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Arrival Guide - Everything you need to know for your time in Poland

Navigate your new environment quickly and comfortably!

HELLO!

Here at WSB University, we recognize that moving to a new country can be a daunting experience for anyone, whether you're a student or not. While it's undoubtedly exciting – with so much to explore and experience – it can also come with its challenges. With this in mind, we've compiled some essential information that newcomers to WSB University may find helpful during their initial time here. Our goal is to provide you with the support and resources you need for a smooth transition and a comfortable stay in our country.

Let the adventure begin!

WHAT WILL YOU FIND HERE:

- 1. Arrival and basic information (Communication from airport; how to buy a tickets)
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WSB University's International Students in Funzeum (Gliwice city).

ABOUT WSB UNIVERSITY

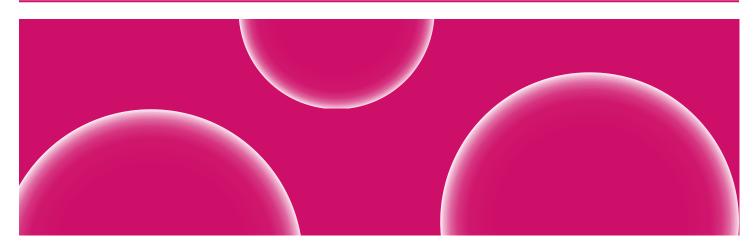
WSB University not only sets the standards of education on the Polish market but has also consolidated its position on foreign markets, becoming a strong institutional partner in the field of education and research. This is confirmed by the high University's **1st place in the internationalization ranking in Poland.** WSB University has been and still is at the forefront of private universities in Poland for many years. The possibility of carrying out part of the studies abroad, foreign internships, programs allowing to obtain two diplomas simultaneously - Polish and foreign ones, participation in many international projects, are just some of many opportunities we offer our students.

Today, WSB University is one of the Polish universities most frequently chosen by foreign candidates. Nearly **4,000 foreign students from 60 countries** around the world study at our campuses. WSB University offers bachelor, master's, PhD., and postgraduate programs. One can choose from **15 fields of study and over 130 specialties**. Our educational offer has been designed to meet the requirements of the modern labor market so that our graduates become competitive in the labor market and have the opportunity to pursue successful careers.

As a modern, research-driven university WSB University is involved in various scientific networks and internationally accredited by the Foundation for the Promotion and Accreditation of Economic Sciences EPOQUS; international CEEMAN IQA Accreditation (for 6 years by CEEMAN - International Association for Management Development in Dynamic Societies); EUR-ACE® Label granted to the University for 5 years by Accreditation Commission of Universities of Technology (KAUT); and has been positively awarded The HR Excellence in Research Award.

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ARRIVAL AND BASIC INFORMATION

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... ARE YOU READY FOR IT?

If you're arriving in Poland to begin your international journey, a warm welcome to you!

If your destination is our main campus in Dąbrowa Górnicza and you choose to fly, you'll likely land at Katowice Pyrzowice International Airport. Although this airport is on the smaller side with only two terminals, it offers a comfortable and straightforward layout for easy navigation.

If your destination is our campus in Kraków, then you will most likely land at the John Paul II Kraków-Balice International Airport. This airport is larger than Katowice Pyrzowice and provides a range of facilities and services to accommodate travelers. It features a modern and efficient

layout, making navigation through its terminals straightforward for newcomers. From the airport, you can access various transport options, including train, bus, and car services.

It's important for all international arrivals to remember to keep their travel documents accessible at all times to ensure a smooth entry process during checks.



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COMMUNICATION TO KATOWICE FROM AIRPORT

Transportation from the airport to the city couldn't be simpler. A shuttle bus service runs directly to Katowice with a frequency that makes travel convenient.

Metropolitan lines to the airport connect the main cities of the Upper Silesian-Zagłębowska Metropolis with Katowice International Airport in Pyrzowice. Special lines to the airport have different tickets than regular lines.



Detailed route of AP bus in the direction of Katowice: Pyrzowice Airport - Katowice Cultural Zone - Katowice Sokolska - Katowice Railway Station - Katowice Sadowa.

HOW TO BUY A BUS TICKET? THE TRADITIONAL WAY

The first step is: **look for the ticket machine**. In front of terminal C Katowice-Pyrzowice Airport, there should be a machine where you can buy your bus ticket. It's called a ZTM machine. It's big, has bright color and it's hard to miss.

