



Camps 2026

Exploration Topics

Free Time Ideas



*To use our Time to the fullest,
we can organize an entire single day off,
focusing only on affordable and creative
ways to Discover the area. There are
plenty of Exploration Opportunities
around – here are some of them. We can
have a brainstorm, pick and mix them
to create a tailor-made day off together.*



Exploration Ideas



Amber Hunt
Night Escapades
with UV light



HANDS-ON
Amber Workshop
Polish your pieces
and find inclusions
in amber processing lab



Moth Party!
Crazy entomological
experiment



Exploration
of Gdansk unique
peculiarities



Museum of Hope
Solidarity Museum
at Gdansk Shipyard



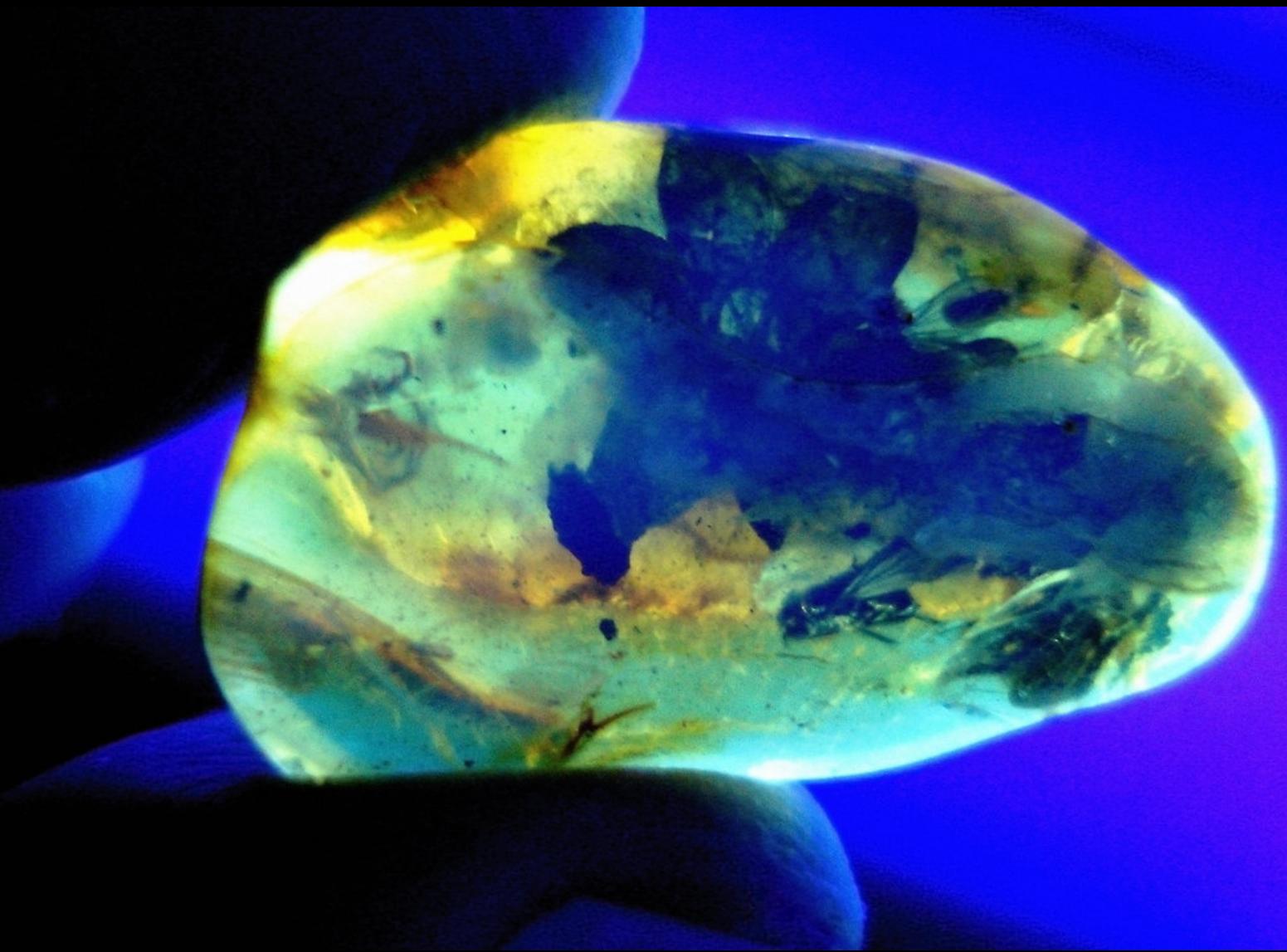
Shift in Perception:
Exploring Poland's
Forbidden Places

Not everyone knows...

