

# WSB UNIVERSITY GUIDE

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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!**

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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 over 94 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.



AP - running on the route Pyrzowice Airport - Katowice Sadowa.

**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/>

[Click here for ANDROID VERSION](#)

[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.

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### Tip for foreginers:

Besides our excellent public transport, you can also use local **Taxi**, **Uber** and **Bolt** for getting around quickly and conveniently. All of the services are widely available, making it easy to travel between cities or reach places that aren't on the usual bus or tram routes.



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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 2024

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

- **Food** - an average young person 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 metropolis**. So that would be the best solution for Kraków.

Silesia region - home to the main campus of WSB University - is a metropolis, hence being able to **use all three modes of transport is highly recommended**. Especially for students living outside of Dąbrowa 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. There are several offices situated all over the Metropolis with some of the main ones being:

- plac Szewczyka 2 Dworzec PKP, 40-098 Katowice
- Poczтовая 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](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 - Dąbrowa Górnicza - 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/>

# ACCOMMODATION IN DĄBROWA GÓRNICZA

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## ACCOMMODATION IN DĄBROWA GÓRNICZA

- **Best view: Hotel Shuma:** <https://www.hotelshuma.pl>
- Hotel Pogoria Residence: <http://www.pogoriaresidence.pl/>
- Hotel Holiday Inn: <https://hidabrowa.pl/pl/>
- Pałac Dąbrowa: <https://palacdg.pl>
- Retro Apartments: <https://retrodabrowa.pl>
- Hotel Dąbrowiak: <https://hoteldabrowiak.eatbu.com/?lang=en>

We recommend you to search for accommodation at: [booking.com/](https://www.booking.com/)

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## WHAT TO DO IN DĄBROWA GÓRNICZA?

Dąbrowa Górnicza, located in the Silesian region of Poland, is a city that offers a blend of industrial heritage, natural beauty, and vibrant cultural experiences. Known for its steel industry, Dąbrowa Górnicza is also a gateway to some of the region's most beautiful outdoor areas, making it a perfect destination for both urban and nature enthusiasts.

**Pogoria lakes** - One of the city's main attractions, the Pogoria Lakes complex offers a variety of recreational activities. Whether you enjoy swimming, sailing, fishing, or simply relaxing on the beach, the four interconnected lakes are a haven for outdoor lovers. The surrounding trails are perfect for biking and walking, providing scenic views of the water and natural surroundings. We are recommending you the Pogoria III - this lake is the most developed and full of restaurants.

**Zagłębie Palace of Culture (Pałac Kultury Zagłębia)** - This impressive building is the cultural heart of the city, hosting concerts, theater performances, and art exhibitions. Built in the 1950s, it stands as a symbol of the city's post-war development and is a key venue for cultural events in the region. Official website - <https://palac.art.pl/>

**Błędów Desert (Pustynia Błędowska)** - Located just a short drive from the city center, the Błędów Desert is the largest inland sand area in Central Europe. Known as the "Polish Sahara," it offers unique landscapes that are perfect for hiking, sandboarding, and photography. It's a must-visit for anyone looking to experience a different side of Poland's natural beauty.

**Nemo Water Park (Nemo Wodny Świat)** - A family-friendly attraction with swimming pools, slides, and wellness facilities, Nemo Water Park is a great place to relax and have fun. Whether you're looking to swim laps, enjoy a sauna, or entertain the kids, this indoor complex has something for everyone. Official website - <https://www.nemo-swiatrozrywki.pl/>



Pogoria III Lake in Dąbrowa Górnicza.

**Zielona Park** - A large urban park with beautiful greenery, walking paths, and a small lake, Zielona Park is the perfect spot for a leisurely day outdoors. The park also hosts various events throughout the year, making it a lively part of the community.

**Fabryka Pełna Życia (Factory Full of Life)** - A revitalized post-industrial space that has been transformed into a vibrant cultural and social hub. The area hosts events, markets, and festivals, making it a lively spot to experience the creative side of Dąbrowa Górnicza. It's a great place to grab a coffee, explore local crafts, or simply enjoy the urban vibe. Especially when it's so close to WSB University! Official website - <https://fabrykapelnazycia.eu/>

**Pogoria Mall** - Pogoria Mall is the go-to shopping and entertainment hub in Dąbrowa Górnicza, offering a mix of popular fashion stores, cozy cafes, and diverse dining options. With a modern cinema and a central location, it's the perfect spot for shopping, dining, and a relaxing day out.

