

## Warsaw

### Getting Around

#### **Bus/Tram**

Warsaw has an extensive public transport system that comprises of over 200 buses, 30 tram lines and a metro system that takes passengers all around the city and surrounding suburbs. Tickets must be purchased and validated prior to boarding from vending machines at stops or at newsagents, hotels, post offices or metro stations. It is possible to buy direct from the driver, but you will need the exact fare ready, and if behind schedule you may be refused. Buses, Trams and the Metro all have a unified ticketing system, allowing visitors to travel with ease any way they choose. Daily, weekly and monthly passes are also available which work out to be very cost efficient.

Long distance buses arrive and depart from two main terminals (or Państwowa Komunikacja Samochodowa) at the east and west of the city centre, with services to most major cities in Poland. Tickets can be purchased at the terminal building or via contacting the bus companies directly.

#### **Train**

Trains are maintained and operated by Polish Railways and depart from Warszawa Centralna train station. The station offers daily services to Poland's major cities and other international destinations such as Vienna, Budapest, Prague, Hamburg, Kiev and Odessa. Tickets for domestic trains can be purchased from counters at the east end of the main concourse, whilst for international trains head to the information office at the west end of the station.

#### **Taxi**

There are many official taxis that operate throughout Warsaw and can be hailed on the street, but it is often easier to pre-book by telephone or via a hotel. Be sure to only use licensed vehicles that display a phone number and company logo on the outside of the car. Predominantly operated by large companies, vehicles are almost always licensed and use their meters – just make sure they are switched on before you set off.