Interesting places in Krakow

A Brief History of Krakow: https://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/Krakow-History

Places worth to visit in Krakow:

1. Main market square (Rynek)- old city center from middle ages
   **Most important attractions**: Main square, Sukiennice, Rynek Underground, St. Mary’s Basilica, Town Hall Tower, Barbican
   **Link**: https://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/main-market-square_37319v
   **Tips**: *You can visit Rynek Underground
   **Link**: http://www.mhk.pl/branches/rynek-underground
   **Just to see**: Noworloski Cafe in Sukiennice (**Lenin favorite Cafe)**

2. Collegium Maius - and one of the oldest buildings in Kraków, few minutes walk from Rynek
   Collegium Maius was built as the university’s main campus in 14th century, Nicolaus Copernicus lived and worked here
   **Link**: https://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/collegium-maius_17110v

3. Wawel- Royal Castle from Middle ages
   **Minimum to see in Wawel Castle**: Sigismund Bell, Cathedral, Royal Tombs (one combine ticket, 2 hours). You can enjoy panoramic view of Krakow from Sigismund Bell Towel
   **Link**: https://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/Wawel_73574f
   You can also see **Lady with an Ermine** - painting of **Leonardo da Vinci** as one of the temporary exhibition in Wawel Castle

4. Kazimierz district – The Former Jewish District a good place to relax and visit
   **Most important**: synagogues and Jewish cemeteries, Jewish square Plac Nowy, cafe culture and nightlife
   **Link**: https://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/Kazimierz_70207f

5. Skalka & the Pauline Monastery – Church on the Rock
   This riverside sanctuary is one of the most important religious places in Poland.
   **Link**: https://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/skalka-the-pauline-monastery_17087v

6. National Museum- Polish painting and art collection including the works of such visionaries as Kantor, Witkacy and Wyspiański
   **Link for permanent exhibitions**: http://mnk.pl/branches
   **Tips**: On Sundays you can visit National Museum Branches for free (for example the paintings from 19th century in the Sukiennice Branch, 1 hour)
7. **Historical Museum Schindler's Factory** - The story of Oskar Schindler and his employees is one which has been well-known since Steven Spielberg's film Schindler's List. Oskar Schindler - German industrialist, and member of the Nazi Party who saved the lives of 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust by employing them in his factories.

   **Link:** [http://www.mhk.pl/branches/oskar-schindlers-factory](http://www.mhk.pl/branches/oskar-schindlers-factory)

   **Tips:** A bit far but you can take tram number 20 from Bagatela Street or Dworzec Główny and get off at Zabłocie. The tram is going into Mały Płaszów direction and runs very often.

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**Places worth to visit near Krakow:**

1. **Auschwitz (Oświęcim)** - the largest of the German Nazi concentration camps and extermination centers, **one day trip**

   **Link:** [https://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/getting-to-auschwitz_137715v](https://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/getting-to-auschwitz_137715v)

   **IMPORTANT:** Ticket must to be pre-booked online

2. **Wieliczka – Salt Mine**

   **Most important:** opened in the 13th century.

   The main attractions are statues and four chapels carved out of the rock salt. It is in **UNESCO** list.

   **Link:** [https://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/wieliczka-salt-mine-tourist-route_50371v](https://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/wieliczka-salt-mine-tourist-route_50371v)

3. **Ojców National Park** – beautiful walleye with caves and interesting rock formations including the 25m high ‘Hercules’ Club’ and the 15m ‘Kraków Gate’

   **Link:** [https://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/ojcow-national-park_104591v](https://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/ojcow-national-park_104591v)

   **Tips:** In the park you can visit the ruins of Ojców castle and well-preserved castle in Pieskowa Skala village.

4. **Lanckorona village** – beautiful village on the hill, well preserved 19th century wooden houses and ruins of Castle

   **Link:** [http://polandishere.com/attractions/Lanckorona#.WK6wUhsiyUk](http://polandishere.com/attractions/Lanckorona#.WK6wUhsiyUk)

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**Popular taxi companies in Krakow:**

1. **IKAR** – the cheapest one
   
   Tel. 12 653 5555
   Tel. 12 888 0000

2. **RADIO TAXI DWÓJKI**

   Tel. 196-22
   Tel. 12 422 22 22

3. **RADIO TAXI Barbakan**

   Tel. 196-61
 Restaurants in the center:

1. **Pod Aniołami** – very good Polish food rather expensive
   Link: http://www.podianiołami.pl/
   Grodzka 35 Street

2. **Pod Baranem** – Polish food, middle prices
   św. Gertrudy 21 Street

3. **Pod Wawelem** - Polish and Austrian food, large portion and reasonable prices, this is a place for meet lovers
   Link: http://podwawelem.eu/
   Św. Gertrudy 26 Street

4. **Polakowski** - cheap and tasty
   Link: https://pl.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g274772-d697139-Reviews-Polakowski_Self_Service_Restaurant-Krakow_Lesser_Poland_Province_Southern_Poland.html
   Plac Wszystkich Świętych 10 Street

Kazimierz district restaurant:

1. **ZAZIE Bistro** – Polish food, reasonable prices
   Link: http://www.zaziebistro.pl/
   Józefa 34 Street

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2. **Plac Nowy 1** – reasonable prices, bowling and beer
   Link: http://www.placnowy1.pl/
   Plac Nowy 1 Street

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Pubs in Kazimierz district:

1. **Alchemia**
   Link: http://alchemia.com.pl/
   Estery 5 Street

2. **Kolanko**
   Link: http://www.kolanko.net/
   Józefa 17 Street

3. **Mleczarnia**
   Beera Meiselsa 20 Street
   Link: https://pl.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g274772-d1140932-Reviews-Mleczarnia-Krakow_Lesser_Poland_Province_Southern_Poland.html