



Krakow

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This medieval city looks like it was taken straight out of a fairy tale, with its bustling market square, spiralling Gothic towers, castles and legends of dragons. Explore the city's narrow backstreets, hidden courtyards and the network of underground cellars and tunnels. Krakow is known as the cultural capital of Poland through its love of music, poetry and theatre. After years of occupation and struggle, Krakow has emerged a proud city with a strong sense of identity, yet has still maintained its artistic and fun-loving soul.

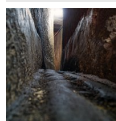


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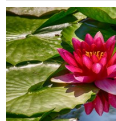
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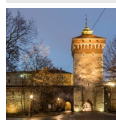
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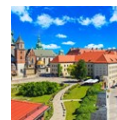
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THE CITY



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The medieval market square (Rynek Główny) and the Cloth Hall (Sukiennice) are the focal points for visitors to Krakow, forming the heart of the Old Town. Wander through the menagerie of stalls in the cloth hall, enjoy a coffee and visit the nearby medieval churches. The district of Kazimierz has developed an almost separate identity to the majestic Old Town. The Jewish quarter of the city consists of darker, winding streets full of intriguing cafes and shops.

Krakow was featured in a number of scenes in the movie "Schindler's list", and hides a dark past in which most of the quarter's inhabitants were taken to the Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps during the Second World War. The area is now enjoying a renaissance with visitors eager to explore its numerous museums and cafes.

Today, Krakow has emerged from a tumultuous past with a fantastic party-going spirit and visitors will find it hard to find a street without a liberal scattering of watering holes. Cafes and bars open early in the evening and don't close until the early hours of the morning, with many offering live music or poetry readings, and others just keep it simple, providing good vodka and lots of it.

DO & SEE



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There is a lot to see in Krakow, including centuries-old landmarks, lovely vistas, world-class works of art, and stunning curios. The city boasts some of the best art collections in Poland, and museums all over the world envy some of the treasures that can be found here.

St Mary's Basilica



The spiraling twin towers of this ancient church witnessed many of the tumultuous events that have shaken the city of Krakow over the centuries. The top of the church tower is a perfect spot to take some beautiful photos of the city.

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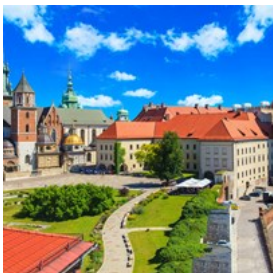
Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camps



This is a sobering sight for visiting tourists, but harrowing and essential for any visit to Krakow. You can catch a bus for a 90-minute journey to the former Nazi concentration camp, where millions of Jews were exterminated during the Second World War. Most travel agents organise day excursions to the camp. The Museum is about 2 km from the train station Oświęcim, and can be reached from there by local buses.

Photo: Dmitrijs Mihejevs/Shutterstock.com
Address: Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, Oświęcim
Phone: +48 338 448 099
Internet: www.auschwitz.org/en
Email: reservation.office@auschwitz.org

Wawel Castle & Cathedral



A tour of the Gothic castle and cathedral on Wawel Hill is essential for any visitor to the city. See the bones of Smok Wawelski, the mythical dragon of Wawel Hill. The Castle itself, where Polish Kings ruled, offers enough to keep visitors interested for the remainder of their trip up Wawel.

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Address: Wawel Hill, Krakow
Phone: +48 12 422 51 55
Internet: wawel.krakow.pl/en
Email: info@katedra-wawelska.pl

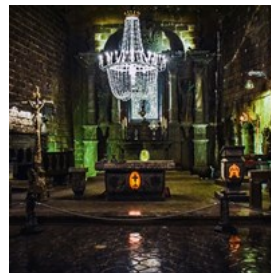
Church of St Adalbert



Church of St Adalbert, also known as the Church of St Wojciech, is located to the side of the Main Market Square in Old Town, and is one of the oldest stone churches in Poland. Its almost thousand-year old history goes back to the beginning of the Polish Romanesque architecture of the early Middle Ages.

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Wieliczka Salt Mine



Discover an underground village where everything—from the statues to the church—has been carved from salt blocks on a fascinating guided tour from Krakow.

Follow your guide through the maze of tunnels of the Wieliczka Salt Mine as you learn about its history and marvel at the many complex and beautiful salt sculptures. A must-visit for anyone travelling to Krakow!

