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Introducing Wrocław

With Kraków now confirmed as The New Prague the hunt is on for The New Kraków, and fingers are pointing towards Wrocław. Long regarded by those In the Know as Poland's hidden gem the boom of the budget flight has meant that the secret has finally slipped out, and Wrocław has been well-and-truly discovered by the latter-day European traveller.

This is a city with a particularly enticing storyline: through the course of history it has gone under five names, been passed between four countries and seen the naughty end of both fascism and communism. Only sixty odd years ago the city was a smoking ruin, flattened during one of the most savage sieges in modern history. You wouldn't know it: this is one of the most engaging towns in Central Europe, and it's not rare to find it compared to a condensed version of Prague. Gothic spires soar into the skyline and only three other European cities can boast more bridges. Dominated by canals and twisting cobbled streets Wrocław stands out as one of the undisputed highlights of Poland.

This is primarily a university town, and some 10% of the population pretend to study at some institute or other. The student body add a defiantly youthful streak to the city, and the blooming cultural scene and nightlife are direct results. But Wrocław's appeal stretches beyond atmospheric bars and classical opera houses; the local government have shown an aggressive desire to return the city to its pre-war heyday, and an extensive program of restoration and regeneration have seen the town emerge as Poland's most exciting city. And things just keep getting better for Wrocław. First of all it was chosen along with Gdansk, Poznan and Warsaw to host games in the UEFA Euro2012 Football Championships and that was topped by its selection as

European Capital of Culture 2016. Wrocław can finally look forward to the international exposure it deserves. This is a city in the grip of a remarkable revival: both social and economic, and you couldn't have picked a better time to visit. While each summer Wrocław threatens to slide into the River Odra, such is the deluge of tourists found trampling the cobbled streets, the out of season months find the city squares bustling with students and a city going about its business. By day you'll have your zoom lenses focused in on the gargoyles that poke out of the buildings. In evenings, you'll find yourself rubbing shoulders with students and corporate bods, testing the local nightlife to the limit. You'll love it.

This mini-guide is designed to highlight the very best of Wrocław, with map references included where applicable. This is by no means a definitive guide to the city, merely a scaled down version of our print guide – pick up a copy of our print publication from the points listed next to our map, or ask your hotel concierge. Full contents of all our guides can be found at wroclaw.inyourpocket.com where you can also download our latest apps.

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By Bus

International buses arrive and depart from the bus terminal, Dworzec Centralny, immediately behind the railway station on ul. Sucha (B-6). As you might expect it doesn't make the greatest first impression; grim and uncouth, the bus station also serves as the city's unofficial day care centre for drunks and lunatics, no doubt driven to madness by the overriding unhelpfulness of the people working at the ticket windows. The purchase of tickets can be attempted at any number of windows, each of which has its own overly-complex opening hours, though we know at least one is always available between 05:30 and 21:30; for international (międzynarodowe) tickets, try platform number 4. In Wrocław's bus station you'll also find toilets (open 06:00 - 22:00, 2zl - after that use the automatic ones near the platforms, the cost is 1zl), an ATM just outside the main entrance and a currency exchange (open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 09:00 - 18:00, Sun 09:00 - 15:00) inside the main station building. Compared to the bus station, the train station is somewhat upstanding and navigable, with more services on hand. Those heading into town will likely need to go this direction anyway. Most of the city's hotels and hostels are within 15 minutes walk of the bus station and taking public transport doesn't make a ton of sense unless you know exactly why you're doing so. If at a loss, jump in a MPT Radio Taxi (71 191 91).

Wrocław Główny Bus Station (Dworzec Centralny PKS) B-6, ul. Sucha 1/11, tel. (+48) 71 333 05 30.

By Car

Poland is one of Europe's leading nations in road fatalities, a statistic that will surprise few who have had the pleasure of using the roads here. A lethal combination of poor road surfaces, networks unsuited to the volume of traffic and, most of all, frustrated and aggressive driver behaviour result in the common sight of mangled wrecks around the country. While the road quality issue is being addressed with EU directives and funding, the size of the country's road network means that it will still be years before results are seen in many places. Almost all roads outside of urban areas are a single lane in each direction, meaning traffic is inevitably bogged down by the fleet of lorries that traverse Poland as well as the odd farmer in a horse-cart. This results in impatient drivers overtaking each other at high speed and then braking sharply to avoid oncoming traffic. Be cautious and keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front. The speed limit in Poland is generally **50km/hr** in cities (**60km/hr** between 23:00 and 05:00), **90km/hr** outside urban areas, **120km/hr** on dual carriageways and **140km/hr** on motorways. All cars must have their headlights switched on at all times and carry a red warning triangle, first aid kit, replacement bulbs, a national identity sticker and proper registration and insurance documents. Poland also has strict drunk-driving laws: **0.2‰ is the maximum blood/alcohol limit**, so forget about having even a single beer. EU citizens may use their home driving licenses as long as they are valid, however citizens of countries that didn't ratify the Vienna Convention (tsk, tsk Australia and America) will find their licenses invalid (though that hasn't stopped anyone we know from driving their girlfriend's car). Carry your license and passport at all times when driving. One of the only major highways in the country, the A4 connects Wrocław with Berlin (via Legnica) and Kraków (via Opole and Katowice). Much of Wrocław's centre is pedestrianised, meanwhile one-way and seemingly accessible streets that are actually only available to permit holders make driving in the centre an absolute nightmare. Poor planning and limited traffic patterns mean congestion is a major, major problem

as well; call a cab and it might take as much as twenty minutes to get to you, though it's only a few blocks away. As such, we suggest you ditch your vehicle at the first opportunity, which raises the question of where to put it. Free parking is available at Arkady Wrocławskie (A-5, next to the railway station, and note only the first hour is free, and although you can leave your car here overnight, the place is closed from 23:00-06:00, Sat, Sun 23:00-08:00). The multi-storey car park on ul. Rzeźnicza, next to the Sofitel (A-3) charges 6zl per hour or 100zl day. Some hotels have limited parking spaces, so check when booking your room. Street parking is of course available by seeking out the large blue signs with the letter 'P' on them. Tickets are available from parking meters and those wishing to park in the city centre will be charged 3zl for the first hour, 3.60zl for the second hour and 4.30zl for the third. Thereafter you'll be forking out 3 zeds an hour.

Guarded Parking A-5, ul. Powstańców Śląskich 5/7. Guarded Parking G-3, ul. Sienkiewicza 32.

By Plane

Given that Wrocław already boasts one of Poland's most efficient (if hardly big and modern) airports, the city should think itself lucky that a brand new one is being built a few hundred meters from the current terminal building. Due to open around the beginning of February 2012, the new 3-level terminal is four times larger than the present one and will be equipped with all the services of a modern airport including parking for 1,100 cars.

Right now, the sturdy old **Wrocław Nicolaus Copernicus Airport** (in Polish Port Lotniczy im. Mikołaja Kopernika we Wrocławiu) does a fine job in ushering people in and out of the city. Just 13 km west of the city centre you will be through passport control and baggage claim in minutes, at which stage you will probably start thinking about local cash. We recommend using one of the ATMs (there were at least three at the last count) as the currency exchange desk offers what we might politely term to be 'not the best exchange rates in Poland.' You will also find press stores, an information desk (of sorts), a refreshment kiosk and a snack bar. There are also usually lots of friendly young volunteers in orange t-shirts running around ready to answer any questions you might have.

The easiest way into town is to jump into one of the taxis sitting outside. Alas that is also the easiest way to be parted with every penny you might have in your wallet. Instead, take your time and look for a taxi from a trusted Wrocław taxi company. That means, MPT (tel. 71 191 91), Taxi Blues (tel. 71 196 61), Taxi Plus (tel. 601 70 07 53) and Partner Taxi (tel. 71 196 27). If you do not see one, call one. The fare into the city centre with an honest cabbie should be around 40zl; a little more at night.

Quite frankly though, given the relatively short distance into town you might just as well hop on the bus. Tickets cost 2.80zl and can be bought from the press store inside the terminal building or from the machine next to the bus stop. Buses run roughly every half an hour from 05:18 - 23:09 (05:27 - 23:09 on Saturdays and Sundays) with one night bus (route 249) departing at 00:23. Particularly bulky pieces of luggage warrant an extra charge of 1.20zl but we have never seen this rule enforced.

For **flight and travel information**, call **tel. (+48) 71 358 13 81**. Live arrival and departure information can also be had at the airport's excellent website, www.airport.wroclaw.pl/en.

Wrocław Nicolaus Copernicus Airport (Port Lotniczy Wrocław im. Mikołaja Kopernika) ul. Skarżyńskiego 36, tel. (+48) 71 358 13 81, www.airport.wroclaw.pl.

By Train

One of the city's most impressive buildings is its train station. Originally built in the years 1855 - 1857 to form the starting point of the Oberschlesische Eisenbahn (Upper Silesian Railway) it replaced an earlier structure built 1841-1842. Its designer was Royal Prussian architect Wilhelm Grapow and although it had only one platform it was still regarded as the biggest station in Europe. Extended to incorporate new covered platforms in 1899 the Neo-Gothic construction features turrets and crenulations although much of this will be hidden from view until the spring of 2012. In anticipation of the 2012 European Football Championships (set to be co-hosted by Poland and Ukraine, dontcha know), Wrocław's main train station (Dworzec Główny, B-6) is presently undergoing **major renovation works** on the entire building, including the interior, exterior, tracks, platforms, facilities and even the area surrounding the building. The 293 million zloty redevelopment will see the train returned to its former glory while the station facilities themselves will be completely modernised. The surrounding area will also benefit from the development with new green areas created around a new transport hub.

