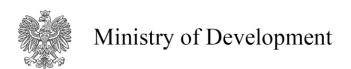






Jasienica Castle Resort

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Zone A

Grodziec dates back to the 12th century. The history of its beginnings is connected to the wooden stronghold of the Cieszyn castellany, on the site of which the existing Castellan Castle was built. The castle was built in the years 1542-1589, at the request of the Cieszyn starost, Maciej Crodziecki, and was repeatedly expanded and rebuilt. The current private owner plans to make the facility available to the public. The castle will mainly fulfil educational and research, as well as museum, functions. It houses a rich collection of crockery, Silesian glassware, paintings, furniture and military items from the 16th to the 20th centuries. Making the castle available for public use will become possible after adapting the facility's infrastructure and proper display, and the securing and digitizing of the collections.

The fourplex building adjacent to the castle dates back to the 19th century. It served as a residential house for court staff. In the past it featured post-office facilities and was used as the village mayor's head office. Currently, it is a residential building in poor technical condition, it needs to be renovated in order to restore and secure the structure. According to the development concept, the building will have both an office and residential function, by setting up apartments in the building.

According to historical documents, a nineteenth-century multifunctional farm building was situated in front of the fourplex, featuring a coach house, a stable for draft horses and a barn. The building was demolished in 1945 during the war. To reflect the history of this place, we propose its reconstruction for the purpose of administrative and warehouse functions for the castle owner's rich historical collections.

There are also the ruins of a church in the vicinity of the castle, consisting of well-preserved visible foundations and a preserved roofed presbytery. In the surrounding area are the remains of the former churchyard cemetery with a few surviving tombstones. The first mention of the construction of the church and parish comes from 1447 (a small wooden building with a tower). The new brick church, the ruins of which can be seen today, dates from 1569-1579. To use the potential of this place in our concept, we have proposed a scene installation where outdoor events can be organised in front of the ruins (such as chamber music, choir concerts or weddings), which will be a great advantage and a unique attraction.

The area opposite the front of the castle is the grounds of the former rose garden. Existing documents make it possible to recreate the historical layout of the garden along with the main view corridor running from the castle towards the north. Orangeries were an inseparable element of the gardens. In the past there were two on the site - on the right and left of the main avenue - the view corridor. The orangeries were founded at the beginning of the 19th century and demolished in 1995. Their reconstruction is planned in the same place.



Zone B

Another important assumption of the development concept is the manor complex. Designed with a quadrangle layout, it consists of the estate manager's central court building from 1812 (the current location of the Institute of Animal Husbandry), a granary, and the estate manager's house with a forging shop connected to a cowshed from the beginning of the 19th century and a barn. The existing granaries served as storage facilities for grain. In our concept, we propose assigning new functions to them, through rebuilding, extending and adapting them into a hotel, conference rooms and a restaurant, as well as accompanying functions - for example, a spa, snack bar, souvenir shop, etc. The new building parts will emphasise the historical spatial layout. A parking lot has been planned in the north-western part of these developments.

Zone C

In the northern part of the castle area there is the building of an old distillery, previously a brewery, and a parallel cowshed, which currently serves as a residential building. In order to merge this area, we will restore its historical function and add a restaurant function with areas intended for the production of regional products and the sale of angling materials. Both buildings will be connected by a new link building and a shared courtyard. This space is attractive due to the location of the buildings between two ponds and proposed piers overlooking the water.

Zone D

The next zone inscribed in our concept is the park located in the southern part of the castle area. It forms an integral part of the castle and park complex. At the beginning of the 20th century, in the years 1906-1909, the park was modernised by introducing a system of irregular paths. This layout was completely lost during the First World War. Thanks to a photograph showing the route of these paths, the arrangement of public walking, cycling and horse-riding paths has ben planned in our concept. This area will be made more attractive by the creation of rest areas and bridges over existing watercourses.