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Internet: www.wieliczka-saltmine.com

Rynek Główny



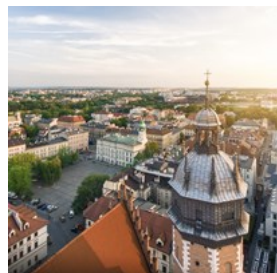
Rynek Główny is the name of the Main Market Square, which once was the largest square in Medieval Europe. It lies at the heart of the city and has been its hub, ever since the historical

district of the Old Town got its present grid of streets in the 13th century. Rynek Główny is still very much the soul of the city.

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Address: Rynek Główny, Krakow

Kazimierz



Kazimierz is the old Jewish district where the city's Jewish population have lived for over 500 years. It is an ideal place to experience some of

Krakow's Jewish culture and history. You will also find a range of cafes and restaurants, along with many museums, synagogues and cemeteries.

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Address: Kazimierz, Krakow

Czartoryski Museum



The Czartoryski Museum houses a vast collection of ancient works of art from Greece and Egypt, but the key artworks here have to be Leonardo Da Vinci's "Lady with an Ermine" and Rembrandt's "Landscape with the Good Samaritan".

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Address: Fundacja XX. Czartoryskich, Krakow

Opening hours: Thu-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +48 12 422 61 37

Internet: krakow.wiki/czartoryski-museum

Email: biuro@fundacja-czartoryskich.krakow.pl

Town Hall Tower



This is the last surviving part of the former 14th-century town hall. It has become, accidentally, the city's own leaning tower, as it bends slightly off-centre by 55 centimetres, apparently caused by the wind and the passage of time.

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Address: Rynek Główny 1, Krakow

Phone: +48 12 426 43 34

Internet: muzeumkrakowa.pl/en/branches/town-hall-tower

Email: krzysztofory@mhk.pl

Old Synagogue



This 15th-century Synagogue houses a permanent exhibition entitled "The Tradition and Culture of Jews in Krakow", as well as temporary exhibitions, in the historic Jewish quarter of Kazimierz. The area surrounding the synagogue has been highlighted in Steven Spielberg's movie "Schindler's List."

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Address: Szeroka Street 24, Krakow

Opening hours: Mon 10am-2pm, Tue-Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +48 12 422 09 62

Internet: muzeumkrakowa.pl/en/branches/old-synagogue

Email: starasynagoga@mhk.pl

Planty Park



The Planty Park is a 4-kilometre long, horseshoe shaped park that encircles the Old Town. This is a perfect place for a relaxing stroll or a lunch on one of the many benches in the

shadow, to take a pause from the daily sightseeing.

Photo: Try_my_best | Shutterstock

Address: Planty Park, Old Town, Krakow

St Florian's Gate



This is one of the few surviving parts of the ancient defence system that once surrounded the Old Town. Built in the early 14th century, it was the main defence of the north. Further towers were added in the 15th century, but the Florian's Gate is the only remaining gate from the original eight. In 1660, it was extended to include a Baroque roof, raising its height by one metre, and today it measures around 33.5 metres.

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Address: Brama Floriańska, Floriańska, Krakow

Jagiellonian University & Collegium Maius



Founded in 1364, this is one of the oldest universities in Europe, and it can boast names like Nicolaus Copernicus and Pope John Paul II among its alumni. To learn more about the history and campus life, you can take a guided tour. The building is centrally located, close to the Main Market Square.

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Address: Gołębia 24, Krakow

Phone: +48 12 422 10 33

Internet: en.uj.edu.pl/en

Park Wodny



This indoor water park is fun for the whole family. There are water slides, Jacuzzi, climbing walls, swimming pools and, when you get hungry after all fun, it is possible to get some food and drinks in the restaurant and cafe.

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Address: Park Wodny, Dobrego Pasterza 126, Krakow

Opening hours: Daily 8am-10pm

Phone: +48 12 616 31 90

Internet: www.parkwodny.pl/en

Email: biuro@parkwodny.pl

Botanical Garden



This is the oldest botanical garden in Poland, having been in operation since 1783. Here, you will find several greenhouse complexes, a tropical greenhouse with approximately 50 species of palms and a museum.

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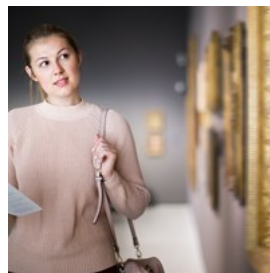
Address: Kopernika Street 27, Krakow

Phone: +48 12 421 26 20

Internet: ogrod.uj.edu.pl/english

Email: hortus@uj.edu.pl

National Museum



The National Museum provides a huge collection of objects, including almost 780,000 pieces, and visitors can admire artefacts from every period of history: the oldest date from prehistoric times. The museum also houses art

works from different ages and countries, among which you will find Polish art, Western European works and an extremely valuable collection of oriental art, the most of which is Japanese.

