

„THE WHITE LADY OF GOLUB” - A GHOST FROM POLAND



The castle of Golub-Dobrzyń was built by the Teutonic Knights in the 13th century. For many years it was passed from one owner to another, each of whom wanted to add something specific to its walls.

In 1611 it was passed to princess Anna Wazówna, king Sigismund's sister. Although she was Swedish by birth, she decided to live her life in Poland. She rebuilt the castle in the renaissance style and founded charming gardens coming down towards the river. In the gardens she devoted herself to growing herbs, being a great enthusiast of natural medicine. Of herbs she made mixtures and potions which she later used to treat people living on the castle premises and in nearby villages. She was also the first one in Poland to grow tobacco, unknown here in her days.

Princess Anna was known to take exceptionally good care of her people, animals, plants and the castle itself. It's not surprising then that she did not want to leave all this behind when she died. She still lives in her castle as a ghost – or the White Lady of Golub. She has often been seen wearing a long white dress decorated with pearls, walking along the corridors or strolling in the gardens. If you want to meet her, you must ask the present owner of the castle to go to the reception hall and curse three times. At this, Anna's portrait will become misty and the White Lady will appear from the secret passage hidden behind it.

In the past, she saved the castle's inhabitants during the Swedish siege by showing them a hidden corridor leading under the bottom of the river to a nearby castle. The fugitives were already under the river when they heard the Swedish soldiers approaching. They thought they would be captured and killed, when suddenly a huge boulder fell from a hill and made the corridors collapse behind them, burying the enemies for ever.

