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TOP 10 ACTIVITIES IN CRACOW

- 1 eat a zapiekanka in Kazimierz
- 2 relax in the Planty park
- 3 take a picture of the Wawel Dragon
- Le listen to St. Mary's Trumpet Call
- 5. try an obwarzanek
- 6. find a knife in the Cloth Hall
- 7. go to a klezmer music concert in Kazimierz
- 8. see a panorama of the city from a balloon
- 9. visit Polish kings at Wawel Castle
- 10. go on a cruise on the Vistula River



ABOUT CRACOW



806,200

Population:

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Size: **326,85 km²**



Time:
GMT +2 hours



Language:
Polish



Currency:
Polish złoty



Membership: EU, NATO

MUST SEE



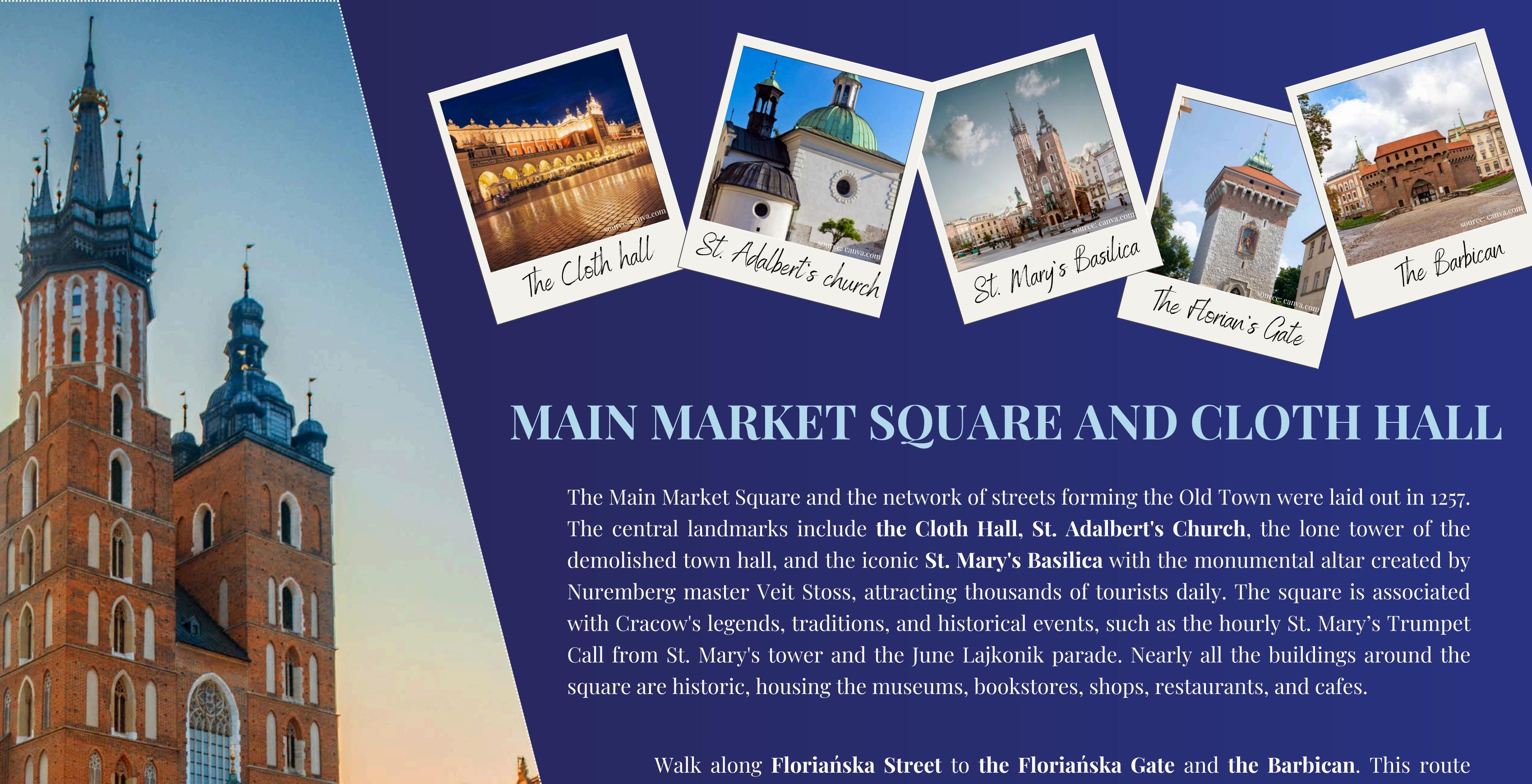
WAWEL ROYAL CASTLE

Wawel is a symbol of Polish history and culture, housing the Royal Castle and the Wawel Cathedral, where Polish kings were crowned. In the castle, you can visit the royal chambers, a collection of Eastern art and war trophies, and a unique collection of Flemish tapestries. The cathedral with royal tombs and the Sigismund Bell is also a must-see. Even if you don't have time to visit the interiors, it's worth strolling through the castle courtyard in the evening to admire the view of the Vistula River. By the riverbank, you'll find the Wawel Dragon sculpture and the entrance to the dragon's den.

In June, around the time of the midsummer night, you can participate in the traditional Wianki festival here, where you can experience Polish folklore more deeply.

Tour hours and ticket prices can be found here: <u>wawel.krakow.pl/en</u> *Address: ul. Wawel 5*





Walk along **Floriańska Street** to **the Floriańska Gate** and **the Barbican**. This route showcases Cracow's medieval walls, offering a real trip back in time. The Barbican is one of the few surviving structures of its kind in Europe and is well worth a visit to learn about the city's old defensive fortifications.

The St. Mary's Basilica can be visited:
monday-saturday 11.30 am-6 pm
sunday and holiday 2 pm-6 pm
For more information can be found here: mariacki.com
Address: ul. Rynek Główny 4





PODGÓRZE

Podgórze, once a part of Kazimierz and now a picturesque district of Cracow, can be reached from Kazimierz via the Bernatek Footbridge over the Vistula River. From the bridge, the most distinctive Podgórze tenement, known as the "Aleksandrowicz" or "Parisian" building from the early 20th century, dominates the right side. On the left, the modern structure of the Cricoteka headquarters incorporates the building of the former Podgórze power plant (1900), the