Works are not scheduled to be complete until the end of May 2012 (if all goes well, fingers crossed). To deal with this, the city, instead of approaching the work in sections, has essentially shut off access to 90% of the station complex and set up a **temporary station building (Dworzec Tymczasowy) at ul. Sucha 10/12 (B-6)**, on the eastern side of the main station complex.

To their credit, they've done a decent job of this. In this temporary building there are 18 ticket windows and you'll find most everything else you need, including an information point, 3 ATMs (bankomats), 2 toilets (one for disabled people), lockers and vending machines with coffee and sandwiches. Outside the building on the pavement street vendors have also set up selling food and drinks, as well as kiosks with phone cards and the like. Luggage storage is also available here. However, because a large station complex has been condensed into a much smaller one, **travellers need to allow themselves extra time** to deal with extended queues and general confusion, commotion and disorientation. This cannot be stressed heavily enough. In an attempt to alleviate some of the queues some ticket machines have now been installed. The area has been well-marked. If departing from Wrocław by train, head to (B-5) **ul. Sucha** following the crowds and signs to **Dworzec Tymczasowy**. If pressed for time, remember that **you can buy tickets from the conductor onboard the train** for a small price mark-up. If you are arriving in Wrocław, following the signs to 'Centrum Miasta' - the city centre - it's pretty straightforward and will put you on ulica Piłsudskiego (B-5). Most of the city's hotels and hostels are within 15 minutes walking distance, and given that getting anywhere near the Old Town on public transport requires you take at least two trams, it isn't really worth the hassle. If you really don't fancy the walk jump in an MPT Radio Taxi (71 191 91), as they are at least allowed into the Old Town. Good luck to you, intrepid one.

Wrocław Temporary Train Station (Dworzec Tymczasowy) B-6, ul. Sucha 10/12, tel. (+48) 22 19 436, www.pkp.pl. ▶ Ticket office Open 24hrs. Note that due to system maintenance seat reservations cannot be made between 00:00 - 01:30.

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Public Transport

Wrocław's public transport system is easy to use and fairly extensive, with 120 bus lines and 23 tram lines. You'll rarely need trams or buses to get around the Old Town, but many affordable hotels and some sights are located outside the centre. Major hubs for trams and buses include the main train station (B-6), Plac Dominikański (C-3), and Plac Jana Pawła II (E-4). Buses and trams run roughly from 04:00 to 00:00, with irregular night buses running after that. Buy tickets from any kiosk marked "Ruch" and most marked "Prasa" (press) for 2.40zl. Look for a sign saying "URBANCARD". Most transport stops, and all trams and buses now have automatic ticket machines. Those on trams and buses only accept payment cards although those at stops will accept cash. Press button No 1 for a normal full-price ticket, No 2 for a student ticket. Night buses (nocne) cost 2.80zl. Note that ISIC or other non-Polish student ID is still valid for a significant student discount, but you must carry your ID. Most importantly, remember that **tickets are not valid until you stamp them** once inside the tram or bus. If the conductor catches you without a properly punched ticket, you'll owe the city of Wrocław 100zl if you pay within a week, or 120zl if they don't get the money within seven days. Plus the price of the original ticket.

The best option for tourists is to get the 48hrs (18/9zl) or 72hrs (24/12zl) ticket which is valid on all public transport in and around the city. Schedules posted at each stop tend to be right on the money. 'W dni robocze' means Monday through Friday and 'w dni wolne' means Saturday and Sunday. Special 'cyclist friendly' lines (133, 110, 609, 100, 120, 115, 130, 109), with buses adapted to transit bikes run from the April 1 until the end of October. The destination of most of these lines are the forest areas surrounding Wrocław: excellent cycling territory.

Taxis

Rogue taxis are still a problem in Wrocław especially around the train station. Make sure that your cab has a rate card in the window and the driver turns the metre on and you should be fine. Under Polish law the driver is now obliged to give you a printed receipt for your fare. In some instances it is possible to pay by credit card but do ask before hand. On the whole you'll pay an initial 6zl fee, before being charged from 3zl per kilometre. Note that after 22:00 you'll be paying a premium night tariff. Prices also rise at weekends and if travelling outside the city limits. Whether or not to tip your taxi driver is a bit of a point of contention. Many Poles do not consider taxis a service that necessitates a tip and thereby, if you're Polish, the driver may not expect one. But double standards being what they are, it's anticipated that foreigners will leave a tip, in which case 10% is appropriate, or simply rounding up the bill. We leave it to you.

Lux Taxi tel. (+48) 71 196 23, www.luxradiotaxi.pl.
MPT Radio Taxi tel. (+48) 71 191 91, www.919.com.pl.
Taxi Blues tel. (+48) 71 196 61, www.taxiblues.pl.
Taxi Plus tel. (+48) 601 70 07 53.



Partner Taxi tel. (+48) 71 196 27, www.partner-taxi.pl. Partner's high-quality service make them your best bet for a cab in Wrocław. Operating clean cars of the same distinctive make, from Partner you can request an English-speaking driver or child's car seat, and when you've blown all your cash at the bar you can pay with a credit card to get home.

Basic Data

Territory

Poland covers an area of 312,685 square kilometers and is the ninth biggest country in Europe. It borders the Baltic Sea (528km) and seven countries, namely Belarus (416km), Czech Republic (790km), Germany (467km), the shady Russian enclave of Kaliningrad (210km), Lithuania (103km), Slovakia (539km) and Ukraine (529km).

Longest River

The river Vistula (Wisła) is Poland's longest river at 1,047km and flows through Kraków and Warsaw before reaching the Bay of Gdańsk (Zatoka Gdańska). Wrocław sits on the Oder (Odra) River (854km) which flows through western PL and forms 187km of the Polish-German border before reaching the Baltic at Szczecin, PL.

Highest Point

The highest peak in Poland is Rysy (2,499m) in the Tatra Mountains along the country's southern border with Slovakia.

Population (2010)

Poland - 38,200,037
Warsaw - 1,720,398
Kraków - 756,183
Łódź - 737,098
Wrocław - 632,996
Poznań - 551,627
Gdańsk - 456,967
Katowice - 306,826
Sopot - 38,141

Local Time

Poland is in the Central European (CET) time zone (GMT+1hr). When it's 12:00 in Wrocław, it's 06:00 in New York City, 11:00 in London, 12:00 in Paris and Berlin and 19:00 in Tokyo. Polish summer time (GMT+2hrs) starts and ends on the last Sundays of March and October.

Twin Towns

Breda, Dresden, Charlotte, Guadalajara, Grodno, Hradec Králové, Kaunas, La Vienne, Lviv, Ramat Gan, Wiesbaden

Customs

If you are travelling within the EU those over 18 can now take 10 litres of spirits, 90 litres of wine and 110 litres of beer. Most countries will not allow more than 800 cigarettes from Poland. If purchasing art or books, you need to consider their age and value. In order to leave the country, art must be either less than 50 years old or under a certain value (varies depending by type; photos

Health & Emergency

In case of an emergency those dialling from a land line or public payphone should use the following numbers: 999 for an ambulance, 998 for the fire brigade and 997 for the police. Mobile phone users should call 112 to be forwarded to the relevant department. English speaking assistance is not necessarily guaranteed, and rests on the linguistics capabilities of the call operator.

From June 2 till September 30 English, German or Russian speakers have the option of using a separate line specifically designed for foreigners in trouble. If that sounds like you then you'll need to call 0 800 200 300.

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Market Values

Prices in Poland are still fairly competitive despite increases over the last couple of years particularly in the prices of cigarettes. Here are some typical everyday products and prices.

Market values as of 20th December 2011 based on €1 = 4.46zł

Product	Price (zł)	Price (€)
McDonald's Big Mac	8.80 zł	€ 1.97
Snickers	1.49 zł	€ 0.33
0.5ltr vodka (shop)	19.99 zł	€ 4.48
0.5ltr beer (shop)	2.94 zł	€ 0.66
0.5ltr beer (bar)	8.00 zł	€ 1.79
Loaf of white bread	2.99 zł	€ 0.67
20 Marlboros	11.80 zł	€ 2.65
1 ltr of unleaded petrol (98)	5.72 zł	€ 1.28
Local transport ticket (1 journey)	2.80 zł	€ 0.63

Further help can be provided by embassies and consulates, of which a comprehensive list can be found online. If you've run out of money, however, then silly you. No embassy will bail you out, and you're hopes will rest on a Western Union money transfer. Most banks and many exchange bureaus (kantors) can now carry out such transactions, just keep an eye out for anywhere displaying the Western Union logo.

Money

Thinking of paying for your tram ticket with one of the 100zł notes in your pocket? Think again. Small shops, newsagents, public toilets, even the occasional fast food franchise and bar will often refuse to break a large note for you. As annoying as coins can be, do carry small change for such moments. Currency can be exchanged at airports, hotels, banks and anywhere with a sign proclaiming 'Kantor'. Kantors will often provide better value than the banks in your home country or the ATM although for obvious reasons be very wary of Kantors in the airports, bus stations and close to tourist sights. Shopping around will reward you with the best rate. Since EU ascension and becoming a favoured tourist destination, prices in Poland have been on the rise, making the country less of a bargain than it was five years ago. Having said that, however, prices for food, drink, cultural venues and transport still remain comparably cheap in contrast to Western Europe. A ticket to the theatre or cinema will rarely cost more than 20zł while admission to most museums costs around 5-10zł.

Religion

For over one thousand years Poland has been a bulwark of Catholicism, fighting against the horrors of pagan invasions and looking to Catholicism for a sense of social and national unity. When Poland was partitioned in the 19th century, many turned to the church for solace and during the communist era underground resistance meetings were surreptitiously held in churches. The deceased Polish-born Pope John Paul II remains a genuine source of pride for all Poles, and is beloved in a way more profound than cynics in the West can understand. Many Poles genuinely believe that John Paul II single-handedly started the overthrow of Communism in Central and Eastern Europe. Small wonder then, that your average Pole takes Catholicism very seriously. Those used to the more easy-going habits of the West may find the Polish enthusiasm a bit unnerving at first, particularly the solemn and opulent processions that occur from time to time and the droves that flock to mass. When visiting Wrocław's many churches and cathedrals, tourists should remember that these are not museums, but active places of worship to be treated with appropriate respect.

