## The castle

Every year, Malbork attracts more than half a million tourists from all over the world. The city hosts concerts, open-air spectacles, theatre and sporting events. During the summer season thousands of visitors come to see the two largest open-air events: the Siege of Malbork (July) and Magic Malbork (August). However, the town's event calendar contains much more – see <a href="https://www.vistmalbork.pl">www.vistmalbork.pl</a> for details.

Nowadays, when people visit this beautiful town, formerly the center of the Teutonic Knights Order in the region, they will certainly be enchanted by the variety of attractions. A colourful, "dancing" music fountain, surrounded by architectural masterpieces and small restaurants — all this creates the amazing atmosphere of Malbork. Until recently it was associated only with the castle. Now, a day is simply not enough to cover all there is to see. A tour of the castle is the obligatory part of any visit here. Who would not want to see the exquisite, modern amber exhibition, or have their picture taken with Teutonic Grand Masters? Upon leaving the Museum, visitors come across yet another set of attractions for both young and old. During the tourist season, a special miniature train runs all day allowing you to experience all of the town's most exciting attractions. From adventure and Dino parks to the unique 1:30 model of the castle. For the more active, the town offers a rock climbing wall, an ice rink in winter, tennis courts, fitness clubs, bowling and horse riding.

Malbork is one of the places you must see when in Poland. It is called the Pearl of Pomerania, with the castle known as the largest "brick mountain" north of the Alps. We invite you to visit the town, where, in the shade of Gothic walls, the history of the largest brick fortress of Medieval Europe lingers.

## **Malbork Castle**

Malbork Castle, which covers an area of approximately 21 ha, is the world's largest brick castle and a masterpiece of defensive and residential architecture of the late Medieval period.

The site is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is visited by half a million people annually and is one of the most significant tourist attractions of Poland. For many years a favourite destination for foreign visitors, as well as a must-see for the locals. It is magical and friendly, with interesting exhibitions, cultural events and many amenities.

The Intercessor Saints. A Gothic sculpture at Malbork Castle

Malbork Castle has been hosting Medieval sculpture collections in a modern setting since April 2013. Designed with style, enhanced by multimedia presentations and an education zone, it is a modern exhibition particularly attractive to children and teenagers. The exhibition in the Castle Museum tells a story of the culture, religion and aesthetics of the

Medieval period. Its main topic is the cult of Christian saints, the particular features of local cults and individual patrons.

## **Amber Contexts**

The well-known worldwide Malbork collection of amber, enhanced with multimedia, has been presented at the castle in a modern setting since November 2011. The Malbork exhibition entitled *Amber Contexts* displays the wealth of natural forms and colours of this living stone, as well as presents useful amber objects and jewellery. Gathered for more than 50 years, this collection of amber is considered to be the largest and most beautiful in the world.