## **BEST RESTAURANTS IN DĄBROWA GÓRNICZA (IN OUR OPINION)**

### **Best Coffee Shops**

- Cafe Kamienica <http://www.cafe-kamienica.pl>
- Reden Panorama Bar <https://www.redenpanoramabar.pl>
- Local Kava <https://www.facebook.com/localkava.dg/>

### **Food**

- DOMOLO Restaurant <https://domolo.pl>
- Well Done [https://www.facebook.com/WellDoneDabrowaGornicza/about?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/WellDoneDabrowaGornicza/about?ref=page_internal)
- STONEHENGE <http://stonehenge.pl>
- Bucket's Story <https://www.facebook.com/Buckets.Story/>
- Bar mleczny STYLOWO <https://www.barmlecznystylovo.pl>

# DISCOVER KATOWICE

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## WHAT TO DO IN KATOWICE?

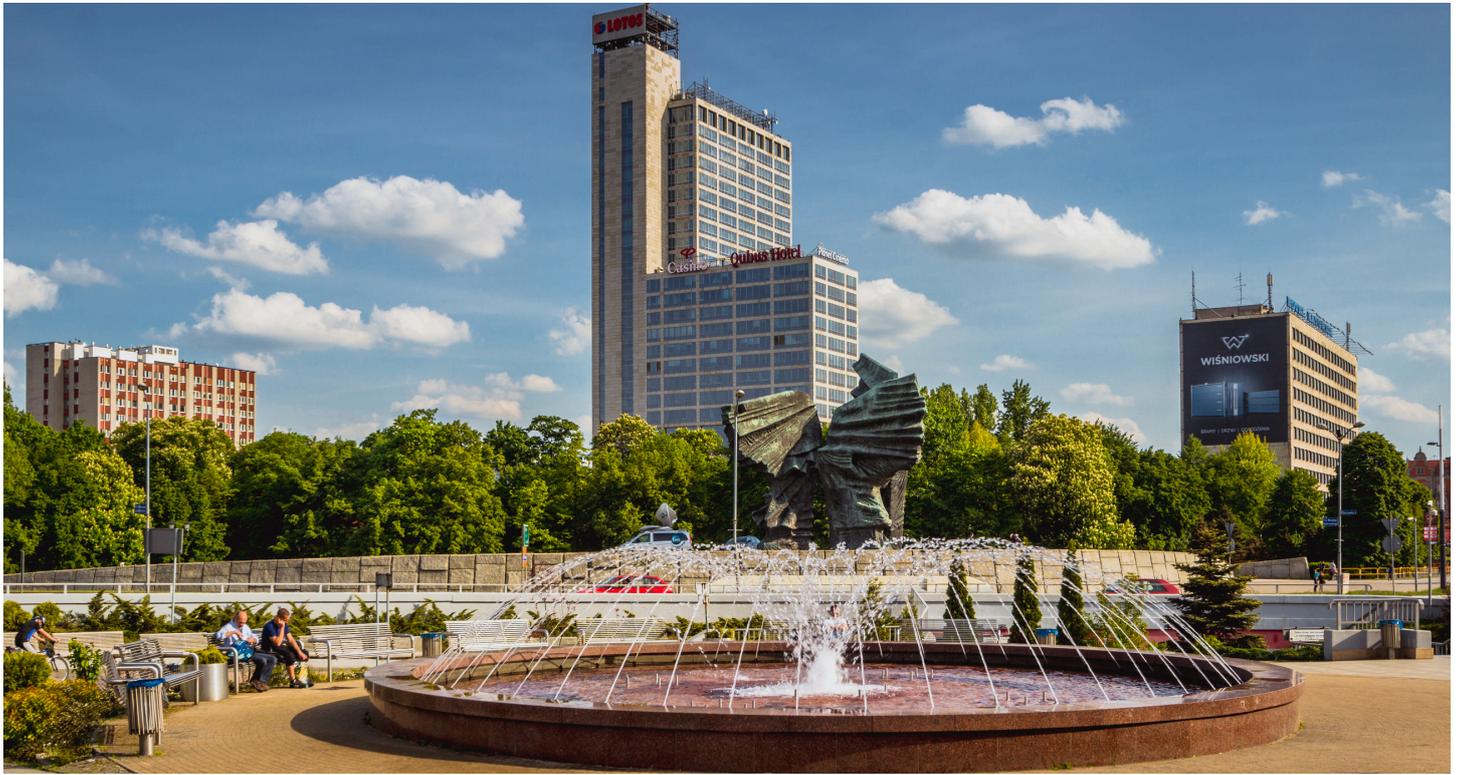
Katowice, a city in the Silesian region of Poland, blends modern development with historical sites, offering a unique urban experience. Katowice is also a significant academic center, home to the University of Silesia, among other higher education institutions. These universities contribute to the city's 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/kawiarniabezczukru/>
- Synergia <https://www.instagram.com/synergia.dobremiejsce/>
- Zmączeni <https://www.instagram.com/zmaczeni.katowice/>
- Słodki Kafaj [https://www.instagram.com/slodki\\_kafaj/](https://www.instagram.com/slodki_kafaj/)
- Koci Zaulek (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/](https://www.instagram.com/restauracja_tatiana/)
- Aioli burgers, pizza <https://www.instagram.com/aiolixkatowice/>
- Amfora, international cuisine [https://www.instagram.com/amfora\\_katowice/](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/>
- Biała 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](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.