... that Baltic Amber glows yellow-green in UV light. That's because it contains various aromatic hydrocarbons that have such properties. This fact has been widely used by amateur and professional Amber Hunters.

World in UV light, called also Blacklight, looks very different from normal. Moss is red, campfire ash is violet, pine resin is green, even pee glows too!

Equipped with our massive professional UV torch we can have a night walk in the forest. After the storm we can also visit the seashore. There's quite a chance to find big amber pieces in the water or washed out on the sand. Weather permitting.



Amber Processing Workshop

in Gdansk offers a very niche and hands-on opportunity to gain rare practical skills.

You can do an in-depth investigation of specimens that you found on the beach. You will learn how to look for inclusions and distinguish them with microscope, as well as how to use specialized machinery to examine and expose them.

Immerse yourself in Interdisciplinary Science, embracing Botany, Entomology, Geology and Palaeontology into One, using a truly practical approach.

This workshop and its employees have been featured in David Attenborough BBC Natural World series – a fragment is available to watch on our website.



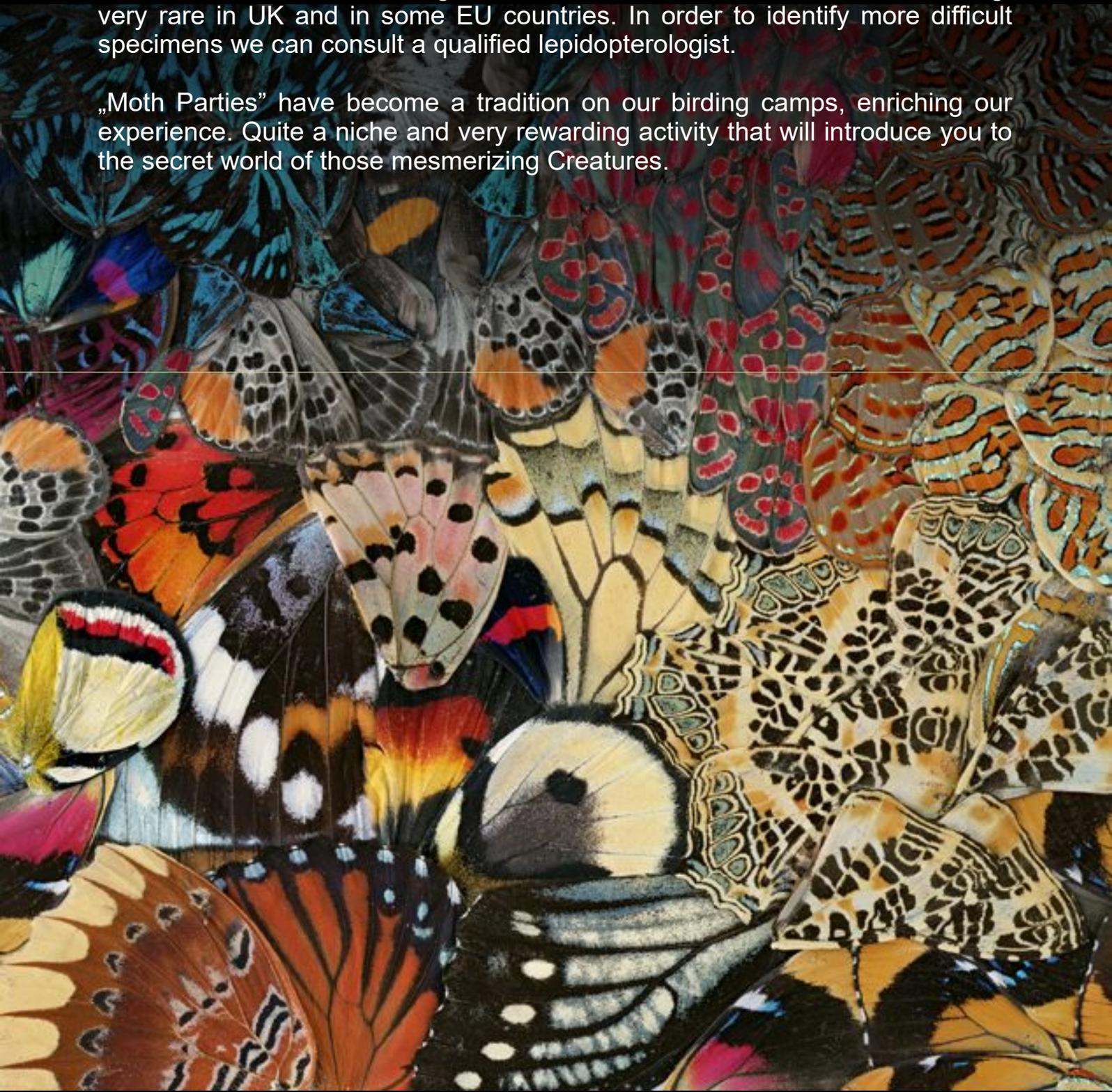
Moth Party!

