

Erasmus Welcome Guide

for incoming Students



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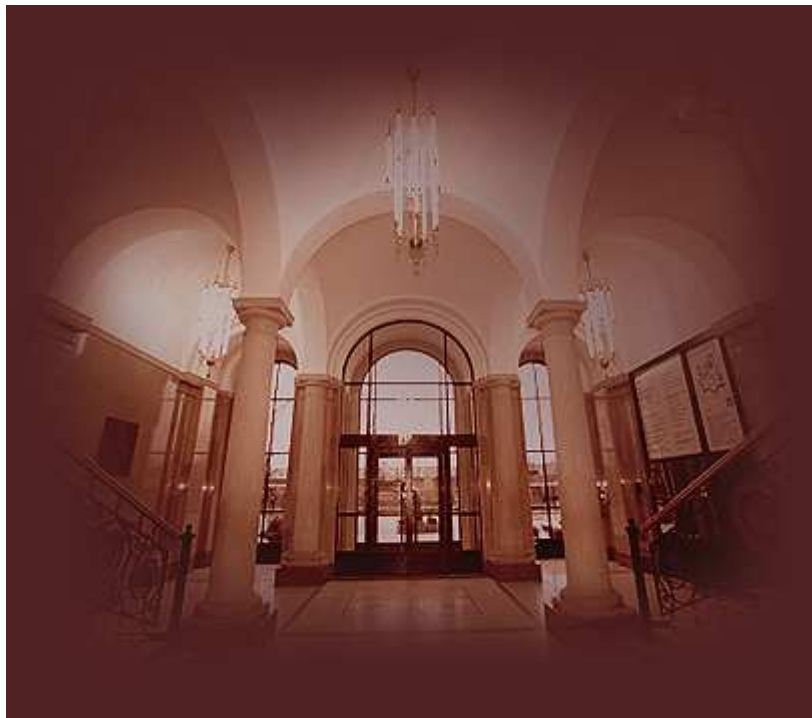


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Study at Cracow University of Technology!

Cracow University of Technology offers studies in 17 modern majors taught at 7 faculties. Our alumni work for state industrial enterprises, overseas and private companies, universities and research institutes. General mission of CUT is to spread knowledge, based on researches conducted by scientific staff. Polytechnic uses a great potential of scientists and care for permanent increase. Students are included to investigations on early stage of learning.



Main Hall at The CUT

About Cracow University of Technology.

Official date of establish The University of Technology in Cracow is 1st April 1945. Firstly, it functioned as Polytechnic Departments of Architecture, Engineering and Communication. Fully independence was acquired in 1954. In 30th anniversary of formation, University was named by Tadeusz Kościuszko, Polish great war commander and engineer.

Over 60 years of activity allowed to created strong university, where are employed over 2100 people including almost 1200 academic teachers. Among 190 professors and habilitated doctors there are over 70 nominal professors.

Students can choose one of the seven faculties:

- Architecture
- Civil Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering and Technology
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Physics, Mathematics and Applied Computer Science
- Environmental Engineering

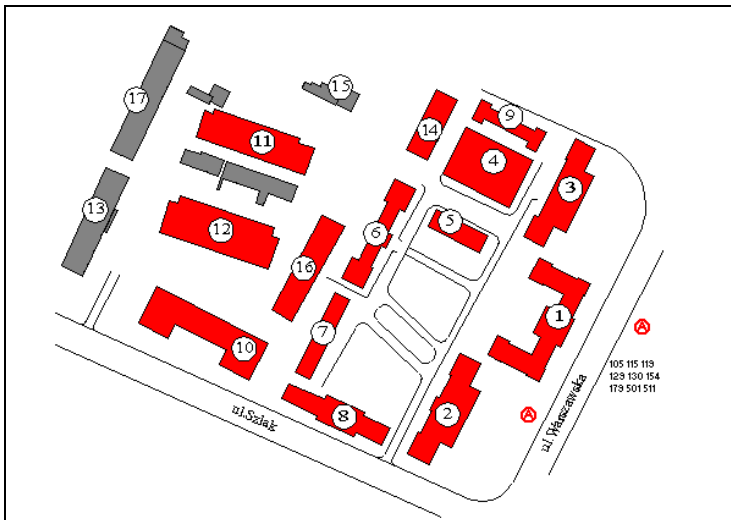
In nationwide rankings of technical higher schools, Cracow University of Technology are located on 5 to 8 place. But some faculties like Architecture, Civil Engineering or Mechanical Engineering are the strict leaders in whole Poland. In the academic year 2006/2007 there are educated near 17 000 students on intramural and extramural studies and 250 students on doctoral studies.

Localisation



Localisation of PK Buildings in Cracow

1. Faculty of Physics, Mathematics and Applied Computer Science; Faculty of Architecture
2. "Warszawska" Campus
3. „Czyżyny” Campus – Faculty of Mechanical Engineering



Schematic map of Campus "Warszawska".

1. Faculty of Civil Engineering
2. Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering
3. Faculty of Environment Engineering
4. Canteen
5. Reading Room
6. Faculty of Architecture
7. Laboratories
8. Main Library
9. "PK Museum"
10. Faculty of Chemical Engineering
11. Laboratory of faculty of Mechanical Engineering
12. Institute of Building Materials and Constructions
13. Laundry
14. Exhibition pavilion "KOTŁOWNIA"
15. Garages
16. "Zbrojownia"
17. Stock-room



Fields of studies

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE

On The Faculty of Architecture students may choose one of two courses:

1. Since 1945 – Architecture and Town-Planning.
2. Since 2000 – Landscape Architecture.

Course of Architecture and Town-Planning provides its graduates knowledge and skills in the area of designing. It is strictly connected with present technical needs, health, safety and ecological balance. Architects design furniture, buildings and their groups, as well large structural and landscape forms.

Education at Course of Landscape Architecture concerns environment and historical heritage protection and also creates a new values in surrounding space. Interdisciplinary character of studies makes that graduates have wide knowledge from architecture through the humanities to natural sciences.

The Faculty of Architecture has prepared a special educational offer for foreign students interested in spending a semester or two of their studies at Cracow University of Technology (except of the Erasmus Programme).

FACULTY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

Faculty of Civil Engineering is the one of the biggest unit at Cracow University of Technology, both in case of quality and quantity of scientist staff and quantity of educated students (currently near 4 500 students).

Didactic offer includes two courses – Construction Industry and Transport and 14 specialities within the framework of mentioned courses.

FACULTY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

It is the biggest faculty at Cracow University of Technology and one of the largest faculties of mechanical engineering in Poland. There are 238 employees and near 400 students of intramural and extramural studies, learned on 8 courses and 22 specialities. There is an opportunity to study in English.

FACULTY OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Faculty of Chemistry is located in the Szlak St. Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Technology offers full time Eng (BSc) courses of 3 1/2 years duration and MEng (MSc) courses of 5 years duration in chemical engineering and technology. The degrees are awarded on examinations and presentations of the theses.

FACULTY OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Currently there are available following courses:

1. Computer Engineering
2. Automation
3. Engineering in Transport
4. Engineering of the Electrical Systems

At The Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering most of the staff speaks English or other foreign language, but lectures are given in the Polish language.

FACULTY OF PHYSICS, MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Graduates of all courses on the faculty have skills to adjust to dynamic changes in market requirements. They will be qualified in mathematical, physical and computer matters of contemporary technology. Moreover, graduates are ready to work on latest digital methods. They can work as scientists and as well in banks, insurance companies or economic and computer departments in various branches.

Among other things students are educated in computer graphic methods and multimedia techniques needed to design professional services and websites.

FACULTY OF THE ENVIRONMENT ENGINEERING

Graduates of The Faculty of Environment Engineering have very wide knowledge, including water construction, water supply, engineering and management, waste water treatment, heating engineering, air-conditioning, monitoring of environment, water and air protection, geotechnical science, renewable sources of energy.



