Kraków



The perfect city break
KRAKÓW



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The magical Main Square with its numerous outdoor cafés, the charming alleys of Kazimierz, the Wawel Royal Castle, and the Vistula Boulevards – all of these attract visitors to Krakow and ensure an unforgettable stay.

Krakow has something for everyone: lovers of culture, art, gastronomy and entertainment. But how can you find your way around? Which attractions should you choose when in Krakow? What's worth seeing? What should you try? What should you consider if you are only here for the weekend? We have prepared a short guide that can be adapted to your needs!

Scan the code to find out more about Krakow's attractions

How to get to Krakow?

By plane

Krakow Airport has an extensive network of flight connections, and the list of destinations is expanding every year to include new cities. You can get to the city centre by train, bus and taxi.

By train

The Kraków Główny (Krakow Central) railway station services both domestic and international rail traffic. Located in the city centre and connected to the public transport network, you can easily change for a tram, or simply take a short walk to the Main Square. Taxis are also available from the upper level of the station car park.

By bus

The MDA Bus Station is located in close vicinity to the railway station. Public transport stops and taxis are located nearby.

By car

If you decide to travel by car, be aware of the paid parking zone, which is in effect from Monday to Saturday between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. You can pay at the parking meters or on the app. Parking on Sunday is free of charge.

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How to get around?

Trams and buses operate a day and night service in Krakow. Timed or single-use tickets can be purchased at the numerous machines located at bus and tram stops, as well as onboard or via popular apps.

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Where to stay?

Krakow offers a wide range of accommodation options to suit every taste and budget. Choose from comfortable hotels, cosy hostels, intimate guesthouses, or private apartments conveniently located across the city.

Check if your selected apartment, hostel or guest room operates legally



What should you know before arriving?

If you are visiting on your own, check out the walking routes recommended in our **“3 Days in Krakow”** guidebook. Discover interesting things about the city, its tourist and cultural attractions, and events at InfoKraków points, where you will also receive free promotional and information material.

Scan the code to download the free “3 Days in Krakow” guidebook

Explore Krakow with children!



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What to eat?



Obwarzanek Krakowski – the pride and culinary symbol of Krakow. Sprinkled with poppy seeds, salt or sesame, this is Krakow’s most distinctive pastry, and it has a Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status. Booths selling *obwarzanki* can be found in the Main Square, but also in underground passageways or at railway stations.

Prądnik Bread – a traditional product dating back over 500 years, this fragrant and round bread stays fresh for up to two weeks. It is a maturing bread, reaching its full flavour the day after it is removed from the oven. Similarly to the *obwarzanek*, it is a protected product.

Kiełbasa piaszczańska (Piaszczanska sausage) – originating from an old village near Krakow (now a district of Krakow) called Piaski Wielkie, you can recognise it by the aftertaste of the herbal broth and rock salt marinade, and the smell of natural smoking. It is also a protected product.

Maczanka po krakowsku – the perfect alternative for anyone looking for a break from burgers but still fancying a substantial meal. *Maczanka* is a type of sandwich that was apparently the favourite snack of Krakow horse-drawn cab drivers. This simple and quick meal usually consists of pork neck, vegetables, aromatic sauce and a roll. You’ll find the best *maczankas* in Kazimierz.

Scan the code to find out more about Krakow’s culinary traditions

Where to eat?

Krakow is a true paradise for food enthusiasts, offering traditional Krakow dishes, classic Polish specialities, and a wide variety of flavours from around the world. The city's culinary map includes elegant restaurants, charming milk bars, and modern street food serving cuisines from all over the globe.

Every year, Krakow's cuisine is recognised by experts, highlighting it as a place where tradition meets modernity and culinary diversity.