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HOW TO BUY A BUS TICKET? THE MODERN WAY

ZTM tickets are available in the following applications: Mobilny ŚKUP, SkyCash, mPay, moBILET, and Jakdojade. All ZTM tickets are available in the case of the first application, in the others - single travel and medium-term. From Katowice you can travel to any city in the metropolis using **Jakdojade** (it's our favourite app!). In Jakdojade you can **buy tickets in two ways**: by paying with BLIK or - which is more convenient for foreigners since you probably don't use BLIK - with e-wallet. You can top it up with ApplePay or by adding a card.

This portal is available for smartphones or via the link: https://jakdojade.pl/katowice/trasa/

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Click here for IOS VERSION

We recommend that you install the application on your phone and connect your credit or debit card to be able to buy your tickets with ease and always know how to get from point A to point B.

COMMUNICATION TO KRAKÓW FROM AIRPORT

Getting from the airport to the city center of Kraków is straightforward. A shuttle train service provides direct connectivity between John Paul II Kraków-Balice International Airport and Kraków's main railway station, Kraków Główny, located in the heart of the city. Additionally, bus services offer frequent links to various parts of Kraków, including the city center.



Train from Kraków Airport to Kraków Old Town.

Train - on the route Kraków Airport - Kraków Główny - Wieliczka Rynek Kopalnia. There is no charge for luggage.

Bus - Bus lines 252 and 208 and night bus 902 have several stops in the city center and depart from the East Railway Station loop. The last stop is in front of the airport terminal. Agglomeration fares apply, which are slightly more expensive than downtown fares.

HOW TO BUY A TICKET? THE TRADITIONAL WAY

Tickets for the train - Tickets are available from ticket machines in the **Passenger Terminal** (east part, level 0), from ticket machines in the station, on the train (from ticket machines or from the conductor). These machines, easily identifiable by their bright colors and clear signage, allow you to purchase your ticket effortlessly.

Tickets for the bus - Tickets are available in the ticket machine at **East Railway Station loop** or inside the bus. These machines, easily identifiable by their bright colors and clear signage, allow you to purchase your ticket effortlessly. Agglomeration fares apply, which are slightly more expensive than downtown fares.

HOW TO BUY A BUS TICKET? THE MODERN WAY

Tickets for Kraków's public transport, including airport shuttle services, can be purchased via several smartphone apps: Mobilny MPK Kraków, Jakdojade, SkyCash, mPay and moBILET. From Katowice you can travel using **Jakdojade** (it's our favourite app!). In Jakdojade you can **buy tickets in two ways**: by paying with BLIK or - which is more convenient for foreigners since you probably don't use BLIK - with e-wallet. You can top it up with ApplePay or by adding a card.

This portal is available for smartphones or via the link: https://jakdojade.pl/krakow

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Tip for students:

While we understand many of our visitors are eligible for student discounts, please note that until you obtain a valid student ID, you won't be able to purchase tickets at the discounted rate. **Purchasing a discounted ticket without a valid student ID** could result in a fine, so please proceed with caution.



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AND QUITE IMPORTANT... SAVE THESE EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Contact Information	
112	The general help line/emergency line. You can call to this number in case of any emergencies and the people from the info line will immediately switch you to the relevant bodies.
986	The number you can use to reach the municipal police.

LIVING COSTS IN POLAND



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Living in Poland remains quite affordable for students compared to other European Union countries.

- **Food**: An average student might spend between 740 and 1260 PLN per month on groceries. Opting for budget-friendly supermarkets can help save money. The supermarkets are closed on Sundays, the exception is Żabka you can find it everywhere.
- **Transportation**: A monthly public transport ticket, which is the most cost-effective option, might cost between 90 and 160 PLN, depending on the coverage area.
- **Personal Care**: Expenses ranging from 260 to 420 PLN can cover everything from toiletries to haircuts or private doctor visits. Medical visits covered by the National Health System (NFZ) are free.
- **Leisure**: Up to 210 PLN might be spent on leisure activities each month. Expect to pay around 75-160 PLN for theater tickets; 42-57 PLN for a movie night for two; and about 14 PLN for a cappuccino in expat areas of the city.



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TRANSPORTATION IN POLAND

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WHICH POLISH PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS THE BEST FOR YOU?