Safety

In general Wrocław is far safer than most Western cities, and visitors are unlikely to face any problems if they simply employ common sense. Petty crime does exist, and travellers should be on guard against pickpockets; if you're in a bar or a restaurant keep your wallet inside your trouser pocket, not inside a jacket casually left lying around. Those travelling by car are advised to use a guarded car park. Robberies on overnight trains are not unheard of, especially on the routes connecting Wrocław with Prague and Berlin; book a couchette or a sleeper cabin.

Tipping

Polish restaurant tipping etiquette can be confusing for foreigners. While in other civilised countries it's normal to say thanks when a waiter collects the money, you'll be horrified to learn that in Poland uttering the word 'dziękuję' (thank you), or even thank you in English, is the sign that you won't be wanting any change back. This cultural slip-up can get very expensive. We suggest that you only say thank you if you are happy for the wait staff to keep the change. Otherwise we advise you to use the word 'prosze' only when handing back the bill and the payment. One final tip and this is to demonstrate we are not completely anti wait staff. If you add a tip to your credit card payment the wait-staff have to pay tax on it. Anything that you give in cash probably isn't declared. So if you do receive good service we urge you to reward it and to make a tip in the form of cash.

Toilets

Generally speaking toilets in Poland come marked with a circle for women, and a triangle for men. Some restaurants and bars still charge a nominal fee for use of their facilities; this is a practice also used in train stations and most public conveniences. Keep small change handy.

Water

Water in Poland is officially safe to drink although the quality of plumbing in many places can affect the quality of the water that is delivered to your tap. We therefore recommend that you use bottled water which is widely available and inexpensive. The best known bottled water brands are Żywiec, Cisowianka, Kropla Beskidu and Nałęczowianka.

Quick Currency Converter

PLN	US\$	Euro	Pound
	3.41zł = \$1	4.46zł = €1	5.34zł = £1
1 zł	\$0.29	€ 0.22	£0.19
2 zł	\$0.59	€ 0.45	£0.37
3 zł	\$0.88	€ 0.67	£0.56
4 zł	\$1.17	€ 0.90	£0.75
5 zł	\$1.47	€ 1.12	£0.94
6 zł	\$1.76	€ 1.35	£1.12
7 zł	\$2.05	€ 1.57	£1.31
8 zł	\$2.35	€ 1.79	£1.50
9 zł	\$2.64	€ 2.02	£1.69
10 zł	\$2.93	€ 2.24	£1.87
20 zł	\$5.87	€ 4.48	£3.75
50 zł	\$14.66	€ 11.21	£9.36
100 zł	\$29.33	€ 22.42	£18.73
150 zł	\$43.99	€ 33.63	£28.09
200 zł	\$58.65	€ 44.84	£37.45
250 zł	\$73.31	€ 56.05	£46.82
1 000 zł	\$293.26	€ 224.22	£187.27

Language smarts

Many Poles, particularly younger people, have a fairly healthy command of the English language. Many will also be adept at other European languages with German being the most commonly spoken. Older Poles will fiercely contest that they have 'forgotten' the Russian taught to them at school but most will still have a reasonable understanding.

Mastering the Polish tongue can be a terrifying ordeal and will often result in personal degradation as shop assistants laugh at your flustered attempts. That aside, learning a few key phrases will smooth your time in Poland and may even win you friends and admirers. On the positive side Polish sounds as it appears. This is a great help once you know how to pronounce each letter/combination of letters. Many letters represent the same sounds as they do in English. Below we have listed those particular to Polish.

Basic pronunciation of Polish vowels
'a' sounds like 'on' in the French 'bon'
'e' sounds like 'en' as in the French 'bien'
'o' is an open 'o' sound like 'oo' in 'boot'
Basic pronunciation of consonants
'c' like the 'ts' in 'bits'
'j' like the 'y' in 'yeah'
'w' is pronounced like the English 'w'
'l' like the 'w' in 'win'
'n' like the 'ny' in 'canyon'
'cz' and 'c' like the 'ch' in 'beach'
'dz' like the 'ds' in 'beds'
'rz' and 'z' like the 'su' in 'treasure'
'sz' and 's' like the 'sh' in 'ship'
'drz' like the 'g' in 'George'
r is always rolled and stress is generally always on the last but one syllable.

Think you've got that? Here are some words and phrases to get you started.

Civilities		
cześć	(cheshch)	hi/bye
dzień dobry	(jen do-bri)	good morning/ afternoon
dobry wieczór	(do-bri vyeł-choor)	good evening
dobranoc	(dobrah-nots)	good night
tak	(tahk)	yes
nie	(nyeh)	no
prosze	(prosheh)	please
na zdrowie	(nah zdroyeh)	cheers
dziękuję	(jen-koo-yeh)	thank you
przepraszam	(psheh-prasham)	sorry
kocham cię	(koham tshe)	I love you
Mam na imię	(mam nah ee-myeh)	My name is
Jestem z Anglii	(yehstem zanglee)	I am from England

Necessities		
Gdzie są toalety?	(gdjeh song toalety)	Where are the toilets?
Czy mówię pan/pani po angielsku?	(che moovee pan/pane po angjelskoo?)	Do you (male/female) speak English?
Nie mówię po polsku	(nyeh moovyeh po polskoo)	I don't speak Polish
Proszę to napisać	(prosheh toh napeesatch)	Please write it down
Czy można tu palić	(che molzhnah too paleech?)	Can I smoke here?
Jedno piwo poproszę	(jedno peevo poh-prosheh)	One beer please

Numbers		
1	jeden	yehden
2	dwa	dva
3	trzy	tshi
10	dziesięć	jajshench

General		
Airport	lotnisko	
Train station	dworzec pkp	
Bus station	dworzec pks	
Right/left	prawo/lewo	
One ticket to	jeden bilet do	
First/second class	pierwsza/druga klasa	

Cream of the Crop

Monopol (Hotele Likus) A-4, ul. Heleny Modrzejewskiej 2, tel. (+48) 71 772 37 77, www.monopolwroclaw.hotel.com.pl. First opened in 1892, the neo-Baroque Monopol Hotel became one of Wrocław's most famed and recognisable landmarks thanks to a guest list including Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich, Adolf Hitler and Pablo Picasso, as well as popular appearances in film and television. After a lengthy renovation courtesy of the acclaimed Likus hotel group, the Monopol is back with a full five stars pinned on its epaulets. 121 rooms come furnished with turn-of-the-century antiques, including eight exquisite suites. In addition to top business facilities, Monopol is home to one of the most enticing spa and wellness centres in Wrocław (see Leisure); add to the package an exclusive wine bar, Italian delicatessen, bar and restaurant amongst top shelf retail spaces and this legend is alive and living well. Are you? ▶121 rooms (107 singles 550 - 950zł, 107 doubles 550 - 950zł, 14 apartments 900 - 2500zł). ★★★★★

Platinum Palace ul. Powstańców Śląskich 204 (Krzyki), tel. (+48) 71 324 99 00, www.platinumpalace.pl. Wrocław's five-star hotel scene gets an almighty kick in the rear. This place was - when built in 1906 - the finest private house in the city. Having served for a time as the Wrocław Academy of Music it has been lovingly restored and converted with both taste and style into the a breathtaking hotel. For while the exterior remains classical, the interiors (the rooms especially) are modern and even futuristic. Bold, certainly. It might cost a fortune to stay here but it's worth every penny. ▶46 rooms (41 singles 390 - 569zł, 41 doubles 420 - 679zł, 5 apartments 749 - 909zł). ★★★★★

Radisson Blu C-3, ul. Purkyniego 10, tel. (+48) 71 375 00 00, www.radissonblu.com/hotel-wroclaw. Overlooking a quiet park rooms come with clean, light colours, heated bathroom floors and a telephone next to the toilet. Stay in the business rooms and you'll have newspapers delivered to your door and dressing gown and slippers to pad around in. Facilities include a gym, fantastic restaurant and Sqwiggles Bar - where expert bartenders mix lethal cocktails for off-duty businessmen. ▶162 rooms (13 singles 320 - 860zł, 144 doubles 340 - 920zł, 5 apartments 700 - 1300zł). ★★★★★

Sofitel Wrocław Old Town A-3, ul. Św. Mikołaja 67, tel. (+48) 71 358 83 00, www.sofitel-wroclaw.com. Outstanding quality inside a modern glass marvel. Ultra-modern fittings include Bang & Olufsen sound systems, marble bathrooms, jacuzzis and dressing gowns. Le Louis De-Or Bar and the Pan Tadeusz and Lounge restaurants are attached to an impressive atrium. ▶205 rooms (189 singles 475 - 863zł, 173 doubles 475 - 863zł, 15 apartments 648 - 2375zł). Breakfast 85zł. ★★★★★

Upmarket

HP Park Plaza B-1, ul. Drobnera 11-13, tel. (+48) 71 320 84 00, www.hotelepark.pl. A huge glass and marble affair, the HP Park Plaza sits on the banks of the Odra River and proves an excellent conference venue. Well appointed rooms feature wood panelling, plastic flowers and huge windows to savour the riverside views. ▶177 rooms (156 singles 440 - 650zł, 156 doubles 490 - 650zł, 19 suites 700zł, 2 apartments 1000zł). ★★★★★

