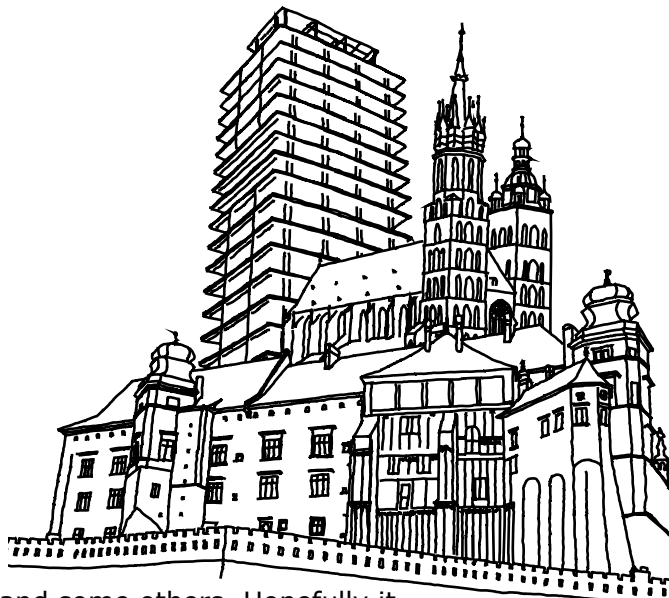




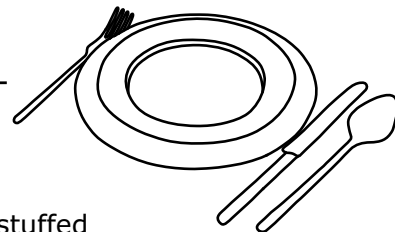
KRAKÓW KIT



Beneath you will find our pick of good places to eat, go out and some others. Hopefully it will be useful. For some info about concerts, exhibitions, some other interesting events check our blog www.travellersinn.pl/hostelblog/. It's regularly updated usually one day in advance.

EAT

Cheap but decent, mostly self-service



Babcia Malina – Someone described it as „the Kingdom of Kitsch” .They have stuffed boars, fake kittens, wooden cradles, alive fish (never to be eaten) but above all - tasty polish food. Inexpensive, enormous portions. Try potato pancakes (placki po węgiersku, placki po budapesztańsku). They have English menu, but you have to ask about it.

Address: Sławkowska 17 (No. **1** [B1] on map), open 11 a.m – 20 p.m.

Enter the building, follow the corridor till you see a court yard. From court yard go left and downstairs, straight to Babcia. It might be bit difficult to find but it's worth the trouble.

Garrison's Club - when you enter you will have on your left hand a bust of general Władysław Anders and on your right of general Kazimierz Sosnkowski. The restaurant is to the left, just behind generał Anders. Guests are mostly retired soldiers or soldiers' widows. Main virtue: it is not touristic at all. If you appear between 13 p.m. -17 p.m. you can have "zestaw dnia" (dish of the day =soup + main course) for 10-12 pln.

Address: Zybilkiewicza 1 (No. **2** [B2] on map), open 11 a.m.-19 p.m

Temida – It is so called "bar mleczny" (milk bar). It is like voice from the past. In PRL (Communist Poland) there were many places like this, serving fast and cheap meals for workers, students, elderly and so on. Food is definitely not sophisticated but tasty and very, very cheap. No English menu, just guess. Worth to visit before whole species extinct.

Address: Grodzka 43 (No. **3** [B2] on map), open 9 a.m.-21 p.

Another of this kind – "**Filarki**", more extreme experience.

Address: on the corner of Dietla St. and Starowiślana St. (No. **4** [B2] on map),

Pierozki u Vincenta- tiny place with the best pierogi (dumplings) in town. They went far behind the polish tradition, filling their pierogi with such exotic stuff like spinach and mozzarella or chocolate and coconut. Delicious.

Address: Bożego Ciała 12 **5** (No. [B3] on map), open 10 a.m.-21 p.m

Chimera- the oldest salad bar in the city. Great variety of salads, also some hot vegetarian dishes. Nice cellar and garden. Children's theatre every Sunday at 12 from September till May.

Address: Św. Anny 3 (No. **6** [A1] on map), open 10 a.m.-23 p.m

Polakowski – Polish food, staff wearing hats. Very popular, it might be difficult to get a table.

Address: Miodowa 39 (No. **7** [B3] on map), open 10 a.m.-22 p.m

Momo- Very vegan, very organic. Animals are welcomed (to visit). Many posters of yoga classes on walls.

