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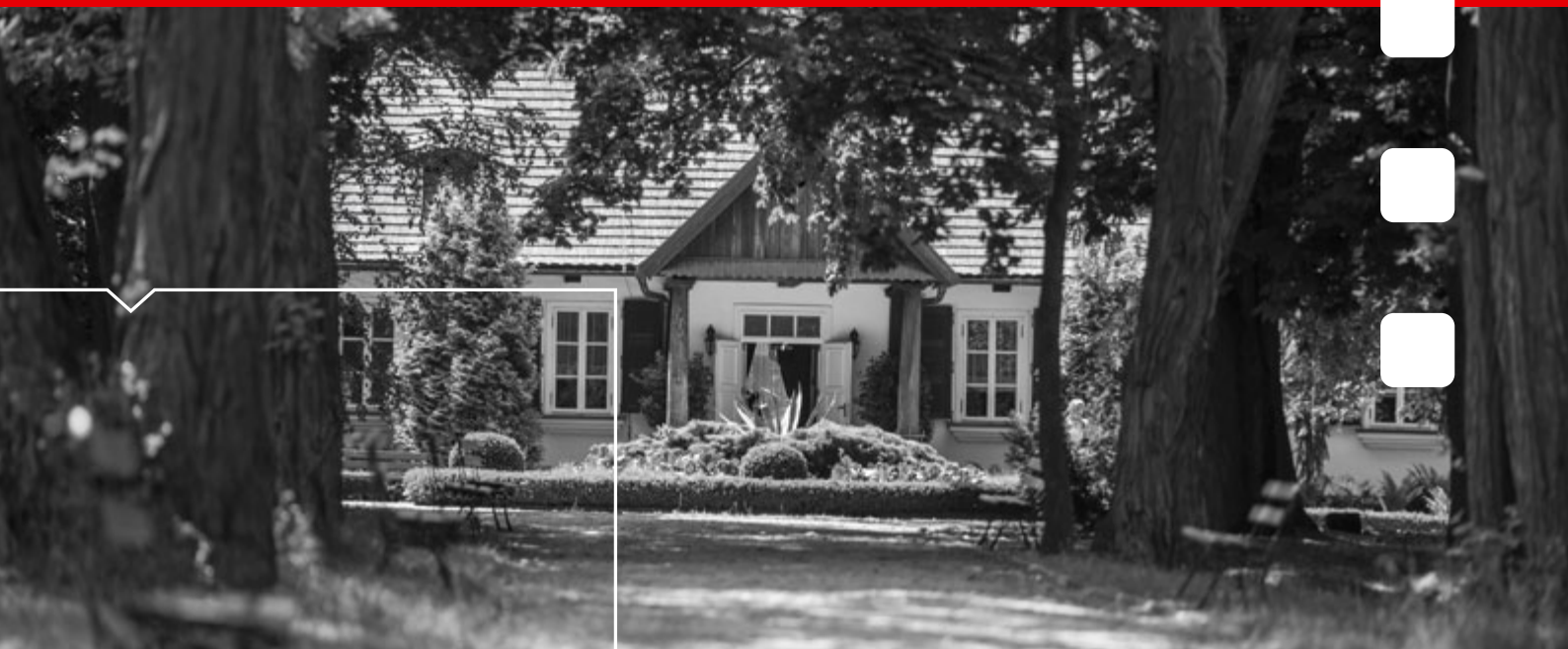


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FILM LOCATION GUIDE

MAZOVIA



Mazovia, with its capital - Warsaw, is the biggest voivodship (region) in Poland and at the same time the center of film production in the country. Numerous possibilities and diverse offer attract domestic and international filmmakers. Situated in the central part of Poland, Mazovia offers wide portfolio of picturesque landscapes: fields, meadows, forests, plains, landscape parks, national parks and natural monuments. This goes hand in hand with rich architecture and different styles that dominated Europe for several centuries. Gothic, roman and classical churches, renaissance palaces, wooden architecture, 19th century manors - objects from each era is ready for film crews. Backup, infrastructure and comprehensive film services in the region facilitate planning and executing the shoots, regardless of the season or distance. With a production base in Warsaw, transport to any destination in Mazovia will not take longer than two hours.

