

# DRIVING IN POLAND

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### RECOMMENDATION OF THE ROUTE TO SOPOT

**Recommended Route: Świecko – A2 – Poznań – S5 – Bydgoszcz – S10 – A1 – Sopot**

#### Route Details:

1. Enter Poland via Świecko border crossing (from Germany)
2. Take A2 motorway towards Poznań
3. Exit onto S5 expressway towards Bydgoszcz
4. From Bydgoszcz, take S10 to the A1 motorway
5. Take A1 motorway north to Gdańsk / Sopot / Gdynia

#### Why is this the best route?

- The route consists mostly of motorways and expressways – ideal for towing a trailer
- Bypasses large cities like Łódź and Warsaw – less traffic, easier driving
- Well-equipped rest stops and fuel stations (e.g., Orlen, BP, Shell)
- Clear and simple – only three major road transitions

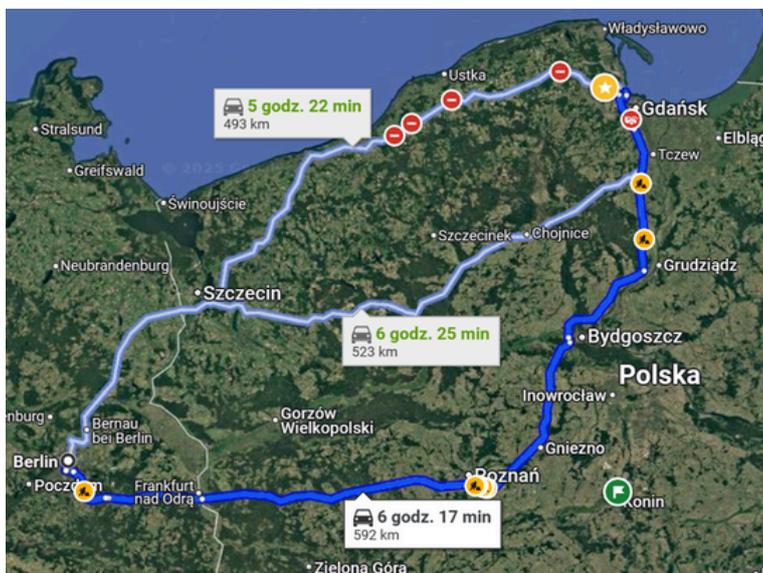
#### Toll Information:

- A2 (Świecko – Konin) – Concession section, toll gates only
- Approx. 205 PLN for a car with trailer (Category 2)
- A1 (Bydgoszcz – Gdańsk/Sopot) – Concession section, toll gates
- Approx. 49.90 PLN for car with trailer
- S5 and S10 – Free of charge

⚠ If your total GVW exceeds 3.5 tons, e-TOLL system is mandatory with GPS tracking.

#### Important Notes:

- If your vehicle with trailer exceeds 3.5 tons GVW, you must:
  - Register in the e-TOLL system
  - Use the e-TOLL PL app or an approved GPS tracking device



You can find detailed information about road toll fees in Poland along with instructions below.

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### BASIC INFORMATION

#### 1. Not all motorways are free – and not all are state-managed

Poland has a mixed motorway management system:

- State-managed sections – operated by GDDKiA (e.g., A2 Konin–Stryków, A4 Wrocław–Sońnica) – tolls are paid via the e-TOLL system.
- Concession sections – operated by private companies (e.g., A2 Świecko–Konin, A1 Gdańsk–Toruń) – payment is only at toll gates or via their apps (e.g., Autopay).

⚠ There is no single tolling system that works on all roads.

#### 2. e-TOLL system – works only on selected sections

e-TOLL is an electronic toll collection system for state-managed highways and expressways.

It applies to:

- Passenger vehicles (under 3.5 tons) – with a motorway ticket via the e-TOLL PL BILET app.
- Vehicles over 3.5 tons – must use GPS tracking (e-TOLL PL app, OBU or ZSL device).

⚠ e-TOLL does not work on concession sections – you must pay at toll gates.

#### 3. Towing a trailer? Check your total weight!

If your combined vehicle and trailer weight exceeds 3.5 tons, it's treated as a heavy vehicle – even if you're driving a regular car. This means you are required to:

- Register in the e-TOLL system
- Use an app with GPS tracking (or an OBU/ZSL device)
- Prepay your e-TOLL account

⚠ A regular motorway ticket is not enough.

#### 4. On concession motorways, you pay at toll gates – with cash, card, or app

Motorways like A2 (Świecko–Konin) and A1 (Gdańsk–Toruń) have physical toll booths. Fees depend on vehicle category (weight, number of axles, trailer).