oldest such facility in present-day Cracow. The main attractions of Podgórze include St. Joseph's Church in the Podgórski Square, the historic Bednarski Park, and the Krakus Mound with panoramic views of the city. Important historical sites include the former Liban Quarry, the Ghetto Heroes Square with the Eagle Pharmacy Muscum, and the former Schindler's Factory, now a branch of the Historical Museum of the City of Cracow.







NOWAHUTA

Nowa Huta was meant to be Poland's showcase to the world, built in the socialist realist style. Its trails span ancient and modern history, protected natural areas (such as the Nowa Huta Meadows near Central Square), and massive industrial sites. Nowa Huta was built on the land of over 30 preexisting villages, preserving much of their cultural heritage, including manor houses, rural buildings, religious sites, and cemeteries. Notable sites include the 17th-century Calvinist church in Łuczanowice, the Branicki Manor (17th century) with a Renaissance granary, and the 19th-century Badenich Manor in Branic, now a branch of Cracow's Archaeological Museum. Returning from Branic to the center of Nowa Huta, you can visit the prehistoric Wanda Mound (7th or 8th century) with its stunning view of the steelworks, and the nearby 13th-century Cistercian Abbey, the most valuable monument in Nowa Huta. The most notable example of socialist realist architecture is the administrative center of the steelworks, known as the "Doge's Palace." Central Square showcases the architectural history of the past 50 years, featuring socialist realist buildings like the former "Światowid" cinema, now the Museum of People's Republic of Poland.





with great landscape value. There you will also find the ZOO, Piłsudski Mound, and nearby, the Renaissance Decius Villa with a beautiful, intimate park.

Kościuszko Mound is one of the city's most significant landmarks. Constructed in 1823 in honor of the national hero Tadeusz Kościuszko, the mound stands 34 meters high and offers stunning panoramic views of the city and its surroundings. It is a popular tourist attraction, symbolizing Polish patriotism and history. Visitors can also explore the adjacent museum dedicated to Kościuszko's life and achievements.

Address: al. Waszyngtona 1

One of the most popular relaxation spots is Zakrzówek. Zakrzówek is a picturesque limestone quarry filled with water. It's an ideal spot for relaxation after conference sessions, offering beautiful views and the opportunity to swim in crystal-clear water. It's also a great place for diving enthusiasts.

