

EXPLORE KRAKÓW

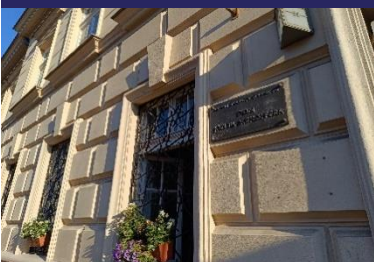
With our recommendations
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Krakow is full of numerous tourist attractions. In the brochure you will find our favourite places to visit.

Recommended on Tuesday

Artist's House Museum, MNK Mehoffer



4 min. walk from the venue, visiting time ca. 30 min.,
last admission at 17.30.

Numismatic and Artist's Museum, MNK Czapski

7 min. walk from the venue, visiting time ca. 1 hour,
last admission at 17.40



The City of Krakow Museum, Krzysztofory Palace



15 min. walk from the venue, visiting time ca. 1 hour,
last admission at 17.

Art Museum, MNK Czartoryski

18 min. walk from the venue, visiting time ca. 1.5 hours,
last admission at 17.00.



The Japanese Centre, Manggha Museum



21 min. walk from the venue, visiting time ca. 1 hour,
last admission at 17.30

38 min. walk from the venue and 20 min. from MNK Czartoryski, visiting time ca. 1 hour, last admission 18.30.



Krzysztofory Palace

A stunning experience with Krakow's long history just at the Main Market Square.

In the new permanent exhibition, history, magic, and legend intertwine with everyday life and the present, bringing about a diverse, colourful, and intriguing story. Because that is what Krakow is like. During your visit, you will get to know Krakow's past thanks to several hundred exhibits from the Krakow Museum, such as Lajkonik costume, mascarons, the silver rooster of the Fowler Brotherhood, the ring and scepter of Krakow mayors, or paintings signed with the names of Jan Matejko, Józef Mehoffer, Jacek Malczewski, and others. You will also have the opportunity to enter... a Krakow nativity scene, and more specifically its scaled version, co-created by nativity scene makers (abbreviated from the museum website).

Localisation

Rynek Główny 35, 31-011 Kraków

Tickets

Regular ticket 28PLN

Guide 145PLN

Free entry on Tuesday

Opening hours

Monday closed

Tuesday-Sunday 10-18

Practical information

Last admission for individual visitors at 17.00, for organised groups at 16.45.



Manggha Museum

A unique localisation where Polish and Japanese cultures meet

The Manggha Museum is the only state institution that popularises Japanese culture in Poland, combining museum work with projects characteristic of a modern cultural institution. In addition to high artistic rank, attractive forms of public display are the primary criteria in programming. Due to obvious cultural differences, the manner of communicating specialised knowledge becomes an issue of key importance. The methods developed over the years at the Manggha Museum enable one to devise insightful and attractive presentations of phenomena relating to historical and modern Japan as well.

Current exhibition: *Hiroshige. A Journey into the Woodblock Print*

Utagawa Hiroshige (1797-1858), one of the most celebrated Japanese ukiyo-e masters, came from a samurai family; however, he gave up being a member of the samurai class and became a painter. Working with various publishers, Hiroshige created a series of landscapes depicting the famous highways connecting Edo and Kyoto. The series *One Hundred Famous Views of Edo* is an artistic chronicle of the city, showing current events and places. Follow the artist and make your own woodprint!



Localisation

ul. M. Konopnickiej 26, 30-302
Kraków

Tickets

Regular ticket 30PLN

Free entry on Tuesday

Opening hours

Monday closed
Tuesday-Sunday 10-18

Practical information

After visiting, save time for a Japanese-style lunch with the best view of Wawel Castle.

MuFo (Museum of Photography in Krakow)

An engaging presentation of the history of photography, its present, and future

The title of the main exhibition *What Does a Photograph Do?* perfectly reflects the multidimensional approach to photography adopted by the museum's curatorial team. By asking the question 'what does a photo do?' - that is, 'how does it work?', but also, in the colloquial sense, 'what does it create?' or 'what makes a photograph?' - the curators draw attention on a range of themes related to the process of taking pictures, the ways in which photographs are used, and the cultural significance of photography. The exhibition consists of five sections that introduce viewers to the world of various photographic techniques and processes, allowing them not only to understand how contemporary photographic prints are made, but also to learn what methods were previously used to record images on paper (abbreviated from the museum website).