Address: Dietla 49 (No. **8** [B3] on map), open 11 a.m.-20 p.m

Kiełbasa guys- For then years now, every night (apart Sundays) from 21 p.m till 3 a.m., 2 guys sell grilled, homemade kiełbasa (sausage), from their shabby van, parked next to Hala Targowa. Wobbling table, cartoon plates, sparkling lemonade and kiełbasa. Very good and very famous kiełbasa.

Where: Hala Targowa (No. **9** [C2] on map)

If you are looking for something more upscale - here are some more tips:

Klimaty Południa - Although the place is spacious, stylish and cosy it's still affordable. Really wide variety of wines and a nice garden makes the place worth checking.

Address: Św. Gertrudy 5 (No. **10** [B2] on map)

Miód Malina-polish

Address: Grodzka 40 (No. **11** [B2] on map)

Floriańska- polish

Address: Floriańska 43 (No. **12** [B1] on map)

www.restauracja-florianska.pl

Kawaleria-polish, nice garden

Address: Gołębia 4 (No. **13** [A2] on map)

www.kawaleria.com.pl

Cyrano de Bergerac-french

Address: Sławkowska 26 (No. **14** [A1] on map)

www.cyranodebergerac.pl

Aqua e Vino- italian

Address: Wiślna 5 (No. **15** [A1] on map)

www.aquaevino.pl

Leonardo- italian

Address: Szpitalna 20-22 (No. 16 [B1] on map)

www.leonardo.com.pl

Arka Noego- jewish

Address: Szeroka 2 (No. 17 [C3] on map)

www.arka-noego.pl

Edo Sushi Bar- japanise

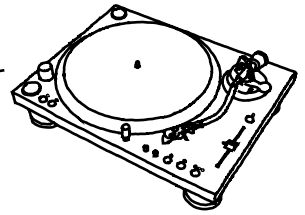
Address: Bożego Ciała 3 (No. 18 [B3] on map)

www.edosushi.pl

Smak Ukraiński- ukrainian

Address: Kanonicza 15 (No. 19 [A2] on map)

GO OUT



Krakow has a massive number of pubs and clubs to your amusement. Far, far to many to list here. Maybe the best ones aren't even on this list. So why not explore? For dance clubs head to the old city center. For places to try something to drink go toward Kazimierz. It is general rule, not always true.

Spokoj- (Eng. peace) A colourful, lively place arranged and furnished in the 60-70ties style.

At fist look it is not an intense party place but from time to time it bursts with spontaneous dance.

Address: Bracka (No. 3/5 No. 20 [A2] on map), first floor

Pauza- Relaxed atmosphere (like everywhere almost), modern, interesting art. Dark and lively.They show movies in a room above the club, always with English subtitles, always free. Check it out on their web page www.pauza.pl

Address: Floriańska 18 (No. 21 [B1] on map), first floor

Re- Good pub with a tiny room which often has good strange bands from far and near. Nice garden.

Address: Św. Krzyża 4 (No. 22 [B1] on map)

Naukowa- A good place to see violent punk bands from Finland, for example. Smells more strongly of cigarettes, than anywhere i've ever been.

Address: Jakuba 29-31 (No. 23 [B3] on map)

www.kawiarnianaukowa.ovh.org

Alchemia – An old Favorite. Candles, good conversation (?), good music, also. Maybe. Always worth checking their web site for concerts and events.

Address: corner of Estery and Plac Nowy (No. 24 [B3] on map), open 11 a.m.-20 p.m

www.alchemia.com.pl

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Singer- The first and (arguably) still the best in Kazimierz.

Address: Estery 20 (No. **25** [B3] on map)

Caryca, Łubu Dubu, Kitsch (and more) – loud, faintly trashy (to various degrees) surreal and unpretentious.

An irresistible force. Łubu-Dubu, Sundays at 8 p.m. concerts by alternative groups from across Poland.

Address: Wielopole 15 (No. **26** [B2] on map), open from 7 p.m

There are more clubs in the same building, but good ones start from 1 floor

www.lubu-dubu.prv.pl

www.kitsch.pl

Folia Concept Club- nu jazz and electro, video art and life performances from time to time.

Address: Rynek Główny 30 (No. **27** [A1] on map)

www.foliaclub.pl

Miejsce - Interesting Polish posters on the walls, stylish furniture from 70ies and relatively low density of cigarette smoke stands out this place from the many other bars on Kazmimarz.