... is another crazy idea.

Do you know that moths like to drink cheap wine? We can make use of this fact to prepare a moth bait and spread it on the bark of a tree at dusk. Then, after some time, we can check who's joined the Party!

Beautiful Arches, Angleshade or Hebrew Character sound like some crazy magical spells but actually they are names of some species that we can encounter. There is also a big chance to attract the massive Blue Underwing, very rare in UK and in some EU countries. In order to identify more difficult specimens we can consult a qualified lepidopterologist.

„Moth Parties” have become a tradition on our birding camps, enriching our experience. Quite a niche and very rewarding activity that will introduce you to the secret world of those mesmerizing Creatures.



Off the beaten path

Gdansk is a beautiful city, rich with history, museums, restaurants and monuments. However, they are widely known, crowded and described in every detail in many guidebooks, also in English – so we are sure you will be perfectly fine to find all of them yourself, without any help.

The idea here is to quit the mainstream attractions, get lost and find places that even locals don't know about. We can wander through partially abandoned and partially refurbished old Gdansk Shipyard and – if you are brave enough – climb the openwork, steel construction of the famous M3 Crane to see the city panorama. Or have a look at a huge collection of toys popular in Soviet era. Visit the Parrot House. Or even buy delicious sweets in very suggestive sexy shapes in the Dickery!



The Story of Hope

A visit in the Solidarity Museum in Gdansk

How would a communist Europe look like?

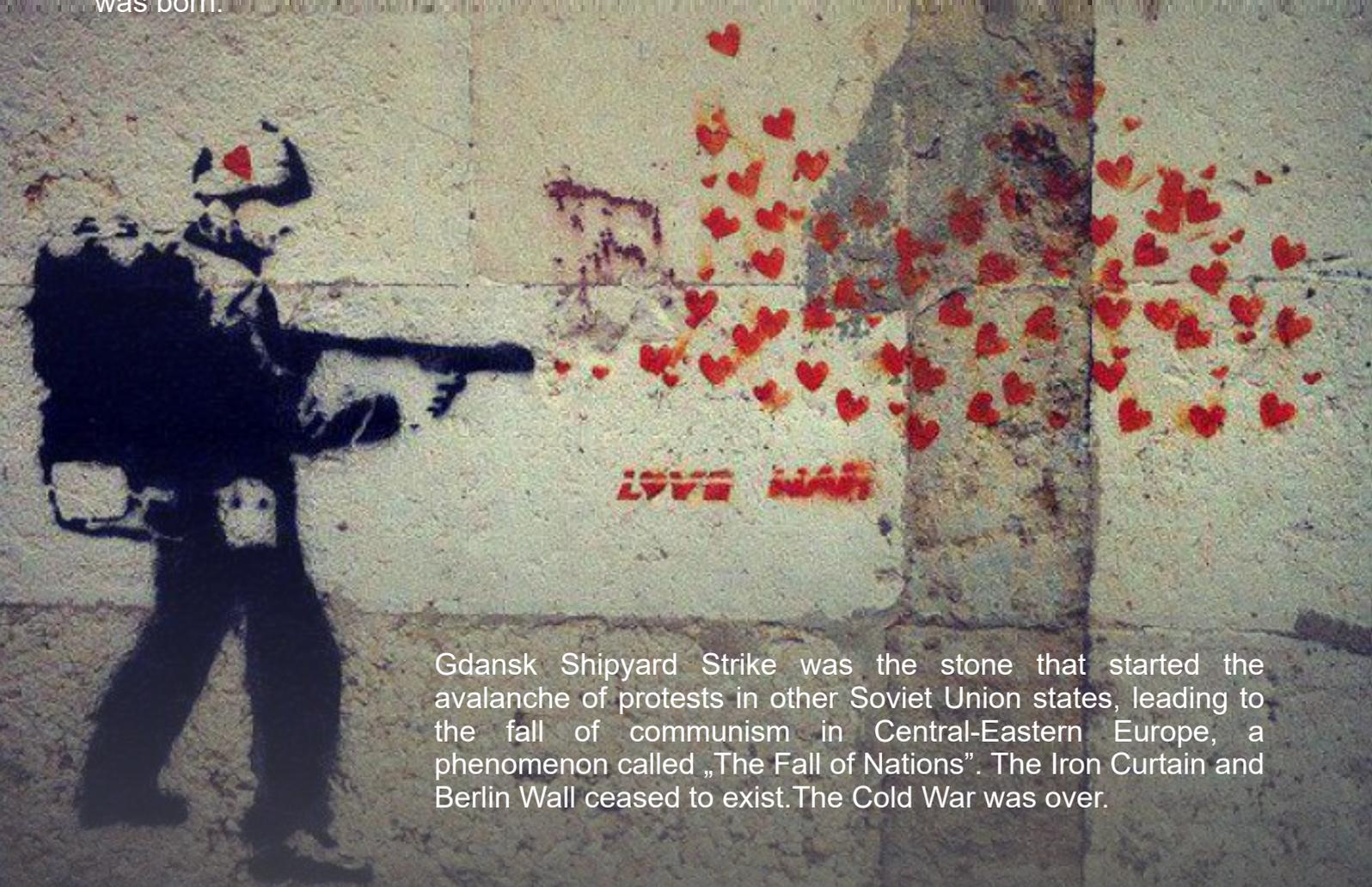
You can't understand what communism is really about unless you experience it yourself. To learn how the expansion of this political system has been stopped, you should visit Solidarity Museum at Gdansk Shipyard – the very place where spectacular fight for Freedom begun.