Localisation

ul. Rakowicka 22A, 31-510
Kraków

Tickets

Regular ticket 23PLN

Free entry on Tuesday

Opening hours

Monday closed

Tuesday 11-19

Wednesday-Friday 10-18

Saturday-Sunday 11-19

Practical information

A quiet place to relax, great for the end of a busy day. The museum café offers great coffee and home-made desserts.



National Museum in Krakow

Explore 11 branches located in Krakow, that cover various chapters in Polish history.

On Tuesdays, admission to all branches is free. For main exhibitions, no prior booking is advised. Temporary exhibitions are to be paid exclusively.

Our favourites:

MNK The Czapski

Historic coins, manuscripts, and modern history together.



The Emeryk Hutten-Czapski Museum is the oldest and largest branch of the National Museum in Krakow. The neo-classical Czapski Palace, built in 1884 and designed by Antoni Siedek, functions as its main building and houses the world-renowned exhibition presenting the history of Polish coinage and medal art. On the other hand, the Józef Czapski pavilion is the newest and smallest building, also a part of the Emeryk Hutten-Czapski Museum complex. Built at the back of the former garden adjacent to the Łoziński tenement, the pavilion is dedicated to the grandson of the creator of the most valuable numismatic collection in

Poland, the eminent Polish intellectual, writer, painter, and critic.

In these two buildings, you will find a numismatic room that became the repository of the most representative collection of Polish coins, medals, and banknotes, featuring a number of unique objects, a collection of old prints and manuscripts with more than eight thousand items, and Józef Czapski's biographical exhibition (after the museum website).

Localisation

ul. Piłsudskiego 12, 31-109 Kraków

Tickets

Regular ticket 18PLN

Entrance tickets to the Emeryk Hutten-Czapski Museum also provide access to the Czapski Pavilion.

Free entry on Tuesday

Opening hours

Monday closed

Tuesday 10-18

Wednesday-Sunday 10-16

Practical information

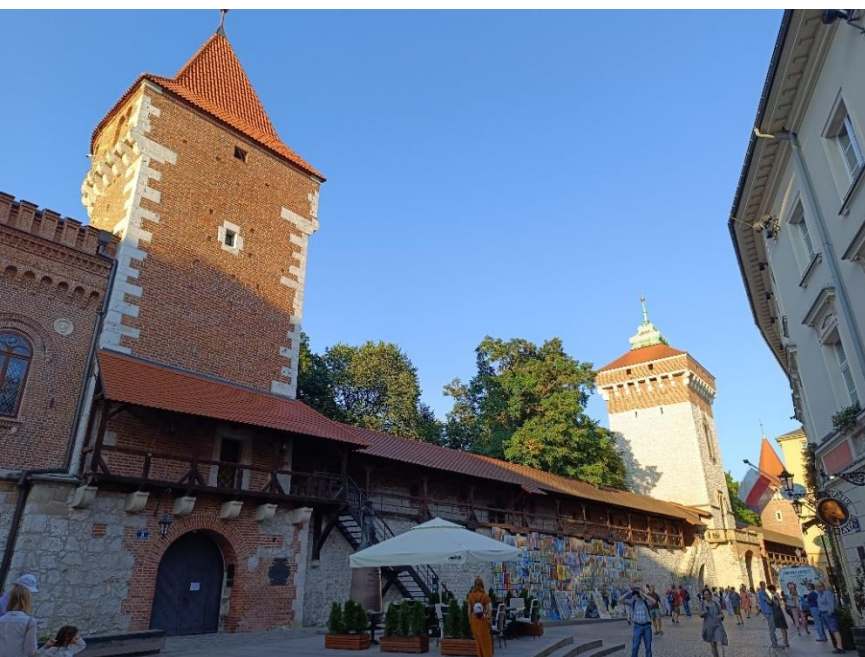
Save time for a visit to the museum's garden and Lapidarium, and after visiting, refresh at the French café.



MNK Czartoryski Museum

An impressive journey through the history of Poland and world art.

The collection is presented in three parts (after the museum website):



At the Palace, where the museum displays the most valuable art collection in Poland, and one of the most valuable ones in Europe. The exhibition not only includes masterpieces of world painting such as Leonardo da Vinci's *Lady with an Ermine* or Rembrandt van Rijn's *Landscape with the Good Samaritan*, but also works of painting, sculpture, crafts, military or applied arts. It is also an immense collection of souvenirs that present Poland's history.