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Address: Aleja 3 Maja 1, Krakow

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +48 12 433 55 00

Internet: www.mnk.pl

Email: dyrekcja@mnk.pl

Oskar Schindler's Factory



This museum tells the story of the Nazi occupation of Krakow during World War II. It is located in the former administrative building of

Oskar Schindler's factory. A guided tour is available, but you will also find detailed explanations in English around the museum.

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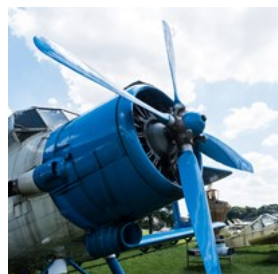
Address: Lipowa Street 4, Krakow

Phone: +48 12 257 10 17

Internet: muzeumkrakowa.pl/en/branches/oskar-schindlers-enamel-factory

Email: fabrykaschindlera@mhk.pl

Polish Aviation Museum



Polish Aviation Museum provides a wide collection of aeroplanes, helicopters, plane engines and pre-war planes which were made

in Poland. There is also an exhibition where the visitors can learn more about the development of the world aviation technology.

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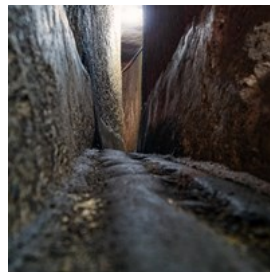
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +48 12 642 40 70

Internet: www.muzeumlotnictwa.pl/muzeum/en

Email: info@muzeumlotnictwa.pl

Rynek Underground



The idea of this contemporary underground museum came up during an archaeological study on the eastern side of the

Main Market Square. It opened in 2010 and contains interactive exhibits of Krakow's archaeological history. The number of tickets per day is limited: they are spread out over different times during the day, so it is a good idea to pre-book them.

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Address: Rynek Główny 1, Krakow

Opening hours: Tue 10am-2pm, Wed & Thu 10am-7pm, Fri-Sun 10am-8pm, Mon closed

Phone: +48 12 426 50 60

Internet: www.podziemiarynku.com

Email: info@mhk.pl

DINING



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Polish cuisine offers a whole host of different flavours. Krakow itself is probably the gastronomic capital of Poland, offering many types of world cuisine, while steadfastly holding on to its culinary roots. Milk bars ("bar mleczny") offer great value Polish dishes. Look out for

thick soups like zurek (soup with sausages and potatoes) or barszcz (beetroot and dumplings). Bigos, or hunters stews, are also worth a try.

Starka Restaurant



Restauracja Starka is a unique restaurant located in the historic Kazimierz district. You won't find any white cloths or elegant furniture, but just

some excellent, traditional Polish food and a very warm hospitality. Don't leave without asking the friendly owners to let you taste the home-made vodka.

Photo: Barbara Dudzinska/Shutterstock.com

Address: Józefa 14, Krakow

Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm

Phone: +48 12 430 65 38

Internet: www.starka-restauracja.pl

Email: joanna@starka.com.pl

Gruzińskie Chaczapuri



At Gruzińskie Chaczapuri, a range of Georgian and Polish dishes are offered. Some of the specialities include Georgian cheese pie and Lavash — a thin

blatbread stuffed with spicy chicken and salad. The wine list also includes vintages from Georgia.

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Address: Grodzka 3, Krakow

Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-11pm, Fri & Sat noon-midnight

Phone: +48 501 798 847

Internet: www.instagram.com/gruzinskie.chaczapuri

Email: chaczapuri@chaczapuri.pl

Cyrano de Bergerac



Cyrano de Bergerac is probably one of the best French restaurants in the city. The Polish owner has created a richly atmospheric cellar

restaurant with a menu drawn from her time in France and her own Polish roots. You will be impressed by the quality of the dining food and the French wines and Champagne selection.

Photo: hacobob/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sławkowska 26, Krakow

Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm

Phone: +48 12 411 72 88

Internet: cyranodebergerac.com.pl

Email: rest@cyranodebergerac.com.pl

Wierzynek



Wierzynek Restaurant is ideally situated on the corner of Market Square and Grodzka Street, and is known as one of the best and most high-profile

Polish restaurants. Here you are served delicious dishes in an elegant historical setting, and the service is top-notch.