Academic calendar

The academic year in Poland begins on 1 October and normally ends at the end of June. It is divided into two semesters, each lasting for 15 weeks. The winter semester starts in October and lasts till mid February, with Christmas holidays of about ten days. The examination session usually lasts for two or three weeks, beginning in late January. The summer semester starts in mid February and ends in June, with a one-week break for Easter. Summer holidays last for three months - from the beginning of July to the end of September, but only for those students who passed all exams during the summer examination session (lasting about two-three weeks in June). The ones who did not succeed take the exam(s) in September.



ERASMUS Programme

Cracow University of Technology has joined The Erasmus Programme in academic year 1998/1999. It was part of leading European educational venture named Socrates. From 2007 started up new integrated programme – Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP), which replaced Socrates. Main purpose of LLP is to create and develop unity in EU and widen horizons and experiences about new countries in Europe. It will help students and academic staff to adapt new social and economic conditions in united Europe. Participation in Lifelong Learning Programme surely increases chances to get good workplace after graduation.

Erasmus is a part of LLP. Most popular activities within the framework of Erasmus are scientific staff and students' exchanges.

Cracow University of Technology has bilateral agreements with over 100 technical universities in whole Europe. All faculties offer many courses for Erasmus students. To integrate incoming students and support exchanges our University joined the Erasmus Student Network. It offers help in academic, social and practical integration process.



If you want to know more about Erasmus at CUT visit www.pk.edu.pl/erasmus or mailto: pd5@pk.edu.pl



Poland in numbers

- Area – 322,577 km²
- Population – 38.7 mln
- Capitol – Warsaw (Warszawa)
- Currency – Zloty (PLN) = 100 Groszy (1 EUR = aprox. 3,50 PLN)
- Time Zone – GMT+1h
- Country code for Poland: +48
- Area code for Krakow and in Krakow: (0)12



Krakow's Emblem

Getting to know Krakow

Studies in Krakow is a dream-come-true for so many, because Krakow is one of the oldest academic centres in Europe. It was also named the European City of Culture in 2000. Krakow attracts many foreign students due to its unique atmosphere of a student city and great cultural life.

From the beginning

According to the legends, it all begun from prince Krakus, who has ruled over the city by the Vistula. Another folk story says that he has also killed the famous Wawel Dragon.

The first historical sovereign of Poles – Mieszko I – has included Krakow to his country in 990 AC. In 1000 AC he has founded diocese in Krakow. Since that date Krakow has developed very quickly. The castle of kings, Wawel, has been growing in strength. In the year 1257 together with the granting of the Magdeburg rights to the city, it has begun a new age in the history of the metropolis. For ages Krakow was a capitol of Poland. Literature, music and theatre has evolved at the royal court. In 1364 Kazimierz The Great has founded Jagiellonian University, which became one of the largest academic centres in Europe. It is worth to mention about the Cloth Hall – centre of trade and great monument of art. At the end of the XVI Century capitol was removed to Warsaw. But by now Krakow is only one town in Poland which has the right to use the Polish emblem.

Krakow in its history attracted many prominent persons – architects, scientists, artists. With city's history were related among others Jan Kochanowski, Mikołaj Kopernik (Nicolaus Copernicus) , Stanisław Lem, Jan III Sobieski, Wisława Szymborska, Karol Wojtyła (John Paul II). The legend says that world-famous alchemist, doctor Faust, has studied here occult sciences.

In the awareness of every Pole Krakow is a place of great monuments, old capitol of Poland. Because of its range in Europe, in 1978 Krakow was has been inscribed on UNESCO's First List of the World Cultural Heritage.

Relics of the past



Wawel Castle



Old Cemetery at Kazimierz

It is impossible to describe or even list all the tourist attractions in Krakow, but each tourist will discover his own "magical" Krakow. Over 30 museums, plenty of monuments and historical routes, many theatres and cultural centres are dispersed all around the city.

The renaissance Royal Castle at Wawel, the gothic St Mary's Basilica with phenomenal altar by Wit Stwosz and the historical trade pavilions of the Cloth Hall are the obligatory points on your trip. The Old City abounds in churches, monuments and old mansions representing all of the most important trends in art. In order to ensure peace and security to the inhabitants, Krakow was surrounded by a double belt of ramparts, with numerous towers and several gates. Today they are preserved in part and form a great relic of the past.

If you want to escape from buzz of urban life, get lost at the Kazimierz, the old Jewish area. It is situated near the centre of Krakow, but has so different character. Synagogues, narrow passages, art galleries and pubs creates a special climate of this place.

If it is still not enough, go to Nowa Huta District – relic of the Polish Socialist Realism. It shows the latest industrial history of Poland.

Natural Environment



Kościuszko Mound

Krakow is the specific place where history mixes together with nature. If you are tired with culture, just go for a walk round the Plants. 15 minutes walking from the centre there are Błonia – a large meadow, which is popular recreation ground. From this place it is not far away to Kościuszko Mound. It is situated in Las Wolski Forrest, a part of Bielańsko – Tyniecki Landscape Park. Touristic routes leads among old trees and limestone rocks to the Krakow's zoological garden which is the another attraction. In Krakow there is also the botanical garden (open in summer season April – October), which is very good place to rest among green.



Las Wolski Forrest



Lajkonik

Traditions

Long history of the city contributed to formation many interesting traditions.

Every inhabitant knows the Lajkonik festivities. Annually, every first Thursday following Corpus Christi day, the hero of the festivity - Lajkonik - rides a hobby horse with peacock feathers attached to its head and dressed in Tartar 'disguise' through the streets of Krakow. He enters the yard while the troupe plays loud and high-pitched music. The Lajkonik leads the pageant through the streets of Krakow: Kościuszki, Zwierzyniecka, Franciszkańska, and Grodzka to the Main Square. This procession lasts about 2-3 hours.

Another interesting tradition well known among tourist is the bugle call. Every hour on the hour, a bugle is played from the top of St Mary's Church tower. This bugle call is transmitted by Polish Radio at midday, every day. In the past, the bugle player announced the opening and closing of the city gateways.

In Krakow students have their own feast – Juvenalia. For three days in May students rule Krakow. There are organised colour marches, many concerts and parties.

Every year on St John the Baptist's Day and Wanda's name day (June 23-24) the tradition of Wreaths is celebrated along the Vistula River banks at the foot of Wawel Hill. Annually, this event gathers enormous numbers of Cracovians and guests between Wawel and the Dębnicki Bridge. The genesis of this tradition is ancient and a sum of three customs: Sobótką, bonfires traditionally lit by country folk on Midsummer Day, the search for the magical fern flower and a commemoration of Wanda - legendary daughter of Krakus.

Trips around the Krakow

Krakow Daily Walks - with an English or German speaking guide, from April, 1st to October, 31st

Meeting point: in front of the Tourist Information Office, 3 Mariacki Sq.

10 am: walk 1 - Old Town

1.30 pm: walk 2 - Kazimierz

Price: 45 PLN per person

Meeting point: in front of Marco der Pole Travel Office, 15 Kanonicza St.

1.30 pm: walk 3 - Wawel Castle (Royal Chambers and the Cathedral)

Price: 60 PLN per person

The reduced ticket for all three walks costs 130 PLN.

Tickets are available at the Tourist Information Office, 3 Mariacki Sq. and hotels.

More information: Tourist Information Office, 3 Mariacki Sq., phone +48 (12) 431 16 78 or Marco der Pole travel office, www.krakow-travel.com, phone +48 (12) 430 21 31

Krakow can be successfully toured on foot, but to make your trip more exciting you may take advantage of the following possibilities:

A ride in a hackney - the hackney stand is located on the Main Square from Sławkowska St.