At the Arsenal, where the exhibition is essentially supplemented by a set of objects from the National Museum in Kraków and from the collections of the Potocki Family from Krzeszowice, which includes mainly Roman sculptures and bas-reliefs. In addition, around a dozen artefacts from the collections of the Institute of Archaeology of the Jagiellonian University complete the exhibition. The objects from these important Kraków collections complement each other perfectly, which makes it possible to show the development of the art of the most important ancient cultures in an attractive way. The visiting route makes it possible to get acquainted with the individual sets of artefacts in an arrangement that recreates a tour around the Mediterranean: from ancient Egypt to Italy, Greece, Asia Minor, to Egypt from Roman times.

At the Klasztorek building, the exhibition showcases items that are beyond the contemporary canons of the museum arts, as well as what has survived up to our Times, in contrast to other European museums of this type, giving the Czartoryski collection an absolutely unique character.

Localisation

ul. Pijarska 15, 31-015 Kraków

Tickets

Regular ticket 65PLN

Audioguide rental 10PLN

One ticket is valid for all exhibitions at the MNK Czartoryski Museum: Palace, Monastery, Gallery of Ancient Art.

Free entry on Tuesday

Opening hours

Monday closed

Tuesday-Sunday 10-18



Practical information

The last visitors are admitted to the exhibition 1 hour before closing the museum.

MNK the Mehoffer

Dive into the atmosphere of a Bell Epoque home of a Polish renowned artist.

The house is not only a biographical museum of Józef Mehoffer, one of the most prominent artists of the Young Poland movement, also active in the interwar period, it is also a museum of interiors and to a certain extent an art museum. The more formal rooms of the house, such as the living room and dining room are on the ground floor, whereas the more intimate rooms are on the upper floor. On the whole, these are furnished with their original furniture, chandeliers, wall hangings, clocks, books, and artworks, including numerous works by the artist - stained glass, oil paintings, decorative designs, drawings, etc. (after the museum website).

Localisation

ul. Krupnicza 26, 31-123 Kraków

Tickets

Regular ticket 18PLN

Free entry on Tuesday

Opening hours

Monday closed

Tuesday 10-18

Wednesday-Sunday 10-16

Practical information

You can relax with a coffee and cake at the garden hidden in the back of the building.



Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory

A deeply moving meeting with the WWII Krakow inhabitants.

The exhibition *Kraków Under Nazi Occupation 1939-1945* is located in the former administrative building of Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory. It is primarily a story about Kraków and its inhabitants, both Polish and Jewish, during World War II. It is also a story about Nazi Germans, the occupiers who brutally disrupted Kraków's centuries-long history of Polish-Jewish relations. The great history of WWII intersects here with everyday life, and the personal dramas of individual people overlap with the tragedy which affected the whole world. The 45 exhibition rooms have been used to present Kraków's history in an almost tangible way, allowing visitors to have a personal experience of the past and feel the dramatic emotions shared by the city's wartime residents. Extensive multimedia solutions create a deeply moving and visitor-orientated museum environment. The motto of this permanent exhibition is 'the factory of memories'. The space of remembrance created at the former Enamel Factory offers visitors the opportunity to confront the past in a personal way (abbreviated from the museum brochure).



Localisation

ul. Lipowa 4, 30-702 Kraków

Tickets

Regular ticket 36PLN

Guided tours in English with a guide 30PLN (plus ticket price, the service is provided from Tuesday to Sunday at 4 p.m.)

Free entry on Monday

Opening hours

Monday 10-14

Tuesday-Thursday 9-19

Friday-Sunday 9-20

Practical information

Last entry 1.5 hours before closing.

Pre-online reservation is advised. Please be advised that on the day of the visit, booking tickets is not possible; however, they may be available at the ticket offices. **Monday tickets are available in the ticket offices only.**

Rynek Underground

The best place to get familiar with Krakow's archaeology and history.

A unique museum located below Krakow's Main Market Square. The exhibition presents not only the rich history of Kraków, but also the connections between the city and the main centres of trade and culture in Medieval Europe. The tourist route leads between the stone and brick walls of the cellars of former trading sites, while the untouched layers in archaeological section explain how the surface of the Main Market Square has risen over the last few hundred years. When visiting the exhibition, you can experience the atmosphere of a Medieval market. Furthermore, the exhibition is enriched with interesting models and multimedia, touchscreens, holograms, projections, and documentary films presented in the spaces of the cellars in the Cloth Hall arranged especially for that purpose (abbreviated from the museum brochure).