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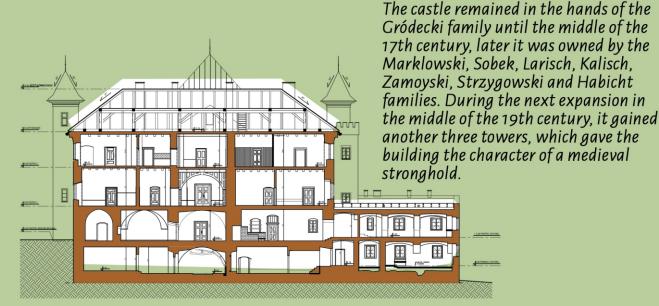
An additional zone in our vision of development is the stud farm area, set up in the building of a former barn from the 1950s, where the events of Helmut Kajzar's play "The Barn" took place. Its revitalization and extension will allow us to organise horse riding competitions, horse riding lessons, specialist horse care or horse riding in open areas. It will also be possible to conduct hippotherapy classes. The entire area under development is interwoven with walking paths, which will allow visitors to perform physical activity in an attractive and varied terrain, which is particularly important nowadays.



History

The Castle in Grodziec was initially owned by the Cieszyn Piasts. The present one was built in the place of the older castle around 1580 by Henryk Gródecki of Brody as a defensive manor with a main body and four adjoining towers. The interiors of the basements and ground floor have brick barrel vaults, while the first and second floor feature larch beam ceilings.





Idea of the Project

The facility will have the following commercial functions related to museum and educational projects: access for visitors, the organisation of temporary exhibitions, the publishing of scientific studies, popular science studies, guides, photo albums and other materials promoting the place and its history, the organisation of lectures and training sessions and participation in joint projects with other institutions.



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Also, the organisation of festivals and occasional fairs, which will take place partly in the granary and partly in the open air, launching a pewter workshop, demonstrations of knights fighting and medieval or traditional local cuisine. In addition, the facility can sell works of art, antiques, souvenirs, as well as culinary products and cosmetics based on old recipes. In the museum section, rooms for conferences, events, photo sessions and concerts can also be made available. In addition, we have planned the possibility of arranging apartments in the castle which may be used by special guests and/or personalities from the world of culture and science.



The Grodziec castle is now an important habitat for a colony of bats that have set up 'home' in the castle's attic. It is possible to display this habitat in a way that does not interfere with the natural life of these protected mammals, and at the same time constitutes a local ecological and educational attraction.



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History

The granary building is part of the farm buildings belonging to the castle and park complex. The foundation was shaped in the middle of the 18th century or in the first quarter of the 19th century, creating a regular rectangular shape with a large inner courtyard. All of this is in the close vicinity of the castle, inscribed in the framework of the access road layout.





The granary is a plastered brick and stone building with an elongated rectangle layout, divided by a simple bracketed cornice above the ground floor, and with a separate pedestal at the bottom, which is raised following the slope of the area. In the internal layout of all the floors, the building features a separated northern part of the proper granary and a smaller southern part, after a major reconstruction in the post-war period.

The rooms are covered with lunette vaults, sail vaults and a secondary multi-span segmental vault with steel girders. The first floor and the attic have been designed as an open space with a wooden structure and large pillars and beams.



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Idea of the

After the planned reconstruction and expansion, the granary will have a museum/educational and exhibition function. The architecture of the building will be preserved without major changes, i.e. the dimensions; proportions and the nature of the building will not change. Only a winter garden is to be added on the yard side and a passenger lift in the place of the steel crane. On the other side, there will be an external wooden terrace.





The inside remains divided into the larger north part and the south part has been kept. The first part, on the ground floor, will feature a large conference room with all the necessary facilities and equipped with the latest audio-visual technology, a banquet hall with a catering kitchen and bathrooms and the smaller southern part, generally rebuilt in the post-war period.

In the central part there is a spacious hall inviting visitors to explore the museum which is located on the two upper floors in spacious rooms with a wooden structure. The exhibition rooms will be equipped with multimedia devices for both adults and children. In the second part, there will be office rooms for the office and administration staff of the planned complex.



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History

The fourplexes are located on the west the castle, along the road which follows the axis of the castle's driveway. The brick stable and coach house buildings already existed in the first quarter of the 19th century, as can be seen on photographs from around 1900. According to earlier maps, before the brick-built coach house, these were wooden buildings that functioned as fourplexes. In the first half of the 20th century, the coach house had already been completely transformed into a castle outbuilding. In 1950, it was thoroughly rebuilt, and little of the old fourplexes remained. In 1964, in connection with the construction of a workers' hotel, the second part of the outbuilding was rebuilt and adapted as a canteen. In the close vicinity there are also the ruins of Saint Bartholomew's Parish Church in Grodziec, built of split stone. Only the chapel and foundations showing the outline of the church remained. In order to make the open areas more attractive, the creation of historical paths, cycle paths, and lookout and archaeological sites have been planned. The ruins and the immediate vicinity of the historic chapel need to be secured and suitable preparation for the visitors and guests of the centre is required.







