

SSIGIL 2026 — Social Programme

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A student guide to evenings and free time | www.ssigil.uni.lodz.pl

Day 1 — Monday, 20 July

Evening: Gala Dinner

Where: Restauracja Len i Bawelna, OFF Piotrkowska — ul. Piotrkowska 138/140, Łódź.

Website: lenibawelna.com **Menu:** lenibawelna.com/menu

A pre-selected menu awaits you, together with a limited selection of drinks (all non-alcoholic options). Please note that the restaurant cannot split the bill, so no additional items may be ordered beyond the set menu, including beverages. If you would like to keep the evening going afterwards, the OFF Piotrkowska complex itself and the surrounding stretch of Piotrkowska Street offer plenty of bars and cafés to continue socialising on your own.

OFF Piotrkowska is one of Łódź's most loved revitalised spaces: a former textile factory and warehouse complex turned into a lively courtyard of restaurants, craft bars, galleries and independent shops, all strung with fairy lights and street art. It is consistently rated among the best nightlife spots in the city, and a five-minute walk in any direction opens onto more of Piotrkowska Street's cafés, cocktail bars and late-night spots — a perfect setting to keep celebrating together after the official dinner winds down.



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Day 2 — Tuesday, 21 July

Free afternoon — plan your own

The afternoon and evening are yours to arrange. As an optional suggestion — since it sits squarely at the intersection of pop culture and cyber themes — you might enjoy the **Centrum Komiksu i Narracji Interaktywnej** (Comics and Interactive Narrative Centre), part of the EC1 Łódź complex. It traces the history of Polish comics through characters such as Tytus, Thorgal, and Kajko i Kokosz, as well as your favourite Marvel characters, and features an educational path developed with **CD Projekt Red** inspired by *The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt* — a fitting nod to **Andrzej Sapkowski**, Łódź native and the *Witcher* saga's author, whose work has become one of Poland's best-known cultural exports. This is entirely optional: no one is required to attend, and tickets are self-funded.

Address: ul. Tuwima 46 (entrance from ul. Sass-Zdort), Łódź.

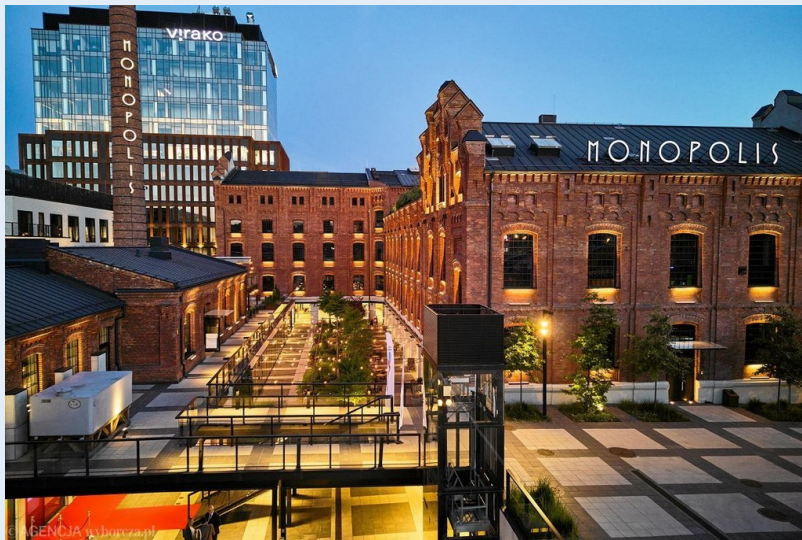
Hours: Tuesday–Sunday, 10:00–18:00.

Tickets: approx. PLN 30 per person (about EUR 7), payable individually on site or at centrumkomiksuec1.pl — please check the current price before your visit, as this is not covered by the programme.



If comics and games are not your thing, the University of Łódź tourist guide offers plenty of alternatives for a self-arranged afternoon, including a visit to the **Biała Fabryka** (the former Geyer textile mill, now the Central Museum of Textiles) or the **Jewish Cemetery**, one of the largest in Europe and a site on Łódź's UNESCO-recognised heritage trail.

