



MORE INFORMATION ABOUT KRAKOW

Kraków is a prominent academic and research hub in Poland, with a rich academic history dating back to the 14th century. As the former capital of Poland and one of the largest cities in the country, Kraków is located in the southern part of Poland, near the Tatra Mountains, making it an ideal place to live, work, or study. The city is home to 24 higher education institutions and nearly 100 research institutes, drawing students and researchers from around the world. In addition to its academic reputation, Kraków is also a center for various companies, institutions, and museums.

The city's historic center, which was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1978, attracts around 12 million tourists annually. Over the past decade, Kraków has emerged as one of Europe's most popular tourist destinations, offering a unique blend of history, culture, and vibrant urban life.

• TRANSPORT

Kraków offers a comprehensive and efficient public transportation system, making it easy to explore the city and its surroundings. While the city lacks an underground system, the integrated bus and tram network makes getting around simple and convenient. Many of the city's major attractions are within walking distance, which is often the best way to experience the charming streets and historic landmarks.

Public Transport:

- **Bus and Tram Network:** The buses and trams operate from early morning to late evening, with night buses and trams running less frequently. To navigate the system, you can check timetables and maps online at mpk.krakow.pl or use the navigation site krakow.jakdojade.pl, which is also available as a transport app.
- **Ticket Purchase:** Tickets can be bought from vending machines at major stops and on trams or buses themselves. It's worth noting that not all ticket machines accept bank cards, so having some change is a good idea. Cashless transactions can be done via mobile apps like SkyCash or MoBILET.
- **Ticket Types and Prices:**
 - **20 minutes** – 4.00 PLN
 - **60 minutes** – 6.00 PLN
 - **90 minutes** – 8.00 PLN
 - **24 hours** – 17.00 PLN (Zone I)/ 22.00 PLN (Zone I+II+III)
 - **48 hours** – 35.00 PLN
 - **72 hours** – 50.00 PLN
 - **7 days (Zone I)** – 56.00
 - **7 days (Zone I+II+III)** – 68.00 PLN
 - **Unlimited weekend family ticket** – 25.00 PLN



Tickets are valid for both trams and buses, and you can transfer between them within the allowed time. Remember to validate your ticket upon boarding to avoid fines.

Car Rental:

For those who wish to rent a car, you need to be at least 18 years old, have a valid foreign driver's license, and a credit card. Countries that have not ratified the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic (such as the U.S., China, and Australia) require an International Driver's License.

Car rental services available in Kraków include:

- **Avis**
- **Europcar** (Kraków Airport)
- **Hertz** (Kraków)
- **Sixt** (Kraków Airport)
- **Dragon-VIP Car Rental**
- **Panek Car Sharing**

Taxis and Ride-Hailing:

- **Taxis:** Kraków taxis are reliable and affordable, with standard fares around 7 PLN plus 2.50 PLN per kilometer. Expect a 50% fare increase at night and on Sundays.
- **Alternative Taxi Services:**
 - **Uber** and **Bolt** are available in Kraków, with Uber also operating its European hub from the city. These services offer a cheaper, cashless option via their mobile apps, though be aware that Uber and Bolt drivers may not always have the same permissions as traditional taxis.
- **Local Taxi Services:**
 - **iTaxi**
 - **MegaTaxi**
 - **TaxiFixy**
 - **RadioTaxi919**
 - **RadioTaxi Wawel**

Whether you prefer public transport, renting a car, or using a taxi, Kraków provides ample transportation options to navigate the city with ease.



- **BANKING**

It looks like you're sharing some information about the Polish currency, banking services, and the use of credit cards in Poland. Here's a brief summary of the key points:

Currency:

- **Polish currency:** Złoty (PLN).
- **Subunit:** 1 złoty = 100 groszy.
- **Denominations:**
 - **Banknotes:** 10, 20, 50, 100, and 200 złoty.
 - **Coins:** 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50 groszy; 1, 2, 5 złoty.

Currency exchange is available in various exchange points, banks, railway stations, airports, post offices, and some hotels.

Banking Services:

- **Bank hours:** Most banks are open Monday to Friday, with some open on Saturdays. All are closed on Sundays and public holidays.
- **Cash machines (bankomats):** Available from individual banks or networks like Euronet, Cash4YOU, and Planet Cash.
 - **ATM usage:** Free for customers of the issuing bank; others may incur a commission.

Bank Cards:

- **Accepted cards:** Visa, Maestro, and other major cards can be used in most shops and restaurants.
- **Payment in euros:** Some larger supermarkets and chain stores accept euro payments at the current exchange rate, in addition to złoty.

EMERGENCIES

Emergency Numbers in Poland:

- **112** – European Emergency Number (for all emergency services: police, ambulance, fire brigade)
- **997** – Police
- **998** – Fire Brigade
- **999** – Ambulance
- **986** – Municipal Police

Key Details:

Free of charge: Emergency calls can be made for free from any phone, including payphones and mobile phones, regardless of your service provider (including foreign ones).



ACCES FOR THE DISABLED

Kraków is steadily becoming more accessible for travelers with disabilities, with numerous recent improvements aimed at welcoming all visitors to the city. Tours can be arranged using fully adapted vans that include standard seating and space for one wheelchair. For groups requiring additional wheelchair access, larger coaches are also available. Early booking is highly recommended.

Here's a summary of the accessibility features:

Accessibility in Kraków:

- **New buildings:** Modern museums, art galleries, shopping malls, and train stations are designed with accessibility in mind for people with disabilities.
- **Older buildings:** Many older buildings are being upgraded with ramps, lifts, and wider doors to improve accessibility.

Travel Accessibility:

- **Transportation options:**
 - **Accessible vans:** Available with standard seats and space for one wheelchair.
 - **Larger coaches:** Suitable for those requiring more wheelchair space, ensuring comfort for groups or individuals.
 - **Booking:** It's recommended to book these accessible transport services in advance.

These improvements help Kraków become a more welcoming city for all, ensuring that disabled travelers can explore and enjoy the city's rich culture and landmarks.

THE COST OF LIVING

Food

- bread – 5.00–9.00 PLN
- butter – ca. 8.00 PLN
- cheese – 20-50.00 PLN per 1 kg
- 10 eggs – 8-14.00 PLN
- ham – 20-45.00 PLN per 1kg (depends on the kind of meat)
- tomatoes – 5-16.00 PLN per 1kg
- milk – ca. 3.00 PLN per 1 l
- white rice – ca. 3.00 PLN per 400g



- potatoes – 1–4.00 PLN per 1kg
- chicken meat – ca. 20.00 PLN per 1kg
- oil – 10-13.00 PLN per 1l
- mineral water – ca. 2.80 PLN per 1.5l
- coffee – 6.50-8.50 PLN per 250g
- tea – ca. 4.00 PLN per small package
- sugar – ca. 6.00 PLN per 1 kg
- juice – 3.50–5.00 PLN per 1l

Transportation

gasoline: ca. 7.00 PLN per 1L

autogas: ca 3.00 PLN per 1L

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Flat renting (monthly prices)

- one-room bedsit/studio – 1,800-2,500 PLN
- two-or three-room apartment – ca. 2,500-3,500 PLN (up to 4,500 PLN in the city centre)