



Excursions

Krakow - City sightseeing

Discover the beautiful, historic, and culture-packed city of Kraków on a bus and walking tour.

You will begin your tour by visiting the Jewish District of Kazimierz to explore the area which used to be inhabited by one of the most diverse Jewish communities in Europe. Then a short drive will take you up the Wawel Hill which is the embodiment of Poland's former monarchical glory. On its summit is the Royal Castle and a 14th-century cathedral which hosted nearly all the Polish monarchy's coronations and funerals. Having descended the hill, we stroll along Kanonicza and Grodzka Streets to reach Collegium Maius (Great College), the oldest building of the Academia Cracoviensis. After visiting the charming Gothic courtyard we continue to the Main Market Square. This bustling heart of the city is the perfect place for picking up souvenirs, especially in the Cloth Hall which has been the local market place for centuries. Complete your tour by visiting St Mary's Church, where the stunning medieval altar sculpted by Veit Stoss is located and a bugle call sounds towards the four corners of the world every hour on the hour.

Inclusions: English speaking guide, hotel pick up from selected hotels, admission to Wawel Castle and Royal Cathedral, admission to St Mary's Church

Duration

9:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m.

Frequency

daily

Price per person: 34 EUR

Wieliczka Salt Mine - UNESCO World Heritage Site

Prepare to be amazed at the devotion and superstition that drove miners to carve figures, monuments and altarpieces into the walls of an 800-year-old salt mine.

As you walk down the 360 steps into the salt mine, you have the impression you are entering a vast underground city, complete with huge caverns and underground lakes. This underground world has earned a place on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage list thanks to the creativity of the miners who carved chapels out of the walls, hundreds of metres below the surface. You will visit the largest of the chapels, dedicated to St Kinga, the patron saint of salt miners. This subterranean church is richly decorated with chandeliers, sculptures, and religious figures carved out of salt. As you follow the 2 1/2-kilometre walk, you'll pass statues dating back to the 18th century depicting mythical, historical and religious figures. The last stop in the mine is the souvenir shop and snack bar. From here, the lift carries you back to the surface.

Inclusions: English speaking guide, hotel pick up from selected hotels, admission to Wieliczka Salt Mine, guided walk through Wieliczka Salt Mine, lift pick up to the ground level on exit.

Additional info: temperature 14 °C/57 °F all year round.

Duration

9:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. - morning tour

3:15 p.m. till 7:15 p.m. - afternoon tour

Frequency

twice a day

Price per person: 35 EUR

Auschwitz-Birkenau – UNESCO World Heritage Site

See for yourself where the atrocities of the Nazi's "Final Solution" were carried out with a tour to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.



KL Auschwitz – in the years 1940-1945, the biggest Nazi concentration and death camp in occupied Europe. Situated at a distance of 70 km from Kraków in the town of Oświęcim. The Auschwitz Memorial Museum (founded in 1947) was included in the UNESCO's World Heritage List in 1979. During the tour you will visit both parts of the Museum located in Oświęcim (KL Auschwitz I) and Brzezinka (KL Auschwitz II Birkenau). You will also watch a documentary on the history of the KL Auschwitz concentration and death camp.

Inclusions: English speaking guide, hotel pick up from selected hotels, guided walk through Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, documentary screening.

Additional info: break 15 minutes only.

Duration

9:30 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. – morning tour

03:15 p.m. till 9:15 p.m. – afternoon tour

Frequency

twice a day

Price per person: 34 EUR

Evening options:

Thursday, 11th of September 2008

Dinner with Klezmer Music

Restaurant: Klezmer Hois - 6, Szeroka street

KLEZMER HOIS (KLEZMER's HOUSE) is located in the heart of "Kazimierz", the Jewish Quarter in Krakow. In the former Mykva building, it is 70 meters from the Remuh Synagogue. With its special atmosphere, artistic climate and finest cuisine it is unique in Poland and is reminiscent of the pre-World War II tradition of Jewish Kazimierz.

Inclusions: dinner /soup, main course, dessert/, concert of traditional Jewish music

Duration: 8.00 pm – about 11.00 pm

Price per person: 40 EUR

Saturday, 14th of September 2008

Jazz evening U Muniaka Club

At "Muniak's" Club – 3, Floriańska street

At Muniak's Club is one of the most popular jazz clubs in Krakow. If you are looking for a place where you can listen to some good music over coffee or a couple of beers, that's what you've found. At Floriańska Street 3, in one of Krakow's nicer cellars, there is a place called The Jazz Club "U Muniaka". For connoisseurs, it's truly a musical sanctuary so much different from the omni-present din of techno, rap and disco that engulfs us these days. The co-owner of the club is famous Polish saxophonist Janusz Muniak - that is where the name comes from.

Inclusions: dinner /starter, main course, drinks/concert of jazz music

Duration: 9.00 pm – about 12.00 pm

Price per person: 35 EUR