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NATURE AND GREEN AREAS



▼ Photo Daniel Frymark



▼ Meander of Liwiec



▼ Photo Daniel Frymark
▼ Grochalskie Piachy, photo Krzysztof Wiech



Mazovia is called „the green heart of Poland”. Kampinoski National Park and Kozienska Old Forest are the most beautiful forest complexes of central Poland and are two out of 239 natural reserves and protected areas of the region. Another natural asset of Mazovia are numerous rivers that meander all through the region. Bug, Narew, Pilica or Bzura’s river bends are a ready to take shooting location. Vistula, eleventh biggest river in Europe, is a sensation as most of it, is unregulated. This creates habitat for a unique ecosystem.

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MAZOVIA TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

Canals in Pułtusk
photo Daniel Frymark ▶



▼ Photo Railway Museum in Sochaczew



Bridge in Góra Kalwaria, Photo Marcin Salwa ▼



▲ Plock

Mazovia offers many means of transport for filmmakers. Whether you need old cars, gliders or Cessna, modern train or steam engines from the industrial era, these are all available in Mazovia. Old Jelcz buses or Chrysler for a 1920s noir film are parked in the Museum of Cars and Technology in Otrebusy. Light gliders and small planes can be rented in flying clubs. The most modern rolling stock and big selection of other trains are offered by Polish Railways, Railway Museum and Narrow Gauge Railway Museum in Sochaczew. You can travel in the region via highways, estacades and bridges next to winding roads surrounded by trees, cobble web tracts and dirt roads. You can also find here modern airport and rail terminals as well as small charming train stations. Thanks to EU funds the region constantly builds new and renovates old routes, which makes traveling in the area quick and easy.

▼ Photo Daniel Frymark



▼ Modlin Railway Station, photo MWFC



Zegrze, photo MWFC ▶

▼ Photo Railway Museum



▶ Photo Alan Czekierda

▼ Gombrowicz Museum, photo Tadeusz Bielawski



Mazovia is a region of different types of historical buildings. 30 km away from Warsaw is situated Modlin fortress – one of the biggest and best preserved Polish fortresses, European phenomena, composed of the longest building in Europe of 2,8 km length. There are a lot of old factories, museums, military structures, old school and spa buildings.

▼ School in Marki, photo Piotr Ostrowski



▼ School in Marki, photo Piotr Ostrowski



▲ Regional Museum in Siedlce
photo Urząd Marszałkowski Województwa Mazowieckiego



▲ Otwock, photo Piotr Ostrowski

SACRED OBJECTS

▼ Church in Łyse, photo Pomorska Oficyna Wydawniczo-Reklamowe



▼ Church in Nasielsk, photo Daniel Frymark



▼ Museum of the Mazovian Countryside, Sierpc, photo Regina Nowotarska



Mazovia is a unique phenomena in Europe due to number of sacred objects - new and historical, rich and simple, modern and wooden. These include historic and modern churches, simple and glamorous chapels, or concrete and wooden sanctuaries. There are many of them next to main roads, or dirt and forest tracks; but you can also find them in city centers and backyards of old tenant houses, where they bear testimony of residents' faith. Many sacred objects are in places to which pilgrims come or are somehow associated with important persons for Polish political or patriotic life.

In particular, road chapels have a film, documentary character, which added to old wooden churches and sanctuaries and numerous religious symbols create a unique, mystical picture of the Mazovia region.

Church in Kobyłka, photo Piotr Ostrowski ▶



▲ Church in Pułtusk, photo Daniel Frymark

▼ Church in Mariańskie Porzeczce, photo Pomorska Oficyna Wydawniczo-Reklamowe



▲ Russian Cemetery in Pułtusk, photo Daniel Frymark



▲ St Jan Chrzciel Church in Sochocin, photo Daniel Frymark



Church in Ciechanów, photo Daniel Frymark ▲

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MAZOVIA
**ROYAL AND ARISTOCRATIC
TRADITIONS** (CASTLES AND PALACES)

▼ Castle in Pultusk, photo Daniel Frymark



▼ Castle in Ciechanów, photo Daniel Frymark



The noble heritage of Mazovia is best manifested by numerous palaces, palace and park complexes, baronial residencies and castles built in many different styles. The oldest buildings date back to middle ages (14th century). We can also find some examples of gothic architecture - Czersk Castle or Liw Castle, where one of the biggest knight tournaments in Poland still takes place. A unique example of the baroque style is Wilanow Palace, summer royal residency which is located in beautiful gardens. Majority of the historic buildings in the complex are public spaces, museums or commercial sites which are glad to host film crews.