Touring the city in a horse-drawn omnibus with an English speaking guide - the stand is located at the Barbican at the exit of Floriańska street - everyday at 10.00 am from April to October - more information at Point Travel, Przy Rondzie St. 2, Phone +48 (12) 411 36 09, +48 (12) 421 84 33, Fax. +48 (12) 411 55 17, www.krakow-tours.pl

Touring the city in a Melex (a light, battery-driven open car) - the Melex stand is located at Mikołajska St. next to St Mary's Church, Szeroka St., Wolnica Sq. - everyday from April to October, more information: Jordan, Długa St. 9, Phone +48 (12) 421 21 25, Fax. +48 (12) 422 82 26, www.jordan.pl

Outside the city

In the vicinity of Krakow there are places well-known in whole world. The most tragic of these is Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum in Oświęcim. This Nazi death camp shows cruelty of II World War. Auschwitz is placed near 70 km from Krakow. The entrance is free of charge and there is an opportunity to take a guide. To know more visit www.auschwitz.org.pl tel. + 48 33 843 20 22, 843 21 33 (reservation), 844 81 02, e-mail: muzeum@auschwitz.org.pl



Another fascinating place to go is Salt Mine Wieliczka. The range of this place confirms the fact that Wieliczka is on First UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage List. It is an unique geological form. Salt is exploited since Middle Ages. There are over 2000 chambers placed on 9 levels. Touristic route has approximately 2 km length. Sightseeing is possible only with guide and lasts 3 hours.

For the fans of active spending time there are many possibilities. The nearest places to Krakow are Jurassic Valleys, Ojców and Pieskowa Skała situated in Landscape Park Dolinki Podkrakowskie and Ojcowski National Park. Here you can see very beautiful karst forms and caves characteristic for Jurassic period. Picturesque valleys have been forming for ages by water and wind erosion. Those places are dreamed for climbing and bike tours. In Pieskowa Skała you cannot forget about visiting its castle.

There are also many charming cities around the Krakow. You can visit Wadowice – family town of Pope John Paul II, moreover Krynica – a spa and a perfect base for enthusiasts of skiing. But the capitol of winter sports is undisputed Zakopane, situated at the foot of the Tatra Mountains (about 100 km from Krakow). You can find there a lot of skiing and touristic trails. For sure, touristic seasons lasts here all year long. But Zakopane is as well a beautiful town where you can visit antique residences and churches built according to architecture trends characteristic for this region. On the famous street Krupówki you can taste traditional mountain meals and spend whole night in local clubs and pubs.



Zakopane

To know more visit <http://www.zakopane.pl/>
Touristic Information Center in Zakopane - Kościuszki St. 17, tel. (18) 201-22-11

Local traditions cherished throughout the region, as well as the very well-developed network of agritourist accommodation, make Małopolska one of the few regions of Europe so favourable for leisurely relaxation in such close proximity to nature.

Arrival in Krakow.

Aeroplane



The Airport

The John Paul II International Airport Krakow-Balice
Balice, kpt. Medweckiego St. 1
Phone 28 5120, 639 31 27

Direct flights to: Amsterdam, Berlin, Bonn/Cologne, Budapest, Copenhagen, Chicago, Dortmund, Dublin, Frankfurt, Glasgow, London, Milan, Munich, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Rome, Stuttgart, Tel Aviv, Warsaw, Vienna, Zurich.

For updated information on flights and connections, see the website: www.lotnisko-balice.pl/eng
Facilities at the airport: foreign currency exchange bureaus, ATMs, BPH-PBK S.A. bank branches, restaurant and coffee shop at the passengers terminal, viewing terrace coffee shop, duty free shop in the main flight departure hall, 24/7 parking lot, car rentals agency.

You can book your flight online, via a call centre or your travel agency, using credit or debit cards for payment. When purchasing the flight, you will receive a confirmation number - this simply means that your booking has been successfully completed and that your seat is confirmed. Low cost airlines are "ticketless airlines" so you do not need any ticket. You just have to come to the airport with your confirmation number and your boarding pass will be given to you when checking in.



- **Germanwings** to: Stuttgart, Cologne/Bonn www.germanwings.com
call center: phone numbers available at web site
- **EasyJet** to: Berlin, Dortmund, London www.easyjet.com
call center: phone numbers available at the web site
- **SkyEurope** to: Amsterdam, Barcelona, Dublin, London, Milan, Paris, Rome, Manchester
www.skyeurope.com
call center: phone numbers available at the web site
- **Centralwings** to: London, Rome, Chania (till 22 October 2005), Heraklion (till 8 October 2005), Rhodes (till 9 October 2005) www.centralwings.com
call center +48 801 45 45 45, +48 22 575 00 45 (8:00 - 22:00 local time)
- **Norwegian** to: Oslo www.norwegian.no
call center: phone numbers available at the web site
- **Ryanair** to: Glasgow (from 1 November), London (form 30 October) www.ryanair.com

Access from the airport by bus: 208 (to Nowy Kleparz), 292 (to Plac Bohaterów Getta, Rondo Mogilskie, main railway station). Travelling time is approximately 35 min. Please purchase regular public transportation tickets.

There is a railway route from the airport to the city's centre (main railway station). Travel takes 15 minutes and costs 6 zł (ap. 1,5 Euro).

Railway



The city is easily and comfortably accessible by train from all larger cities in Poland, e.g. the journey by InterCity train from Warsaw takes only 2.5 hours.

Apart from local transport systems, Krakow also has direct railway links with Berlin, Budapest, Bucharest (from June to August trains also run to Varna), Hamburg, Kiev (from June to August trains also run to Odessa), Lviv, Prague, Vienna, Žilin.

All trains stop at the Main Railway Station.

Detailed information regarding links: 94 36, 393 15 80, 393 56 76 (intervention telephone till 3.00 pm); www.pkp.com.pl/english/index.php

Coach



The bus/coach station is located on Wita Stwosza Square (east side of the railway station) and at Cystersów Street 15 (for some domestic links).

Domestic and regional links are serviced by PKS - 0300 300 120 (from TP telephone), 720 81 20 (from mobile), 0 701 374 445 (from Netia telephone); www.pks.krakow.pl/news.php?l=2 and private transport agencies.

International links are offered by private carries:

Belgium - Europa Express, Sindbad

Denmark - Orbis Transport

France -Europa Express, Eurolines, Pekaes Bus, Rumat

Germany - Agat, Awizo, Comfort Lines, Eurolines, Interglobus, Sindbad,Rumat

Great Britain - Acorn International, Aga Tur, Atlas, Bermuda, Bus

Travel, Eurokar, Eurolines, Europa Express, Interglobus, Omnia, Orbis Transport, Sindbad, Wactur

Greece - Agat

Holland - Sindbad

Italy - Agat, Bermuda, Eurolines, Europa Express, Jordan, Orbis Transport, Radtur, Wactur

Norway - Bus Travel

Spain - Europa Express



Car

Domestic roads and motorways travelling through Krakow:

- No. 4 - state border - Wrocław - Katowice - Chrzanów - Kraków - Tarnów - Rzeszów - state border
- No. 7 - Gdańsk - Elbląg - Warsaw - Radom - Kielce - Kraków - Chyżne (state border)
- No. 44 - Gliwice - Mikołów - Tychy - Oświęcim - Zator - Skawina – Kraków
- No. 79 – Warsaw - Koźienice - Zwoleń - Sandomierz - Połaniec - Nowe Brzesko - Kraków - Trzebinia - Chrzanów - Jaworzno - Katowice - Chorzów – Bytom
- No. 94 - Legnica - Prochowice - Wrocław - Opole - Strzelce Opolskie - Toszek - Pyskowice - Bytom - Będzin - Sosnowiec - Dąbrowa Górnicza - Olkusz - Kraków – Balice
- A 4 - Kraków - Katowice

Transport



Public Transport in the City (MPK)

Tickets for trams and buses are available from newsstands and MPK customer service points (Podwale St. 3-5, Podwale St./Bagatela - at the tram stop, Mogilska St. 15a, św. Wawrzyńca St. 13, Kalwaryjska St. 32, os. Centrum D 7, Polonijna St. 1, MPK Bus Station in Mistrzejowice, end-of-the-line Krowodrza Górka, end-of-the-line Borek Fałęcki) and, with a surcharge, from the driver. Moreover all types of tickets are available in vending machines, which are situated near the biggest bus and tram stops in Krakow.

