

fraditional Borsch soup (Beetroot soup). they are really tresh and sometimes still warm. Try locals. Be sure to buy them early in the day when or poppy seeds. These are very popular with the Opwarzanki, ring-shaped pretzels covered with salt tood at affordable prices. Pushcart vendors sell or open courtyards and offer a wide variety of them are housed in traditional vaulted cellars the old town square (Rynek Glowny). Many of unique restaurants, bars and cafés in and around Krakow is a food paradise! There are some great,

## Eating & Drinking

best to spend it all!

another currency once you leave Poland, so it's can be difficult to change any left over zloty into kantors in the old town. Please remember that it wherever you go and there are plenty of banks and cash. Cheques are reasonably easy to exchange excusude rates than banks but they only deal in place called a 'kantor'. Kantors can give better You can change your money at a bank or a

1, 2 and 5 Zloty denominations. while coins come in 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 Groszy and denominations of 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 Zloty grosz (gr). Lloty banknotes are available in 'gold'. One zloty is divided into 100 units called The currency of Poland is the Zloty (zl.), meaning

Money

## unattended.

after your possessions and don't leave your bags Krakow is a relaxed and safe city, though look

## Satety

and locating them should not be a problem. There are plenty of internet cafés in the old town

## Internet Cates

vodka (Zubrowka) and apple juice QLIUK COIIED 1919 MAICH CONSISTS OF BISON GRASS amazing night life. A definate to try is the traditional rugu guð orugt European city and ineretore nas an Krakow boasts on having the most bars per capita

# Quick Talk **Polish**

The official language of Poland is Polish. The following are a few words to help you out.

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No Nie
Hello Czesc
Goodbye <b>Do widzeni</b>
Please <b>Prosze</b>
Thank you  Dziekuje

Open/Closed

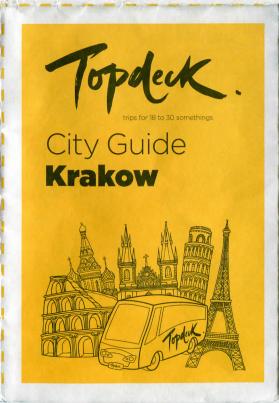
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## Things to do in Krakow

#### **Wawel Castle**

#### Dragons Den 3zl **Royal Apartments 25zl**

The heart of Poland's history and the seat of Poland's Kings from the 11th - 17th Century. There are many different exhibitions housed within, all with varying prices and opening times, entry into the courtyards

Royal Apartments open: Tue to Fri 9.30am - 5pm, Sat & Sun 10am - 5pm, closed Monday, also closed over the Christmas to New Year period

Dragons Den open: Apr to Oct 10am - 5pm, May to Jun open til 6pm, July to Aug open til 7pm

#### **Wawel Cathedral**

#### Approx 12zl, Students 7zl

Burial place of almost all of Poland's monarchs. Climb the tower to see the 11 tonne bell and enjoy the views.

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Open: Apr to Sep, Mon to Sat, 9am - 5pm, Sun 12:30pm -5pm. Oct to Mar, Mon to Sat 9am - 4pm, Sun 12.30pm - 4pm

## Main Market Square (Rynek Glowny)

### Here you will find the Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Church, St. Aldaberts Church. You can also climb the town tower for a great view. The huge 10 acre square is the largest of all Europe's medieval cities.

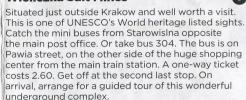
#### St Mary's Tower

Also known as The Watch, Wake, Alarm or the Bugle Tower. A bugle has been played here every hour of the day for the last 600 years which you can still hear today! Either wait outside or climb 54 metres up 239 steps to hear a special piece of Krakow's history. The facade of the church is characteristic for its two towers of not equal height. According to the legend it was the result of the competition of two brothers.

#### **Kazimierz (Jewish Quarter)**

Home to a large Jewish community from the 14th Century to WW II and the main filming location for Steven Spielberg's 'Schindler's List'. Get a taste of Jewish culture with themed restaurants, bookstores and much more.

## **Wieliczka Salt Mines**



Remember! Entrance fees and opening times in Europe can change at any time.

> Topdeck Top Tip: In many European cities it's legal to drink on the street, and it can be quite a novelty to stroll around with a beer in hand! But in Krakow centre it's forbidden, and you're liable to be fined by police if they see you. With plenty of great bars and restaurants around you won't want to anyway!

## **Getting around Krakow**

The great thing about Krakow is that almost everything you need is within walking distance. Krakow has the best of both worlds - historic buildings and good tourist facilities all squeezed into the small area of the Old Town. This historic area has the Rynek Glowny (main market square) in the middle while on the outside you can walk around the green ring of Planty. At the southern end of the old town is the Wawel Castle.