Mercure Panorama C-3, Pl. Dominikański 1, tel. (+48) 71 323 27 00, www.accorhotels.com. Large, colourful rooms come equipped with bathtubs, while the apartments feature floor to ceiling windows. Attached to the corner of a shopping centre, Mercure is fiercely favoured by the business community. Top marks. ▶150 rooms (144 singles 225 - 665zł, 144 doubles 225 - 665zł, 6 apartments 395 - 835zł). Breakfast 59zł. ★★

Orbis Wrocław E-6, ul. Powstańców Śląskich 7, tel. (+48) 71 361 46 51, www.orbis.pl. A tall hotel with equally high standards. Britain's Prince Andrew stayed here a few years back, and no doubt enjoyed the charming service and hotel swimming pool. Rooms come with air-conditioning, mini-bar and pay TV with plenty of saucy channels to pick from. ▶294 rooms (41 singles 185 - 615zł, 248 doubles 215 - 645zł, 5 apartments 365 - 895zł). Breakfast 40zł. ★★★★★

Park Hotel Diament ul. Muchoborska 10 (Fabryczna), tel. (+48) 71 735 03 50, www.hotelediament.pl. One of the region's best accommodation chains, this reliable stalwart has recently made the grade to four-star status. A more business-minded model, Wrocław's Diament has seven climate-controlled conference rooms with free wifi and movable walls, allowing creative company execs some interesting options for 'team-building' exercises. Tidy, handsome rooms with flat-screen satellite TV and wifi, and a strikingly modern restaurant and lobby round out this revelatory effort ten minutes from the Old Town and airport. ▶132 rooms (127 singles 215 - 999zł, 115 doubles 260 - 1444zł, 3 suites 365 - 1149zł, 2 apartments 465 - 1249zł). ★★★★★

Qubus Hotel Wrocław B-3, ul. Św. Marii Magdaleny 2, tel. (+48) 71 797 98 00, www.qubushotel.com. One of our favourite hotels in the city and one that offers quality from top to bottom - literally. In the basement, an excellent swimming pool, on the top floor a vast presidential suite featuring stripped wood floors, kitchen and lounge and a terrace overlooking the church opposite. Nothing less than an excellent deal. ▶83 rooms (80 singles €98 - 177, 48 doubles €105 - 220, 3 apartments €180 - 346). ★★★★★

Scandic Wrocław A-5, ul. Piłsudskiego 49/57, tel. (+48) 71 787 00 00, www.scandichotels.com. Immaculate rooms a short walk from the train station. All the hallmarks of the top-class chain are in evidence, including heated bathroom floors, sparkling rooms and extras like digital TV and mini-bars. Downstairs pretty receptionists greet guests, while the business facilities are second to none. ▶164 rooms (164 singles 249 - 539zł, 164 doubles 289 - 579zł). ★★★★★

Symbol key

Air conditioning	Credit cards accepted
Casino	Conference facilities
Child friendly	Facilities for the disabled
Internet	Guarded parking
Fitness centre	Non-smoking rooms
Restaurant	Swimming pool
Sauna	Wi-Fi

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Mid-range

Campanile A-1, ul. Jagiello 7, tel. (+48) 71 326 78 00, www.campanile.com.pl. Great value. Rooms are large, smart and spacious, and come decorated in the Campanile colours of green and yellow with chequered duvets and curtains, and creature comforts like satellite TV and air-con. Just north of the centre, the Old Town and Ostrów Tumski are within easy walking distance. ▶110 rooms (109 singles 160 - 240zł, 109 doubles 160 - 240zł, 1 apartments 340zł). Breakfast 35zł. ★★

Duet E-4, ul. Św Mikołaja 47-48, tel. (+48) 71 785 51 00, www.hotelduet.pl. For what you pay, you get a whole lot of hotel room here. Really. Terrific beds (and as there is a choice of twins and doubles you can be guaranteed your double bed is a double bed, not two singles pushed together: that always annoys us...) great bathrooms and a location that just about borders on the Old Town. The buffet breakfast is one of the best in the city, and when add in the free wifi and friendly, multi-lingual service we think you're on to a winner. ▶39 rooms (39 singles 179 - 306zł, 39 doubles 199 - 330zł, 4 apartments 254 - 414zł). Breakfast 30zł. ★★

Dwór Polski A-3, ul. Kielbaśnicza 2, tel. (+48) 71 372 34 15, www.dworpolski.wroclaw.pl. A fabulous ensemble of olde-world sophistication, communist leftovers and touches of modernity, this 16th-century beast provides good rooms throughout featuring satellite television, minibars and renovated bathrooms. The apartment is wonderful indeed, featuring lots of fancy trimmings and a private entrance for the discreet guest. Add-ons are minimal, but there's a feast of traditional bars and restaurants throughout the building representing every aspect of Polish food and drink. ▶28 rooms (24 singles 220 - 270zł, 22 doubles 300 - 350zł, 4 apartments 405 - 520zł). ★★★★★

Europeum A-3, ul. Kazimierza Wielkiego 27a, tel. (+48) 71 371 45 00, www.europeum.pl. Just across the road from the Old Town you'll find this super modern and super clean hotel behind a chic glass fronted building. Modern rooms are accessed with swipe cards and come with climate control, cable TV, refrigerator and fully sound-proofed windows - the perfect solution to its busy central location. Both the hotel and adjoining restaurant (Brasserie 27 - see restaurants) look way above their class, representing amazing value for money. Elegant without ever being kitsch. ▶38 rooms (38 singles 230 - 450zł, 33 doubles 250 - 485zł). ★★

Marshal B-5, ul. Piłsudskiego 104/Gwama 23, tel. (+48) 71 733 44 33, www.hotelmarshal.pl. Freshly scrubbed and spotlessly clean across from Wrocław's main train station, you can't beat the location which will soon feature magnificent views of what should be a rather grand transportation complex (until then, don't look out the window). A chic mirrored tunnel funnels you into the marble lobby, which hints at the luxury awaiting inside the rooms themselves - most of which are larger than any hotel room we've ever slept in; in fact, some are large enough for families of four. ▶33 rooms (33 singles 279 - 399zł, 32 doubles 299 - 399zł, 10 triples 319 - 349zł, 10 quads 319 - 349zł). Breakfast 25zł. ★★

Novotel ul. Wyścigowa 35 (Krzyki), tel. (+48) 71 339 80 51, www.accorhotels.com. A squat sixties building surrounded with flagpoles and conifers hides good value accommodation on the outskirts of town. The Novotel standard as replicated across the world is strictly followed, so expect multi-lingual staff, comfortable rooms and plenty of business travellers and tourist groups. ▶145 rooms (145 singles 159 - 439zł, 145 doubles 159 - 439zł). Breakfast 41zł. ★★

Patio A-3, ul. Kielbaśnica 24-25, tel. (+48) 71 375 04 00, www.hotelpatio.pl. One of the city's better accommodation options, the Patio is a sumptuous place in a top location minutes from the Rynek. Centred around a striking yet elegant atrium the individually furnished rooms here have been recently refurbished and offer maximum comfort, from high-speed internet to state of the art televisions and luxuriously decorated bathrooms. Best of all we like the deep carpets and comfy armchairs. If we had one complaint it would be that the rooms are not all that big, but given the high standards of service, decor and comfort, we'll take it. ▶51 rooms (42 singles 199 - 365zł, 20 doubles 269 - 480zł, 8 apartments 400 - 580zł).

Quality System Hotel Wrocław H-1, Al. Kromera 16, tel. (+48) 71 364 97 00, www.hotelsystem.pl. Clean cream colours lend a sharp modern look to the System and all rooms come equipped with their own PC and flatscreen TV. This is a real favourite with the corporate crowd though the cosmopolitan bar and wellness centre - complete with swimming pool - mean there's plenty to occupy yourself with in those post-conference moments. ▶107 rooms (100 singles 170 - 390zł, 77 doubles 200 - 420zł, 7 apartments 300 - 500zł). Breakfast 30zł.

Tumski C-2, Wyspa Słodowa 10, tel. (+48) 71 322 60 88, www.hotel-tumski.pl. While nothing to rhapsodise about, Tumski offers pleasant rooms staring across the Oder and new fixtures and fittings. The chief conference room, 'The Black Hall', on the other hand deviates from all norms; raise your eyebrows at beamed ceilings, faux chandeliers and parquet floors. ▶57 rooms (14 singles 220 - 280zł, 38 doubles 340 - 380zł, 3 triples 380 - 420zł, 1 apartments 630 - 690zł).

Budget

Cilantro Bed & Breakfast A-1, ul. Pomorska 32/26-29, tel. (+48) 71 793 86 82, www.cilantro.pl. A bit tricky to find, but completely worth the trouble. On the sixth floor (don't worry, there's an elevator) and offering plenty of privacy and comfort, Cilantro's bright, modern and spacious rooms all feature large double beds and balconies and are subtly decorated in a way that puts a smile on your face. The great breakfast (included in the price) and the small size of the bill you get at the end of your stay will only make you smile more. Recommended. ▶9 rooms (9 doubles 169 - 189zł, 3 triples 249 - 269zł).

Apartments

Exclusive Apartments B-3, ul. Krawiecka 3/10, tel. (+48) 515 13 81 77, www.ea.wroclaw.pl. As the name suggests, Exclusive is here to provide designer living to the itinerant traveller. Ranging from 32 to 80 square metres, there are a number of locations to choose from, each one coming with kitchen facilities, ironing boards and cable TV. For something utterly sexy check out the Opium 2 apartment, decked out with ultra-stylish fittings and cream and caramel colours. If there's six of you then don't look beyond the Mizurii, a chic three room affair with a corner tub, 32 inch flatscreen TV and underground parking. And at these prices, it's an absolute giveaway. ▶40 rooms (40 apartments 210 - 350zł). Breakfast 30-40zł.