The following types of tickets are available: single-trip (allows one way trip, without interchange), night ticket (allows one way trip by night buses, without interchange), group tickets for up to 15 or 20 persons, one-hour (valid for unlimited travel for one hour on trams and buses, invalid on night buses), 24-hour (valid for unlimited travel for 24 hours on trams, buses and night buses), 48-hour (valid for unlimited travel for 48 hours on trams, buses and night buses), 72-hour (valid for unlimited travel for 72 hours on trams, buses and night buses). All types of tickets should be validated in the ticket puncher immediately after boarding a vehicle. A monthly pass may be purchased for a single line or for all means of public transport. All tickets are available at normal and reduced rates. Documents needed to enjoy the right to reduction are valid International Student Identify Card (ISIC) or EURO<26 Card

For each item of luggage bigger than: 60 cm x 40 cm x 20 cm, it is necessary to validate a ticket according to the price list below.

Single trip – 1,25

Night ticket – 2,50

Group of up to 15 people – 10,50

Group of up to 20 people - 12,00

Luggage rate - 2,50

One hour pass – 1,55 (no luggage rate)

24-hour pass – 5,20 (no luggage rate)

48-hour pass – 9,40 (no luggage rate)

72-hour pass – 12,50 (no luggage rate)

More Information: 91 50, www.mpk.krakow.pl

Krakow's Municipal Card

Since October 2007 instead of temporary tickets there were introduced Krakow's Municipal Cards. They are available in special MPK ticket centres. It is a possibility to prolong validity of cards in ticket centres or in vending machines located in the busy communication points.



By Bicycle

Today travelling by bicycle in Krakow is the good way to avoid traffic. There are more and more bike ways.

Rent a Bicycle:

- Art.-Bike, Starowińska St. 33, www.artbike.op.pl, Phone 422 04 25, Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 6 pm, Sat. 10 am - 6 pm (following telephone arrangements also Sundays and holidays)
- Jordan, Długa St. 9, www.jordan.pl, Phone 421 21 25, 24h/24
- Rent a Bike (bikes and scooters), www.rentabike.pl, Mob. +48 888 029 792, rented bikes and scooters can be delivered free of charge within the area of Krakow)
- Rent a Bike, Bracka St. 4, www.retrobikes.pl, Phone 429 11 06, Mob. 0660 761 701, 24h/24
- Rent a Bike, św. Anny St. 4, www.bikes-rental.prv.pl, Mob. 0501 745 986, from 9 am till dusk
- Alice Drive, Podgórska St. 28, Tue - Sat 2 pm - 8 pm, Sun 10 am - 8 pm



By Car

There are three limited traffic and parking zones within the city centre of Krakow. It is necessary to pay parking fees within these zones. Parking fees are enforced using parking cards or subscribed parking permits. Parking cards are forms filled out individually and may be purchased at kiosks, post offices, commercial facilities marked with special icons, and from patrolling traffic wardens (recognizable by their yellow vests). Parking cards may also be ordered at the Parking Zone Office, 1 Retoryka street. Subscribed parking permits can only be obtained at the Parking Zone Office, 1 Retoryka street.

Zone A

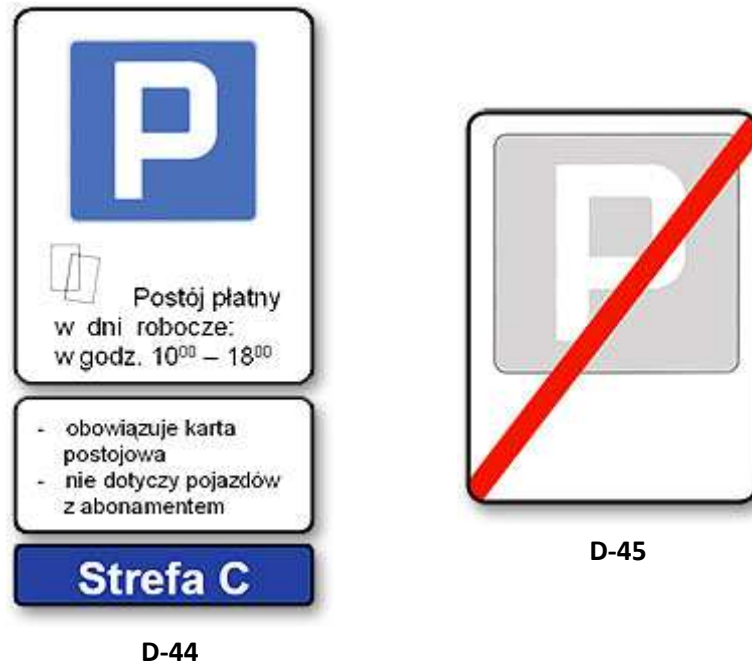
This zone is contained within the area of the Main Square and Szewska, Sławkowska, Floriańska streets, a section of Sienna street (from the Small Market to the Main Market), a section of Grodzka street (from the Main Square to Poselska street), Kanonicza, Senacka streets, a section of Pijarska street (from Szpitalna to Floriańska). The zone prohibits vehicle traffic and is designated only for pedestrians and cyclists.

Zone B

The B zone encompasses several streets within the Planty area and a section of Długa, Basztowa and Karmelicka streets. Absolute priority is given to pedestrians and the maximum driving speed should not exceed 20km/h. Parking is permitted only in designated areas.

Zone C

Zone C includes several dozen streets surrounding the Planty area, mainly within the belt from the centre to Trzech Wieszców avenues (Kraśińskiego, Mickiewicza, Słowackiego avenues). Parking time limitations for vehicles are not obligatory within this zone. Parking cards can be purchased at kiosks, post offices, the City Hall of Krakow, and from traffic wardens patrolling parking zones.



! The D-45 information board end of parking zone designates the exit from the limited traffic and parking zone.

Parking Zone Office:

Retoryka St. 1

Phone 421 74 26, Phone/Fax: 421 74 29

Parking lots in the centre of Krakow

- PKP main railway station- parking roof (entrance from Rakowicka street), Phone 624 36 29
- Biskupi Sq.
- Szczepański Sq.
- Św. Ducha Sq.
- Szpitalna St. (adjacent to J. Słowacki Theatre)
- Powiśle St. (also for buses)
- Kałuży St. (adjacent to KS Cracovia stadium)
- Powstania Warszawskiego St. (adjacent to the City Hall of Krakow building)
- Ogrodowa St.
- Lubicz St. (adjacent to Lubicz Office Centre)
- Karmelicka St. (at Rajska St.)
- Starowiślna St. (adjacent to Pałac Pugetów)
- Kopernika St.
- Zyblikiewicza St. (adjacent to Dom Turysty PTTK)
- Straszewskiego St.
- 3 Maja Ave. (adjacent to Muzeum Narodowe)
- Wszystkich Świętych Sq. 5
- J. Kossaka Sq.
- Dajwór St.

Car rentals

- ACCAR Car Rental (rented cars are delivered free of charge within the area of Krakow), Mob. 0501 233 394, Phone 433 80 60, Fax. 433 80 61
- AVIS Rent a Car, Lubicz St. 23, Phone 629 61 08, Mob. 0601 200 702
- Budget Rent a Car, Motel Krak, Radzikowskiego St. 99-101, Phone/Fax. 637 00 89, Mob. 0601 354 669,
- Europcar, Balice Airport, Phone/Fax. 285 50 45, Szlak St. 2, Phone 633 77 73, Fax. 632 73 62
- Express, Rzemieślnicza St. 31, Phone 260 76 50
- Hertz Rent a Car, Focha St. 1, Phone 429 62 62, Fax. 422 29 39
- Joka, Pałac Pugetów, Starowiślna St. 13, Phone/Fax. 429 66 30, Mob. 0601 545 368

Taxis

There are a number of taxi fleets in Krakow, and travelling by their clearly marked cars is much cheaper than by those not associated with taxi corporations. In some fleets, booking taxis by phone entitles you to a further price reduction.

Phone numbers: 919, 91-91, 96-21, 96-22, 96-23, 96-25, 96-26, 96-28, 96-29, 96-61, 96-63, 96-64, 96-65, 96-66, 96-69, 96-88.



