



Language Bite

Polish Seaside Survival Guide

Wind, *gofry* and mysterious fish.

Welcome to the Polish Baltic **wybrzeże** (coast) — where the weather is usually windy, the water is cold and somebody always says: „**Ale wieje!**” Which means: “Wow, it’s really windy!” And yet everyone is happy.

Your first challenge is surviving the **parawany**. These colorful beach windbreaks protect Polish families from Baltic **wiatr** (wind), sand and apparently human interaction. During peak summer season, the **plaża piaszczysta** (sandy beach) transforms into a giant fabric maze where finding your family again becomes an extreme sport.

A proper Polish seaside vacation also requires:

- **ryba z frytkami** (fish and chips),
- giant **gofry** with suspiciously unstable whipped cream,
- at least one sunburn,
- and saying: „**Może jutro będzie mniej ludzi.**” (“Maybe there will be fewer people tomorrow.”)

There won’t be.

And yet, year after year, Poles return to the Baltic coast for the same reason: vacation nostalgia. The smell of the **morze** (sea), screaming seagulls and the sound of wind flapping the **parawany** somehow feel exactly like **lato** (summer).



Polish piosenka
of the week!



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Sounds Polish to Me!



Morze = sea,
może = maybe.

Może... pojedziemy nad morze?
Maybe... we’ll go to the seaside?

One, tiny dot. Who doesn’t love Polish orthography? ;-)

Say it!

Try and don’t cry ;)

W czasie suszy szosa sucha.

“During drought, the road is dry.”