Leoapart B-2, ul. Wieżenna 21/36-37, tel. (+48) 71 330 71 21, www.apartmentswroclaw.pl. A great alternative to a hotel is your own apartment in the city which gives you extra privacy, space and the chance to feel like a local during your stay. This easy to navigate website details upwards of 50 throughout Wrocław with photos, maps and other pertinent info in English, Polish, German and Italian. Prices are conveniently listed in both euro and zloty, making this one of the best resources at your disposal. Airport transfers also available. ▶50 rooms (50 apartments 150 - 400zł). Breakfast 17zł.

Hostels

Absynt Hostel A-3, ul. Św. Antoniego 15, tel. (+48) 691 40 54 05, www.absynthostel.pl. Stunningly chic and well-equipped, this hip, high-standard hostel right in the midst of the ul. Ruska nightlife action offers stylish rooms and dorms with lockers, a large, brightly-coloured common room and kitchen, satellite TV and two computers with internet. While their website claims they have 106 rooms, we can inform you to the contrary that there are actually only 2 singles, 8 doubles, a highly recommended apartment and 38 bunks in this four-floor flophouse, but still - that's a lot of options. Check their website for seasonal promotions that make this bottom budget sleeper even more of a bargain. ▶30 rooms (2 singles 70 - 100zł, 8 doubles 90 - 120zł, 3 triples 105 - 150zł, 4 quads 160 - 200zł, 3 apartments 150 - 250zł, 38 Dorm beds 25 - 40zł). No breakfast served.

Boogie E-4, ul. Ruska 35, tel. (+48) 71 342 44 72, www.boogiesthostel.com. One more hostel to add to Wrocław's ever growing list, and it's not bad at all. Features of note include a great spiral staircase inside a brick tower, lots of timber frames and a Playstation in the fabulous common room, which is every bit as sexy as a pink pussycat; think low banquettes, purple colours and weird wallpaper. Facilities number a fully stocked kitchen, bullet fast internet and a DVD collection, while accommodation comes split between private rooms and dorms decked out with single beds - so no chance of the bloke in the upstairs bunk stepping on your head. Quite an experience, and those with an aversion to spiral stairs can catch a ride in the lift. ▶19 rooms (2 singles 110zł, 8 doubles 130 - 190zł, 3 triples 165 - 180zł, 3 quads 220zł, 23 Dorm beds 40 - 45zł).

Boogie Hostel Deluxe A-3, ul. Białoskórnicza 6, tel. (+48) 71 342 11 60, www.boogiesthostel.com. With a name like that you want to check in to this place as quickly as possible; it sounds like an invitation to party non-stop. In fact, this place is one of few fully renovated houses on the historic ul. Białoskórnicza, and deserves brownie points simply for the tasteful refit. Inside expect what could be labelled 'an upmarket hostel sleep' in comfortable - if in some cases rather garishly decorated - rooms. ▶12 rooms (12 singles 160zł, 12 doubles 180zł).

Mleczarnia E-4, ul. Włodkowica 5, tel. (+48) 71 787 75 70, www.mleczarniahostel.pl. It is not the best hostel in Poland for nothing. With its big dorms, good bathrooms and terrific common room (where there are always travellers ready to spin you a yarn or two) and off-beat, happy staff, Mleczarnia has a recipe for success and sticks to it. For those who like a bit more privacy the doubles with their own bathrooms are tremendous (we had a pair of vintage skis in ours, which kind of sums the place up), and the apartment (in a separate building close to the Rynek) is well worth a splurge. ▶5 rooms (4 doubles 220zł, 4 triples 253zł, 1 quads 286zł, 1 apartments 220zł, 34 Dorm beds 35 - 50zł). Breakfast 9-18zł.

French

Le Bistrot Parisien A-2, ul. Nożownicza 1d, tel. (+48) 71 341 05 65, www.lebistrotparisien.pl. This ambitious 'bistro' pays homage to Paris with period photos of the French capital and readymade meal sets including appetiser, entree and dessert. The prices may seem preciously Parisian as well, but the food is of exceptional quality, including staples like frog legs, French onion soup, fried snails and the wine to complement them. A popular congregation point of expats, the staff are very friendly, flirty and accommodating; and as such, in no way French. Recommended. ▶Open 12:00 - 22:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 23:00. (31-59zł).

Greek

Akropol Na Solnym F-4, Pl. Solny 18/19, tel. (+48) 71 788 81 42, www.akropolrestaurant.pl. High-end Greek dining, with music, ambiance and decor to match. Choose from a menu of steak, shrimp, salads and classics such as the very tasty Moussaka. The interior can only be described as a sea of cream and gold - and there's a spiral staircase leading to a mezzanine floor overlooking the bar and main dining room with hanging lights. Feast with the soothing sound of a trickling water feature, or live music (common). Polish owned but you definitely wouldn't know it! ▶Open 11:00 - 24:00. (30-120zł).

International

Bernard B-3, Rynek 35, tel. (+48) 71 344 10 54, www.bernard.wroclaw.pl. We'll go along with the crowd and admit that this trendy brewery/restaurant is one of the most alluring 'locales' on the market square. A stylish, airy, three-level interior with a long inviting bar, Bernard is characterised by closely arranged tables which don't offer any privacy but contribute to the casual atmosphere where the menu is your placemat and it's perfectly acceptable to just enjoy a drink without eating. To that end, they have their own beer in dark and light, as well as bottled choices including a decent amber and four alky-free flavours which we wouldn't know anything about; enjoy their draughts in glasses growing from .4 to 2 litres. The food is nothing to overlook with a menu ranging from nachos to Polish classics like golonka and the upper level tables in the window are a great place to take your date, but reserve ahead. ▶Open 10:30 - 23:00, Fri, Sat 10:30 - 24:00. (28-75zł).

Bierhalle A-3, Rynek Ratusz 24-27, tel. (+48) 601 67 74 52, www.bierhalle.pl. A veritable lads magnet, this tourist gobbling franchise features busty farmers' daughters in faux-folk costumes bussing steins of unpasteurised site-brewed beer to patrons busy stuffing themselves on sausages, ribs, pork knuckle and other meaty feasts with fries. The seasonal outdoor seating does well to capture the spirit of the name, though the unremarkable interior is a bit like every other place you've ever spilled a beer in, though you may be more remorseful to have done so here due to each ale's surprising quality and cost. ▶Open 12:30 - 23:00, Fri 12:30 - 24:00, Sat 11:30 - 24:00, Sun 11:30 - 23:00. (15-40zł).

Brasserie 27 A-3, ul. Kazimierza Wielkiego 27a (Europeum Hotel), tel. (+48) 71 371 44 71, www.brasserie27.com. Fancy and indeed flavoursome, this place is owned by the hotel Europeum but worthy of its separate entrance. A mega modern, glass fronted appearance is complemented by designer hanging lights and dark woods. The reassuringly short menu starts with Italian and spans steak and also fish dishes, staying mostly within the bounds

Symbol key

	Air conditioning		Credit cards accepted
	Live music		Take away
	Child friendly		Facilities for the disabled
	Old Town location		Animal friendly
	Wi-Fi		

of Mediterranean cuisine. Friendly service and an award winning chef make this one of the better places in the city to eat. ▶ Open 07:00 - 10:30, 12:00 - 23:00. (30-55zł).

Mosaic Restaurant & Wine Lounge A-3, ul. Św. Mikołaja 12, tel. (+48) 71 798 35 11, www.mosaic.pl. Fine dining at its most chic, Mosaic offers an impressive menu with a French motif complemented by rare seafood specialties and an international flair. The English-trained chefs make so certain that all their ingredients are fresh that there is no refrigerator (well, a small one for the ice cream). Unique dishes for Wrocław and specialties such as ray fish, American-style pancakes, and an array of tartar-style meats and steaks draw you in, and the enormous wine cellar can keep you longer than you expected. Although their orientation is toward a business clientele, they offer a good value lunch special from Monday to Friday. ▶Open 11:30 - 23:00. (35-120zł).

Pod Papugami A-3, ul. Sukiennice 9a, tel. (+48) 71 343 92 75, www.podpapugami.com.pl. Long known as a default Wrocław drinker, it should never be forgotten that the Pod - in the plummet of plum locations on the Rynek - serves up some rather good food too. We have always liked the breakfast menu: go for the convincing (if not cheap) full American, the full English or the smoked salmon and scrambled eggs. Come evening, the terrific veal steaks will set you up very nicely for a night on the cocktails. ▶Open 11:00 - 24:00, Mon 12:00 - 24:00, Fri 11:00 - 01:00, Sat 12:00 - 01:00, Sun 12:00 - 23:00. (36-80zł).

Italian

Amalfi B-2, ul. Wieżenna 21, tel. (+48) 71 343 67 84, www.amalfi.pl. Another of the numerous establishments to have recently sprung up on this inconspicuous backstreet, this one is another Italian. Being named after that small coastal town near Naples, the expectations are high. Although we weren't overwhelmed it did not disappoint by any stretch of the imagination - especially as we were eating pizza for breakfast. The setting is exceptionally authentic; think terracotta tiles, large olive oil bottles and Italian landscapes covering the walls. With appropriately competitive prices, the place actually represents very good value. ▶Open 12:00 - 24:00. (23-60zł).

Capri Trattoria Pizzeria B-2, ul. Wieżenna 21, tel. (+48) 71 343 20 71, www.capripizza.pl. Found inside the Galeria Italia complex the style here is clear and simple, with visual distractions essentially limited to the streetside views and the theatrics of other diners. An ambitious range of Italian dishes can be found here, with the real emphasis placed on spaghetti, while the proprietors' Italian origins are unmistakable in their influence on the end product. Prices remain pegged at sensible levels, providing prospective diners with all the more reason to visit. ▶Open 12:00 - 24:00. (11-200zł).