Localisation

Rynek Główny 1, 31-042 Kraków

Tickets

Regular ticket 36PLN

Guide 145PLN

Free entry on Tuesday

Opening hours

Monday closed

Tuesday 10-14

Wednesday-Thursday 10-19

Friday-Sunday 10-20

Practical information

Last entry 75 minutes before closing

Visitors are advised to book their visit in advance through the museum website <https://bilety.muzeumkrakowa.pl/>. The purchase of a ticket including a guided tour service should be made at least 4 days before the tour date. On Tuesdays, which are days of free entrance, tickets are available **only** at the ticket office on the day of the tour. The number of tickets is limited. One person can purchase five valid tickets on the free admission day at the ticket office.



Town Hall Tower

Be ready for some hiking!



The only surviving remnant of the historic Krakow town hall. The building served as the seat of the mayor, the city council, and the courts. Monarchs were often received here. In the basement of the Town Hall there were prison dungeons together with the torture chamber, next to which there was the so-called Świdnica Cellar, famous for its beer imported from the town of Świdnica. In the 16th century, a granary was added to the town hall, demolished together with the main building in 1820. The 75-meter-high Gothic tower offers a unique air view of the Main Market Square, and its highest storey is accessible by 110 steps (abbreviated from the brochure).

Localisation

Rynek Główny 1, 31-001 Kraków

Tickets

Regular ticket 18PLN

Free entry on Monday

Opening hours

Monday 10-15

Tuesday-Sunday 10-18

Practical information

110 steps of uneven height, rather challenging but short visit rewarded by the view.

The 'Wieliczka' Salt Mine

Visit the priceless monument of world material culture, listed on the first UNECO World Heritage List.

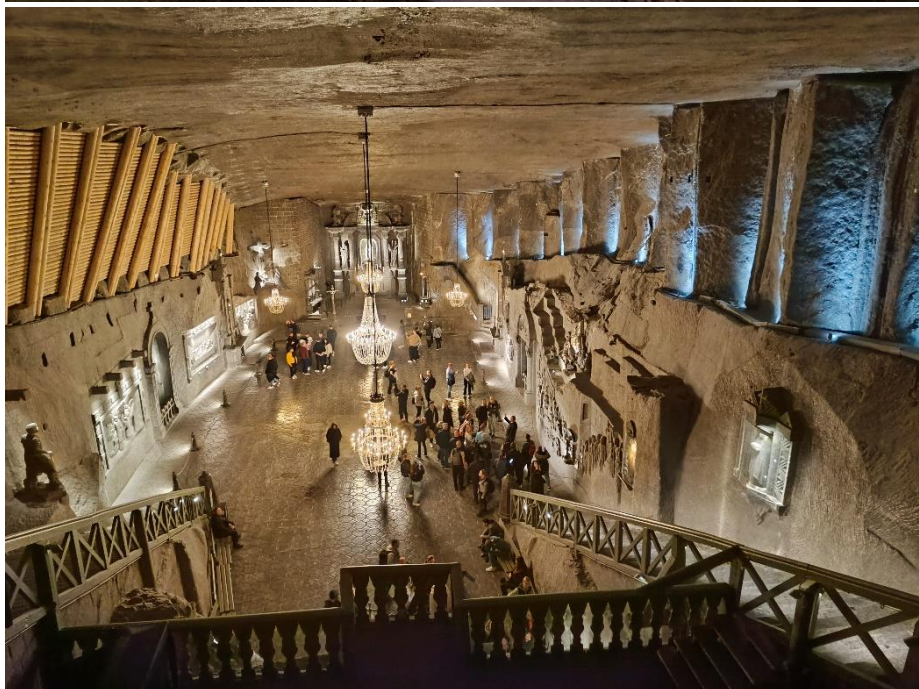
On the Touristic Route, you will admire landscapes that cannot be found on the surface: such as saline lakes and beautiful underground chambers, including the unique St Kinga's Chapel. You will learn about old mining tools and machines and the methods of salt extraction and transport used in the past. The tour is available to people of all ages and does not require an above average physical condition, but it is worth bearing in mind that there are more than 800 steps to climb.

On the Miners' Route you will wander through the underground salt labyrinth, exploring the mysterious and raw chambers around the oldest preserved Regis Shaft. Tasks await you, such as searching for salt, testing the air in the mine, and finding the right route underground. By performing practical mining tasks, you will get to know the work of representatives of old mining professions, such as a methane tester and a mining carpenter. You will feel a surge of adrenaline, you will participate in an extraordinary, multisensory experience! Minimum age 10 (after the museum website).