Some useful information



Legalisation of stay - EU/EEA citizens

An EU student can enter Poland with his/her ID document (a valid travel document e.g. passport, or another document certifying his/her identity and citizenship). If a student intends to visit Poland's neighbouring countries (not all of them are EU Member States), a passport is recommended. For stays of up to 3 months no legalisation of stay will be necessary. For stays exceeding 3 months, an EU student will have to register the residence in the Department of Citizens Affairs of the Voivodeship Office (province administration, in Polish *Urząd Wojewódzki*). Documents that have to be submitted by the student to the Voivodeship Office in order to obtain the residence permit:

1. copy of travel document (passport or other ID document),
2. health insurance document (European Health Insurance Card) with a copy,
3. official letter of acceptance from the Polish university (with information about the planned period of study),
4. declaration about sufficient resources to cover the subsistence costs in Poland,
5. application for registering residence.

Addresses of the Consulates in Kraków

AUSTRIA

Consulate General of Austria
 Krupnicza St.42
 tel. (0-12) 421-99-00
 fax (0-12) 421-67-37
 mailto: krakau-gk@bmda.gv.at
 Napoleona Cybulskiego St. 9
 31-117 Kraków
 tel. (0-12) 424 99 40, 424 99 41
 fax (0-12) 421 67 64

Cultural Department
 Krupnicza St. 42, 31-123 Kraków
 tel. (0-12) 421 99 00;
 fax (0-12) 421 67 37
 open: 09.00-16.00
 from Monday to Friday
 General Consul: Mr Ernst-Peter
 Brezovszky

DENMARK

Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of Denmark
 31-008 Kraków
 Św. Anny St. 5
 tel. (0-12) 421-73-80
 fax (0-12) 421-72-91

Consulate of the Kingdom of Denmark in Kraków
 Floriańska St. 37, 1st floor
 31-019 Kraków
 tel. (0-12) 421 71 20, 421 73 80;
 fax (0-12) 421 72 91
 open: 9.00-16.00
 from Monday to Friday

FRANCE

Consulate General of the Republic of France
 31-043 Kraków
 Stolarska St. 15
 tel. (0-12) 424-53-00
 fax (0-12) 424-53-20
 mailto: fransulat@mps.krakow.pl
 open: 9.00-13.00 and 13.45-16.00
 from Monday to Friday

GERMANY

Consulate General of Federal Republic of Germany
 31-043 Kraków
 Stolarska St. 7
 tel. (0-12) 424-30-00
 fax (0-12) 424-30-10
 General Consul dr Thomas Gläser
 Deputy Consul consul Dieter Exter
 Open: 9.00 - 12.00
 from Monday to Friday

ITALY

Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Italy
 Wenecja St. 3/8
 31-117 Kraków
 tel.: 012/429 29 21
 tel./fax: 012/411 20 99

LITHUANIA

Honorary Consulate of Lithuania
 Chłopickiego St. 10
 31-525 Kraków
 tel.: 012/413 65 18
 mailto: jan.widacki@biuro.net.pl

NORWAY

Honorary Consulate of Norway
 31-117 Kraków
 Cybulskiego St. 2
 tel. (0-12) 429-23-89
 fax (0-12) 423-17-88

Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of Norway
 Mazowiecka St. 25
 31-117 Kraków
 tel.: 012/633 03 76, fax: 012/633 03 51
 mailto: norkon_kr@wp.pl

SLOVAKIA

Consulate General of the Slovak Republic
 31-027 Kraków
 św. Tomasza St. 34
 tel. (0-12) 425-49-70
 fax (0-12) 425-49-72

TURKEY

Honorary Consulate of Turkey
 31-027 Kraków
 św. Tomasza St. 31 m. 11
 tel. (0-12) 422-97-53
 fax (0-12) 422-67-93

UNITED KINGDOM

Honorary Consulate of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
 31-008 Kraków
 św. Anny St. 9
 tel. (0-12) 421-70-30
 fax (0-12) 422-42-64
 mail: ukconsul@sunley.pl

Addresses of the consulates in Poland

BELGIUM

Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium
 Senatorska St. 34
 00-095 Warszawa
 tel. 827 02 33-34, 828 62 11;
 fax 828 57 11
 telex 813340 belg pl
 mailto: ambabel.warsaw@pol.pl
warsaw@dipobel.org

Honorary Consulate of Belgium in Katowice
 Hutnicza St. 8
 41-600 Świętochłowice
 tel.: 032/ 245 15 44,
 fax: 032/245 15 45

CZECH REPUBLIC

Consulate General of The Czech Republic in Katowice
 Pawła Stelmacha St. 21
 40-058 Katowice
 tel.: 032/609 99 52/3
 fax: 032/251 55 67

FINLAND

Embassy of The Republic of Finland
 Chopina St. 4/8, 00-559 Warszawa
 tel. 629 40 91;
 fax 621 34 42
 mailto: [sanomat.var@formin.fi](mailto:sanommat.var@formin.fi)

GREECE

Embassy of The Republic of Greece
 Górnośląska St. 35
 00-432 Warszawa
 tel. 622 94 60, 622 94 61;
 fax 622 94 64
 mailto: embassy@greece.pl

IRELAND

Embassy of the Republic of Ireland
 Humańska St. 10
 00-789 Warszawa
 tel. 0*22 849-66-55, 0*22 849-66-33
 fax 0*22 849-84-31
 mailto: ambasada@irlandia.pl
 www: <http://www.irlandia.pl>

LATVIA

Embassy of The Republic of Latvia
 03-928 Warszawa
 Królowej Aldony St. 19
 Telefon:
 48 22 617 43 89,
 48 22 617 45 89 (Sekretariat),
 Faks: 48 22 617 42 89
 mailto: embassy.poland@mfa.gov.lv

NETHERLANDS

Embassy of Kingdom of The Netherlands
 Kawalerii St. 10
 00-468 WARSZAWA
 tel. +48 22 559 12 00
 fax +48 22 840 26 38
 mailto: war@minbuza.nl
 www: www.nlembassy.pl

Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Latvia in Katowice
 Staromiejska St. 4
 40-013 Katowice
 tel.: 032/253 89 85,
 fax: 032/287 75 03

PORTUGAL

Embassy of the Republic of Portugal
 Zwycięzców St. 12
 03-941 Warszawa
 tel. 0*22 628-97-01, 628-97-23, 617-60-21 to 22
 fax 0*22 622-72-47, 617-44-98

SPAIN

Embassy of The Kingdom of Spain
 Myśliwiecka St. 4
 00-459 Warszawa
 tel. 622 42 50;
 fax 622 54 08
 maito: emb.esppl@mail.mae.es

SWEDEN

Embassy of The Kingdom of Sweden.
 Bagatela St. 3
 00-585 Warszawa
 tel. 0*22 640-89-00
 fax 0*22 640-89-83
 mailto: maja.ielnicka@foreign.ministry.se
 www: www.swedish-embassy.pl
www.regeringen.sesi.se



Important contacts

Medical Emergency 999

City Guards 986

Police 997

Fire Department 998

Police Station

Rynek Główny 29 (Main Square) 012 615-73-17 (24 hours)

Police Station Krakow Stare Miasto

Szeroka St. 35 012 615-77-11 (24 hours)

Emergency number when dialling from mobile phones

112 (24 hours)

Emergency Phone (for foreigners)

0800-200-300 (from a stationary phone) 0608-599-999 (from a mobile phone)



Medical assistance

Free medical service is available for citizens of EU countries. You must have European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or a replacement certificate. Primary health care comprises examination and consultation by a general practitioner.

During a temporary stay in Poland, a person entitled to health care under EEA rules can receive health services in the following areas:

- primary health care
- specialist out-patient care
- hospital treatment
- dental treatment
- rescue services and ambulance transport.

Apart from academic and public medical care system there is also a well-developed private sector. The costs of medical care may be reimbursed if a student has purchased a health insurance policy in his country before departure.