Most Polish cities have well-developed networks of public transport. Depending on the city and region, they include buses, trams, trolleybuses, trains, and metro.

The most common mode of transportation is **bus and tram inside the city** (metro in case of Warsaw), and **bus and trains between cities or inside of a metropoly**. So that would be the best solution for Kraków.

Silesia region - home to the main campus of WSB University - is a metropoly, hence being able to **use all three modes of transport is highly recommended**. Especially for students living outside of Dabrowa Górnicza.



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Most cities have these three organised under one provider which makes the purchase of tickets far easier. In Silesia the responsible entity is ZTM. The are several offices situated all over the Metropoly with some of the main ones being:

- plac Szewczyka 2 Dworzec PKP, 40-098 Katowice
- Pocztowa 10, 40-002 Katowice

All information about the lines, their schedule and destination one can find on the official website here: https://www.metropoliaztm.pl/en/

In Kraków, the public transport system is similarly comprehensive and well-developed, offering an extensive network of buses and trams that efficiently connect different parts of the city. Unlike the Silesia region, which benefits from a metropolis-wide integrated transport system managed by ZTM (Zarząd Transportu Metropolitalnego), Kraków's public transportation is operated by MPK Kraków (Miejskie Przedsiębiorstwo Komunikacyjne w Krakowie).

ul. Św. Wawrzyńca 13, 31-060 Kraków

MPK Kraków manages the city's buses and trams, providing convenient and reliable service within Kraków and to some areas beyond the city limits. **Tickets for Kraków's public transport can be purchased from kiosks, ticket machines located throughout the city, and directly from drivers in some cases**.

For intercity travel or moving within the larger metropolitan area, residents and visitors use buses and trains operated by various providers, including PKP (Polskie Koleje Państwowe) for

trains. Similar to the Silesia region, the integration of services under one provider in Kraków simplifies the ticket purchasing process, although the specific entity and ticketing options differ.

TRAINS IN KATOWICE

Katowice, together with 40 nearby cities and municipalities, is part of The Metropolitan Association of Upper Silesia and the Dąbrowa Basin, also called Silesian Metropolis. The connection in the Metropoly is well developed and in some cases it's even possible to travel via train to a different part of the city, just like with trams or busses.

In order to travel inside of the Silesian region we recommend using Kolejne Śląskie - Silesian Railways.

The tickets can be found and bought here: https://bilet.kolejeslaskie.com/bilet_relacja.jsp

Or via applications like:

- SkyCash
- KOLEO
- JakDojade

The main office is situated in:

ul. Raciborska 58, 40-074 Katowice

The price of the tickets depends on the distance.

TRAINS IN KRAKÓW

In Kraków, the public transport system operates under a similar comprehensive network, primarily consisting of buses and trams managed by MPK Kraków (Miejskie Przedsiębiorstwo Komunikacyjne w Krakowie). While Kraków does not offer the same intra-city train service as the Silesian Metropolis, it provides extensive coverage of the city and its outskirts, ensuring reliable connectivity.

For regional travel, residents and visitors can rely on PKP (Polish State Railways) for train services that connect Kraków with other cities and regions. Tickets for both MPK Kraków and PKP trains can be purchased at stations, online, or via applications such as:

- SkyCash
- KOLEO
- JakDojade

The main bus and tram ticket office in Kraków can be found at the central transportation hubs, including the main train station (Kraków Główny).

PKP

Trains that travel between the regions (i.e. Katowice - Kraków) are mostly operated by PKP InterCity. However other providers can be found as well.

Their website and tickets can be found here:

https://www.intercity.pl/en/

MONTHLY PASS

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Tip for students:

If you want to buy the students pass firstly make sure that you have your student ID card and that it has a valid sticker on its back. Without the official sticker from the University your student card is not active and in such you are not eligible for the discount and will have to pay the full price for the ticket. Don't forget to always carry your student ID with yourself!

HOW TO BUY A MONTHLY PASS FOR BUS/TRAM/TRAIN IN SILESIAN METROPOLY?

We recommend buying a monthly pass in one of the customers centers of ZTM.

The main document you will need is your international passport and a valid travel permit (Visa, Residence Permit, etc). In the ZTM office most of the employees speak English and such you should not have any trouble with communication. Kindly inquire about the card and choose from such options as: **bus, tram, bus and tram joined, and so on**.