Polish Food

Those wanting to take a quick foxtrot through the world of the Polish kitchen should consider putting the following to the test:

Smalec: Fried lard, often served complimentary before a meal with hunks of homemade bread. It sounds evil, but it works like a miracle any day, especially an arctic one. Ideally partnered with a mug of local beer. Any Polish restaurant worth its salt should give you lashings of this prior to your meal. You only need ask.

Soup: Keep your eyes peeled for Poland's two signature soups; zurek (sour rye soup with sausages and potatoes floating in it) and barszcz (beetroot, occasionally with dumplings thrown in). Table manners go out of the window when eating these two, so feel free to dunk bread rolls in them.

Bigos: You'll either love it or vomit. Bigos, a.k.a hunters stew, is made using meat, cabbage, onion and sauerkraut before being left to simmer for a few days. If you have second helpings then consider yourself a Pole by default.

Gołąbki: Boiled cabbage leaves stuffed with beef, onion and rice before being baked in a tomato sauce. Urban myth claims Poland's King Kazimierz fed his army gołąbki before his victory outside Malbork in a battle against the Teutonic Order. The unlikely victory was attributed to the hearty meal his troops had enjoyed before hand.

Kielbasa: Sausages, and in Poland you'll find several varieties made primarily with pork, but sometimes using turkey, horse, lamb and even bison. Few varieties to watch for including Krakowska, a Kraków specialty which uses pepper and garlic, kabanosy which is a thin, dry sausage flavoured with caraway seed and wiejska; a monster-looking u-shaped sausage. Kielbasa was also the nickname of one of Poland's most notorious gangland figures of the 90s.

Pierogi: Pockets of dough traditionally filled with meat, cabbage or cheese, though you will also occasionally find maverick fillings such as chocolate or strawberries.

Placki: Nothing more than potato pancakes, often paired with lashings of sour cream. Again, all your traditional folksy Polish restaurants will have these on the menu, if not you have every right to raise a few questions in the direction of the kitchen.

Zapiekanki: Also known as Polish pizza. Take a stale baguette, pour melted cheese on it and then cover it with mushrooms and ketchup from a squeeze bottle. Best eaten when absolutely plastered. Where to buy it: various fast food cabins dotted around the city centre.

Dessert: Few things in life get a Pole more animated than a good dessert. Sernik (a kind of cheesecake) being a must if you want to even attempt to convince a Pole you have visited their country.

Kaszanka: This is the Polish variation of blood sausage, in this case pig's blood mixed with groats, and is generally served fried with onions. Unlike in other countries it is not served in the form of a sausage. A variation on the blood dish is **Czemina**, a soup made of duck's blood mixed with poultry broth. An interesting tale is attached to this dish as it was the dish served by the parents of young women to her suitors as a sign that their proposal of marriage was not accepted.

il Gusto A-3, ul. Św. Mikołaja 8-11, tel. (+48) 71 342 00 11, www.ligusto.pl. A classy restobar with an Italian influenced menu which offers up a range of very good pizzas, pastas and soups. The chicken dish in cream sauce with bacon and peppers can certainly be recommended while a colleague has nothing but good things to say about the salads. Once fed, take up position on one of the soft furnishings and watch the slightly maturated crowd get stuck into the evening. Recommended. ▶ Open 17:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 17:00 - 02:00. (14-42zl). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

Va Bene Trattoria F-4, Rynek 51, tel. (+48) 71 343 83 50, www.vabenerestauracja.pl. Between covering Wrocław and Kraków, Va Bene is unfortunately about 50 Italian restaurants too late for us to get excited about its claim as the best Italian food in the region. We will say that it is very good; so good in fact that there's no point in opening another Italian restaurant to out-do it. (Ok? How about a Thai restaurant? We could get excited about that.) The menu changes with the seasons covering all the highlights of Italian cuisine and more, extending to pizzas and even breakfast. The interior is suitably sharp and features the original ceiling, which is worth taking a peek at whether you're hungry or not. Sneak in for the 24zl daily lunch menu, and in summer enjoy people-watching from their market square patio. ▶ Open 08:00 - 22:00, Fri, Sat 08:00 - 24:00. (19-55zl). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

Japanese

Darea B-2, ul. Kuźnica 43/45, tel. (+48) 71 343 53 01, www.darea.pl. A huge open plan space that does little in the way of décor, but plenty for the reputation of Korean food. Overseen by a Korean chap who settled in Poland over a decade ago Darea offers a cracking menu of both Japanese and Korean dishes including *tangsuuyuk* (sweet and sour beef baked in pastry), *bulgogi* and five grill options where the cooking is left to the patrons. Highly recommended and a confirmed favourite of Wrocław's expats. Take-away on offer at a 15 per cent discount. ▶ Open 12:00 - 22:30. (20-100zl). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

Ohh! Sushi C-3, Pl. Dominikański 3 (Galeria Dominikańska, level 0), tel. (+48) 71 330 65 40. One of Poland's better sushi chains. Ohh! Sushi continues to surprise shoppers by providing exceptionally authentic, fresh food in one of the last places you would expect it: a shopping mall. Incredibly popular as a take-away spot, that less energy has been put into the design of the interior than the quality of the food should hardly concern anyone's stomach. With the endorsement of plenty of Asian clients at the tables each time we drop by, Ohh! Sushi is not only up there with the city's best Japanese, it's the best value in Wrocław for this elsewhere over-priced food fad. Another location in Magnolia Park (ul. Legnicka 58). ▶ Open 09:30 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 20:00. (15-60zl). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

Mediterranean

Restauracja Acquario A-4, ul. Heleny Modrzejewskiej 2, tel. (+48) 71 772 37 80, www.monopolwroclaw.hotel.com.pl. The upscale restaurant on the rooftop terrace of the legendary Hotel Monopol, Acquario offers an enticing card of Mediterranean entrees with a special flair for seafood, but if you're anything like us you'll be just as interested in the wine card. With a world-class list on hand, there's no better way to relax than with a bottle of red enjoying the fabulous views over Wrocław through rose-tinted glasses. ▶ Open 18:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat 18:00 - 24:00. (69-89zl). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

Polish

Art Restauracja i Kawiarnia A-2, ul. Kielbańska 20, tel. (+48) 71 787 71 02, www.arthotel.pl. A hotel restaurant that would thrive even without its captive audience of hotel guests. The vaulted interiors of Art come decorated with light colours, timber beams and wicker chairs, while visual distractions include a well, local artwork and potted shrubbery in every conceivable form. The menu does the rest with a strong line in maritime delights and regional Polish cuisine in addition to well-presented modern Italian dishes. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00. (38-68zl). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

Karczma Lwowska A-3, Rynek 4, tel. (+48) 71 343 98 87, www.lwowska.com.pl. The translation of this place tells you almost all you need to know - 'Lviv Tavern' is dedicated to that former Polish city now in the Ukraine. Rustically decked out in rural artifacts like traditional bundles of wheat, pumpkins and a stuffed pheasant on almost every table - you kind of know you're in for a special kind of feast. At first glance the menu seems cheap, but even after you've noticed the side dishes on the next page (chargeable separately) it's very good value. The steak in Leopoldian sauce (from Leopoldia/Lviv) is top notch. Goes to show that not everything on main squares is a tourist trap. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. (25-80zl). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

Multifood STP B-3, ul. Kuźnica 10, tel. (+48) 501 10 34 01, www.multifoodstp.pl. A large self-service canteen whose counters come manned with cheerful red clad staff touting sun visors and t-shirts. The dining hall is largely anonymous, but the food - plates of meat and veg - has already won a loyal following. Everything is priced at 2.99zl per 100 grams, with your bill worked out once you reach the end of the queue. Additional locations in Magnolia Park (E-4; ul. Legnicka 58), Pasaż Grunwaldzki (H-4, Pl. Grunwaldzki 22), Centrum Korona (ul. Krzywoustego 126) and Marino Shopping Centre (ul. Paprotna 7). ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

Pod Fredrą A-3, Rynek - Ratusz 1, tel. (+48) 71 341 13 35, www.podfredra.pl. A perfect introduction to traditional Polish cuisine, from a perfect location inside Wrocław's medieval Town Hall, Pod Fredrą ably covers the spectrum of Polish classics and even boasts its very own onsite smokehouse. The music, walls, and meaty menu combine to create the appearance of an old Polish village and the staff will dutifully serve you in at least three languages (Polish, German or English). The extensive country fare is complemented by a large and international wine list, and you need not worry about your eyes being too big for your stomach as they're quite happy to doggy-bag whatever you're unable to put away of the large portions. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. (25-50zl). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

Quchnia Polska A-3, Rynek 20-21, tel. (+48) 71 343 56 17, www.quchniapolska.pl. Obviously up market when you enter, this place aims to combine innovative international cuisine with classic Polish ingredients and additions. A cosy interior with warm colours should be law in Poland with those biting winters - this place fits the bill perfectly. Attractively restored features of the old building, including (almost) flawless coving. It was a first for us, but the dish of another diner in the restaurant looked so good that we just had to have the same; the chicken with mushroom sauce is excellent alongside cooked spinach and pan fried potatoes. Flawless food for sure. Located on the main square, with fittingly exceptional views. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:30. (19-69zl). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

Quick Eats

For more fast dining options, get away from the fast food franchises and get adventurous by visiting a **milk bar** or **Zakąski Przekąski** (see our boxes on each), or try local legends **Multifood STP** (see Polish) or **Kuchnia Marche** (see International).