Address: Estery 1 (No. **28** [B3] on map)

Jazz Rock Cafe - one of the oldest in Krakow, rather rock then jazz, sometimes death metal. Many like it a lot.

Address: Sławkowska 12 (No. **29** [A1] on map)

www.jazzrockcafe.pl

Plastic- Gay friendly, hetero friendly also. Intense parties, artistic aspirations. Hidden but not far.

Address: Berka Joselewicza 21C (No. **30** [C2] on map)

www.plastic.net.pl

Tower Pub- Rock, heavy metal but also Leonard Cohen. Friendly staff, they say.

Address: Grodzka 4 (No. **31** [B2] on map),

Drukarnia- Sometimes they have concerts or "live music" if you will. Often these bands are reggae, but sometimes not. First (and only one so far) club from Kazimierz, that moved behind the river to Podgórze.

Address: Nadwiślańska 1 (No. **32** [C4] on map)

Prozak- A guy from Ecuador once described this place as "paradise". If you are male and polish you might not be let in. It is probably evil, but it also may be useful. DJ's form here and far away from here.

Address: Plac Dominikański 6 (No. **33** [B2] on map), open from 7 p.m

www.prozak.pl

Frantic- Massive and cavernous, crowded dance floors.. lots of Energy.

Address: Szewska 5 (No. **34** [A1] on map),

www.frantic.pl

Piec Art- cellar and jazz, also live, usually on Wednesday, but not only.

Address: Szewska 12 (No. 35 [A1] on map)

www.piecart.pl

Fusion- Even if you don't like hip-hop you might still appreciate that the DJ responds to the crowd and tries keep everyone dancing.

Address: Floriańska 15 (No. 36 [B1] on map)

www.clubfusion.pl

Nic Nowego- they call themselves a modern irish cafe bar. It is good for english/irish breakfast (eggs and bacon?) and to watch football.

Address: Św. Krzyża 15 (No. 37 [B1] on map), open 10 a.m.-23 p.m

www.nicnowego.com

El Sol Club Latino- best place for salsa and other latin rhythms.

Address: Batorego 1 (not on the map)

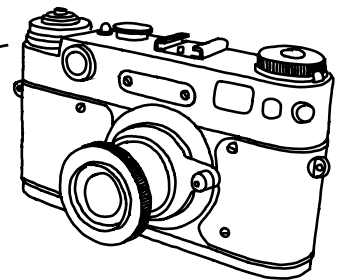
OTHER

Massolit books- Great variety of books and papers, mostly in english.

Good coffee and cake. Very cosy, very charming.

Address: Felicjanek 4 (No. 38 [A2] on map), open 10 a.m.-23 p.m

www.massolit.com



Punkt- strange, colorful and unique clothes, interesting bags. Surprising materials used.

Address: Sławkowska 24 (No. 39 [A1] on map)

www.punkt.sklep.pl

Miejsce- reborn furniture and accessories from 60ties, 70ties, 80ties. It is rather not cheap, but even checking it out will be enjoyable

Address: Zegadłowicza 2 (No. 40 [A2] on map)

www.miejsce.sklep.pl

Poster Gallery- polish posters, mostly old.

Address: Stolarska 8-10 (No. 41 [B2] on map)

www.cracowpostergallery.com

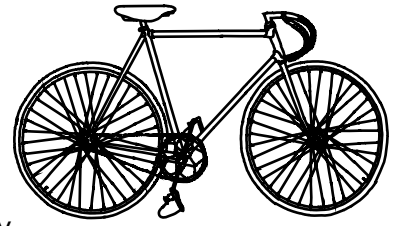
Flea market on Hala Targowa – every Sunday, from early morning. Mon to Sat veges and fruit market.

Where: Hala Targowa (No. 42 [C2] on map)

Flea market on plac Nowy- every Sunday, from early morning. From Mon to Sat- fruits and veges, also some plastic jewelery, books from time to time.

Where: Plac Nowy (No. 43 [B3] on map)

OFF THE OLD TOWN & KAZIMIERZ



Podgórze – a district on the south banks of Wisła, just behind Kazimierz, 20-30 min walk from Main Square, from Kazimierz of course less. It has many wonders: beautiful buildings, old factories which soon become penthouses or in better scenario museums, remains of Austrian fortifications, churches (one is amongs the oldest in Krakow), artificial mound from 7th centry with great view on old town, hugh quarry in the central part, parks and nature reserves. All is half neglected half well cared, changing quickly, so hurry up before it all will be nice and brushed up.