Afterwards, follow the instructions given by the staff. You will be notified on where and when you can pick up the prepared card and how to use it.

Important: Your pass should cover 3+ cities for your convenience.

HOW TO BUY A MONTHLY PASS FOR BUS/TRAM/TRAIN IN KRAKÓW?

To utilize the public transportation system, it's necessary to buy a ticket. An option available to you is a monthly pass known as the KKM, short for Krakowska Karta Miejska, or Cracow's City Card.

KKM tickets, or Cracow's City Cards, are available exclusively at Public Transportation Ticket
Offices throughout the city. The closest ticket office to the WSB University can be found adjacent
to the local bus station, located within **Galeria Krakowska Mall, near the Dworzec Główny Wchód stop**. Additionally, tickets can be purchased in the **Cracow Old Town at Podwale 3/5 street**, directly across from Jagiellonian University.

If you need to reload your card for further use (e.g. for the next month), you can do this conveniently at a ticket machine. The closest machine to the University is located at the tram stop on Rakowicka Street.

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WHAT TO DO IN KATOWICE?

Katowice, a city in the Silesian region of Poland, blends modern development with historical sites, offering a unique urban experience. Katowice is also a significant academic center, home to the University of Silesia, among other higher education institutions. These universities contribute to the city's vibrant atmosphere, bringing students and academics from around Poland and the world, and fostering innovation and research in various fields.

Spodek - An iconic, UFO-shaped arena and event venue that hosts concerts, sports events, and exhibitions. Its unusual architecture makes it a symbol of the city.

Silesian Museum - Located in a former coal mine, this museum showcases the rich cultural heritage of the Silesian region, including art, history, and technical exhibits, all underground.

Official website - https://muzeumslaskie.pl/

Nikiszowiec - A historic mining settlement dating back to the early 20th century, known for its distinctive red brick buildings and unique urban layout. Now, it's a vibrant community with cafes and art galleries.

Katowice Street Art - The city boasts an impressive collection of street art and murals, with works by local and international artists adorning buildings throughout the city center.



Fountain in the center of Katowice.

Culture Zone (Strefa Kultury) - This modern cultural complex includes the International Congress Centre, the Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra (NOSPR) concert hall, and the Silesian Museum. It's a hub for arts, culture, and business events.

Mariacka Street - A bustling pedestrian street known for its vibrant nightlife, restaurants, and bars. It's a popular meeting spot for both locals and visitors.

SARP at Mariacka - Jam Session on wednesday https://www.instagram.com/klubogaleriasarp/

Valley of Three Ponds (Dolina Trzech Stawów) - A vast recreational area with lakes, beaches, bike paths, and green spaces, perfect for outdoor activities and relaxation.

Silesia Park (Park Śląski) - One of the largest urban parks in Europe, offering a zoo, an amusement park, a planetarium, and plenty of green space for leisure and sports. 20 minutes

from the centre, just lovely, funicular 😉 - https://www.instagram.com/parkslaski/

Guitar History Museum - A unique museum showcasing a vast collection of guitars and musical memorabilia, tracing the history of the guitar.

Wilson Shaft Gallery (Galeria Szyb Wilson) - An art and cultural center located in a former mine shaft, hosting exhibitions, concerts, and cultural events in a unique industrial setting.

Official website - http://www.szybwilson.org/en

BEST RESTAURANTS IN KATOWICE (IN OUR OPINION)

Best Coffee Shops

- Bez Cukru https://www.instagram.com/kawiarniabezcukru/
- Synergia https://www.instagram.com/synergia.dobremiejsce/
- Zmączeni <u>https://www.instagram.com/zmaczeni.katowice/</u>
- Słodki Kafej https://www.instagram.com/slodki_kafej/
- Koci Zaułek (lots of cats to pet! It's a perfect place to drink coffee and relax, a must-go place!) https://kocizaulek.eatbu.com/?lang=en

