

Poland

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The country ...

- The capital of Poland is Warsaw;
- They have a population of nearly 38.5 million people;
- It's known for having beautiful landscapes surrounded by mountains;



History

- Poland suffered heavy losses during World War II. In 1939, Poland had 35.1 million inhabitants, and at the end of the war, there were only 19.1 million within its borders. After that, during the cold war, Poland was a socialist country, losing autonomy. However, in 1989, they conquered it again.

Nowadays it is a republic that belongs to the European Union, being one of the most important countries in that institution.

Educational system

Education in Poland is compulsory and starts at the age of six from kindergarten, which is mandatory for every child;

At the age of seven, children start first grade of primary school, lasting for eight years and finishing with an exam;

Junior high school covers lower secondary education and ends general basic education, lasting three years. The subjects taught there are Polish Language, History, Civic education, two foreign languages (English and German or, in some schools, French, Spanish and Russian), Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, Fine Arts/Music, Technology, Information Technology, Physical Education and Religion or Ethics.

Culture/Curiosities

Polish Vodka is a famous drink there and it's present in every party;

A traditional polish dish is pierogi, or in English, dumplings;

The most common sports are very similar to Portugal, for example, volleyball and football;