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FOURPLEXES

The building was eventually extended on the south side. It was built using traditional technology - masonry, plastered, with a layout similar to the letter "L". On the east side it has one storey with an extension featuring a basement. The middle part has a ground floor without a basement. The west side is an extended, one-storey construction with a basement on the edge.



Idea of the

Apartments will be created in the fourplexes located on the premises of the complex, to complement the business offer. A characteristic feature of the apartments will be the diverse style of their furnishings harmoniously combining the period in which they were decorated and modernity. The rooms will be fitted to a high standard, providing complete comfort to the guests. The building will also include a function complementing the museum located in the castlespace for the custodian along with the archives as well as educational and research rooms.







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In the 19th century, a romantic rose garden was built in front of the castle. An avenue, which was its main view corridor, ran through it, having its beginning in the square in front of the castle and leading northwards. There were two orangeries just behind the garden which were located symmetrically on both sides of the promenade. The recreation of the entire area has been planned with the addition of a viewpoint at the end of the main avenue.





Rose garden

The rose garden, which was added to the castle park in the 19th century, is to be recreated. Different rose collections will be displayed in it which, in the summer, will soothe the senses of our guests with their scent. Along the avenues, between the flower beds, everyone will be able to rest on benches as well as next to a magnificent fountain.



Orangeries

At one point, winter gardens were located in the castle garden, which were very popular. This is another attraction, which is planned to be rebuilt in the Jasienica Castle Resort. Exotic plants will be grown in the orangeries, creating a unique atmosphere in this place.





Pond

The pond, located in the palace and park complex in Grodziec, is a great place for angling enthusiasts, as well as for families with children. A pier and a beach with a playground will be an additional attraction that will enable the appreciation of the unusually charming areas of the Jasienica municipality.



Old distillery

The old distillery building, located by a picturesque pond, will feature an inn with traditional Silesian food that will satisfy the most demanding palates.





Park

Open forest areas with historical old trees will be an ideal place for leisure both during the summer and winter. People who like walking, cycling, and horse riding enthusiasts will find something for themselves here. The complex will feature bike paths and horse paths. The stables will also be rebuilt, which will make this place one of the largest tourist and historical attractions in southern Poland.





Nature reserve

One of the most important spots in the palace and park complex is the Morzyk Nature Reserve and the Łański Stream Valley, located in the municipality. These are places distinguished by the richness of fauna and flora which have an immense effect on the attractiveness of the region for tourists.













Skiing

The small elevations of the area near the ponds will be an ideal place for learning to ski and snowboard, as well as for sledding. Whole families will be able to actively relax here. The area will be equipped with illuminated ski lifts, which will be snowed throughout the winter season.

The proximity and convenient connection of Grodziec with Brenna and Szczyrk will make it possible to create a comprehensive sports centre as a supplement to already existing centres.



Sleigh rides

During the winter, visitors will be able to enjoy horse-drawn sleigh rides, whose routes will run along picturesque terrains with magnificent views. At the end, after the ride, visitors will be able to spend time at a bonfire under a starry sky. In the summer it will be possible to explore the area with a horse-drawn carriage.





Stud farm

To the east of the castle a modern stud farm will be located in the renovated and expanded building of the former cowshed. The stud farm will offer horses prepared especially for people with varying degrees of horse riding skills. Horse riding lessons for beginners will be organised on the stud farm.

For horse lovers, horse riding paths will be prepared in the area, running through meadows, the forest and the park, located in a beautifully situated, scenic area. Horse-riding enthusiasts will have qualified training staff at their disposal, who offer an individual approach tailored to their needs, a great atmosphere and leisure in a place full of peace and charm throughout the year. The stud farm will also offer the organisation of equestrian events and specialist horse care.



Hippotherapy

The offer will also include hippotherapy classes aimed at restoring physical and mental health to people with disabilities. Classes will take place under the supervision of qualified physiotherapists. The centre will also organise events for children and carriage rides.