Food

- Tatiana traditional polish cuisine https://www.instagram.com/restauracja_tatiana/
- Aioli burgers, pizza https://www.instagram.com/aiolixkatowice/
- Amfora, international cuisine https://www.instagram.com/amfora_katowice/
- Olio, pizza https://www.instagram.com/olio.napoletana.katowice/
- TAJ https://www.instagram.com/taj.katowice/
- Zurownia Polish, silesian cuisine https://www.instagram.com/zurownia/
- Biala Malpa Mexican Food https://www.instagram.com/bialamalpamexico/
- Śląska Prohibicja https://slaskaprohibicja.pl
- 8 Stolików (Best breakfast!) https://www.facebook.com/osiem.stolikow/?locale=pl_PL
- Sztolnia Chleb Mięso Wino https://www.facebook.com/sztolnia

Only vegetarian and vegan food

- (Vegetarian) Złoty Osioł https://www.instagram.com/zlotyosiol/
- (Vegan) NIEINACZEJ burgers https://nieinaczej.com.pl

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WHAT TO DO IN KRAKÓW?

Kraków, one of Poland's oldest and most beautiful cities, is rich in history and culture. Here's a list of some of the most popular places in Kraków that attract visitors from around the world:

Wawel Castle - A symbol of Polish national identity and a UNESCO World Heritage site, this historic castle is a must-visit for its architecture, art collections, and royal chambers.

Official website - https://wawel.krakow.pl/en

Main Market Square (Rynek Główny) - The largest medieval market square in Europe, surrounded by historic townhouses, palaces, and churches, including the iconic St. Mary's Basilica.

St. Mary's Basilica - Known for its impressive wooden altarpiece carved by Veit Stoss, its stunning interior, and the Hejnał mariacki played from its towers.

Official website - https://mariacki.com/en/tourists/

Cloth Hall (Sukiennice) - Located in the heart of the Main Market Square, this Renaissance building houses a market with Polish handcrafts and souvenirs.



Kazimierz - The historic Jewish quarter, known for its old synagogues, atmospheric cafes, and vibrant street art, reflecting the multicultural heritage of Kraków.

Schindler's Factory - Now a museum, it tells the story of Kraków during WWII and the life of Oskar Schindler, who saved over a thousand Jewish employees from the Holocaust.

Official website - https://muzeumkrakowa.pl/en/branches/oskar-schindlers-enamel-factory

Kraków Barbican - A well-preserved medieval outpost once connected to the city walls, representing a rare example of Gothic military architecture in Europe.

Dragon's Den (Smocza Jama) - A legendary cave at the foot of Wawel Hill, home to a mythical dragon in Polish folklore and a popular spot for families and tourists.

Planty Park - A lush, green belt that encircles the Old Town, offering a peaceful escape with beautiful paths, fountains, and benches.

Vistula River Boulevards - for an evening chillout. There's a statue of Dragon of Wawel Hill.

Polish bagel - 'obwarzanek'. Must try! They sell it practically everywhere.

BEST RESTAURANTS IN KRAKÓW (IN OUR OPINION)

Best Coffee Shops

- Wesoła Cafe https://www.instagram.com/wesolacafe/
- Massolit Bakery & Cafe https://www.instagram.com/massolitbakery/
- HEVRE https://www.instagram.com/hevrekazimierz/
- Camelot Cafe https://www.instagram.com/camelotcafekrakow/
- Bunny Cafe (there's a lot of bunnies to pet! Definitely a must-go) https://bunnycafe.pl
- Umeblowana (You can see what PRL architecture was like in Poland between 1947 and 1989 while having a cup of coffee) https://www.instagram.com/umeblowanacafe/?
 utm_source=ig_embed&ig_rid=3f625921-4f48-4a3b-b9e6-5d69bf2a336a
- Szklarnia (only-vegan) https://www.instagram.com/szklarniakrakow/
- Busz https://www.instagram.com/buszkrakow/
- Dziórawy Kocioł (Harry Potter themed) https://dziorawykociol.pl

Food

- Bar Smak https://www.facebook.com/barsmak.krakow/
- Smakołyki https://www.facebook.com/Smakolyki/?locale=pl_PL
- Pod Baranem https://www.instagram.com/podbaranem/
- Czarna Kaczka The Black Duck
 https://www.instagram.com/czarna_kaczka_the_black_duck/

• Forum Przestrzenie https://www.forumprzestrzenie.com

Only vegetarian and vegan food

- Vegab https://www.vegab.pl/en/menu-cracow/
- Mazaya Falafel https://www.facebook.com/falafelmazaya
- Glonojad https://www.facebook.com/barglonojad/?locale=pl_PL
- Karma https://www.facebook.com/karmaroasters/

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14 UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES

Poland is a historical country with 14 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and a collection of breathtaking natural sights - mountains, national parks, beautiful coastlines and cities, and some unexpected natural wonders such as the world's oldest salt mine, and many others.

