

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(by email)

Our Ref: MGLA200220-3289

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Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 20 February 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

- How many trips abroad did the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, take from January 1st 2019 to December 31st 2019? I would like this information broken down by date, country, city, hotel, length of stay, and in Excel format.
- I would also like to know the total cost of these trips in Pound Sterling, broken down in terms of travel and accommodation costs. I would like this information organised with each trip separately, and in Excel format.

The Mayor undertook one international visit in 2019, as follows:

On 1 and 2 September 2019, the Mayor visited Gdansk and Warsaw in Poland. On the invitation of the Mayor of Gdansk, he took part in a special ceremony to mark the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War Two in Gdansk. He also joined Frans Timmermans (then First VP of the European Commission), the Mayors of Gdansk and Bialystok, and a senior representative of Berlin, at the European Solidarity Centre for a discussion about what cities can do to protect and promote freedom and solidarity.

In Warsaw, the Mayor met with senior political and business stakeholders to bang the drum for London in one of the EU's fastest growing economies. The Mayor also spoke at events to highlight the need to combat the rise of far-right extremism across Europe.

The Mayor was accompanied by three members of City Hall staff during the visit. Costs of the Mayor's delegation are as follows:

- The Mayor and the delegation flew economy class to Gdansk on 31 August, and from Warsaw on 2 September. The flights costs were £1699.82 in total or £424.96 per person.
- The Mayor travelled from Gdansk to Warsaw by train, costing £227.50 in total or £56.88 per person.
- The delegation stayed at the Radisson Hotel & Suites in Gdansk and Mercure Warsaw Grand for one night respectively. The accommodation at these hotels were provided by the City of Gdansk and City of Warsaw respectively.
- The cost for vehicle hire in Gdansk was £235.49.

- Ground transportation in Warsaw was provided by the City of Warsaw
- Incidentals, including staff meals, cost £124.07.
- Total costs of the entire trip for the Mayor's delegation were £2,286.88.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me quoting reference MGLA200220-3289.

Yours sincerely,



Information Governance Officer

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