Address: ul. Twardowskiego



INTERESTING PLACES NEAR CRACOW

Don't forget the popular destinations outside of Cracow, about picturesque Jurassic valleys, Ojców and Pieskowa Skała, or to UNESCO World Heritage sites: the Auschwitz Museum and the Wieliczka and Bochnia Salt Mines. The latter require almost full-day trips. Only 100 km separate the city from the Tatra Mountains and Zakopane, known as the winter capital of Poland, from the more intimate, charming Pieniny Mountains, the well-known resorts of Szczawnica and Krynica, and from the uncrowded mountain trails of the Beskids. The national parks – Tatra, Pieniny, Gorce and Babia Góra – are the most valuable natural and scenic areas located in Lesser Poland.

IF YOU WANT TO VISIT THE WIELICZKA SALT MINE...

The Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is one of Poland's top tourist attractions. During your visit, you can see underground chapels, saline lakes, and incredible sculptures carved out of salt.

You can get to the Wieliczka Salt Mine by bus line 304 or by train SKA1. The ride takes approximately 30 minutes

You can book tickets here: <u>wieliczka-saltmine.com</u> *Address: ul. Daniłowicza 10, Wieliczka*



ART AND ART GALLERIES

Cracow is a city of art, with a rich history and vibrant cultural scene. The city offers numerous art galleries and museums, including the National Museum and MOCAK – Museum of Contemporary Art. In the center, you can visit many art galleries, and by heading to Kazimierz or Podgórze, experience Krakow's street art. The historic Old Town is full of magnificent architecture and sculptures, reflecting its artistic heritage. Additionally, Cracow hosts various art festivals and events throughout the year, attracting artists and art lovers from around the world.











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List of art galleries in Cracow

AB Gallery: ul. Rynek Główny 1/3

BB Gallery: ul. Grabarska 24

Cultural Center 'Dworek Białoprądnicki': ul. Papiernicza 2

Judaica Foundation - Center For Jewish Culture: *ul. Meiselsa* 17

Foto-Medium- Art: *ul. Karmelicka 28/12*

Attis Gallery: *ul. Starowiślna 14*Huta Sztuki Gallery: *os. Górali 5*

QQ Gallery: ul. Mehoffera 2

Tadeusz Kantor Gallery-workshop: *ul. Sienna* 7/5

Gutkowski tenement house in Cracow: ul. Sienna 7

International Cultural Center Gallery: ul. Rynek Główny 25

Naurilus: ul. Rajska 20

Pauza Gallery: *ul. Stolarska 5/3*

Poster Gallery: ul. Stolarska 8

Connaisseur Art Salon: *ul. Rynek Główny* 7

Space Gallery: ul. św. Marka 7

Starmach Gallery: ul. Węgierska 5

Szalom Gallery: ul. Józefa 16

MUSEUMS LIST

- 1. The Gallery of 19th-century Polish art in the Sukiennice ul. Rynek Główny 3
- 2. MNK The Wyspiański *Plac Generała Sikorskiego 6*
- 3. Jan Matejko Manor in Krzesławice *ul. Wańkowicza 25*
- 4. The Jan Matejko House *ul. Floriańska 41*
- 5. Galicia Jewish Museum *ul. Dajwór 18*
- 6. Jagiellonian University Museum Collegium Maius *ul. Jagiellońska 15*
- 7. MICET Interactive Museum *ul. Jagiellońska* 1
- 8. Museum of Contemporary Art in Cracow MOCAK ul. Lipowa 4
- 9. The Manggha Museum *ul. Konopnickiej 26*
- 10. Rydlówka *ul. Tetmajera 28*
- 11. The Wawel Royal Cathedral of St Stanislaus B. M. and St Wenceslaus M. *ul. Zamek Wawel 3*
- 12. Museum of Photography in Cracow *ul. Królowej Jadwigi 220*
- 13. Rynek Undergroundy ul. Rynek Główny 1
- 14. Emeryk Hutten-Czapski Museum *ul. Marszałka Piłsudskiego* 12
- 15. Pomorska Street ul. Pomorska 2
- 16. Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factorya *ul. Lipowa 4*
- 17. Nowa Huta Museum Osiedle Centrum E 1
- 18. Celestat *ul. Lubicz 16*
- 19. Nature Education Centre *ul. Gronostajowa 5*
- 20. The Geological Museum of IGS PAS ul. Senacka 1
- 21. City Defence Walls *ul. Pijarska*
- 22. Museum of Pharmacy *ul. Floriańska 25/3*
- 23. The Ethnographic Museum in Cracow *Plac Wolnica* 1
- 24. Museum of the Armed Act Osiedle Górali 23
- 25. Home Army Museum *ul. Wita Stwosza 12*
- 26. Archdiocesan Museum *ul. Kanonicza 19–21*
- 27. MNK The Mehoffera ul. Krupnicza 26
- 28. Archaeological Museum in Cracow ul. Senacka 3
- 29. MNK The Szołayski *Plac Szczepański 9*
- 30. Cracow Glass Factory *ul. Lipowa 3*