▲ Palace in Starawieś, photo Daniel Frymark



Palace in Starawieś, photo Daniel Frymark ▲

Ossoliński Palace, Sterdyń, photo Daniel Frymark ▼



Palace in Otwock Wielki, photo MWFC ▼



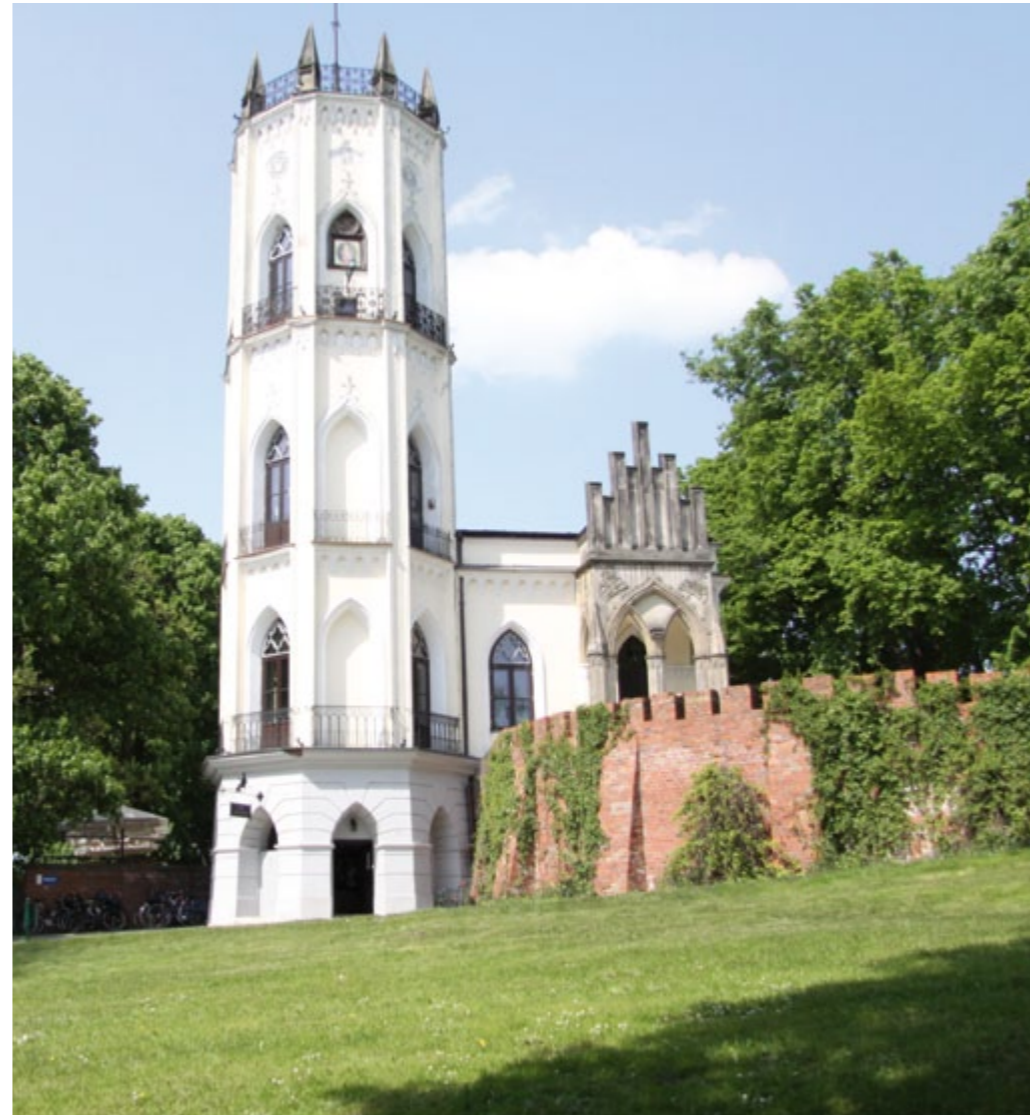
Palace in Teresin, photo MWFC ▼



▲ Ogiński Palace, Siedlce, photo Urząd Marszałkowski Województwa Mazowieckiego



▼ Palace in Zaborów, photo MWFC



▲ Krasieński Palace in Opinogóra, photo MWFC



▲ Palace in Petrykozy, photo MWFC

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TOWNS AND CITIES OF THE REGION



Żyrardów, photo MWFC ▼

Next to dynamic Warsaw, Mazovia has other urban gems to offer to filmmakers who are seeking an interesting scenery. Unique in its character – Pultusk, with its rectangular market, which is almost 400 meters long, considered to be the longest in Europe, is definitely an interesting location. Plock is one of the oldest towns in Poland. It is happily situated on high banks of Vistula river. Historical monuments and museums here are neighbors of the biggest refinery in Central Europe. Otwock stands out with its wooden architecture (style called „swidermajer”) and Konstancin-Jeziorna is the only spa with salt graduation towers in the region. Radom, second biggest city in the voivodship, with its industry and art nouveau tenant architecture is a ready to shoot location.

