor is located in the city of Gorzów Wielkopolski. Zielona Góra has a favourable geographical position, being located not far from the Polish-German border and on several international road and rail routes connecting Scandinavia with Southern Europe and Warsaw with Berlin. The region is also closely associated with vineyards and holds an annual Wine Fest. Zielona Góra Główna railway station is the most important railway station of Zielona Góra. It has train connections to Gorzów Wielkopolski, Zbąszynek, Rzepin, Warsaw, Frankfurt (Oder) and Krakow, main cities of the surrounding regions: Poznań, Szczecin and Wrocław as well as direct international connections to Berlin, Vienna. If you come by plane the nearest airport is Berlin (BER)

Wineries

The city has been known for its wines for centuries. It is now one of two places in Poland with wine grape cultivation mainly for white wines (the other being the wine growing region near the town of Warka in Masovia). The first wineries around the city were built in 1314. At Paradyż (*Paradise*) Abbey near Zielona Góra, monks have been making wine since 1250. The number of vineyards at peak production is estimated at 4,000 in the region, and 2,500 in Zielona Góra itself. During the communist era wine production was reduced, but since 1990 it has recovered. Since 1852 an annual Wine Festival has taken place in the town. However, nowadays wine is no longer produced in Zielona Góra itself (the last factory was closed in the early 1990s)

You will live in Hotel “Ruben”.

Ruben Hotel in the center of Zielona Góra offers air-conditioned rooms with flat-screen satellite TV and free Wi-Fi. Guests can enjoy the hammam, hot tub and sauna on site. The Ruben's rooms are soundproofed and feature modern interiors. All are equipped with a minibar, a work desk and a private bathroom with a hairdryer. The Ruben Hotel's restaurant is located on the ground floor and serves Polish and international dishes. A breakfast buffet awaits you in the morning. A wide range of drinks are available in the bar. The Focus Park Shopping Center is 500 meters away, while the Old Town and the Town Hall are 450 meters from Hotel Ruben. Zielona Góra Train Station is just a 5-minute drive away.

We plan the following program:

Friday

Arrivals

7pm Opening ceremony (FECC shirts)

Saturday

Breakfast at hotel

10am photo in front of the city hall, overhanding the medals

11am Sightseeing walk in Zielona Gora (official FECC clothes)

1pm lunch

3pm back to the hotel, spare time

7pm Dinner with the mayor of Zielona Gora in Palm House (FECC official), shuttle bus

Sunday

Breakfast at hotel

10am Bus-Tour to river Oder (FECC-shirt)

Boat-trip

Lunch

Boat –trip

Visit in the winery “Winy Dworek”, informations about the winery, dinner with the tourist organization of Zielona Gora and sponsors

8pm back to the hotel

Monday

deparetures

Changes are possible, but the main points are fixed.

Welcome to our green city Zielona Gora!

Piotr Firfas from the organization team

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