Scan the code to browse a list of Krakow's restaurants in the famous guide

Locals recommend:

- Face the Wawel Dragon and see it breathe fire (at Wawel Hill, next to the entrance to the dragon's den).
- Visit Piotr Skrzynecki, the creator of the legendary "Piwnica pod Baranami" cabaret, at the Main Square and sit next to him for a while (Main Square 29).
- Walk from Kazimierz to Podgórze via the Bernatek Footbridge – and see how many lovers visit Krakow (entrance from Mostowa Street).
- Discover Krakow from above, from the Kościuszko Mound (at al. Waszyngtona 1) or Piłsudski Mound (entrance from Zakamycze Street). Those who make it to the top are in for a unique photo opportunity.
- Harry Potter fans should check out the courtyard of the Collegium Maius, the oldest building of the Jagiellonian University.
  Time stopped here several centuries ago, and it is not without reason that this unusual place is sometimes referred to as "the Hogwarts of Krakow".

Day one
FRIDAY



2.5 hrs.

Evening walking tour

Once you've arrived in Krakow and settled in, you can take an evening stroll through **Krakow's Old Town**. The layout of the city largely determines Krakow's atmosphere. The strict centre is considered to be the area enclosed by **Planty** – a greenbelt and at the same time a city park – extending from **the Barbican** in both directions up to the Wawel Hill. From the Barbican, you can also walk to **St. Florian's Gate** and, after passing through it, head towards the **Main Square** along Floriańska Street. Here it is bustling with life around the clock, with street artists and numerous shops. The street will lead you in front of **St. Mary's Basilica**, where the bugle call is played at every full hour. Next, take a walk around the Market Square and visit **the Cloth Hall**, which, sometimes referred to as the oldest department store in Poland, offers a variety of souvenirs all day long. Round off the evening with dinner in one of the many restaurants, with outdoor patios for you to enjoy a delicious meal under the Krakow sky.





3 hrs.

Day two

SATURDAY

Sightseeing tour of Wawel

After a 'royal' breakfast (after all, you're in Krakow) why not take a tour of the Wawel Royal Castle, a symbol of the royal city. The **Wawel Hill** is usually reached via the short and narrow Kanonicza Street, which is one of the most important, oldest and most beautiful streets in the city, with an appearance unchanged for centuries.

The castle interiors showcase **the State Rooms**, a collection of eastern art and war trophies, and a unique collection of Flemish tapestries. In spring, summer and autumn, you can admire the unique Wawel gardens. Make sure to also visit **Wawel Cathedral** with its royal tombs - witnesses of Polish history. At the top of the cathedral tower is the Royal Sigismund Bell, which rings only on the occasion of the most important events for the country and the city.

At Wawel Castle, the arcaded courtyard displaying rare beauty is a must-see, and from there you can also take a glimpse of the Vistula River, as well as the modern ICE Krakow Congress Centre and the Manggha Museum of Japanese Art and Technology across the river.

After descending to the boulevards, you will come across the statue of the **Wawel Dragon** and the entrance to the **Dragon's Den** – a favourite destination for family walks. Watch the dragon breathe real fire! From the dragon sculpture, you can continue by following the dragon trail.

Scan the code to follow the dragon sculptures

2.5 hrs.

Kazimierz

For many years, maps of the centre of Krakow have shown not only the area enclosed by the ring of the Planty park, but also **Kazimierz** – formerly a separate city, now a nearby district you will stumble into after you descend from the Wawel Hill.

The key to understanding the popularity of Kazimierz today is its remarkable, long-standing tolerance: two nations and two great religions have existed here for centuries. It is here that the churches of **St. Catherine and Corpus Christi** stand right next to the synagogues, while the procession on the day of St Stanislaus leads to the **Skałka monastery of the Pauline Fathers**.
From every corner of Kazimierz, Krakow's history – the history of Polish Jews – speaks to you. It can be felt in the layout of the narrow streets and market squares, in the small tenement houses, synagogues and Jewish cemeteries.

Cafés, clubs and galleries bring together all those for whom the Main Square and its surroundings have become too "touristic." To experience the area, take a stroll around Wolnica Square, Józefa Street and visit **Szeroka Street**, where the final concert of the Jewish Culture Festival takes place every year. Kazimierz is also a place particularly appreciated by lovers of antiques and vintage items.