Cycling and walking paths

The green areas around the castle - meadows, the park and the forest are ideal for cyclists and hikers. A network of cycling and walking paths will be created on a large area of 5.5 ha, featuring local leisure and recreation areas such as children playgrounds and educational paths. A significant part of the paths will run through the "Morzyk Nature Reserve" which is rich in flora and fauna.



Horse paths

For those who enjoy spending time in the saddle, horse riding paths will be prepared in the area, running through meadows, the forest and the park, located in a beautifully situated, scenic area. Horse-riding enthusiasts will have qualified training staff at their disposal, who offer an individual approach tailored to requirements, a great atmosphere and leisure in a place full of peace and charm throughout the year.





Sports pitch

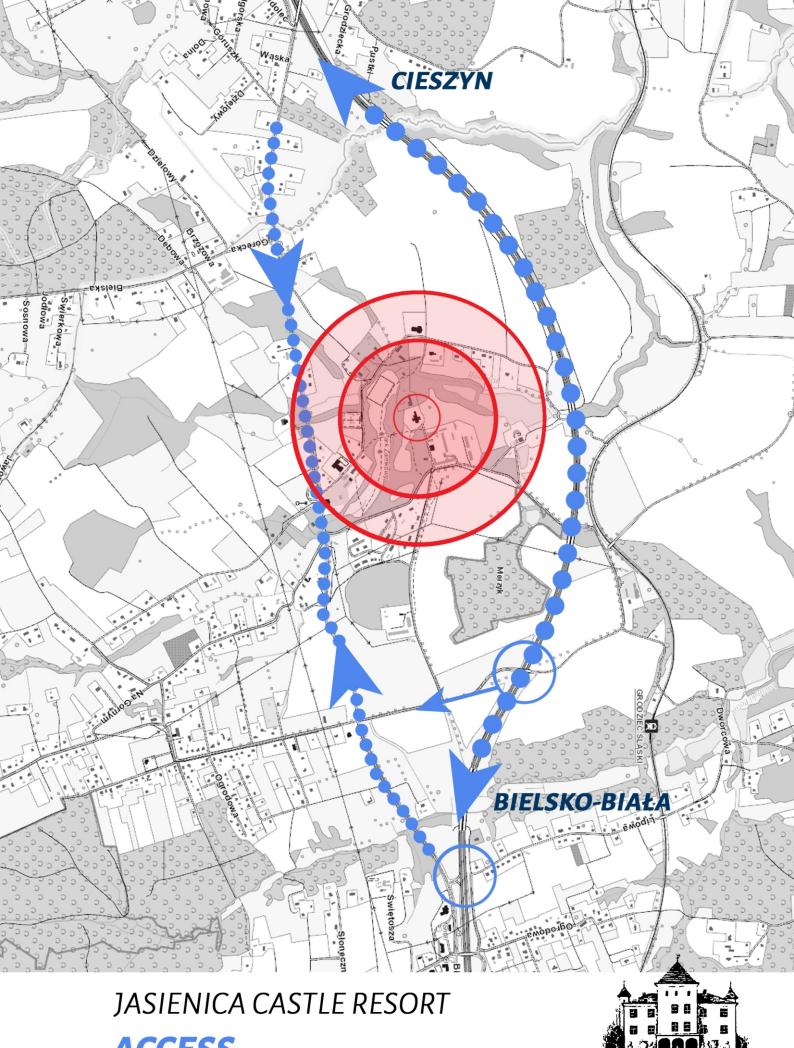
For those who want to actively spend time playing team games, a multipurpose pitch with a safe polyurethane surface will be built. This will be suitable for playing football, volleyball, basketball, handball, badminton or tennis. A health path, a playground and an outdoor gym will also be built next to the pitch. The whole area will make practising pentathlon, cross-country skiing, Nordic walking and many other sports possible.



Rope and climbing park

There will be a rope and climbing park in the castle's park. This will not interfere with the structure of trees and it will be divided into three routes of varying difficulty. The attraction is not only for children but also for adults.





ACCESS



By car

The palace and park complex in Grodźiec is located on the Bielsko Biała-Cieszyn route. Access by car will be possible both from the S52 expressway via the planned exit to Grodziec, and directly from Grodziec.

