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Probable foundation of the Scandinavian trading location of Hel in the ninth century AD, from which the town of Old-Hel developed and from which the peninsula received its name

1311/1331

Founding of the confraternity of St Catherine

1378

Confirmation of the town charter by the Grand Master of the Teutonic Order, Winrich von Kniprode, according to the Lübeck law

1440

The town of Hel joins the Prussian League

1494

Construction of the Chapel St Anne at the side of the Church of St Peter and Paul, that is orientated to Puck

1526

Hel goes formally into the possession of Gdansk (privilege to the city of Gdansk by King Sigismund I of Poland)

1626

Pillaging of Hel by the armies of Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden

1766

Construction of the Catholic church in Jastarnia Pucka (Ger. Putziger Heisternest)

1793

2nd Division of Poland: Hel, Jastarnia Bór and the city of Gdansk become part of the Brandenburg Kingdom of Prussia

1814

End of the Napoleonic occupation

1872

Deprivation of the town charter of Hel

1919/1920

Versailles Treaty: After the end of the First World War Hel was awarded to the newly founded Polish state

1944/45

A hundred thousand people flee from the Red Army via Hel to the West

1351

First secured documentary mention of the town of Hel

1417

First mention of the Church of St Peter in Hel

1466

2nd Peace of Thorn: Hel becomes a part of Royal Prussia, which was linked to the Kingdom of Poland in a legally not clearly defined union

1525

First service in Hel according to Lutheran Rite; Dividing of the peninsula into a catholic and a Lutheran part

1572

Probable destruction of Old-Hel; Possible reasons
- Natural catastrophe,
- great fire,
- pirates,
- Swedish fleet

1709

225 of the remaining approximately 300 inhabitants die of the plague

1772

1st Division of Poland: The north-western part of the peninsula goes to Prussia; Hel and Jastarnia Bór (Ger. Danziger Heisternest) remain at Gdansk

1807

Occupation by French troops and foundation of the Napoleonic Republic of Gdansk

1836

"Witch-killing of Ceynowa"

1895

Completion of the fishing port in Hel

1939/40

After the beginning of the Second World War and the Polish campaign, Hel is integrated into the German Reich again

1945

Occupation by the Red Army and the abduction of the remaining population and soldiers; Hel becomes again part of Poland and a military restricted area