💡 Prepare cash, card, or use apps like Autopay – it speeds up the process.

#### 5. Maximum speed with a trailer = 80 km/h – even on motorways

In Poland, speed limits for vehicles towing a trailer are strictly regulated:

- Motorways & expressways: max 80 km/h
- Outside built-up areas: 80 km/h
- Inside built-up areas: 50 km/h
- Speeding is subject to fines, and speed cameras are common.

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### E-TOLL SYSTEM

#### How to Register in the e-TOLL System – Step-by-Step Guide

Who Needs to Register?

- Any vehicle over 3.5 tons GVW (e.g., trucks, large motorhomes, vans with trailers).
- Passenger cars with a trailer, if the total GVW exceeds 3.5 tons.
- Registration is required for both Polish and foreign drivers.

#### STEP 1: Create an e-TOLL Account (OCA – Online Customer Account)

1. Go to the website: <https://etoll.gov.pl/en/>
2. Click "Register / Log in" in the top right corner.
3. Select "Create an account".
4. Fill in: Email address and password
5. Confirm password
6. Confirm your registration by clicking the activation link sent to your email.

#### STEP 2: Add User and Vehicle Information

1. Log in to your account.
2. Go to "User Management":
  - Enter personal or company details
  - Provide your address and contact information
3. Go to "Vehicle Management":
  - Vehicle license plate number
  - Country of registration
  - Type of vehicle (passenger, truck, with trailer, etc.)
  - Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)

#### STEP 3: Choose a Payment Method

You can select:

- Prepaid account – recommended for most users; you top up funds in advance.
- Postpaid account – requires a security deposit or bank guarantee (for frequent business use).
- 💡 For private or one-time travelers, prepaid is the easiest and fastest option.

#### STEP 4: Choose a Location Transmission Method (for GPS tracking)

This is mandatory for vehicles over 3.5 tons GVW.

Options:

- e-TOLL PL mobile app
  - Download from Google Play or App Store
  - Log in using your e-TOLL credentials
  - Keep GPS and mobile data active while driving
- OBU (On-Board Unit) – a tracking device installed in your vehicle
- ZSL (External Location System) – usually used by logistics/transport companies

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#### STEP 5: Top Up Your e-TOLL Account (for prepaid accounts)

1. Log in to the Online Customer Account.
2. Go to the "Payments" tab.
3. Choose your payment method:
  - Debit/credit card
  - Instant bank transfer
  - BLIK (Polish service)
  - Standard bank transfer

#### Mobile Apps to Download

- **e-TOLL PL – for heavy vehicles over 3.5 tons (GPS tracking)**
  - [Download for Android](#)
  - [Download for iOS](#)
- **e-TOLL PL BILET – for passenger vehicles (no GPS, ticket only)**
  - [Download for Android](#)
  - [Download for iOS](#)

#### Need Help?

- e-TOLL hotline (English support available): +48 22 24 337 77
- Official website: <https://etoll.gov.pl/en/>

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### USEFUL LINKS

#### Top Useful Links for Foreign Drivers in Poland:

##### e-TOLL – Official Road Toll System

- e-TOLL Official Website (in English):  
<https://etoll.gov.pl/en/>
- Account Registration & Login (Online Customer Account – OCA):  
<https://etoll.gov.pl/en/user-area/online-customer-account/>

##### e-TOLL Mobile Apps:

- [e-TOLL PL \(for vehicles over 3.5t with GPS\) – Android](#)
- [e-TOLL PL – iOS](#)
- [e-TOLL PL BILET \(for light vehicles\) – Android](#)
- [e-TOLL PL BILET – iOS](#)

##### Concession Motorway Operators

- A2 (Świecko – Konin) – Autostrada Wielkopolska:  
<https://www.autostrada-a2.pl/>
- A1 (Gdańsk – Toruń) – AmberOne Motorway:  
<https://a1.com.pl/>
- Autopay System (automatic toll payments for A1 & A2):  
<https://autopay.pl/>

##### Route Planning & Infrastructure

- Google Maps Route Planning:  
<https://www.google.com/maps>
- Service Areas (MOPs) and Fuel Stations on Polish Highways:  
<https://www.gov.pl/web/gddkia/mopy>

##### Safety & Assistance

- e-TOLL Hotline (24/7, English support available): +48 22 24 337 77
- General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways (GDDKiA):  
<https://www.gddkia.gov.pl/en/>
- Road Conditions and Weather Updates:  
<https://www.gddkia.gov.pl/pl/2429/Serwis-informacji-o-warunkach-na-drogach>

**Emergency Number in Poland: 112**