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Best rated restaurants in Krakow



Marta's Meal

ul. Anzyczna 11



Starka Restaurant

ul. Józefa 14



Cafe Oranzeria-Percheron Rest.

Plac Kossaka 1



Cupcake Corner

ul. Michałowskiego 14



Eataway

at homes right across the city



Pasta Bar Resto & Wine

ul. Sławkowska 13-15



Kawaleria Szarza Smaku

ul. Gołębia 4



Biala Roza

ul. Straszewskiego 16

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Most popular pubs & clubs in Krakow

STREFA

Strefa

sw. Tomasza 31



Massolit

ul. Felicjanek 4



Chata Kryspinow

Kryspinow Beach



Irish Pub Pod Papugami

ul. św. Jana 18



Pauza In Garden

ul. Rajska 12 (enter from ul. Szujskiego)



Krakow Pub Crawl

Old Town



Filmowa Cafe

al. Krasińskiego 34



Kijow Klub

al. Krasińskiego 34

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Best hotels in Krakow



Krakow Hotels

Old Town



Hotel Wentzl

Rynek Główny 19



Opera Apartment

📍 ul. Pijarska 19



Krakow Apartments

📍 Old Town



Classic Apartment

📍 ul. Pijarska 19



Hotel Kossak

📍 Pl. Kossaka 1



Mariacki Apartment

📍 ul. Pijarska 21



Hotel Copernicus

📍 ul. Kanonicza 16

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Essential services in Krakow



Krakow Shuttle Bus

📍 Krakow Airport



Main Bus Station

📍 ul. Bosacka 18



Krakow Car Rental

📍 City Centre



Boogie Airport Transfer

📍 Old Town



Cruising Krakow

📍 ul. Sławkowska 6A



Krakow Property

📍 Old Town



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Krakow Weddings

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Need some culture?



Art Decorum

📍 Al. Kasztanowa 63



NOVA

📍 ul. Batorego 2



Capella Cracoviensis

📍 ul. Sw Marka



Agrafka Cinema

📍 ul. Krowoderska 8



The Aviation Museum

📍 Al. Jana Pawła II 39



The Stained Glass Museum

📍 Al. Krasińskiego 23



Cloth Hall Gallery

📍 Rynek Główny 1/3



Jewish Community Center

📍 ul. Miodowa 24

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Travel tips

Here are a few things to remember during your time in Cracow:

Avoid changing your [money](#) at the Bureaux de Change in the [town centre](#) unless you want to hand a complete stranger an early [Christmas](#) present - the rates can be awful.

Don't hail your [taxis](#) from the rank - ask someone to phone for one - it's generally 30 percent cheaper. Uber and Mytaxi also work in Krakow, so use their apps for convenience.

Using your mobile phone is straightforward, and if you are from the EU, prices for data usage should be no more than you pay at home.

Take care when buying antiques. It's illegal to export certain items, particularly old paintings, produced before 1945.

Don't expect first class service in Krakow's restaurants and bars - the city still has a long way to go in that respect! Things have improved a lot however in the last few years, and with an ever-increasing amount of tourists in the city tipping is also becoming customary. Ten percent on any meal should mean you're welcomed back next time! One of the ancient Chakra energy stones is believed to be buried in [Wawel Castle](#). It's all nonsense, according to the guides, but thousands still come for the vibe.

If you're planning a trip to Krakow be sure to book your [accommodation](#) in advance, particularly in the high season. The best [hotels](#) fill out quickly, with [apartments](#) a better bet for last minute breaks. Backpackers meanwhile should check out our page on [Krakow hostels](#).

When it comes to [partying](#), Cracovians start early and finish late. Whereas you'll find it hard to get a seat if you arrive at a nightspot after ten, the clubs only really start to get going when Cinderella's on her way home... and carry on until 4 a.m. or even later. If you want to go the distance make sure you pace yourself! Krakow has more drinking holes per square metre than anywhere else in the world. Hurrah!

Bring warm clothes and a hat. The weather in Poland can be surprisingly pleasant, but equally it can have a bitter cold edge even in late spring. You may just end up blessing that ridiculous old balaclava.

Poles are passionate about their [food](#). Throw away your preconceptions about miserable Eastern Bloc stews, and be prepared for a great surprise.

Poland has adopted its own uniquely confusing symbols for differentiating public toilets for men and women. The circle is for women, the triangle for men!

Getting around

By taxi

The big trick of taking [taxis](#) in Cracow is to avoid taking one from a rank on the street. You will pay 30 percent less if you order one by phone. This leads to the bizarre sight of people with mobiles ringing whilst standing next to the taxi they wish to take. A minute later, following clearance from ground control, and the punters are on their way! If you are looking for a reliable taxi service, either to the airport [airport](#) or elsewhere in town then you can use Cracow-life.com's [online taxi](#) booking to reserve your ride. Alternatively call 9191 when you arrive and tell the operator that [Cracow Life](#) sent you! Please note that taxis cannot be hailed from the street whilst they are moving. You will be ignored!



Above: Choose between getting in one, or constantly having to avoid the little menaces... Left: Faster driver, faster! Below:



By car

You can [hire a car](#) to get around, but if you plan to spend most of your time in the city, think carefully. Apart from the difficulty of driving on the right, there are trams to contend with, a boggling one-way system, and signs that even native Poles struggle to comprehend. Parking is severely restricted in the [Old Town](#), and three different enforcement agencies (Parking, Municipal and National Police) to contend with. The alternative, public transport, is a far better bet.

By public transport

What most cities dream of - safe, efficient and cheap transportation, through a network of trams and buses. Buy your tickets (2.50PLN for adults, 1.25PLN concession) from any of the little kiosks that are dotted around the town. All journeys cost the same, irrespective of distance. Jump aboard the bus or tram and punch your little ticket in one of the little orange boxes. Keep the stamped stub for the not infrequent checks by plain-clothes inspectors.

By bike

Those cobbles aren't very good for your backside, and there's always the crowds and pigeons to contend with, but nonetheless getting around Cracow by [bike](#) is a great option. You can whizz round the Old Town in a jiffy and, thanks to the added mobility of two wheels, you can also head [further afield](#).

There's only one winner in a Tram vs. Car head to head