- 31, Geological Museum AGH *Aleja Mickiewicza 30*
- 32. MNK The Main Building Aleja 3 Maja 1
- 33. Thesaurus Cracoviensis *ul. Księcia Józefa 33*7
- 34. Podgórze Museum *ul. Powstańców Wielkopolskich* 1
- 35. The KL Płaszów Museum *ul. Lipowa 4*
- 36. Cricoteka the Tadeusz Kantor Museum and a modern cultural institution
- ul. Nadwiślańska 2-4
- 37. Eagle Pharmacy Plac Bohaterów Getta 18
- 38. Barbican *ul. Basztowa*
- 39. Zwierzyniec House *ul. Królowej Jadwigi 41*
- 40. Hipolit House *Plac Mariacki 3*
- 41. Museum of the AGH University of Science and Technology *Aleja Mickiewicza 30*
- 42. Amber Museum *ul. Świętego Jana 2*
- 43. The Museum of Engineering and Technology ul. Świętego Wawrzyńca 15
- 44. Polish Aviation Museum *Aleja Jana Pawła II 39*
- 45. The Benedictine Abbey in Tyniec *ul. Benedyktyńska 37*
- 46. Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals *ul. Świętego Sebastiana 9*
- 47. MNK The Ciołek *ul. Kanonicza 1*7
- 48. Krzysztofory Palace *ul. Rynek Główny 35*
- 49. Workshop and Stained Glass Museum al. Zygmunta Krasińskiego 23
- 50. The Old Synagogue *ul. Szeroka 24*
- 51. Town Hall Tower *ul. Rynek Główny 1*
- 52. Wawel Royal Castle *ul. Wawel 5*



WHERE AND WHAT TO EAT

Cracow has always been a multicultural city, which can also be seen in Cracow's gastronomy. Here you can find cuisines from all over the world. Here are some addresses we recommend you visit:

Restaurants

Polish cuisine:

Wierzynek: ul. Rynek Główny 16
Szara Gęś: ul. Rynek Główny 17
Pod Aniołami: ul. Grodzka 35
Szalone Widelce: ul. Szpitalna 40
Morskie Oko: plac Szczepański 8
Pierwszy stopień: ul. Krakowska 17

International cuisine:

Farina: ul. św. Marka 16
Nolio: ul. Krakowska 27
Karakter: ul. Brzozowa 17

Restauracja Fala: ul. Marii Konopnickiej 29

ORZO: ul. Lipowa 4a

Asian cuisine:

Luktung: ul. Rynek Podgórski 11/LU1 Woosabi: ul. św. Wawrzyńca 19 Wschód Bar: ul. Zduńską 18

Vege:

Restauracja Veganic: ul. Karmelicka 34

Mazaya: ul. Krupnicza 22

Ka Vegan Udon&Sushi: ul. Rakowicka 14A

Hamsa: ul. Szeroka 2

Street food:

Kiełbaski z Niebieskiej Nyski: ul. Grzegórzecka 4

Judah Food Market: ul. św. Wawrzyńca 16

Bezogródek Tropical Spot: al. Marszałka Ferdynanda Focha 41

Cafes and Bars

Cafe Camelot: ul. św. Tomasza 17 Nowa Prowincja: ul. Bracka 3-5

Dzikie Wino Wine Bar: ul. Rynek Główny 27

Hedwigs Club: ul. Stradomska 12/14

BARaWINO: ul. Mostowa 1 Szklanki: ul. Jakuba 19 Alchemia: ul. Estery 5 Hevre: ul. Beera Meiselsa 18