More information on www.nfz.gov.pl/ue/ and <http://www.erasmus.org.pl/index.php/ida/67/>

24-Hour Medical Information

012 661-22-40

Medical Information

94-39

Medical Emergency ER

Łazarza St. 14 012 424-42-00

Nowa Huta 012 644-49-99

Private 24-Hour Medical Services

Falck 96-75

Scanmed 012 412-07-99

Medicover 012 616-10-00

Holidays in Poland

January, 1st – New Year
 Easter – Easter Sunday and Easter Monday (movable holiday)
 May, 1st – Public Holiday
 May, 2nd – Flag's Day
 May, 3rd – National 3rd of May Holiday (Constitution Day)
 Corpus Christi (movable holiday usually in June – 9th Thursday after Easter)
 August, 15th – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 November 1st – All Saints' Day
 November, 11th – Independence Day
 December 25th – 1st Day of Christmas
 December 26th – 2nd Day of Christmas



Accommodation

There are many opportunities to reside in Krakow. You can rent a flat, a room or stay in Student Residence Hall. The last possibility is the cheapest, but places are strictly limited. Flats and rooms in the centre are the most expensive. Prices for studio flat start from 800 zł (about 220 Euro) per month plus fees for using the utilities. Good solution is to rent a place outside the centre. Flats are cheaper, bigger and have better standard.

Rent an apartment:

- <http://studentcenter.com.pl/index.php?lang=en>
- <http://www.simplerent.pl/>
- <http://www.rentsellergroup.com/eng/>

The City of Krakow's Official Accommodation Booking System is a joint project of the Municipal Office of Krakow and the Reception.pl company. The system includes only these Krakow accommodation facilities that are managed legally, which gives the tourists the certainty that the locations they choose are not a part of a grey market and do not act in a deceitful manner. Using the Accommodation Booking System is free of charge.

Read more - <http://www.krakow.pl/en/booking/>

Cheap hostels in Krakow:

- <http://www.hostel.pl/>
- <http://www.hotelewkrakowie.pl/tanienoclegikrakow.php>
- <http://www.cracow24.pl/krakow-cracow24-informacje-pokoje,goscinne,w,krakowie-35.html>



Driver's licence

Driving licenses issued by other EU member states are recognized by Poland and remain valid until the expiry date indicated in the document. While driving a vehicle on the territory of Poland, the driver is obliged to have with him a driver's license and civil liability insurance. Seat belts must be used in both front and back seats, with children up to the age of 12 and up to 150 cm tall using special certified seats. Using a mobile phone while driving is banned, though a loud-speaking phone system is permitted. The legal alcohol limit is 0.2 promille.

Speed limits:

- town (5am-11pm) - 50 km/h (11pm - 5am) - 60 km/h.
- open road - 90 km/h.
- single carriageway - 110 km/h, dual carriageway - 120 km/h.
- motorway - 130 km/h.
- with trailer - 70 km/h (on highways - 80 km/h).



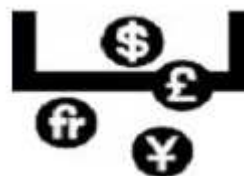
Banks

Foreigners who try to open a bank account will need permanent place of registered residence. You can choose your bank from a wide list. Banks offer accounts in zloty or other currencies.

Most popular banks:

- with online access – mBank, Inteligo
- classic – PKO BP, Pekao SA, BPH, Citibank, Millenium, Multibank, Fortis Bank, BGŻ, GETIN Bank,

Around the Main Square and all over the city there are offices of every bank as well as cash machines accepting the most popular payment cards (Visa, Visa Electron, Mastercard, Maestro etc.). Transactions by payment cards can be performed in many shops, galleries, cinemas, restaurant and other places around the Krakow.



Currency exchange

Most of the foreign currencies may be exchanged in exchange offices and banks. There will be no problem to find them because they are situated in the centre as well as outside. But remember that banks take commission for that service and exchange is less profitable. There are also 24-hour currency exchange machines at some banks.



Costs of living

Prices in Krakow are similar to other big cities in Europe and they depend on style of living and needs. A list below presents example costs of some products, services and others:

1. Food

- dinner in the city's centre: 10 – 100 zł (3 – 30 Euro)
- dinner in the student's canteen: ap. 10 zł (ap. 3 Euro)
- tea (in cafe): 2 – 10 zł (ap. 0,6 – 3 Euro)
- coffee (in cafe): 3 – 10 zł (ap. 0,8 – 3 Euro)
- Beer (in pub): 5 – 12 zł (ap. 1,5 – 3,3 Euro)
- water (1,5 l): 2 zł (ap. 0,6 Euro)
- butter: 3 zł (ap. 0,8 Euro)
- bread: 2 – 3 zł (ap. 0,6 – 0,8 Euro)
- ham: from 20 zł/kg (from 6 Euro/kg)
- cheese: from 15 zł/kg (from 4 Euro/kg)

2. Entertainment

- ticket to cinema: 10 - 20 zł (ap. 3 – 6 Euro)
- ticket to theatre: 10 – 100 zł (ap. 3 – 30 Euro)
- ticket to the museum, gallery: from 2 zł (ap. 0,5 Euro)
- ticket to Aquapark: from 9 zł (from 2,5 Euro)
- bowling (in *Fantasy Park*): from 54 zł/h (from 15 Euro/h)
- billiards: from 15 zł/h (from 4,2 Euro/h)

3. Services

- hairdresser: 20 – 80 zł for haircut (ap. 5,5 – 22 Euro)
- laundry

Self-service laundry – coffee

Kraków, Wrzesińska 6 St.

tel: 0783 945 021

www.laundromat.pl

www.franiacafe.pl

Prices for students:

Washing 10zł (ap. 3 Euro)

Washing & drying 14zł (ap. 4 Euro)

10th washing free!

You can also taste coffee or fresh cool drink and surf the Internet for free!

- dentist: from 70 zł for cavity treatment (from 19 Euro)
- spa: from 100 zł (from 30 Euro)

Culture and entertainment

“Who desires to know the spirit of Poland, let him seek it in Krakow” – wrote Wilhelm Feldman. And indeed, because of its historical architecture, Krakow is considered to be the most European of all Polish cities, not only drawing on the influence of the old continent, but also taking a hand in the creation of its culture.



MUSEUMS

There are so many museums, that's why there were chosen only few the most famous museums.

1. **Wawel Royal Castle**
Wawel 5 012 422-51-55
www.wawel.krakow.pl

Wawel Royal Castle Departments outside Krakow
Castle of Pieskowa Skala
32-045 Sułoszowa
012 389-60-04
www.pieskowaskala.eu

Wawel Cathedral Museum
Wawel 2 012 422-61-21 ext. 332
www.wawel.krakow.pl
2. **The National Museum Main Building**
3 Maja Ave. 1
012 295-55-00
www.muzeum.krakow.pl
3. **Gallery of Polish 19th Century Art in the Cloth Hall**
during the renovation, the collection has been temporarily moved to the museum in the Niepołomice Castle
012 281-30-11
4. **Jan Matejko's House**
Floriańska St. 41
012 422-59-26
5. **Józef Mehoffer's House**
Krupnicza St. 26
012 421-11-43
6. **Czartoryski Museum**
św. Jana St. 19
012 292-64-60