Suggested dinner (self-funded): MONOPOLIS — ul. Kopcińskiego 60/62, Łódź. A former vodka-monopoly factory turned restaurant and culture quarter, serving Polish cuisine in a striking post-industrial setting. Larger groups may request an advance reservation.



Day 3 — Wednesday, 22 July

Piotrkowska Street walk — meeting at Manufaktura

The guide will meet the group at Manufaktura at 15:30 for a walk down **Piotrkowska Street**, one of Europe's longest commercial streets, taking in the historic tenement houses and industrial-era architecture that define Łódź's character. This tour is arranged and covered by the organisers.

Meeting point: Manufaktura, ul. Karskiego 5, Łódź (please confirm exact meeting spot on site).

Dinner (self-funded): please make your own arrangements. Suggestion: **Pierogarnia Stary Młyn**, ul. Piotrkowska 37 — a historic Art Nouveau tenement serving classic Polish pierogi. Advance reservations can be made for larger groups, also [online](#).

Day 4 — Thursday, 23 July

On your own — EC1 or Księży Młyn

For the afternoon, we suggest a self-arranged visit to **EC1 Łódź — City of Culture**. Once the city's first power plant (Elektrociepłownia 1, hence "EC1"), the site has been transformed into a fully interactive cultural and science complex, home to a **planetarium**, an interactive, 5-stories tall **science and technology centre**, as well as the **National Centre for Film Culture**, and the Comics and Interactive Narrative Centre mentioned on Day 2. Exhibits are hands-on, largely available in English, and make for some of the best photo opportunities in the city — well worth it for your Instagram.



Alternatively, if you prefer open-air industrial heritage, revisit **Księży Młyn**, the 19th-century Scheibler factory-and-worker's settlement (distinct from the Biała Fabryka mentioned for Day 2) — a compact, atmospheric "city within a city" worth an unhurried wander.

Dinner (self-funded): please plan on your own. Manufaktura offers a wide choice, including plenty of vegetarian options; one suggestion is **Polka** — note that it sits at the higher end of the price range.

Day 5 — Friday, 24 July

Departure day

The school concludes after lunch. If you are departing later in the day or staying on, feel free to plan the rest of your day as you wish. A few suggestions, in case you would like inspiration:

1. Museum of Cinematography and a walk past the Łódź Film School — fitting, given Łódź's standing as Poland's historic capital of cinema.



2. Museum of Light (ul. Piotrkowska 17) — a very popular, highly photogenic interactive space, beloved by Instagram visitors.

3. Right across the street, the **Sklepik Magiczny** (Harry Potter shop, ul. Piotrkowska 18) offers licensed wizarding-world gifts and a themed café.

Manufaktura also remains an option for a relaxed final afternoon: alongside its shops and restaurants, it houses a bowling alley, billiards, and an IMAX cinema.



Air travel: [Łódź Airport](#) offers direct flights from, among others, Dublin, Brussels, Milan, and London.

From Warsaw: Arriving at [Warsaw Chopin Airport](#), consider taking the train to Łódź — see the [train schedule](#). A direct trip takes approx. 2 hours. The best route is from Warszawa Zachodnia (Warsaw West) to Łódź Fabryczna. Fares range roughly from 40 to 70 PLN (approx. 8.6–15 EUR), purchasable on board, [online](#), or at the station.

Getting around Łódź: Consider a taxi or public transport. To plan a route, use [jakdojade.pl](#). Tickets are purchased at machines at most stops, larger junctions, or on board buses and trams, and must be validated on board. Single-ticket prices: 20 minutes — 4.00 PLN (approx. EUR 1); 40 minutes — 5.00 PLN (approx. EUR 1.20); one-day ticket — 16.00 PLN (approx. EUR 3.80).

More tips: [Official Łódź city tourism website](#)

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