Krako Slow Wines: ul. Lipowa 6F

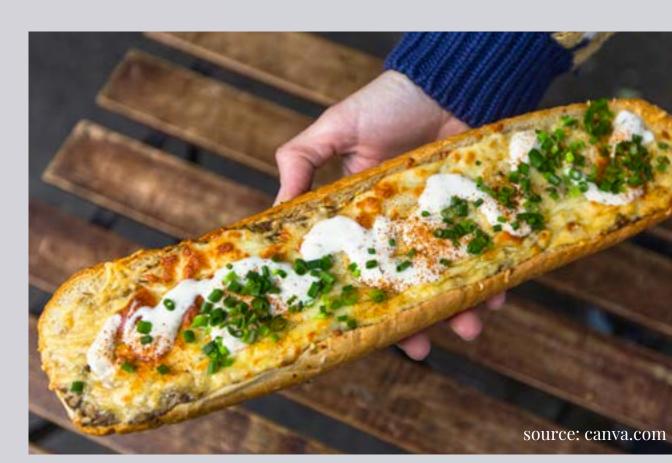
Top 3 traditional Cracovian foods



Obwarzanek



Duck



Zapiekanka

Cracow's festivals have built themselves a worldwide brand in recent years. Misteria Paschalia and Opera Rara, the Polish Music Festival and Sacrum Profanum, the Summer Jazz Festival and Unsound – a musical journey from the Baroque to the 21st century.

Krakow is also a UNESCO City of Literature, and has the country's largest Book Fair, as well as literary festivals - the Czeslaw Milosz and Joseph Conrad festivals; here the best Polish theaters compete in the Divine Comedy Festival, and finally, here the ArtBoom Festival boldly introduces the latest art into the historic fabric of the historic center.

Cinema lovers visit Krakow every year for the Off Camera Festival, the Cracow Film Festival or the Film Music Festival.

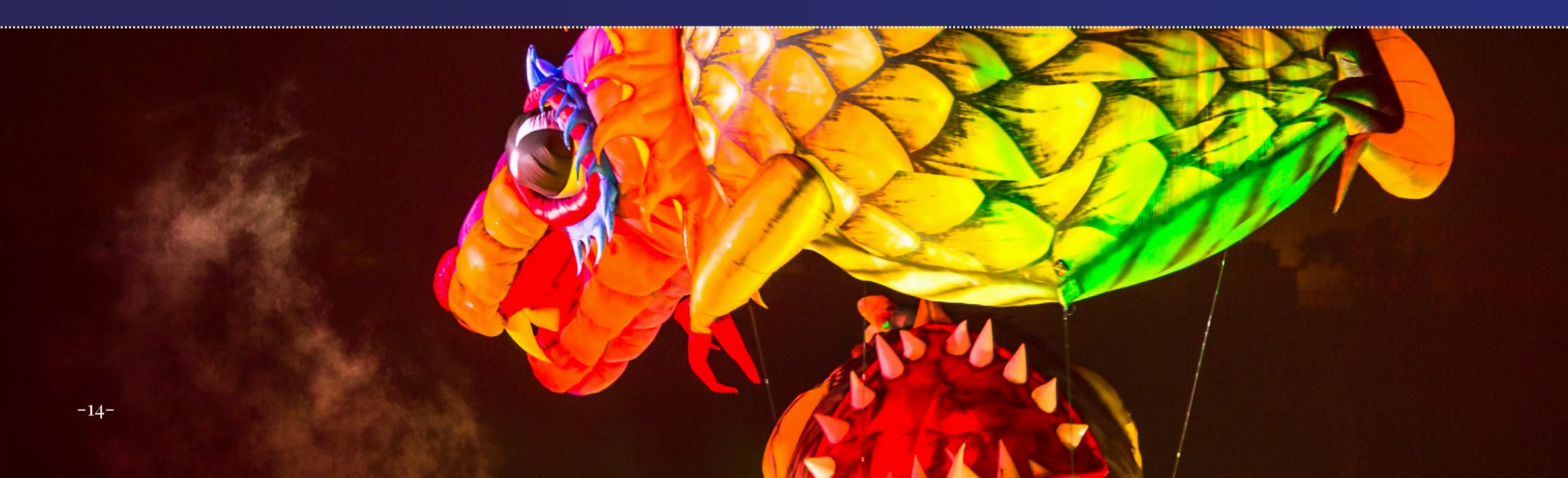
The Festival of Jewish Culture, which is part of the traditions of Kazimierz and multicultural Galicia, or the many festivals referring to local culture, including the Cortege of the Three Wise Men, the Natovity Scene Festival, the traditional Rękawka festival or the pierogies festival, guarantee that no matter what time of year it is, there is always something happening in Cracow.