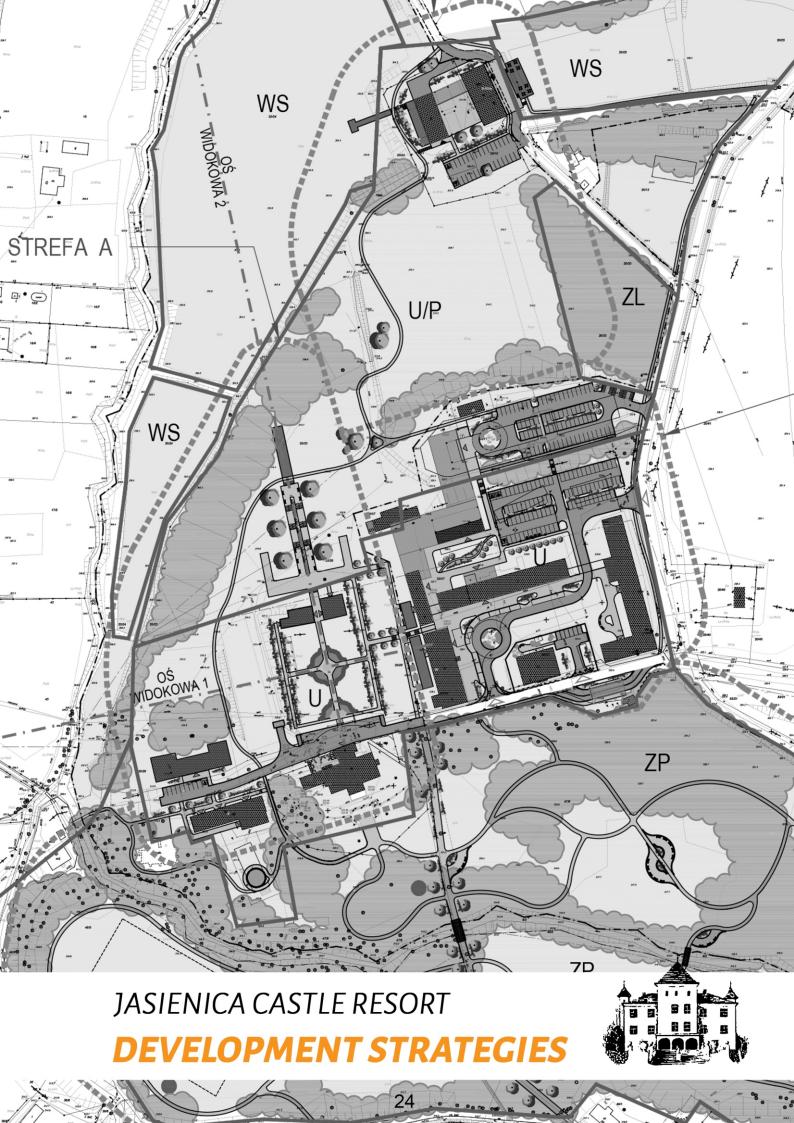


Parking

The facility offers free parking spaces for passenger cars and tourist coaches located just in front of the main entrance to the palace and park complex. There is also a tourist service centre in the car park, where everyone will receive a tourist guide with a map.

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Hotel and service facilities

The programme assumes the construction of hotel facilities, and gastronomic and commercial areas. Local producers selling products characteristic of the Silesian region will have their points of sale in the shopping mall. Opening a tourist information centre is also planned.



Recreation

The construction of swimming pools is also planned in the palace and park complex, thus increasing the recreational and leisure value of the project. The swimming pools will be available to both hotel guests and tourists visiting us.

JASIENICA CASTLE RESORT **DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**





Project location

New investments are planned in the areas located at the intersection of Bielska Street, Kasztanowa Street and Helmuta Kajzara Street, including recreational and thermal pools, a rehabilitation centre, congress centre, hotel, restaurants, shops and a multi-storey car park.



Health and Nature

The main assumptions of a healthy lifestyle include physical activity and outdoor recreation. The beauty of the nature at the Jasienica Castle Resort makes it an ideal place for their fulfilment.





Wellness & Spa

The project involves the construction of the Wellness & Spa zone - a place where balance and harmony between the body and the soul is awakened. Thanks to the proximity of the surrounding nature and a wide range of treatments, taking into account diverse needs, everyone will be able to totally unwind. The pool and sauna complex will provide unforgettable moments of relaxation as well as great fun for youngsters.



