

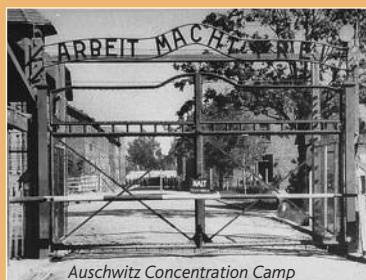
KRAKOW

2 BARS

The main local beer brands are **Tyskie**, **Zywiec** and **Okocim** and what with Krakow being a major university town you will never be short of drinking buddies for the many vaulted-cellar booze venues around the Old Town.



Rynek Główny Square



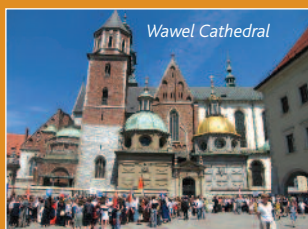
Auschwitz Concentration Camp

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Of the many camps built by the Nazis during **World War II** this is the largest and most horrific: close to 2 million people died here, 85-90% of them Jewish. Most of the buildings have been preserved as memorials to those who died. Regular public transport is available from Krakow to Auschwitz, about 70km away.

1 SIGHTS

Krakow was the only major Polish city to come through World War 2 basically undamaged and has now been listed by UNESCO as one of the world's twelve major historical sites. You've got the **Old Town** quarter with its **Main Market Square** (pictured right), **St. Mary's Church**, the **Historical Museum of Krakow** and a whole bunch of museums. The **Jewish Quarter**, **Kazimierz**, was the setting for Spielberg's film *Schindler's List*; then you also have **Wawel Castle & Cathedral**.



Wawel Cathedral



Wawel Hill

4 FESTIVAL

While traditional aspects of the **Midsummer festival** remain respected, the event has become an excuse for a giant party with live music, open-air markets and firework displays taking place around Wawel Castle. July sees the annual **jazz festival**, which draws 20,000 buffs. The year end looms and the main market square is transformed into a sprawling **Christmas market** with its speciality szopki: intricate constructions of nativity scenes made from papier mache and foil. Oh, and your loved-one will not want to miss the **annual sausage dog parade** held each September.



Christmas markets



HOTEL ESTER ★★★

Ul. Szeroka 20, Krakow 31053

Located in the heart of the Kazimierz (Jewish) quarter, 10 mins walk from Krakow's bustling Market Square, the hotel is set amidst a scenery that brings back the lost world of the Chassidim, the Traddikim and the rabbis, in a place where Polish and Jewish cultures still exist side by side away from the town's clamour. From your hotel window, you will see the Remuh, Popper, and Old synagogues, the towers of St. Catherine's and Corpus Christi churches and numerous historical townhouses. The restaurant serves exquisite dishes from the Polish, Yiddish and International cuisines which you can savour either in the air conditioned interior or in the picturesque courtyard.

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HOTEL CHOPIN ★★★

Ul. Przy Rondzie 2, Krakow 31547

The Chopin is a large, modern, purpose-built building and is located a 15min walk east of the Old Town close to both the main railway and bus terminal. The restaurant serves both Polish and international dishes from rich breakfasts to luxurious dinners and you can finish your evening off in the cosy hotel bar.

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HOTEL POD WAWELEM ★★★

pl. Na Groblach 22, Krakow 31101

The hotel is situated in the city centre in the heart of historic Cracow near the Wawel Royal Castle, a 10-minute-walk from the Main Market Square. The rooms are equipped with TV-SAT, internet, individual zone air-conditioning, telephone and a bathroom with a shower. There is also a restaurant, pub, conference room for 80 people, terrace with a summer bar and a wonderful view of Krakow.

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AMADEUS HOTEL ★★★★★

Ul. Mikołajska 20, Krakow 31027

The historic building housing the hotel is situated next to the Main Market Square in the heart of the Old Town and can offer its guests twenty comfortable air-conditioned bedrooms, plus two finely furnished suites, all containing TV SAT, internet sockets, telephone and mini-bar. Conveniently situated on the ground floor is the bar and café, while in the hotel cellars you can enjoy an extensive range of fine European cuisines. The hotel invites guests to make use of the fitness club and at the end of a busy day, relax in the sauna.

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WARSAW

AIRPORT TO CITY

Warsaw Okęcie airport (a.k.a Frederick Chopin Airport) is a 30 min bus ride from town. You can get the bus no. 175 to the city centre which runs regularly and the stop is outside the terminal building.

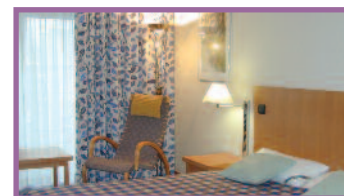
OUT & ABOUT

Old Town...Plac Zamkowy...Royal Castle...St John's Cathedral...Warsaw Historical Museum... Ghetto Heroes Monument... Wilanow Palace

Come to the city that is fast throwing off its communist shackles and embracing the vibrancy and energy of the West. Warsaw was extensively damaged during WWII but the city fathers have seen the historic parts lovingly rebuilt – even the cobbles in the streets have been meticulously replaced. Steep yourself in some history in the morning, get a bit of eastern block junk shopping done later (while it's still there) and then discover for yourself why Poland has such a close relationship with vodka.



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RADISSON SAS CENTRUM

★★★★★

24 Grzybowska, Warsaw 00-132

The luxurious SAS, only opened in 2003, is in the smart business part of town close to a wide selection of shops and department stores and a fifteen minute walk from the Old Town, national Theatre and the Presidential Palace. The building is a very smart structure of stone, glass and steel and the rooms are done in three styles: Scandinavian, Maritime and Italian. The 1,200 sq m recreation centre can offer a pool, Jacuzzi, steam sauna, dry sauna, gymnasium, solarium, massage and beauty parlour.

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