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Address: Rynek Główny 16, Krakow

Opening hours: Daily 1pm-11pm

Phone: +48 728 871 071

Internet: www.wierzynek.pl

Email: rezerwacja@wierzynek.com.pl

Nova Resto Bar



Nova Resto is located in the heart of Kazimierz and is one of the biggest restaurants in Krakow. This modern restaurant has a very cosy and warm atmosphere and there is also a heated indoor garden where visitors can enjoy their delicious food. The menu offers fusion cuisine, a wide variety of steaks and salads, delightful desserts and seasonal dishes of the day.

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Address: Estery 18, Krakow

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-midnight, Sat 9am-1am, Sun 9am-midnight

Phone: +48 502 291 441

Internet: www.novarestobar.pl

Email: nova@novarestobar.pl

U Ziyada



Located just outside the city, this restaurant offers the most stunning views over the Vistula River while you enjoy a delicious dish from their international menu. On a clear day, especially in summer time, you can see the peaks of the Tatra Mountains in the distance while sitting outside on the terrace.

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Address: Jodłowa 13, Krakow

Opening hours: Restaurant: daily noon-9pm. Bar: daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +48 12 429 71 05

Internet: www.uziyada.pl/restauracja

Email: restauracja@uziyada.pl

Pimienta Argentino Grill



This is a popular restaurant among both locals and tourists. To guarantee high quality food, beef is imported directly from Argentina to the kitchen. Pimienta is a very nice, classy restaurant with a welcoming staff and some of the best meat dishes in the city.

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Address: Rynek Główny 30, Krakow

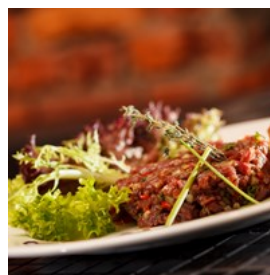
Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm

Phone: +48 12 430 62 85

Internet: www.pimienta.pl

Email: rynek@pimienta.pl

Restauracja Sasiedzi



Restauracja Sasiedzi, in the Jewish Quarter, offers nutritious traditional Polish meals, including beef stews, potato pancakes, soup in a bread bowl and many more. The atmosphere is cosy and romantic, both in the subtly-lit dining room and in the garden.

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Address: Miodowa 25, Krakow

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 2pm-10pm, Fri-Sun noon-10pm

Phone: +48 12 654 83 53

Internet: www.instagram.com/sasiedzi_restaurant

Email: sasiedzi@oberza.pl

Chimera



Chimera's salad bar is ideal for vegetarians, with over 40 kinds of salads, at least 50 vegetarian dishes and homemade cakes. Also

worth a visit is the restaurant, with specialities served in a 14th-century cellar.

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Address: Świętej Anny 3, Krakow
Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm
Phone: +48 12 292 12 12
Internet: www.chimera.com.pl
Email: kontakt@chimera.com.pl

Edo Sushi Bar



Edo Sushi Bar is located in the vibrant district of Kazimierz, a very popular area among tourists with lively nightlife. The menu offers excellent sushi, sashimi and other Japanese dishes.

Photo: shutter_o/Shutterstock.com
Address: Bożego Ciała 3, Krakow
Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-10pm, Fri & Sat 11am-11pm
Phone: +48 12 426 24 24
Internet: www.edosushi.pl
Email: rezerwacja@edosushi.pl

Corleone Kraków



This is a long-standing eatery in Krakow, named after the Sicilian town from the Godfather trilogy. They offer high-standard Italian cuisine, and a garden to enjoy it in when the sun is out.

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Address: Poselska 19, Krakow
Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm
Internet: www.instagram.com/restauracja_corleone

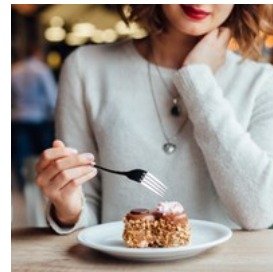
CAFES



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If you got a sweet tooth or just curious about Polish cakes and pastry, you will certainly find something to tickle your tastebuds. On a sunny day there, nothing is better than grabbing a quality ice cream or a nice cup of coffee and sit down on one of the benches in Planty Park, close to the Old Town.

Wesoła Cafe



Enjoy the welcoming, relaxed atmosphere of this small cafe at any hour: help yourself to some superb breakfast food, home-made cake and great coffee, try a typical soup or another original recipe at lunch time, or choose this cafe to hang out with your friends, chatting and drinking some good wine in the evening.