CRACOW FESTIVALS

June's festivals:

- <u>25th Kraków Opera Summer Festival</u> 5/10/24 7/13/24
- The International Print Triennial 2024, 5/24/24, 6:00 PM 7/21/24
- <u>64th Krakow Film Festival</u> 5/26/24 6/2/24
- 3<u>oth Young and Old, or Jazz in Kraków International Festiva</u>l 5/27/24 6/29/24
- 32nd International Festival Summer Organ Concerts 2024 6/2/24, 6:30 PM
- <u>Lajkonik Parade 2024</u> 6/6/24, 1:00 PM-9:15 PM
- <u>23nd Great Dragon Parade</u> 6/8/24 6/9/24
- Wianki in Krakow 2024 6/22/24 6/23/24
- 33rd Jewish Culture Festival 6/23/24 6/30/24
- Krakow Photomonth 2024 6/27/24 7/27/24
- 29th Summer Jazz Festival Kraków 6/29/24 9/1/24

For more information on Krakow events, visit karnet.krakowculture.pl/en





TOURIST INFORMATION

The tourist information center is worth a look. There you can find a lot of useful advice on visiting Cracow and free maps of the city You can find them at these addresses:

ul. Powiśle 11, Cloth Hall, Rynek Główny 1/3, ul. św. Jana 2, ul. Szpitalna 25, Wyspianski Pavilion, pl. Wszystkich Świętych 2, ul. Józefa 7, International Airport in Balice ul. Kpt. M. Medweckiego 1.

Emergency numbers

Emergency (general) number: 112

Municipal police: 986 Ambulance service: 999 Fire department: 998

Police: 997

Medical information: +48 12 661 22 40



Pharmacies:

Pod Złotym Lwem Pharmacy: ul. Rynek *Główny 39,* opening hours: 8:00 - 20:00. St. Stanisław Pharmacy: ul. Stradomska 11, opening hours: 8:00 - 22:00.

Healthcare Facilities:

University Hospital: ul. Kopernika 36

SIM Cards and Mobile Services:



Banks and ATMs:

PKO BP Bank: ul. Rynek Główny 31, opening hours: 9:00 **- 17:00.** Millennium Bank: ul.

Karmelicka 1, opening hours: 9:00 - 17:00.



Currency Exchange:

Play: ul. Floriańska 55, tel: +48 790 500 500.

Orange: ul. Grodzka 42, tel: +48 12 421 3111.

Kantor Grosz: Szewska 9, current rates available at www.kantorgrosz.pl.



TRADITIONAL SOUVENIRS

Food products:

Obwarzanek krakowski (Cracow bagel)

Chleb prądnicki (Prądnik bread)

Kiełbasa krakowska (Cracow sausage)

Wawel sweets

Local wines from the Silver Mountain vineyard

Symbols of Cracow:

Smok wawelski (Wawel Dragon)

Szopka krakowska (Cracow nativity)

Czerwone korale (red bead necklace)

Coin with symbols of the Royal City of Cracow

Cracow magnet

Worth bringing from Poland:

Amber jewelry **Boleslawiec pottery**

Worth visiting websites:

www.krakow.travel

www.krakow.pl

www.infokrakow.pl



POLISH-ENGLISH PHRASEBOOK



good morning/afternoon

good evening

hello

thank you

please

excuse me/sorry

yes

no

congrats

cheers

bon appetit

how are you?

fine

Cracow



dzień dobry dobry wieczór

cześć

dziękuję

proszę

przepraszam

tak

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gratulacje

na zdrowie

smacznego

jak się masz?

dobrze

Kraków

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