WSB University recommends our students to visit some of the most famous places in the region, to learn its history and to discover Poland.

Wieliczka Salt Mine - situated near Krakow it is one of the older salt mines in the world. The underground Wieliczka Salt Mine boasts kilometres of walkways and ramps, magnificent chambers, lakes and breathtaking salt statues making a visit to this wonder a must for all those staying and visiting Poland.

Official website - https://www.wieliczka-saltmine.com/

Morskie Oko Lake, Tatra National Park - The Eye of the Sea lake is truly a wonder of nature, pleasing the eyes of visitors with a range of colours and reflections present on the wind-blurred surface of the lake. Located 1,395 metres over the sea level, hovered over the famous winter resort of Zakopane, Morskie Oko has been hailed the best hiking spot of Poland for a reason. Nature at its best!

The Lake on TripAdvisor - https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g285710-d286157- Reviews-Lake_Morskie_Oko-

Tatra_National_Park_Lesser_Poland_Province_Southern_Poland.html



The view of the mountains in the city of Zakopane.

Auschwitz-Birkenau Camps, Oswiecim - Located near the industrial town of Oświęcim in southern Poland (in a portion of the country that was annexed by Germany at the beginning of World War II), Auschwitz is a death camp: a prison camp, an extermination camp, and a slave-labour camp. It is the most lethal of the Nazi extermination camps. A place where history is right in front of everyone eyes. A place which all human beings have to visit at least once in their lives. Official website - https://www.auschwitz.org/en/

Warsaw Old Market Place, Warsaw - Warsaw's Old Town Market Place (Polish: Rynek Starego Miasta) is the center and oldest part of the Old Town of Warsaw, capital of Poland. Immediately after the Warsaw Uprising, it was systematically blown up by the German Army. After World War II, The Old Town Market Place was restored to its prewar appearance.

Palace Of Culture And Science, Warsaw - stands as a striking example of socialist-realist architecture. This iconic building, the tallest in Poland, was a "gift" from the Soviet Union to the Polish people, completed in 1955. Designed by Soviet architect Lev Rudnev, it is a blend of Polish historical architecture and Soviet monumentalism. The Palace houses theaters, museums, offices, and a conference center. Its terrace on the 30th floor offers a panoramic view of Warsaw, making it a popular tourist attraction. Despite its controversial origins, the Palace of Culture and Science has become a symbol of Warsaw and a testament to the city's resilience.

Official website - https://pkin.pl

ACCOMMODATION IN KATOWICE AND KRAKÓW

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ACCOMMODATION IN KATOWICE

- Best prize: Hostel Kamienica Rynek 7
- Jagiellońska 3 ApartHotel
- ibis budget Katowice Centrum
- HARBOR APARTMENTS Mariacka

We recommend you to search for picked acommodation at: booking.com/

ACCOMMODATION IN KRAKÓW

- Best prize: Rembrandt Aparthotel
- O Hotel Kraków
- B&B HOTEL Krakow Centrum

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SOME TIPS FROM US (THAT YOU MIGHT FIND HELPFUL)

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- Shops are closed on Sundays (Except Żabka but don't worry you can find it in every corner
 of the city... Like... We really mean it... Every, Single. Corner.)
- **Install a transport app** We highly recommend installing the Jakdojade app on your smartphone. It not only helps in buying tickets but also in navigating the city's public transport system efficiently.

- **Check the schedule** Especially if you're arriving late at night or early in the morning, check the schedules of public transport to ensure availability.
- **Keep change handy** If purchasing tickets from a machine, having some Polish złoty in smaller denominations can be helpful, though most machines accept cards.
- Visit a "Milk Bar" If you will have some extra time, experience a Polish "bar mleczny" for an affordable and authentic meal. These canteens serve traditional cheap Polish food and offer a glimpse into the past.
- Learn a few Polish phrases Knowing simple greetings like "Dzień dobry" (Good day) and "Dziekuję" (Thank you) can go a long way in making a good impression.
- **Respect the Culture** Poles are proud of their history and traditions. Showing interest and respect towards their cultural heritage will enrich your experience.

We wish you a nice stay!

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