Czartoryski Museum Armoury
Pijarska St. 8
012 422-55-66

Princes Czartoryski Library
św. Marka St. 17
012 422-11-72
7. **Historical Museum of the City of Krakow Krzysztofory Palace**
Rynek Główny 35 (Main Square)
012 61-92-300
www.mhk.pl
8. **Old Synagogue**
The History and Culture of Jews
Szeroka St. 24
012 422-09-62
9. **The History of Nowa Huta**
os. Słoneczne 16
012 425-97-75
10. **Old Town Hall Tower**
open: from May to September
Rynek Główny 1 (Main Square)
012 619-23-18
11. **Barbican**
open: from May to October
Basztowa St.
012 422-98-77
12. **Archaeological Museum**
Senacka St. 3
012 422-75-60
www.ma.krakow.pl
13. **Manggha – Centre of Japanese Art and Technology**
Konopnickiej St. 26
012 267-37-53
www.manggha.krakow.pl
14. **Seweryn Udziela Museum of Ethnography**
Town Hall Building,
Wolnica Sq. 1
012 430-55-75
Krakowska St. 46
012 430-60-23
www.mek.tele2.p
15. **Museum of Urban Engineering**
in the tram depot complex,
św. Wawrzyńca St. 15
012 421-12-42
www.mimk.com.pl
16. **Polish Aviation Museum**
Jana Pawła II Ave. 39
012 642-87-00
www.muz-lotnictwa.krakow.pl
17. **Natural History Museum of the Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals P.A.S. (Polish Academy of Sciences)**
św. Sebastiana St. 9
012 422-59-59
www.isez.pan.krakow.pl
18. **Krzysztofory" Gallery**
Szczepańska St. 2
012 421-69-75
Archive: Kanonicza St. 5
012 422-83-32
19. **Zoological Museum of Jagiellonian University**
Ingardena St. 6
012 663-24-14
www.binoz.uj.edu.pl
20. **Palace of Arts – the Society of the Fine Arts Friends**
Szczepański Sq. 4
012 422-66-16
www.palac-sztuki.krakow.pl
21. **Jan Matejko's Manor House at Krzesławice**
Wańkowicza St. 25
012 644-56-74
www.palac-sztuki.krakow.pl



THEATRES

1. **Helena Modrzejewska National Old Theatre**
Szczepański Sq. 1
012 422-40-40
"Duża" Stage and "Nowa" Stage,
Jagiellońska St. 1
012 421-29-77

"Kameralna" Stage
Starowiślna St. 21
012 421-19-95
www.stary-teatr.pl
2. **Juliusz Słowacki Theatre**
012 422-40-22
"Duża" Stage and "Miniatura" Stage
św. Ducha Sq. 1
012 424-45-05

"W Bramie" Stage and "Przy
Pompię" Stage
św. Ducha Sq. 4
012 424-45-26
www.slowacki.krakow.pl
3. **Bagatela**
Karmelicka St. 6
012 422-66-77
www.bagatela.krakow.pl
4. **Ludowy Theatre**
"Duża" Stage
os. Teatralne 34
012 680-21-00

"Nurt" Stage and "Stolarnia" Stage,
os. Teatralne 23
012 680-21-12

"Pod Ratuszem" Stage,
Rynek Główny 1 (Main Square),
012 421-50-16
www.ludowy.pl
5. **"STU" Stage**
Kraśińskiego Ave. 16–18
012 422-27-44
www.scenastu.com.pl
6. **"Groteska" Theatre**
Skarbową St. 2
012 633-37-62
www.groteska.pl
7. **PWST (State School of Drama)**
Stanisław Wyspiański Stage
Straszewskiego St. 22

"Klasyczna" Stage,
Warszawska St. 5
8. **Moliere**
Szewska St. 4
012 292-64-00
www.moliere.art.pl
9. **EL-JOT**
Miodowa St. 15
012 430-66-06
www.teatr.eljot.art.pl
10. **"Teatr Zależny" Stage**
Kanonicza St. 1
012 628-24-88
www.pk.edu.pl/kultura
11. **38 Theatre**
Rynek Główny 8 (Main Square),
"Pod Jaszczurami" Club
012 429-45-38
www.instytutsztuki.pl
12. **Andrzej Bursa Stage and Youth Culture Centre**
os. Tysiąclecia 15
012 648-49-95
www.mdk.krakow.pl



CINEMAS

1. **ARS: Aneks, Kiniarnia, Kinoteatr Reduta, Salon, Sztuka**
św. Jana St. 6
012 421-41-99
www.ars.pl
2. **Kijów**
Kraśińskiego Ave. 34
012 422-30-93
www.kijow.pl
3. **Mikro**
Lea St. 5
012 634-28-97
www.kinomikro.pl
4. **Cinema City Plaza, Orange Imax Kraków**
Pokoju St. 44
012 290-90-90
5. **Multikino**
Dobrego Pasterza St. 128
012 617-63-99
www.multikino.pl
6. **Pod Baranami**
Rynek Główny 27 (Main Square)
012 423-07-68
www.kinopodbaranami.pl
7. **Paradox**
Krowoderska St. 8
012 430-00-25 ext. 51
www.cmjordan.krakow.pl
8. **Pasaż**
Rynek Główny 9 (Main Square)
012 422-77-13
9. **DKF Rotunda**
Oleandry St. 1
012 633-35-38
www.rotunda.pl
10. **Wrzos**
Zamoyskiego St. 50
012 656-10-50
www.dkpodgorze.krakow.pl



Shopping

While Kraków cannot be considered a shoppers paradise in the traditional sense of the word, its artsy reputation make it a great place to pick up antiques, artwork, jewellery. Areas of note include Kazimierz, as well as the streets of old town. For typical Kraków-style souvenirs head to the Cloth Hall in the centre of the main square: find all manner of glasswork, lace, amber, wood carvings, local sweets and stuffed dragons. For the generic western experience hit one of the shopping malls we list. Most shops operate from 11:00 – 19:00.

Food and all necessary items you will buy in one of the several hypermarkets:

- Alma, Pilotów St. 6
- Carrefour, Witosza St. 7
- C.H. Czyżyny, Medweckiego St. 2
- C. H. Krokus, Bora Komorowskiego St. 37
- C.H. M1, Pokoju Ave. 67
- C.H. Zakopianka, Zakopiańska St. 62
- Galeria Kazimierz, Podgórska St. 34
- Galeria Krakowska, Pawia St. 5
- Kraków Plaza, Pokoju Ave. 44
- Makro Cash And Carry, Jasnogórska St. 2
- Selgros Cash & Carry, Nowohucka St. 52
- Tesco, Kapelana St. 54 (24 h), Wielicka St. 259

Cuisine

The Polish cuisine is extremely varied. The best known is for sure sausage – *kiełbasa* (e.g. dried *krakowska*) and also *żur*, a kind of fermented soup served with potatoes, eggs or white sausage. Everybody know *pierogi ruskie* – dumplings filled with cottage cheese and potatoes. Krakow is the best place where you can taste that meal, because in August there is organised Dumplings Festival at the Main Square.



Very characteristic Krakow's delicacy is *pretzel*. It is a kind of bread formed in wreath. You can taste pretzels with salt, poppy-seed, sesame or wholemeal.

The abundance of eating-places means that their proprietors are always trying to outdo each other in creative decoration. It's possible to eat dinner in a restaurant styled like a mediaeval knights' dining hall, a wooden country inn, a Greek temple, a flower garden, or a carriage on the Orient Express. And there's no shortage of good restaurants serving French, Italian, Jewish, or Czech cuisine, not to mention Brazilian, Oriental or Mexican eateries. Most of all, however, you should try typically Polish dishes.

A list below presents some of the best restaurants by the Newsweek's report:

1. *Cherubino* (Italian and Polish food) – the best decor
 św. Tomasza St. 15
 non – smoking area – YES
 “Lunches for students from Monday to Friday”
 “Good place for dinner, date, coffee or business lunch.”
 Meals worth to try – caprese (ap. 16 zł); panna cotta (ap.10 zł).
2. *Chłopskie Jadło* (Polish food) – the best cuisine
 św. Agnieszki St. 1
 non – smoking area – NO
 “Great place for bigger parties and for foreigners to taste Polish food”
 Meals worth to try – biefucha – fermented soup with sausage; dumplings in many flavours; oscypek (mountain cheese) with cranberries.
3. *Cyrano de Bergerac* (French food) – the best premises, cuisine, decor, service
 Sławkowska St. 26
 non – smoking area – YES
 “Elegant and a little bit stiffly.”
 “Good place for business meetings.”
 “Try hors-d'oeuvre – they are sometimes better than main dishes.”
 Meals worth to try – foie gras; smoked fish, wines.
4. *Ipanema* (Brazilian food) – the best premises, service, decor
 św. Tomasza St. 28
 non – smoking area – NO
 “Only one place in Krakow where you can taste Brazilian cuisine.”
 “Very filling and big portions.”
 Meals worth to try – minced meat with black bean, poultry meat with green pepper, manioc, coco sorbet, fried ice creams, Brazilian drinks.
5. *Kuchnia i Wino* (Mediterranean food) – the best premises
 Józefa St. 13
 non – smoking area – NO
 “Very good food and familiar style, but unfortunately expensive.”
 “Vegetables, sea fruits, fish.”
 Meals worth to try – soups, courgette flowers filled with spinach and cottage cheese.
6. *Leonardo* (Italian food) – the best service
 Szpitalna St. 20/22
 non – smoking area – YES
 “Something between elegant restaurant and Italian trattoria.”
 “Ideal for business dinner and official meeting.”
 Meals worth to try – meat dishes, wine.