Check www.podgorze.pl for short guide, click on little ikon with your flag on main page, check also section galeria for pictures, also some old photos and post cards

Finelly Podgórze was area of the Jewish getto during WWII and concentration camp. If you would like to learn more about Jews & culture also Holocaust in Krakow vist Galicja Museum on Dajwór (No. 44 [C3] on map). They organise seminars, exhibitions, concerts and tours. They have also good maps where jewish traces are clearly marked, and it might be good idea to go there first and then walk around Kazimierz and Podgórze.

www.galicjajewishmuseum.org

Nowa Huta- the district built along with the biggest steelwork in Poland in early 50'ties. It was planed as an ideal city, providing friendly and decent environment for labour. Designed as a clear symbol of Poland's happy march towards socialism, paradoxically later became area of strong opposition to the communist regime. The district has complex history , complex identity, interesting architecture and strange charm. Social surveys show that its inhabitants, also young people, have the strongest attachment to their place in whole Krakow and the biggest pride. It resulted in many communal/cultural actions focused mostly around Łażnia (theater/concert hall/club/culture hot spot generally)

www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nowa_Huta

www.laznianowa.pl/laznia - culture hot spot in former workshops. Very interesting interior, impressive cultural actions and programme, nice bar (open at evenings from Wed to Sun, during events also), very recommended.

address: os. Szkolne 25, ask reception for more precise tips how to get there

Stylowa- the most elegant restaurant in Nowa Huta, good food, enjoyable dance evenings, atmosphere goes back to 50ties and 60ties. Address- Aleja Róż

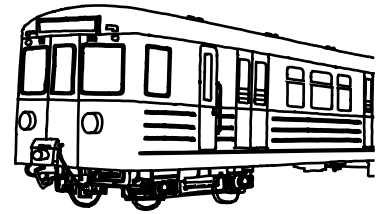
It might be a good idea to visit Nowa Huta with a guide, it is very easy to overlook it's most interesting spots, also some historical and cultural background is crucial. For sure is not as easy to visit and admire as the shiny and beautiful Main Square. As the matter of fact it is quite opposite, Nowa Huta requires some time and knowledge.

See links to guides below, we can help with booking.

www.cooltourcompany.com

www.crazyguides.com

BEYOND KRAKÓW BUT CLOSE



Auschwitz, how to visit?- there are several companies offering tours from Krakow to Auschwitz and backwards. The price is 80-100 pln per person. We consider it as quite expensive and advise visiting Auschwitz by your own. However we can help with one of those tours also. There is no entrance fee to Auschwitz, however services of guides are paid.

Every day at 10:00, 11:00, 13:00, 15:00 individual tourists can join the group accompanied by an english speaking guide. Duration is 3,5 hours, price is 39 pln per person and includes also shuttle bus to Birkenau and short documentary. Some additional groups may be organised if there is such demand.

For more information, also prices for organised groups, and tours in languages other then english, please check: www.auschwitz.org.pl

To get there take bus from main bus station (just behind main train station, No. **45** [C1] on map). Buses are very frequent (several every hour) and stop at the gates of museum. Their destination is Oświęcim (polish name of Auschwitz), so look for bus with board saying Oświęcim. When you enter the building of bus station, on your left will be information board with departures (odjazdy). Besides departure hours and destination, there is information about position i.e 12, 13 .. and upper or lower platform: G-means upper, D-lower. Tickets buy at ticket office but also directly from a driver.

Salt mines in Wieliczka- tickets: normal 64 pln, reduced 49 pln (children from 4 to 15 years old, students under 25), children under 4-admission free. Prices vary seasonally so better check their website (www.kopalnia.pl) There are many ways to get to Wieliczka, probably the best is taking the bus no. 304, for example from stop near to Philharmonic Hall (no. **46** [A2] on the map). 304 departs every 20 min, and will take you in 20-30 min., directly to the gates of the salt mines. One way ticket cost 2,60 zł(so called bilet aglomeracyjny), can be bought at kiosks with newspapers or from a driver.