Photo: kikovic/Shutterstock.com
Address: Rakowicka 17, Krakow
Opening hours: Daily from 7:30am-7pm
Phone: +48 513 932 810
Internet: www.wesolacafe.pl
Email: kontakt@wesolacafe.pl

Jama Michalika



Since its start in 1895, Jama Michalika has witnessed many legendary faces from Poland's past: artists, actors and men of letters gathered here for coffee or an inspiring glass of absinthe at the turn of the century. Today, here you can enjoy a drink or a full Polish meal.

Photo: Natalia Bratslavsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: Floriańska 45, Krakow

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 9am-10pm, Fri & Sat 9am-11pm

Phone: +48 12 422 15 61

Internet: www.jamamichalika.pl

Email: poczta@jamamichalika.pl

Kawa on Zwirzyniecka



This tiny lovely cafe has become very popular among both locals and tourists thanks to its charming atmosphere, great coffee and freshly-baked pastries. Try one of the exotic coffee recipes that the owners propose every day, along with one of many cookie options.

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Address: Zwirzyniecka 15, Krakow

Opening hours: Daily 9am-4pm

Phone: +48 12 881 32 00

Internet: www.instagram.com/kawa.zwirzyniecka

Mleczarnia



This cosy cafe is said to serve the best cakes in Poland, but, if you'd rather come for an evening drink, you will also have the possibility to choose from a huge list of alcoholic drinks,

such as vodka, whisky and wine. For a unique experience, enjoy the lovely atmosphere of its garden, open until midnight.

Photo: Stas Walenga/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rabina, Beera Meiselsa 20, Krakow

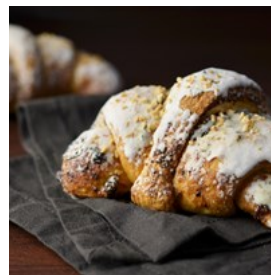
Opening hours: Daily 10am-1am

Phone: +48 12 421 85 32

Internet: mle.pl/en/krakow

Email: ogrod@mle.pl

Bunkier Cafe



Bunkier, one of Krakow's most interesting cafes, boasts a lovely garden terrace on the Planty Gardens, where visitors love enjoying a coffee, a beer, or a larger snack. It doubles as a small art gallery, showcasing work by local artists, as well as a bookshop.

Photo: SosnaRadosna/Shutterstock.com

Address: Szczepański 3a, Krakow

Opening hours: Daily 9am-1am

Phone: +48 12 431 05 85

Internet: en.bunkiercafe.pl

Email: biuro@bunkiercafe.pl

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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It can be hard to distinguish between bars, cafes, nightclubs and restaurants with many fulfilling all four definitions in one. Like the majority of

bars and cafes, after-hours dancing and drinking usually take place underground in Krakow's many medieval cellars. Dance clubs and live music are a big part of social life in Krakow, with most bars hosting regular jazz nights or impromptu jam sessions.

Mercy Brown



Mercy Brown is one of the favourite spots for a party night among the younger crowd for numerous reasons: skilled and friendly barmen, nice people, lovely jazz music, and excellent cocktails. Once you step inside this hidden gem, you will travel back to the twenties, one of the decade's underground speakeasy bars.

Photo: sidegigmd/Shutterstock.com

Address: Floriana Straszewskiego 28, Krakow

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 7pm-2am, Sun 6pm-11pm

Phone: +48 531 706 692

Internet: www.mercybrown.pl

Email: tables@mercy-brown.pl

C.K. Browar



In this cellar, a paradise for the beer-lovers, you can spend the whole night dining and dancing under vaulted arches. This vibrant pub serves their own locally brewed beer, along with typical Polish dishes.

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Address: Podwale 6-7, Krakow

Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-midnight, Fri & Sat noon-1am

Phone: +48 12 429 25 05

Internet: ckbrowar.pl/en/krakow-restaurant

Email: info@ckbrowar.krakow.pl

Absynt



For a taste of something really interesting, check out Absynt. The warm interior, a colourful array of drinks, including the mysterious "green fai", as absinthe has been called, and a predilection for setting drinks on fire make this bar a must on any visit to Krakow.

Photo: uzhursky/Shutterstock.com

Address: Miodowa 28, Krakow

Phone: +48 605 240 397

Internet: www.instagram.com/absynt_cafe_bar

Email: absynt.miodowa28@gmail.com

Harris Piano Jazz Bar



Harris Piano Jazz Bar offers a relaxed and stylish atmosphere with concerts every weekend. Local jazz performers hang out here for the occasional jam session during the week, as well.