Bazylija B-2, ul. Kuźnica 42, tel. (+48) 71 375 20 65, www.bazyliabar.pl. Enter this clean, modern and spacious student cafeteria at Plac Uniwersytecki, take a tray, plate and silverware and hit the long buffet line for a wide selection of traditional Polish and other hot dishes. With music provided by VIVA music television from the flatscreen mounted on the wall and views of the beautiful baroque University Church through the wall-length windows, Bazylija offers cheap, fast and filling food at the outrageously affordable price of 2.49zl/100g. A great way to save your spending for the bars, everything goes for half-price during the last hour of the day's business. ▶ Open 08:00 - 19:00, Sat, Sun 07:30 - 19:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

KFC B-3, ul. Świdnicka 13a, tel. (+48) 71 386 18 70, www.kfc.pl. Also at (C-3, Galeria Dominikańska), Pl. Dominikański 3 and (E-4, Magnolia Park), ul. Legnicka 58. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 07:00 - 03:00, Sun 08:00 - 24:00. (11-17zl). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

McDonald's B-3, Rynek 30, tel. (+48) 694 49 60 09, www.mcdonalds.pl. Also at (C-3, Galeria Dominikańska), Pl. Dominikański 3 and (H-4, Pasaż Grunwaldzki), Pl. Grunwaldzki 22. ▶ Open 07:00 - 04:00, Mon, Sun 07:00 - 02:00, Tue, Wed 07:00 - 03:00. (12-18zl). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

Pizza Hut A-3, Rynek 48, tel. (+48) 71 386 17 56, www.pizzahut.pl. Also at ul. Legnicka 58 (E-4, Magnolia Park) and Pl. Dominikański 3 (C-3, Galeria Dominikańska). ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 24:00. (11-42zl). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

Sevi Kebab E-6, ul. Powstańców Śląskich 2-4 (Arkady Wrocławskie, level 1), tel. (+48) 71 360 02 58, www.sevikebab.pl. The queue speaks for itself. While half the other food outlets in Arkady have nary a customer between them, the line here is often 20 deep. The shish kebab is the pick of the bunch, while if you're feeling really hungry (or are just hungover) the 20zl Sevi menu - with a bit of everything - will sort you out. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 20:00. (10-23zl). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗

Wieża Ciśnień Bistro E-7, ul. Sudecka 125a, tel. (+48) 71 367 19 29, www.wiezacisnien.pl. Meriting a trip just to gaze at this gorgeous survivor of unique water tower architecture, the ground floor bistro extends an affordable invitation to step inside for delicious coffee, cakes and ice cream, or choose from their buffet of ready entrees. The layout (with the queue starting at the opposite end from the entrance) and system are admittedly confusing - plates are priced by the item, not weight, so exercise self-control while selecting - but the traditional meat and potatoes dishes are satisfying, the desserts to die for, and there's a bargain salad bar for those that don't eat from the barnyard. From 08:00-12:00 it's breakfast, while after 18:30 enjoy the buffet at half-price. On the upper floors you'll find a more upscale restaurant (see International) and a terrace bar in warm months. You can get there easy via buses 144, 127 or 136; or cough up 15zl for the cab fare. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 21:00. (15-30zl). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ☖ ☗



To the north west of the square find the (A-3) 'Hansel and Gretel' building – two slim baroque buildings linked by a gateway, leading to **St Elizabeth's church**. If you are not averse to claustrophobic stairwells then a climb to the top of the church is rewarded with panoramic views. The old town is filled with oddities, not least the numerous cast iron animals found on Stare Jatkki (A-2), erected to commemorate the street's former function as the town's butchers' quarter. But that's nothing compared to the gnome sculptures found hidden around the streets of town. They might sound like a daft tourist gimmick, but they are in actual fact a direct tribute to the Orange Alternative Movement – a surrealist local art community that played a key role in the anti-communist protests of the 1980s. Pick up a copy of the special gnome map from the tourist office (A-3 Rynek 14) for a full list of locations where the little fellas can be found lurking, or head to the corner of (A-4) ul. Świdnicka and ul. Kazimierza Wielkiego to find our favourite: Papa Krasnal.

Wrocław is primarily a student town and a walk around the (B-2) **university campus** is essential. Many of the buildings have been restored to their former glory in recent years, and the ceiling frescoes in the main assembly hall (Aula Leopoldina) are dazzling. Keep an eye out for the naked swordsman, one of Wrocław's most photographed monuments. Continue across the river and you'll find yourself on (C-2) **Ostrów Tumski**, an area filled with churches and photo opportunities. Dominating the lot is the (D-2, pl. Katedralny 18) **Cathedral of St John the Baptist** – an awesome construction originally dating from the 13th century. Once again, tourists are offered the chance of the trip to a panoramic view platform on top of the spire, though you may be out of luck if the weather is bad.

Absolutely no trip to Wrocław is complete without a visit to the (C-3, ul. Purkyniego 11) **Raclawice Panorama** – a 140 metre canvas celebrating a historic Polish victory against Russian forces in 1794. This is the city's pride and joy, so don't dare let on to any of the natives that you never paid a visit. Those wishing to trace Wrocław's near extinguished Jewish history should pay a visit to the **cemetery** on (E/F-7) ul. Ślężna 37/39. Dating from 1856 the cemetery is one of the best preserved Jewish necropolises in Poland. Jewish life was completely decimated by WWII, and the war weighs heavily on the city. Destroyed in one of the fiercest sieges of WWII there visitors can still observe traces of Wrocław's wartime heritage. The bunker used by Nazi high command still exists at **Partisan Hill** (B-4, Wzgórze Partyzantów, ul. Ks. Skargi), and two **Soviet war cemeteries** can be found deep in the suburbs on ul. Karkonoska Skowronia Góra.

Don't forget to cross the river to view the **Centennial Hall** (I-4, ul. Wystawowa 1). Built in 1913, the People's Hall, or Hala Ludowa as it was known in Poland during the communist era, was really something. Max Berg, the renowned Modernist architect, designed the building to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Napoleon's defeat at Leipzig. Today, well, judge the greying concrete structure yourself. The building is primarily used for trade fairs and concerts, but tour buses still dutifully drop bewildered tourists at its doors. The acoustics in the 18,000-seat hall are said to be excellent, so we recommend saving your trip for a concert (or a visit from the Pope - the late Pope John Paul II spoke here in May 1997). On the grounds are a wonderful multimedia fountain (ice-rink in winter), a massive man-made pond and covered walkway just made for a Sunday stroll. Lying in close proximity are a scenic Japanese garden and **Wrocław Zoo** (J-4/5, ul. Wróblewskiego 1-5) – dating from 1865 and Poland's oldest.

For full details about the aforementioned, as well as much, much more pick up a copy of our guidebook from your concierge.

A walk around the streets of old town is a must, with the sensible start/finish point being the (A-3) **main square** (Rynek); one of the largest town squares in Europe. The center piece of the square is the (A-3) **Town Hall** (Rynek Ratusz), and a walk in and amongst its inter-connecting streets is a must. The first thing you'll probably notice about the Town Hall (Ratusz) is that it seems to be patched together from bits and pieces of a dozen different buildings. In a way it was. Construction began on it in the end of the 13th century and continued - through all the changing political and artistic forces - for about 250 years. The Town Hall was the centre of city life up until the early 20th century, housing the Town Council, merchants' stalls and - most importantly - a beer cellar. The building escaped relatively unscathed after World War II (an estimated 10% was damaged). After reconstruction work, it was re-opened as the Museum of City-Dwellers' Art (Muzeum Sztuki Mieszczaniej). Inside you can see the remarkable Gothic interiors and a collection of silver and other city artefacts. In the Treasury room, look for the new flower-shaped decorative keystones: these replaced Nazi symbols that were installed during World War II.