Localisation

ul. Daniłowicza 10, 32-020 Wieliczka (Touristic Route)

pl. Kościuszki 9, 32-020 Wieliczka (Miners' Route)



Tickets

Regular ticket 134PLN

The ticket for the Tourist Route includes a fee for admission to the Cracow Saltworks Museum route (level III, length 1.5 km, time of visiting, adds about 40 minutes to the total tour time).

Touristic Route opening hours

Daily 8-18

English guided tours every half hour; the last tour on weekends starts at 17.

Miners' Route opening hours

Daily 9-15

The tours in English take place at the following times: 10.15, 13.15, 16.15.

Practical information

Various options are available; however, the mine is easily accessible by public transportation: a suburban train from the Main Train Station to Wieliczka Rynek-Kopalnia (regular ticket 6.5PLN, ticket machines in the trains, operates daily every half hour) or by bus no. 304 (runs daily every 10 to 20 min., buy a 60 min. ticket for 6PLN; check the schedules for details).

Duration of a visit 2-3 hours (depending on traffic), distance to walk about 3.5 km.

Get comfortable and non-slip shoes, remember that the standard temperature in the mine is 17-18 grade Celsius, and on the Miners' Route it is even 14-16.

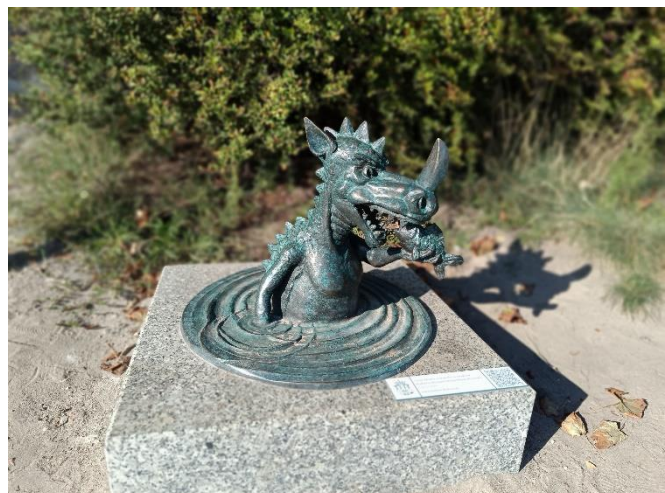
The Dragon Road

Have fun meeting the dragons!

If you are done with museums, you may also like to walk the city. You may find it a good idea to follow a route marked with small dragon figurines and the large one of the Wawel Dragon. The figures are located in numerous locations in the centre to draw your attention to some less obvious areas of our beautiful and historic city. There are nine dragons, but their number is constantly growing.

List of the dragons:

- Filmowiec/Filmmaker, al. Krasińskiego
- Geodeta/Surveyor, al. Dembowskiego 12



- **Kazimierz**, ul. Podgórska 34
- **Malarz/Painter**, pl. Axentowicza
- **Turysta/Tourist**, Park Bednarskiego
- **Smok Wawelski/Wawel Dragon**, Zamek Wawel
- **Wodny/Aqueous**, pl. Na Groblach
- **Z latawcem/With a kite**, Park Jordana
- **Astronom/Astronomer**, ul. Mikołaja Kopernika 27, by the entrance of the botanical garden
- **Z metrem/With a yardstick**, ul. M. Kopernika, close to the św. Mikołaja/St. Nicolas Church
- **Fotograf/Photographer**, ul. Rakowickiej 22A, close to MuFo
- **Lekarz/Doctor**, ul. Kopernika 40, by the entrance to the Department of Surgery, JU
- **Romantyk/Romantic**, close to Kładka o. Bernatka
- **Sportowiec/Athlete**, skwer Z. Brzezińskiego
- **Z emblematem K/With the Krakow's emblem**, the intersection ul. Krakowska/Rybaki
- **Żołnierz CK/Imperial soldier**, rondo Mogiłskie, close to Bastion V Lubicz-Krakow Fortress
- **Z mapą/With a map**, pl. Inwalidów

More dragons are coming soon:

- **Emausowy/Emmaus**, in front of The Norbertan convent, ul. Kościuszki 88
- **Lajkonik**, skwer Konika Zwierzynieckiego



OTHER MUSEUMS WITH FREE ENTRY ON TUESDAY (PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS ONLY)

Archaeological Museum in Krakow

[The Main Building](#), The Prehistory and Middle Ages of Lesser Poland, ul. Senacka 3, open 9-17

[Church of St. Wojciech](#), The history of the Main Square in Kraków and the Church of St. Wojciech, Rynek Główny 2, open 10-16