7. *Mangia* (French food) – the best cuisine
Pilotów St. 45
non – smoking area – YES
“ Restaurant away from the city centre.”
“ Two rooms – in basement cheaper European food, at the floor elegant restaurant.”
Meals worth to try – lettuce, sirloin, cognac sauce, wine.

8. *Orient Express* (European food) – the best premises, cuisine, decor, service
Stolarska St. 13
non – smoking area – NO
“ Good place for every occasion, especially for romantic dinner.”
“ Almost every dish is delicious and there are huge portions for good price.”
Meals worth to try – spaghetti with sea fruits, pork chop with egg, chicken in chanterelle sauce.

9. *Pod Różą* (continental food) – the best premises, cuisine, decor, service
Floriańska St. 14
non – smoking area – NO
“ One of the best restaurants in Krakow.”
“ Place arranged in white and green.”
Meals worth to try – delicious meats, green spaghetti with shrimps, sorbets.

Other good restaurants:

- *Ariel* (Jewish food) Szeroka St. 18
- *Balaton* (Hungarian food) Grodzka St. 37
- *Bombay Tandoori* (Indian food) Mikołajska St. 11
- *Chimara* (salad bar) św. Anny St. 3
- *Copernicus* (Polish food) Kanonicza St.16
- *El Paso* (Mexican food) Krzyża St. 13
- *Green Way* (wegetarian food) Mikołajska St. 14
- *Nostalgia* (Polish food) Karmelicka St. 10
- *Nove Namesti* (Czech food) Nowy Sq. 7
- *Sphinks* (Oriental food) Main Square 26
- *Taco Mexicano* (Mexican food) Main Square 19
- *U Stasi* (Polish food) Mikołajska St. 16
- *Vega* (vegetarian food) św. Gertrudy St. 7



Pubs and clubs

Krakow lives its own life by night. The Old city is famous for pubs, cafes or clubs hide in basements. It is one of the most quickly developing entertainment centres in Europe. Over 200 places around the Main Square can satisfy even the most sophisticated taste of the tourists. Equally important point at the city's entertainment map is Kazimierz area. Only there you will find such a climatic locals in Krakow. Unique architecture plus many places to have fun make Kazimierz just as attractive as The Old Town.

Pubs worth to visit by mentioned Newsweek Report:

1. *Baraka* – the best premises, decor, service
Warszauera St. and Nowy Sq. corner
non – smoking area – NO
“ Two bars.”
“ Climate is the best on Friday night or by day at coffee.”
“ Nice service, free atmosphere.”
2. *Bar Wódka* – the best premises, service
Mikołajska St. 5
non – smoking area – NO
“ Gay friendly local in art déco style.”
“ Music – free jazz.”
3. *Chill Out Club* – the best service
Warszauera St. 3
non – smoking area – NO
“ Relaxing music, lazy sounds.”
“ Great place for clubbing or ladies party.”
“ You can order a drink which you invented by yourself.”
4. *La Habana* – the best climate, decor
Miodowa St. 22
non – smoking area – NO
“ Place in Cuba style, where you can buy a Havana cigar.”
“ Great place for beer and talk.”
5. *Piękny Pies* – the best climate
św. Jana St. 18
non – smoking area – NO
“ It is a trendy place.”
“ You can meet there someone famous from the literary spheres.”

6. *Pauza* – the best premises, climate, service
Floriańska St. 18
non – smoking area – NO
“ Modern, minimalist.”
“ Place for coffee, party, meeting with friends.”
“ Specific atmosphere, a little bit snobbish.”
“ Local does not have signboard.”
“ Fridays and Saturdays – wild crowds.”

7. *Pod Strzechą* – the best decor, service
Pędzichów St. 3
non – smoking area – YES
“ Reggae music in medieval climate.”
“ Place ideal for one beer as well the party till morning.”
“ No tourists and accidental people.”

8. *Prosac* – the best premises, climate, decor
Dominikański Sq. 6
non – smoking area – NO
“ Three rooms, in each different music.”
“ Only one good place for clubbing in Poland.”
“ On weekday one can drop in for a drink.”

9. *Stalowe Magnolie* – the best premises, decor
św. Jana St. 15
non – smoking area – NO
“ A little snobby but nice place.”
“ Music for dance and for relaxing.”
“ The most expensive beer in Krakow.”

10. *Singer* – the best climate
Estery St. 20
non – smoking area – NO
“ Dark and romantic place.”
“ Old hits even from 40’s and 50’s.”
“ There are coming here tourists, lovers.”

Other recommended pubs and clubs:

- *Bastylią*, Stolarska St. 3
- *Carpe Diem*, Floriańska St. 33 - students’ club
- *Chill Out*, św. Jana St. – trendy place
- *Cień Klub*, św. Jana St. 15
- *Frantic Music*, Club Szewska St. 5 – good place for clubbing
- *Fusion Club*, Floriańska St. 15 – exclusive
- *Puls*, Miodowa St. 9 - clubbing
- *Roentgen*, Szczepański Sq. 3 – clubbing



Cafés

For those who don't like smoked pubs and loud music there is an opportunity to spend free time in many cafés around the city. You can drink there delicious coffee and eat lunch or cake.

Popular Krakow's Cafés by the Newsweek Report:

1. *Alchemia* – the best premises, climate, decor
Estery St. 5
non – smoking area – NO
“ In the past – place for boheme, now for everyone.”
“ The most popular place at Kazimierz area with incredible climate.”
“ Music – jazz, chillout.”
2. *Café Szafe* – the best premises, decor, service
Felicjanek St. 10
non – smoking area – NO
“ Place connected with environment of the Krakow's Academy of Arts.”
“ Once a two weeks different exhibition of art.”
“ Café Szafe is famous for apple pie.”
“ Discreet music – jazz, acid jazz, soundtracks.”
3. *Cafe Camelot* – the best premises, decor, service
św. Tomasza St. 17
non – smoking area – YES
“ For ones adores, for others treated like *tourist trap*.”
“ Menu – sandwiches, salads, cheesecake, apple pie with cream.”
“ In basements performances by Loch Camelot cabaret.”
4. *Dym* – the best service
św. Tomasza St. 13
non – smoking area – NO
“ Placed in Doubting Thomas Alley.”
“ You can meet here everyone - students, artists, actors from Stary Theatre, foreigners.”
“ The best seats are in the first room near doors and in the garden.”
“ Delicious cheesecake.”
5. *Les Couleurs* – the best premises, climate, decor
Estery St. 10
non – smoking area – NO
“ Paris in the centre of Kazimierz – cafe in French style.”
“ People come here for early coffee and evening beer.”
“ Popular place for artists, those who are connected with media.”
“ Meals worth to try – tarta with spinach, very French kir royal.”

6. *Nowa Prowincja* – the best climate, service
Bracka St. 3/5
non – smoking area – YES
“ Every day different menu, vegetarian meals, special ice dessert menu.”
“ Meetings with writers.”

7. *Wiśniowy Sad* – the best premises, decor, climate, service
Grodzka St. 33
non – smoking area – NO
“ Great place for meeting with friends or parents.”
“ When you are hungry taste fish soup.”

Also call on:

- *Botanica*, Bracka St. 9
- *Cudowne Lata*, Karmelicka St. 43a
- *Larousse*, św. Tomasza St. 22
- *Oliwka*, Szczepańska St. 7
- *Pożegnanie z Afryką*, św. Tomasza St. 21
- *Słodki Wentzl*, Main Square 19
- *Tajemniczy Ogród*, Bracka St. 3/5

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