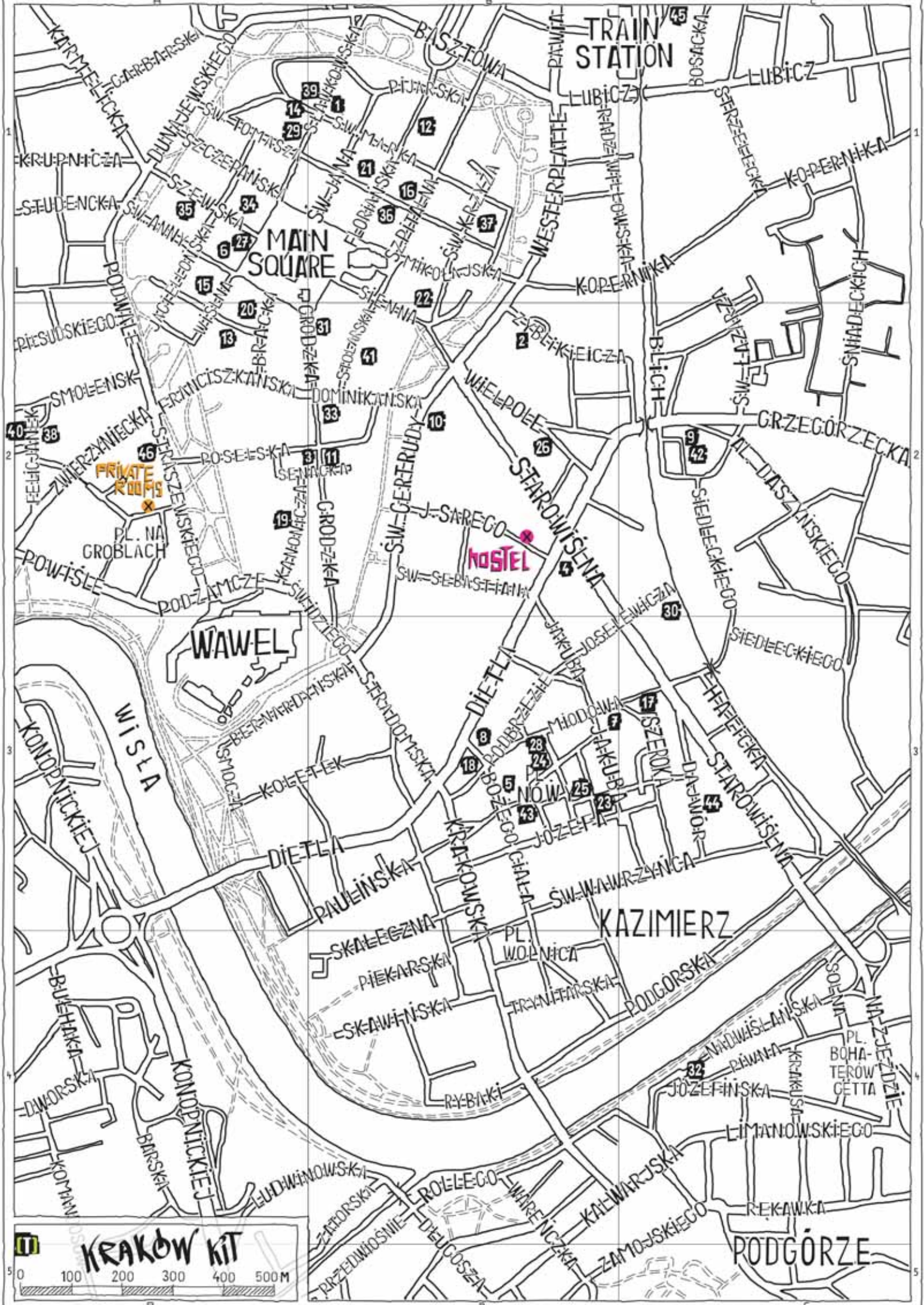
Kalwaria Zebrzydowska- The little town 1 hour away from Krakow to the south-west. Spectacular sanctuary and franciscan monastery, beautiful landscape with many walking paths amongst chapels and other places of worship relating to the Passion of Jesus Christ. Great place to check what polish catholicism is especially (but not only) on Sundays, Holy Week and August of 15th.

Getting there: from main bus station (check description for Auschwitz), frequent buses to Cieszyn, Wadowice, most to Bielsko Biała go and stop in Kalwaria. www.kalwaria.eu

Tourist information on main square, St. Rynek 19, Mon-Fri 9:00-16:00, Sat 9-13

Lanckorona- small village, however sometime in past was a town, very close to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska. Situated on a hill, simply beautiful place, nice, old, wooden houses, ruins of castle. Good for lazy, slow afternoon www.lanckorona.pl to get there catch mini-bus to Lanckorona from Jubilat or to Stryszów

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