



Long Weekend in
Krakow!



Historic Krakow



Communism Tour

After WW2 Poland was in communism until 1989! Tour what was intended as the "ideal communist city" - Nowa Huta - Where I was born :)
Tour options: 1.5h, 2.5h and 3.5h
£45, £65, £90 per person



Auschwitz Camp

English Tour (3h30m)
If you book yourself you can get public bus - £15 (return)
Tour £18
Or ~£50 for hotel pickup and guided tour (recommend)
1h30m drive, 2h+ bus



Highly recommend!

Wieliczka Salt Mine

No picture does this place justice. Walking down 327 metres underground you will find a labyrinth of corridors and chambers all carved out of rock salt. Incredible experience. 3h max, tickets: £26, take (cheap) Uber, book tour in advance via website.

Other Things to do

Wawel Castle

A short walk from the main square, you can walk around the grounds and enjoy the views of Vistula River, or grab a guided tour to hear some interesting history. - Free entrance usually on Mon. (check website)

The Princes Czartoryski Museum

A short walk from the main square with a beautiful hall and paintings from the 1800s, including Da Vinci's Lady with an Ermine.

Energylandia

Host to the Top 3rd rollercoaster IN THE WORLD. A relatively new theme park with great rides and short queues off season!



Other Things to do

These are some activities you can easily do in Krakow depending on if/when you fancy them:

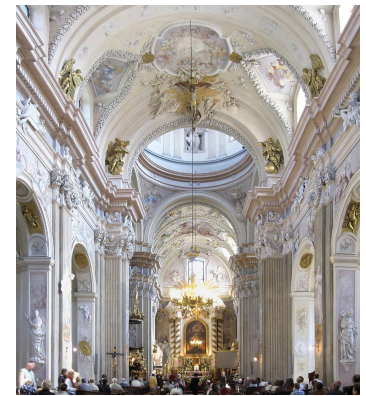
The Museum of Engineering and Technology

Museum exhibits of urban engineering & vehicles tracing the development of Polish public transport. (Note: I haven't been)

Churches - St Mary's Basilica (on main square) is absolutely beautiful inside, as is St Anne's as is St. Joseph's Church.

Polish Aviation Museum

The museum has over 100 planes including 22 extremely rare airplanes which Germany regards as their property, but due to the destruction of Poland during WW2 we're not giving them back 😊



Things we **don't** recommend

The following are things you might see during your stay that are 'just okay' so I don't really recommend them, but they're not terrible...

Cruise on the Vistula River

£8-£16 for a 30min-1hr cruise along the river - always nice to take a boat ride on a sunny day but apart from the castle (which you can easily see from land) it doesn't have many sights.



Krakow Underground

"...is essentially the archaeological excavation site full of medieval artefacts." This is a museum under the Main Square - It's not terrible, but it's not the best, it doesn't have that much going for it, you have to just read the plaques for everything.



Local's Favourites

We've created a Google list of our favourite places in Krakow (including restaurants and cafes).

Check out the notes, they include recommendations on what dishes to order!

(Make sure you have Google Maps on your phone)

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/t5PHBBf9UMPdtbGM9>

The Main Square

Recommended itinerary

‘Rynek Główny’

- (En route) Breakfast/Lunch @ [Mo-ja Cafe](#) (We recommend ordering the Green Taco (American) Pancakes with the spicy sauce say “from the other pancakes” - trust me!)
 - St Mary’s Basilica
(you can go up to the tower but it’s only a tiny window you can’t really look out of)
 - Sukiennice (the Cloth Hall)
 - Try Polish Doughnuts at [Dobra Pączkarnia](#)
 - Walk to and around Wawel Castle
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The Jewish Quarter

Recommended itinerary

'Kazimierz'

Lunch at a [Kuchnia Domowa](#) "Home Kitchen" Things to order: Beetroot soup with meat dumplings, Pierogi Ruskie, Bigos, Pork Chop (with potatoes if you'd like but it will be a lot of food then) and Nalesniki (Polish crepes with sweet cheese) for desert! Order one of everything and share it between two!

Kazimierz

- Walk around the Jewish Quarter, exploring old Synagogues, The Museum of Engineering and Technology, Vintage shopping and admiring the character of The Ghetto
 - Coffee at [Singer](#) (quirky cafe/bar with sewing machines on every table)
 - Lunch at a [Kuchnia Domowa](#) "Home Kitchen" and try Polish food!
 - Zapiekanka for an evening snack at '[The Roundabout](#)'
 - Desert at [Plac Nowy 1](#) (I recommend the chocolate fondant!)
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Top tips and things to know!

- Use Uber or Bolt for getting around via taxi
- You can pay by card pretty much everywhere but do have a bit of cash available
- Easy way to calculate the currency conversion into GBP is to double the PLN and then take away the last digit i.e. $100 \text{ zł} \times 2 = 200 = \sim \text{£}20$
- The pavement has unspoken 'lanes' walk with the current (i.e. mimic the direction of the road... walk on the right of the pavement) Polish people walk fast. Also, watch out for bikes and e-scooters on pavements as it is very common!
- Look both ways when crossing street, even if pedestrian light has turned green!
- Trams have priority at pedestrian zebra crossings, don't f*ck with trams.
- Polish people are not grumpy, but they also don't put on a fake smile when they don't feel like it. They are super friendly though, even if they don't look it!

We're so excited for you to experience Krakow!