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Address: Rynek Główny 28, Krakow

Opening hours: Mon-Thu noon-2am, Fri noon-3am, Sat 11am-3pm, Sun 11am-2am

Phone: +48 12 421 57 41

Internet: www.harris.krakow.pl/en

Email: manager.harris@gmail.com

House of Beer



Considered by many as the best bar in Krakow, House of Beer offers a bewildering array of brews from all over the world. The knowledgeable staff will be delighted to guide you towards the best beer for you.

Photo: bogdanhoda/Shutterstock.com
Address: Sw. Tomaszka 35, Krakow
Opening hours: Sun-Wed 2pm-midnight, Thu 2pm-12:45am,
Fri & Sat 2pm-1:45am
Phone: +48 12 349 05 42
Internet: www.houseofbeerkrakow.com
Email: biuro@houseofbeerkrakow.com

Movida Cocktail Bar



Movida Cocktail Bar serves a more professional kind of clientele, offering sophisticated cocktails in a refined, but casual

atmosphere. In addition to the impressive drink menu, this place also offers a food menu including not only Polish cuisine, but also burgers, pizzas, and and Italian and Mexican appetisers. Also, live music is played regularly at Movida.

Photo: IVASHstudio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Mikołajska 9, Krakow
Opening hours: Sun-Wed 5pm-1am, Thu-Sat 5pm-2am
Phone: +48 12 429 45 97
Internet: www.instagram.com/movidacocktailbar
Email: movida@movida-bar.pl

Klub Alternatywy



As the name might suggest, Klub Alternatywy is a more down-to-earth place than most others recommended here. It is very popular among a younger demographic for its cheap drinks and laid-back vibe, as well as for its somewhat retro music selection.

Photo: Olesia Bilkei/Shutterstock.com
Address: Mały Rynek 4, Krakow
Opening hours: Wed 6pm-2am, Thu 3pm-3am, Fri 3pm-5am,
Sat noon-5am, Sun noon-2am, Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +48 12 422 16 67
Internet: www.instagram.com/klub_alternatywy
Email: czteryalternatywy@gmail.com

Piec Art Acoustic Jazz Club



This cosy little pub can be found near the Market Square, where both local and big international jazz acts take the stage on most nights. Grab a drink and enjoy the skilled musicians in this characterful bar.

Photo: sirtravelalot/Shutterstock.com
Address: Szewska 12, Krakow
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 4pm-1am, Fri & Sat 4pm-2am
Phone: +48 12 429 16 02
Internet: piecart.pl
Email: info@piecart.pl

Bill Hickman Bar



Bill Hickman is another no-frills, minimalist bar, but that doesn't stop it from being one of the best nightlife spots in town. Frequent patrons cite the large selections of craft beers and craft vodka as its major draws.

Photo: George Rudy/Shutterstock.com
Address: Józefa 11, Krakow
Opening hours: Sun & Tue-Thu 6pm-2am; Fri & Sat 6pm-5am; Mon closed
Phone: +48 730 875 875
Internet: www.instagram.com/billhickmanbar
Email: bill@hickman.pl

Budda Drink & Garden Bar



The unusual decor and cool atmosphere of Budda Bar target a laid-back kind of party-goer. Try one of the best Irish coffee in the city, or some cocktails and shots which you can choose from an extensive selection.

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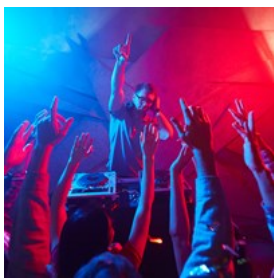
Address: Rynek Główny 6, Krakow

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 2pm-1am, Sun 2pm-midnight

Phone: +48 12 421 65 22

Internet: www.instagram.com/buddadrinkgarden

Święta Krowa



Święta Krowa ("Holy Cow") is a great place to relax with an alcoholic tippie or restoring herbal refreshments while enjoying the sound of a

chilled out live band playing in the background. Particularly recommended are the winter specialities, including a hot fresh ginger drink called Krupnik. Many techno and electronic music events are also held regularly.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Smoleńsk 22, Krakow

Opening hours: Tue-Thu & Sun 2pm-11pm; Fri & Sat 2pm-5am; Mon closed

Phone: +48 733 701 866

Internet: www.instagram.com/swietakrowaklub

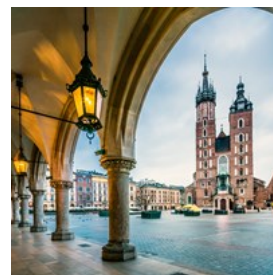
SHOPPING



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Krakow is a good place to pick up antiques, artwork and jewellery. Amber jewellery is particularly abundant in markets and shops across the city, and the Jewish quarter of Kazmierz has begun to attract a lot of arty boutiques and unique jewellery stores. One of the main streets for clothes shopping is Florianska Street, and a number of large shopping malls stocking international brands have appeared in the city.