Anny, św.	C-2	Grodzka	B/C-2	Krawiecka	B-3	Oławka	B-3, C-4	Stawowa	B-5
Antoniego, św.	A-3	Grunwaldzki, pl	C/D-3/4	Krowia	B-3	Otwarta	A-1	Strazińska	A/B-2
Arrasowa	B-4	Gwarna	B-5	Krupnicza	A-3	Paulińska	A/B-1	Sucha	B/C-6
Bałuckiego	A-5	Haukego-Bosaka	C/D-4	Krzysztofa, św., pl.	B-4	Piaskowa	C-2/3	Sukiennice	A/B-3
Barycka	D-1	Hercena	C-5	Kurkowa	A-1	Piłsudskiego, marsz.	A/B-5	Św. Ducha	C-2
Berna, gen.	C-1	Hłonda, kard.	D-2	Kurzy Targ	B-3	Podwale	A/C-3/5	Świdnicka	A/B-3/5
Berna, gen., pl.	C-1	Hubska	C-6	Kuźnica	B-2/3	Polski, pl.	C-3	Świętokrzyska	C/D-1/2
Bernardyńska	C-3	Idziego, św.	C/D-2	Laciarska	B-2/3	Pomorska	A-1	Świackiego	D-6
Białokornicza	A-2	Igielna	A/B-3	Ląkowa	A-4	Poniatowskiego, ks.	C-1	Swoboda	A-6
Biskupia	B-3	Jadwigi, św.	C-2	Lazienna	A-2	Powstańców Śląskich	A-5/6	Szajnochy	A-3
Bogusławskiego	A/B-5	Janickiego	C-3	Ledochowskiego	D-1	Powstańców Warszawy	pl. D-3	Szczynicka	D-2
Bohaterów Getta, pl.	A-3	Jatkki	A-2	Leszczyńskiego	A-1	Purkyniego, ligancego, gen.		Szewska	B-2/4
Borna, pl.	A-1	Jedności Narodowej	B/C-1	Łokietka Władysława	B-1		D-5/6	Teatralna	B-4
Borowska	A-6	Joannitów	B-6	Lukaszyńskiego	D-5	Probusa Henryka	B-1	Teatralny, pl.	A-4
Bożego Ciała	A/B-4	Jodłowa	B-3	Macieja, św., pl.	B-1	Prusa	C/D-1	Traugutta	C/D-4/5
Brodatego Henryka	B-1	Joliot-Curie	D-2/3	Malachowskiego	C-6	Przejsie Garncarskie	A/B-3	Trzebnicka	B-1
Brzeska	D-6	Józefa, św.	D-2	Malarska	A-2	Przejsie Żelaźnicze	A/B-3	Uniwersytecka	B-2
Cieszyńskiego	A-2	Kanonka	C/D-2	Marcina, św.	C-2	Przeskok	D-1	Uniwersytecki, pl.	B-2
Cybulskiego	A/B-1/2	Kapistrana, św.	C-3	Marii Magdaleny, św.	B-3	Psie Budy	A-3	Walońska	D-4
Czesława, bt.	B-3	Kapitulna	D-2	Matejki, al.	D-1	Pulaskiego, gen.	C/D-4/6	Warzywnicza	C-1
Czysta	B-4/5	Katarzyny, św.	B/C-3	Mazowiecka	D-3/4	Purkyniego, Jana Ewangelisty		Wąska	A/B-1
Czysty, pl.	A/B-4	Katedralna	C/D-2	Mennicza	A/B-4		C/D-3	Widok	B-4
Dąbrowskiego, gen.	C-5	Katedralny, pl.	D-2	Miernicza	D-5	Rejtana	B-5	Wierzbowa	B-4
Dotrzyńska	D-4	Kazimierza Wielkiego	A/B-3/4	Mieszczarska	A-1	Rostafińskiego	B-1	Więzienna	B-2
Dominikański, Pl.	C-3	Kaznodziejska	B-3	Mieszka I	C-1/2	Ruska	A-3	Wita Stwosza	B-3
Doroty, św.	A-4	Kielbańska	A-2/3	Mikołaja, św.	A-3	Rydygiera	B-1	Wita, św.	B-3
Drobnera	B/C-1	Kilińskiego	C-1	Modrzewskiej	A-4	Rynek	A-3	Witolda, ks.	A/B-2
Drukniego-Lubeckiego	A-4	Kniaziewiczka	C-5	Muzealna	A-4	Rzeźnicza	A-2/3	Wodna	B-2
Dubois	A/B-1	Kołatka	B-4/5	Na Szańcach	C-1	Sienkiewicza	C/D-1	Wolności, pl.	A-4
Dworcowa	B/C-5	Komandorska	A-5/6	Najświętszej Marii Panny	C-2	Skargi, ks.	B-4	Worcella	C/D-4/5
Dyrekcyjna	B/C-6	Kominka, kard.	D-2	Nankiera, bp., pl.	B/C-2	Składowa	A-1	Wróblewskiego, pl.	D-4
Ezbiety, św.	A-3	Komuny Paryskiej	C/D-5/6	Naspowa	A-5	Skwerowa	A-6	Wyspa	C-2
Franciszkańska	A-4	Konstytucji 3 Maja, pl.	B/C-5/6	Niemcewiczka	C-1	Ślężna	A/B-6	Wyszyńskiego, kard.	D-1/2
Franciszkański, pl.	A-4	Kościelny, pl.	C-2	Nowa	B/C-4	Stodowa	C-2	Zaoziarska	A-6
Frycza-Modrzewskiego	C-2/3	Kościuszki	A-5	Nowy Świat	A-2	Stowackiego, al.	C/D-3	Zapolskiej	A-5
Gajowa	C-6	Kościuski, pl.	A/D-4/6	Nowy Targ, pl.	B-3	Stowackiego, wybrzeże	D-3/4	Zaułek Wolski	A-5
Garbary	A/B-2	Kotlarska	A/B-3	Nożownicza	B-2/3	Solny, pl.	A-3	Zeromskiego	D-1
Garncarska	C-3	Krairskiego	C-2/3	Odrzańska	A-2/3	Śrutowa	B-1	Zyndrama z Maszkowic	A-1/2
Gepperta	A-3	Krairskiego	B/C-3/4	Ofiar Oświęcimskich	A/B-3	Staromyślicka	C-2		

City Tours

There are many fascinating and beautiful towns in Poland, but Wrocław is incomparable with any other city. A guided tour is a guarantee that you will not miss any of Wrocław's attractions, and the assistance of an experienced guide helps to understand what's so special about this city.

Wrocław City Walk is a basic tour, including all „must see” attractions of the Lower Silesian capital. The tour starts from the Old Town with its magnificent Town Hall Tower and the breathtaking Baroque hall of Aula Leopoldina – the ceremonial hall of Wrocław University. You will also explore islands and islets of Wrocław, including the most important, Ostrów Tumski, where you can marvel at the imposing cathedral. A walk through the cobbled streets of Wrocław allows you to breathe its unique atmosphere. Another highlight to discover in Wrocław is the Panorama Raclawicka, a huge and fascinating painting depicting the battle of Raclawice. Prices start from €9 per person.

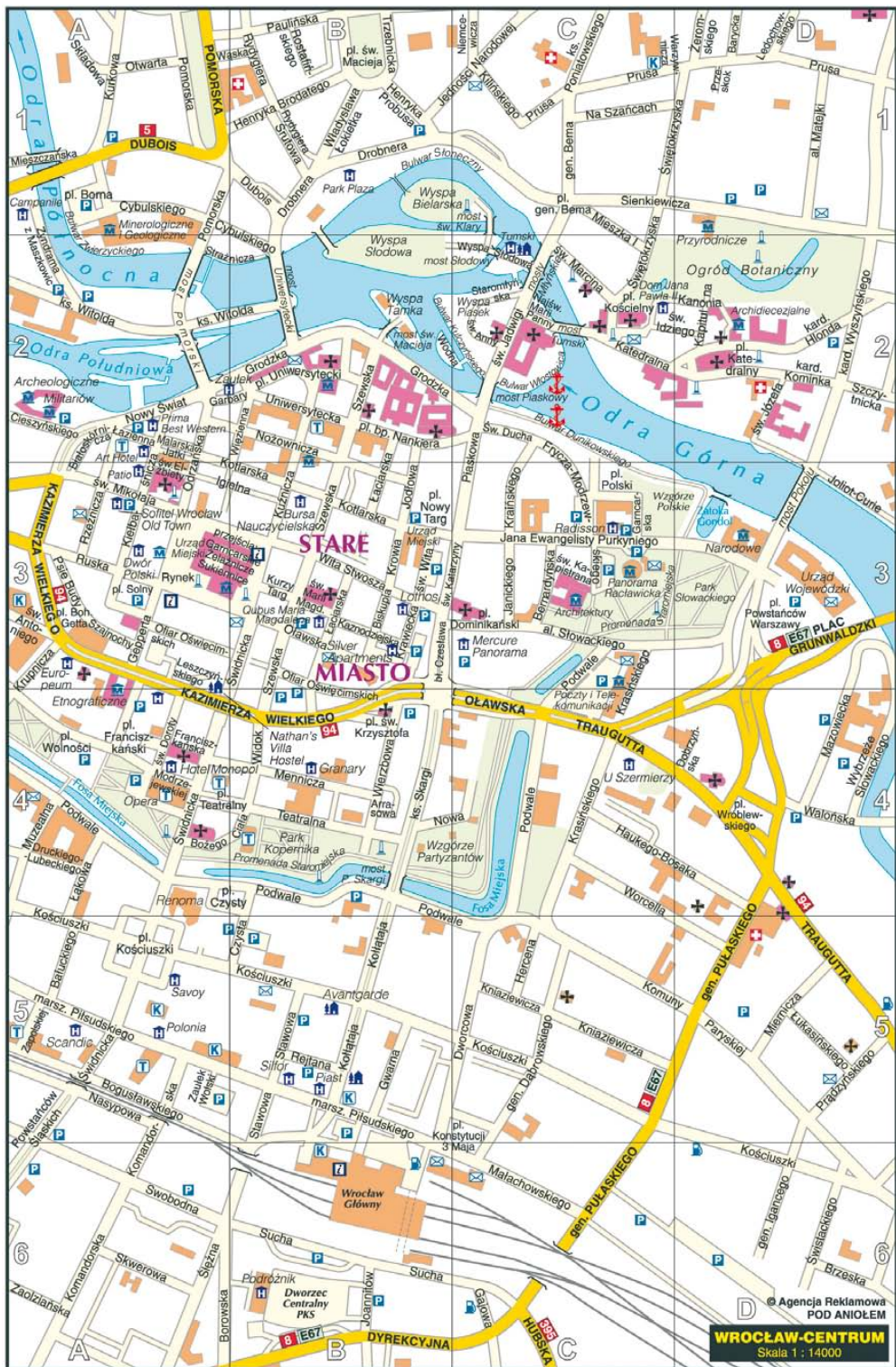
Wrocław also offers several great attractions in the surrounding area. We invite you to explore **Mysterious Silesia**, a region full of splendid castles and secret places. During the trip you will visit castles in Bolków and Książ, and an underground museum in the labyrinth of corridors commissioned by Hitler as a part of *Riese* project. **Churches of Peace** are another highlight of Silesia – two half timbered shrines furnished with rich wooden decorations leave an unbelievable impression. Apart from churches in Świdnica and Jawor, you will also see the impressive basilica in Wambierzyce. If you want to

gain a deeper insight into the Silesian Region, we have a special offer of a 5-day all-inclusive trip through the jewels of the area. During the **Silesian Grand Tour** you will have the opportunity to visit Świdnica, Bolków, Książ, Walim, Kudowa-Zdrój, Błędne Skąły Reserve, Chapel of Skulls in Czerzma and Karpacz. The tour starts and finishes in Wrocław. **Mysterious Silesia:** prices start from €52 per person, **Churches of Peace:** prices start from €50 per person, **Silesian Grand Tour:** prices on request.

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