Rehabilitation Centre

The Rehabilitation Centre will be created primarily to fully or maximally restore the physical efficiency of each patient, by using specialised medical equipment and international therapies. The whole complex will also feature a comfortable and safe gym with separate cardio and fitness zones, which is to be set up with the latest equipment.





Veteran's home

The palace and park complex will also be a place where war veterans can find a place to rest. A separate hotel complex will be created for them with common rooms providing various attractions, such as billiards and a meeting room. This place will be perfect for organising veteran's day and national holiday celebrations, for both past and present soldiers.



Renewal program

War veterans will be able to take advantage of the best care of specialised staff as part of the physical and mental health renewal programme, which will undoubtedly be aided by the close proximity of the rehabilitation centre and green areas.

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POLSKA WIELKI PROJEKT



Polska Wielki Projekt

The Jasienica Castle Resort project certainly falls under the concepts of the "Polska Wielki Projekt" congress, whose idea envisages a debate on the strategic challenges facing Poland in the future. Bearing in mind the broadest possible view of the politics and economy of our country, without omitting any of the areas of its development strategy, the Resort will provide the opportunity to organise meetings of expert circles.



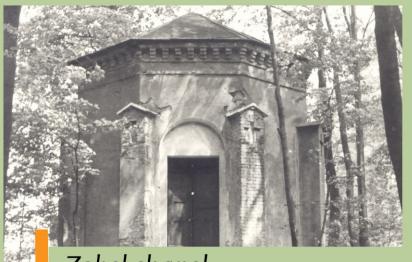
Conference centre

The modern facility, complementing the assumptions of the palace and park complex, will be the ideal place to organise business meetings, both domestic and international. The investment will respond to the needs of the growing business tourism market in the region. The centre will be able to accommodate large conferences and congresses, taking advantage of the potential of this place, giving it a worldwide reputation.

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CONFERENCE CENTRE







Zobel chapel

The chapel is an Evangelical Mausoleum of the Zobel Family which was built in 1863. Baron Henryk Jerzy August Zobel (Catholic) with his wife Zofia (Evangelist) and the baron's brother Tomasz Fryderyk Zobel rest in the burial crypt. The mausoleum is proof of the coexistence of the Catholic and Evangelical faith, which has been going on since the beginning of the reformation, that is for over 500 years. The chapel is an attraction for tourists from countries where the Evangelical faith is professed on a larger scale than in Poland, for example, the Czech Republic.



Castle chapel

In the mid-19th century, on the occasion of the wedding of the castle owners - Baron Henryk Jerzy Zobel von Giebelstadt du Darstadt and Zofia nee Gottlieb Kalisch, the castle was modernised in the neo-Gothic style. Two towers were added on the west side. One of them holds a spiral staircase, while the other features a chapel.

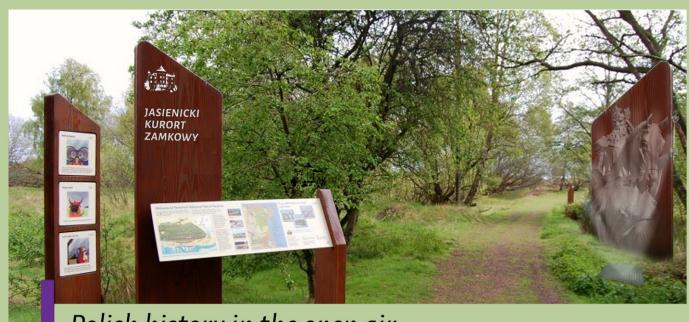
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Polish history in the open air

Educational trails with a historical theme will be organised in the Jasienica Castle Resort. Information boards containing facts about the history of Poland will be placed along the trails. In addition to the boards, three-dimensional figures of Polish kings will be displayed using holograms.



History in the castle

The castle in Grodziec is an ideal place for school trips. Students will have the opportunity to see historical objects of everyday use, such as crockery, vases, pitchers, paintings and even furniture.

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Historical battles

Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in outdoor events such as re-enactments of historical battles. Using the large open areas and the stud farm located in the resort, it will be possible to organise horse-fighting re-enactments, for example, the world-famous battles of the Hussars.



Knights' fair

After the performance, visitors will be able to cool down and have a meal in one of the knights' tents. In addition to the traditional cuisine, the fair will feature training tents with short demonstrations of sword fights, as well as tents containing, among others items, handicrafts, which are ideal souvenirs for participating in the event.

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