It all started in 1980 as a strike of the shipyard workers against unfair work and payment rules, but then more and more factories joined it, demonstrating against inhumane way of treating workers, corruption, unfair regulations and poverty. Finally the rebellion covered almost entire country. That's how Solidarity movement was born.

As a consequence, Polish authorities enforced the martial law, pushing all civil resistance initiatives underground. Tanks and armed columns of soldiers entered the streets. Many Activists were arrested.

However, extreme poverty led citizens to desperation. You cannot imprison entire country. There were more and more journalists abroad informing foreign public on the situation.

With international support, Polish Solidarity Trade Union activists made Round Table Negotiations possible, what, as a consequence, changed the political system of the country in 1990s.



Gdansk Shipyard Strike was the stone that started the avalanche of protests in other Soviet Union states, leading to the fall of communism in Central-Eastern Europe, a phenomenon called „The Fall of Nations”. The Iron Curtain and Berlin Wall ceased to exist. The Cold War was over.

Forsaken Place

A visit in Stutthof Concentration Camp

„**Gates of Death**”. This is the name of the passage that we cross to enter the area of Stutthof Concentration Camp – the first and oldest nazi concentration camp of World War II, built outside of Germany. It is located few bus stops away from our bird ringing station.

The camp stands in striking contrast to the luxurious commander’s villa that we passed few minutes ago on our way here.

We pass the double fence made with barb wire. When the camp was operating, it was connected to a high voltage line. The buildings are rough barracks made of wooden planks. When we enter, I can sense a strange smell, probably of wood conserving agents... or is it still the smell of Fear?

The area is organized into blocks that now are adapted into exhibitions. I’ve read a lot before the visit, but there’s no possibility to prepare yourself for what you will see.

One of barracks hosts a huge lump of shoes, almost reaching the ceiling. They belonged to Prisoners who died here. I come closer and spot tiny shoes of children. Many of them.

The Prisoners were primarily members of Polish elite – scientists, priests, politicians, businessmen. Their slave-labour substantially supported nazi armament factories. They slept, huddled together, often on bare ground covered with a thin layer of hay. The food ratio was smaller than the one of nazi security officer’s dog.

Massive work overload, together with extreme living conditions, caused many epidemics and severe illnesses. We look into the „hospital barrack” and see the damaged stretchers and worn-off equipment, as if taken straight from a horror movie. But way more terrifying – because it was all real. →



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Shivering in cold November wind, I observe the only child here – a little girl in pink overall, probably a daughter of some visitors, asking lots of questions. Strange view in such a place. I look at high, thin pines surrounding the camp and think that they were witnesses of this cursed part of history.

Finally, we enter the crematory and gas chambers, where victims were killed with Zyklon B. We see the endless registry of persons that died here. But only the identified ones. Total number, much higher, will remain unknown.

There's a monument nearby, with built-in long glass container. I come closer and see ashes and burnt pieces of human bones in it.

But how some people have survived here? Everyone deals with extreme suffering

differently. However, I think the answer lies in the modest exhibition presenting the Prisoners' artwork and letters.

There are dolls and teddy bears made by female inmates for children living in the camp. Or postcards designed and drawn for the loved ones out there.

Persons interned here were aware that they have mere chance to see their families again. Yet they wanted to comfort them, show that they care – and will care. Till the end and beyond.

I have a strange feeling when leaving the camp. The sky is still up there. The earth is still under my feet. Even the sun is shining. How, after all that we saw there, is it possible? Life goes on, but we all know that nothing will be the same any more.



Ideas described here create a kaleidoscope of experiences that you may encounter during your stay with us. We aim for something much bigger than a tourist trip. Those opportunities shift your perspective, sometimes pushing you out of your comfort zone, so that you can learn, see and do something way different, that you have never done before.

The price of the day off is 58 Pounds, regardless of the number of activities. For a single payment you gain access to all of them.