Pultusk, photo Daniel Frymark ▼

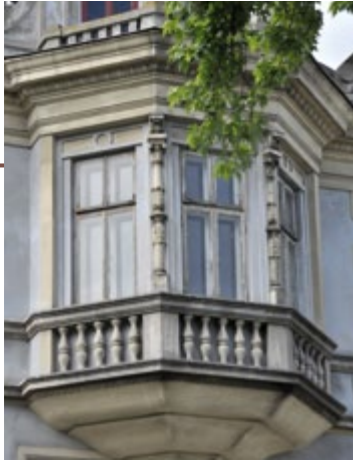


Pultusk, photo Daniel Frymark ▲



Otweek ▲

Radom, Photo Marian Strudziński ▼



▼ Góra Kalwaria, photo MWFC



Ciechanów, photo Daniel Frymark ▲



Ciechanów, photo Daniel Frymark ▲



▲ Raciąż, photo Daniel Frymark

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MANOR HOUSES AND COTTAGES

▼ Museum of the Mazovian Countryside in Sierpc, photo Daniel Frymark



▼ Museum of the Mazovian Countryside in Sierpc, photo Daniel Frymark



▼ Museum of Western Mazovia in Żyrardów, photo Bogusław Nietrzepka

The rural landscape and manor houses have been an inspiration to artists for centuries. Literature, paintings, and since the 10th muse was invented, also cinema have depicted its beauty. Meadows, fields, thatched roofs, water and windmills are a ready scenery. Original rural architecture was preserved in heritage villages, with finest examples set by The Museum of Mazovia Village in Sierpc and the Museum of Radom Villages, where one can find buildings from the 19th century. Rural landscape is completed with manor houses surrounded by gardens and orchards. Different styles of the buildings are mostly manifested by the material that was used: bricks, wood, stones, and by specific constructions. Manor houses are also a symbol of film adaptations of the romantic era.



Museum of the Mazovian Countryside in Sierpc, ▲ photo Daniel Frymark



Museum of Western Mazovia in Żyrardów, photo Bogusław Nietrzepka ▲

▼ Museum of Wooden Architecture of the Siedlce Region in Nowa Sucha, photo Daniel Frymark



▲ Museum of the Mazovian Countryside in Sierpc, photo Daniel Frymark



Radom Village Museum, photo Urząd Marszałkowski Województwa Mazowieckiego ▲

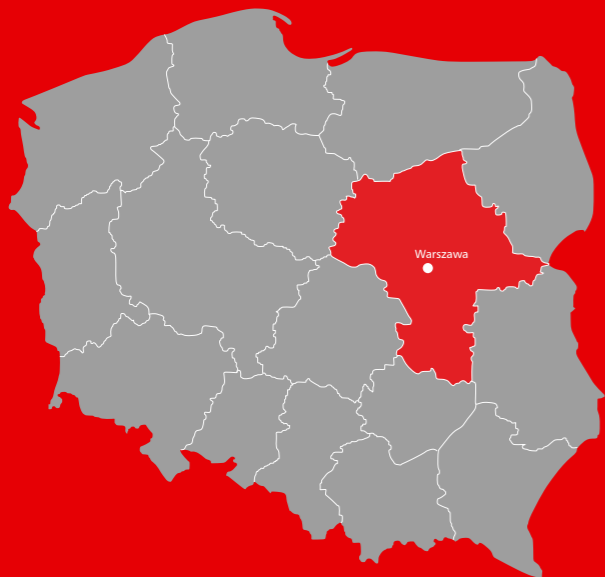
▼ Manor House in Radziejowice



▲ Modrzewiowy Manor House



▲ Manor House in Żelaza Wola

**Information:**

Capital City: Warsaw

Official language: Polish

/English language is widely spoken/

Population:

1,7 million in Warsaw

3,0 million in the metropolitan area

5,2 million in the Mazovia Region



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**Area:**

35.598 km2 Mazovia Region

519 km2 City of Warsaw

Another cities:

Radom, Płock, Siedlce, Ciechanów, Ostrołęka

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The Old Town in Warsaw

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