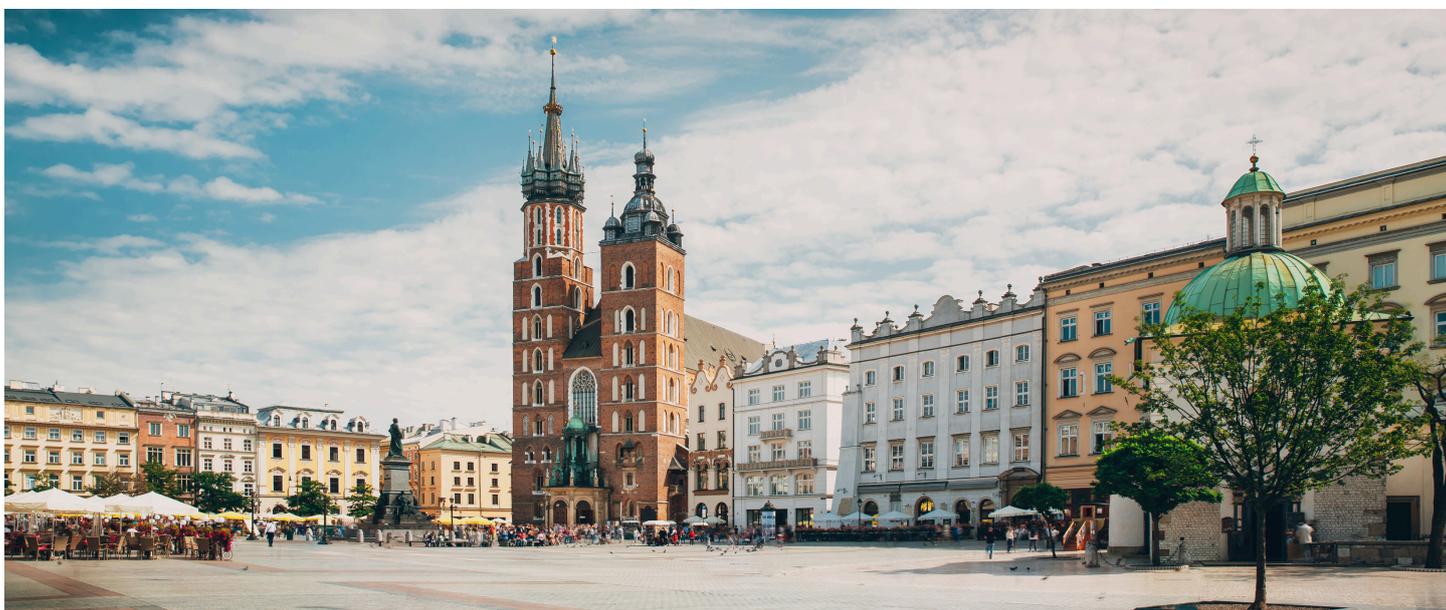
Official website - <https://wawel.krakow.pl/en>

**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.



Cloth Hall (Sukiennice) in Kraków.

**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**

- Wesola 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](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 Kociół (Harry Potter themed) <https://dziorawykociol.pl>

### **Food**

- Bar Smak <https://www.facebook.com/barsmak.krakow/>
- Smakołyki [https://www.facebook.com/Smakołyki/?locale=pl\\_PL](https://www.facebook.com/Smakołyki/?locale=pl_PL)
- Pod Baranem <https://www.instagram.com/podbaranem/>
- Czarna Kaczka - The Black Duck [https://www.instagram.com/czarna\\_kaczka\\_the\\_black\\_duck/](https://www.instagram.com/czarna_kaczka_the_black_duck/)
- Forum Przechylenie <https://www.forumprzechylenie.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](https://www.facebook.com/barglonojad/?locale=pl_PL)
- Karma <https://www.facebook.com/karmaroasters/>

# ATTRACTIONS NEAR KATOWICE AND KRAKÓW

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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](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>

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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 accommodation at: [booking.com/](https://www.booking.com/)

## ACCOMMODATION IN KRAKÓW

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

We recommend you to search for picked accommodation at: [booking.com/](https://www.booking.com/)

# 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 "Dziękuję" (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!**  
***WSB University***