Cloth Hall



The Cloth Hall ("Sukiennice" in Polish), built in the 14th century, was formerly Krakow's international trade centre. After a century,

before being destroyed by a fire, the hall saw its glory days and sold a variety of exotic imports - such as leather, spices and silk - from the East. Located right in the middle of the Market Square, this icon of the city was remodelled in the Renaissance style and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1978. Nowadays, the Cloth Hall hosts a number of souvenirs and handicraft shops, on the ground floor, and the 19 Century Polish Art Gallery, on the first floor.

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Address: Sukiennice, Rynek Główny 1-3, Krakow
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed
Internet: mnk.pl/branch/mnk-the-sukiennice

Kazimierz



The beautiful Jewish quarter of Kazimierz has begun to attract a lot of arty boutiques, galleries and unique jewellery stores, making it a necessary visit for any tourist, not just because of its significance and sights, but its unique shopping possibilities.

Photo: [den_didenko/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: Kazimierz, Krakow

Kacper Ryx Historical Shop



The highly recommended Kacper Ryx Historical Shop sells stuff that you probably cannot find anywhere else in the city. This place is full of antiques, historical finds, interesting books and handmade items.

Photo: [wjarek/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: Plac Mariacki 3, Krakow
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-7pm, Sat 11am-6pm, Sun noon-5pm
Phone: +48 12 426 45 49
Internet: www.sklep.kacperryx.pl
Email: sklep@kacperryx.pl

Bonarka City Center



Just outside the city, you can find the Bonarka City Center. There are numerous shops here and, if you get hungry after all the shopping,

you can also grab a bite to eat.

Photo: [George Rudy/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: Kamieńskiego 11, Krakow
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-9pm, Fri & Sat 10am-10pm
Phone: +48 12 298 60 00
Internet: www.bonarkacitycenter.pl/en
Email: info@bonarkacitycenter.pl

Stary Kleparz Local Market



Just north of the old town lies Stary Kleparz, a local produce market that has been in existence for over 800 years. The market offers all kind of fruit and vegetables, as well as meat products, cheeses, and even clothes and numerous random items. It constitutes a genuinely Polish shopping experience.

Photo: [FCerez/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: Rynek Kleparski 20, Krakow
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6am-6pm, Sat 6am-4pm, Sun 8am-3pm
Phone: +48 12 634 15 32
Internet: www.starykleparz.com
Email: biuro@starykleparz.com

Vitkac



Vitkac is one of the most beautiful, elegant and interesting shopping arcades in the city. The original brick walls and arches are weaved into the elegant remodelled building, giving it a uniquely sophisticated look. The arcade houses designer boutiques, the Gothic cellar wine shop and Italian delis, among other shops.

Photo: [Yuri2010/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: Rynek Główny 13, Krakow
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-9pm, Sun closed

Phone: +48 12 617 02 10
Internet: www.vitkac.com

Idea Fix Concept Store



This 230 square metre concept store is all about promoting young Polish designers and their unique creations and outfits. Revel in trendy clothes, accessories, art and interior and, if you are lucky, you might attend one of their several events, such as fashion shows, sales and music shows.

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Address: Stradomska 16, Krakow
Phone: +48 12 422 12 46
Internet: www.instagram.com/ideafix_krakow
Email: biuro@ideafix.pl

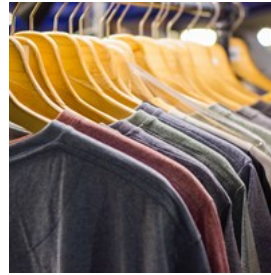
World of Amber



Poland, like much of the Baltic coast, is famous for its amber, also known as "Baltic Gold", and you will see several shops selling it around town. The many capable craftsmen you'll see here work the material into different designs, creating necklaces, rings, decorations and much more. World of Amber is the only Polish jewellery to host a cinema, showing a movie about the historic amber route of Krakow.