Krakow's Kazimierz found its way onto the cinema screen thanks to Steven Spielberg, who chose it for filming the Oscar-winning film "Schindler's List".



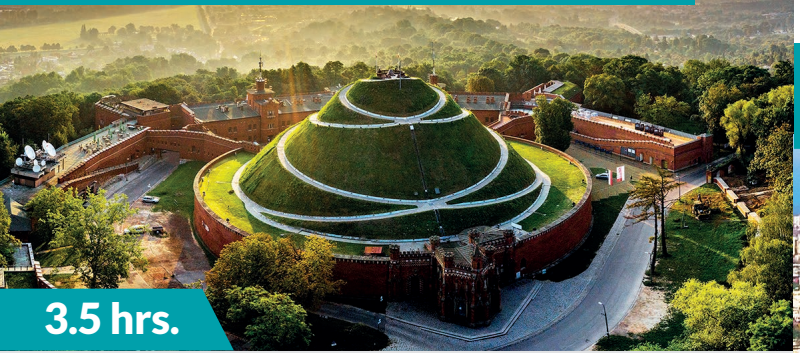
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Father Bernatek Footbridge – Podgórze

From Kazimierz you can continue to Podgórze! This is best done on foot or by bicycle, following the opening of the **Fr. Laetus Bernatek Footbridge** in 2010 in the place of the former Podgórski Bridge. The impressive pedestrian and bicycle bridge has become a symbol of the increasingly close ties between the districts on both sides of the Vistula, as well as the best way to get to the heart of the Podgórze district. The view from the footbridge is dominated to the right by the most distinctive of Podgórze tenement houses, known as the 'Alexandrowicz' or 'Parisian' building (1906). On the left, the building of the former Podgórze power station (1900), the oldest such building in the area of present-day Krakow, has been integrated into the modern shape of the new Cricoteka, i.e. the Centre for the Documentation of the Art of Tadeusz Kantor. If you want to get to know and understand Podgórze better, visit the newly opened Podgórze Museum, the newest branch of the Krakow Museum.

Day three

SUNDAY



3.5 hrs.

Closer to nature – the Błonia Park, Jordan Park and Kościuszko Mound

A few hundred metres away from the Main Square there is a huge flat meadow – the **Błonia** park. Serving as a recreational area or event space, it can accommodate up to 2.5 million people, which is how many people gathered there during one of the papal masses that John Paul II celebrated there during his pilgrimages to Poland.

Jordan Park, where you will find many attractions for children, is nearby, and from the Błonia park there is a good view of the **Kościuszko Mound**. You can get there by bus, visit the museum under the Mound, as well as climb to the top and admire the beautiful panorama of Krakow.

If you have the time, check out our off-the-beaten-path trails



The Crown of Krakow's Peaks

Wolski Forest, Known and Lesser Known

Bike Through Podgórze

or

Nowa Huta – a District with Character

How about a nostalgic trip to Nowa Huta, today the largest district of Krakow? Established on the site of more than 30 previously existing villages, Nowa Huta was supposed to be Poland's showcase in the world: its clear urban design and architecture in socialist realist style were based on the models of domestic Renaissance and Baroque architecture, but also on the American concept of a so-called 'neighbourhood unit'. Nowa Huta's trails are stretched between ancient and modern history, areas of protected nature (**the Nowa Huta Meadows** by the Central Square itself) and powerful industry. The most interesting and complete realisation of socialist realist architecture is the administrative centre of the combine – also known as the **'Doge's Palace'** of Nowa Huta. The **Central Square**, on the other hand, is part of the architectural history of the last 70 years. Here, and in its immediate vicinity, examples of socialist realist architecture stand out, such as the building of the former **"Światowid"** cinema – **today the home of the Museum of the People's Republic of Poland**. A large statue of Lenin was erected in the representative Avenue of the Roses in 1973, and was demolished in 1989.

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One weekend is not enough to fully experience Krakow and its attractions.
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And you will definitely want to come back.

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