[Ethnographic Museum in Krakow](#), pl. Wolnica 1, open 10-18

Historic Museum of the City of Kraków (MK)

[Eagle Pharmacy](#), pl. Bohaterów Getta 18, open 9-17

[Nowa Huta Museum](#), os. Centrum E 1, open 10-18

[Nowa Huta Underground](#), os. Szkolne 37, open 10-18

[Podgórze Museum](#), ul. Limanowskiego 51, open 10-17

[Pomorska Street](#), ul. Pomorska 2, open 10-17

[Rydlówka](#), ul. W. Tetmajera 28, open 9-16

[Krakow Economic Salon \(KSE NBP\)](#), ul. Basztowa 20, open 8-15

Museum of Engineering and Technology (MIT)

[Museum of Urban Engineering](#), ul. Wawrzyńca 15, open 10-18

National Museum in Krakow (MNK), open 10-18

[MNK The Main Building](#), al. 3 maja 1

[MNK The Sukiennice](#), Rynek Główny 3

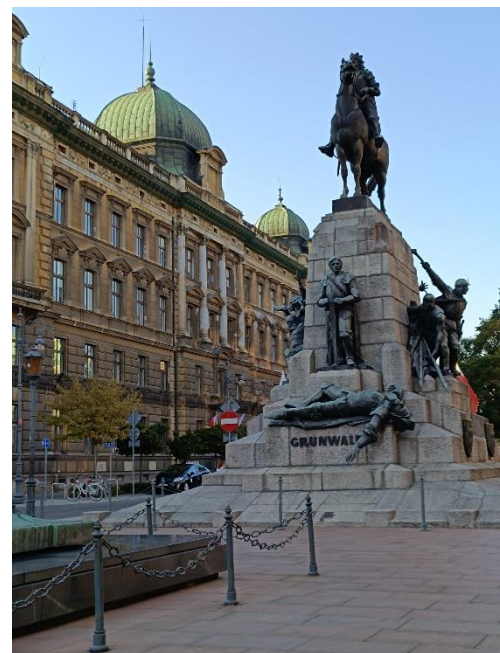
[MNK The Ciołek](#), ul. Kanonicza 17

[MNK The Matejko](#), ul. Floriańska 41

[MNK The Szolajski](#), pl. Szczepański 9

[MNK The Wyspiański](#), pl. Sikorskiego 6 (closes at 17.00)

[Polish Aviation Museum in Krakow](#), al. Jana Pawła II 39, open 9-17



MORE PRACTICAL TIPS

- Payments with cards are commonly accepted; however, it might be a good idea to carry some small change with you.
- The best way to get from the airport to the city is by suburban train, regular ticket to the Main Station 18PLN (ticket machines on platforms and on-board). Reductions are available for students only with the ISIC Card and for seniors 65+ with an ID.
- Public transportation works well (in high traffic hours, buses tend to delay). City buses and trams are marked with numbers (those with letters belong to another system, tickets to be bought on-board). Reductions are available for students up to 26 years old only with the ISIC Card and for seniors 65+ with an ID, while seniors 70+ with an ID ride for free. There are a variety of [tickets](#) available; the most commonly used are the following:
 - 20 min./4PLN - valid for 20 min. for unlimited rides on all city buses and trams
 - 60 min./6PLN - valid for 60 min. for unlimited rides on all city buses and trams, or for a single ride without the time limit.
 - 7 day/68PLN - valid for all city buses and trams for a week from the validation date
 - Tickets can be purchased at the on-board ticket machines, at most of the stops, or online.
 - For schedules and comfortable connections, use the 'Jak dojadę' app, it also offers the possibility to buy tickets online.
- Please note that stores are closed on Sundays.
- The tap water in Krakow is safe to drink.
- Most of the bakeries in the city offer fresh sandwiches and coffee for take-away, which could be a good breakfast option. We recommend 'Lajkonik' and 'Buczek' for their widest and best quality offer.
- If you travel by car, parking in the city centre might be difficult.
 - The regular parking fee is 6PLN for the first hour, applicable every day from 10.00 to 20.00 except Sundays.
 - Parking fees can be paid at parking metres on the streets, but it is easier with an app (there is a choice of [seven](#)), without coins and paid for the exact parking time.
 - A good solution might be an underground [parking close to the National Museum Main Building](#), al. Mickiewicza 17-19, 6PLN for one hour, 60PLN for 24 hours, which usually offers spaces.

Have a great time in Krakow!