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Upcoming **events** in Krakow



Hala Targowa Flea Market

From *Jul 9th 2017* until *Jan 19th 2038* , on *6:00*



Landscape after the Holocaust

From *Jun 29th 2017* until *Sep 24th 2017* , on *18:00*



Poland - Israel

From *Jun 29th 2017* until *Sep 24th 2017* , on *18:00*



Outdoor Exhibits From The MOC AK Collection

From *Jun 29th 2017* until *Sep 24th 2020* , on *18:00*



On a Common Path. Kraków and Budapest in the Middle Ages

From *Jun 5th 2017* until *Aug 20th 2017* , on

Rynek Główny 35



The Artist and the Trace: Materials from the MOC AK Collection Artists' Archive

From *Apr 27th 2017* until *Sep 17th 2017* , on



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Best rated **restaurants** in Krakow



Edo Fusion Asian Cuisine

ul. Miodowa 8



Eataway

at homes right across the city



Il Calzone

ul. Starowiślna 15 A



Dynia Resto Bar

ul. Krupnicza 20



Morskie Oko
 📍 pl. Szczepanski 8



Cupcake Corner
 📍 Michalowskiego 14



Grande Grill
 📍 Rynek Glowny 16



Cafe Oranzeria-Percheron Rest.
 📍 Plac Kossaka 1

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Most popular **pubs & clubs** in Krakow



Massolit
 📍 ul. Felicjanek 4



Chata Kryspinow
 📍 Kryspinow Beach



Kijow Klub
 📍 al. Krasinskiego 34



English Football Club
 📍 ul. Mikołajska 5



Pauza In Garden
 📍 ul. Rajska 12 (wejście od ulicy Szujskiego)



Krakow Pub Crawl
 📍 Old Town



Filmowa Cafe
 📍 al. Krasinskiego 34



Carmel Club
 📍 ul. Mikołajska 14

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Best **hotels** in Krakow



Krakow Hotels
 📍 Old Town



Opera Apartment
 📍 ul. Pijarska 19



Hotel Copernicus
 📍 ul. Kanonicza 16



Classic Apartment
 📍 ul. Pijarska 19



Hotel Maltanski
 📍 ul. Straszewskiego 14



Hotel Kossak
 📍 Pl. Kossaka 1



Mariacki Apartment
 📍 ul. Pijarska 21



Hotel Wentzl
 📍 Rynek Glowny 19

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Essential **services** in Krakow



Krakow Shuttle Bus
 📍 Airport & Old Town



Main Bus Station
 📍 ul. Bosacka 18



Cruising Krakow
 📍 ul. Basztowa 17



Krakow Property
 📍 Old Town



Krakow Weddings

📍 Krakow



Krakow Car Rental

📍 City Centre



Cracow School of Art and Fashion Design

📍 ul. Zamoyskiego 52



Boogie Airport Transfer

📍 Old Town

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Need some **culture**?



Art Decorum

📍 www.art-decorum.pl



Opera

📍 ul. Lubicz 48



The Stained Glass Museum

📍 Al. Krasynskiego 23



NOVA

📍 ul. Batorego 2



Cloth Hall Gallery

📍 Rynek Glowny 1/3



Capella Cracoviensis

📍 ul. Zwierzyniecka 1



Agrafka Cinema

📍 ul. Krowoderska 8



Jewish Community Center

📍 ul. Miodowa 24

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Travel tips

Here are a few things to remember during your time in Cracow:

Avoid changing your [money](#) at the Bureaux de Change in the [town centre](#) unless you want to hand a complete stranger an early [Christmas](#) present - the rates can be awful.

Don't hail your [taxi](#)s from the rank - ask someone to phone for one - it's generally 30 percent cheaper.

Coin-operated phone boxes are almost non-existent. You'll need to buy a telephone card (karta telefoniczna) from a post office or roadside kiosk.

Take care when buying antiques. It's illegal to export certain items, particularly old paintings, produced before 1945.

Don't expect first class service in Cracow's restaurants and bars - the city still has a long way to go in that respect! Things have improved a lot however in the last few years, and with an ever-increasing amount of tourists in the city tipping is also becoming customary. Ten percent on any meal should mean you're welcomed back next time!

One of the ancient Chakra energy stones is believed to be buried in [Wawel Castle](#).

It's all nonsense, according to the guides, but thousands still come for the vibe.

If you're planning a trip to Cracow be sure to book your [accommodation](#) in advance, particularly in the high season. The best [hotels](#) fill out quickly, with [apartments](#) a better bet for last minute breaks. Backpackers meanwhile should check out our page on [Cracow hostels](#).

When it comes to [partying](#), Cracovians start early and finish late. Whereas you'll find it hard to get a seat if you arrive at a nightspot after ten, the clubs only really start to get going when Cinderella's on her way home... and carry on until 4 a.m. or even later. If you want to go the distance make sure you pace yourself! [Cracow](#) has more drinking holes per square metre than anywhere else in the world.

Hurrah!

Bring warm clothes and a hat. The weather in Poland can be surprisingly pleasant, but equally it can have a bitter cold edge even in late spring. You may just end up blessing that ridiculous old balaclava.

Poles are passionate about their [food](#). Throw away your preconceptions about miserable Eastern Bloc stews, and be prepared for a great surprise.

Poland has adopted its own uniquely confusing symbols for differentiating public toilets for men and women.

Remember, too, that you may well have to pay. Oh, and by the way, the circle is for women, the triangle for men!

Above: A pocket-full of coins won't get you very far with these things

Below: A rainy day in [Kazimierz](#)



Getting around



Above: Choose between getting in one, or constantly having to avoid the little menaces... Left: Faster driver, faster! Below: There's only one winner in a Tram vs. Car head to head



By taxi

The big trick of taking [taxis](#) in Cracow is to avoid taking one from a rank on the street. You will pay 30 percent less if you order one by phone. This leads to the bizarre sight of people with mobiles ringing whilst standing next to the taxi they wish to take. A minute later, following clearance from ground control, and the punters are on their way! If you are looking for a reliable taxi service, either to the airport [airport](#) or elsewhere in town then you can use Cracow-life.com's [online taxi](#) booking to reserve your ride. Alternatively call 9191 when you arrive and tell the operator that [Cracow Life](#) sent you! Please note that taxis cannot be hailed from the street whilst they are moving.



You will be ignored!

By car

You can [hire a car](#) to get around, but if you plan to spend most of your time in the city, think carefully. Apart from the difficulty of driving on the right, there are trams to contend with, a boggling one-way system, and signs that even native Poles struggle to comprehend. Parking is severely restricted in the [Old Town](#), and three different enforcement agencies (Parking, Municipal and National Police) to contend with. The alternative, public transport, is a far better bet.

By public transport

What most cities dream of - safe, efficient and cheap transportation, through a network of trams and buses. Buy your tickets (2.50PLN for adults, 1.25PLN concession) from any of the little kiosks that are dotted around the town. All journeys cost the same, irrespective of distance. Jump aboard the bus or tram and punch your little ticket in one of the little orange boxes. Keep the stamped stub for the not infrequent checks by plain-clothes inspectors.

By bike

Those cobbles aren't very good for your backside, and there's always the crowds and pigeons to contend with, but nonetheless getting around Cracow by [bike](#) is a great option. You can whizz round the Old Town in a jiffy and, thanks to the added mobility of two wheels, you can also head [further afield](#).