Photo: [IgorNP/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/IgorNP)
Address: Grodzka 38, Krakow
Phone: +48 12 422 70 41
Internet: www.worldofamber.pl
Email: info@jubilerschubert.pl

Andrzej Mleczki Gallery



If you want to see the work of Poland's favourite cartoonists, you should visit the Andrzej Mleczki Gallery. The things you will find here make great gifts to bring home, such as mugs, posters and t-shirts.

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Address: Jana 14, Krakow
Phone: +48 12 421 71 04
Internet: www.sklep.mleczko.pl
Email: galeria@mleczko.pl

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Passport/Visa



Poland can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country.

International (non-Schengen) travellers need a

passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of the Schengen countries, instead, can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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Kraków John Paul II International Airport (KRK)



John Paul II International Airport, located about 15 kilometres from the city centre, is the main airport serving Krakow. A number of budget airlines

run routes here. Winter travellers should be aware that frequent delays are common due to fog and ice.

Once you arrive, you can catch a free shuttle bus from outside the terminal to the other terminals. Buses number 209 and 300, and the 902 night line regularly connect the airport to the city centre, and tickets can be purchased from the passenger terminal machine, at the bus stop, or directly on board.

A new train station (operated by Koleje Małopolskie) is located near the passenger terminal. You can buy train tickets both at the airport terminal and on board.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Kraków Airport im. Jana Pawła II

Phone: +48 12 295 58 00

Internet: krakowairport.pl/en

Email: info@krakowairport.pl

Best Time to Visit



Summer is a great time to visit Krakow, as it boasts the warmest weather, but crowds are understandably largest during that time. The

post-summer shoulder season (from September to October) can still be quite pleasant and have far fewer tourists, but the best time to go is probably late spring, when the city is in bloom and the flocks of tourists have yet to arrive.

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Public Transport



The public transport services in Krakow are run by MPK. Besides walking, catching a tram or a bus is probably the easiest way to get around

the city. Tickets for buses and trams are the same, and can be purchased in small kiosks, then jump on a bus and validate ticket with one of the orange boxes.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: www.mpk.krakow.pl/en

Taxi



A good money-saving tip for hailing cabs is to avoid getting a taxi from the taxi rank. If you phone for one, it will cost you 30% less. Taxi

Mega

+48 12 444 67 67

www.megataxi.pl

biuro@megataxi.pl

Radio Taxi 919
+48 12 191 91 / +48 12 410 76 60
www.radiotaxi919.pl
biuro@radiotaxi919.pl

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Post



Poczta Polska runs the postal service in Poland. There are several offices scattered around Krakow, and the main one is located at Lubicz 4.

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: Poczta Polska, Lubicz 4, Krakow
Phone: +48 438 420 600
Internet: placowki.poczta-polska.pl
Email: kontakt@poczta-polska.pl

Pharmacy



The pharmacies (in Polish "apteka") in Krakow are signed with a green cross and many of them open around the clock. Scattered in the city centre, you will find a number of pharmacies of the two main companies:

Dr Max
www.drmax.pl/en
biuro@drmax.pl

Dbam o Zdrowie (DOZ)
www.doz.pl
pomoc@doz.pl

Photo: Gemma Garner
Address: DOZ Apteka dbam o zdrowie, Mikołajska 4, Krakow
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun closed
Phone: +48 800 110 110

Internet: www.doz.pl

Telephone



Country code: 48 Area code: 12

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



230 V, 50 Hz / Plug types C and E

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

800,653 in central Krakow
1.5 million in the metropolitan area

Currency

1 Zloty (PLN) = 100 grosz

Opening hours

Shops are generally open Monday to Friday from 10 am to 6 pm and Saturdays from 10 am 1 pm. A number of shopping centres are open seven days a week and a few shops open 24 hours a day.

Internet

www.krakow.pl

Newspapers

The Krakow Post — www.krakowpost.com
Gazeta Krakowska — gazetakrakowska.pl
Gazeta Wyborcza — wyborcza.pl

Emergency numbers

999: Ambulance
998: Fire Brigade
997: Police
986: Municipal Police
981: Road Assistance
112: General Emergency Number

Tourist information

See Krakow – Tourist Information Point
Wielopole 16/5, Krakow
+48 12 429 44 99

www.seekkrakow.com

Discover Crakow
Piłsudskiego 6/9, Krakow
+48 12 346 38 99
www.discovercracow.com

Info Krakow
Krakow Festival Office, Wygrana 2, Krakow
+48 12 354 25 00
www.infokrakow.pl/en





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