

THE VISTULA - "WISŁA" - POLAND

The Vistula is the longest river in Poland.

It is **1,047 km** long.

It has got **more** than 80 tributaries.



The Vistula starts at **Barania Góra** in the south of Poland, 1,220 meters above sea level in the Carpathian Mountains.

It **starts** with the White Little Vistula and the Black Little Vistula (Czarna Wisłoka).

It **flows** over the vast Polish plains, passing several Polish cities, including Kraków, , Warsaw, , Włocławek, Toruń, and Gdańsk.

It **ends** into the Gdańsk Bay of the Baltic Sea with a delta.

For hundreds of years the river was one of the main trading arteries of Poland. You can see many **castles** along its banks.

Salt, timber, grain, and building stones were shipped between the 10th and 13th centuries.



More than 40 different species of fish live in the river.

The most popular is the carp.

The carp is the main component of the Christmas Eve meal.