



USEFUL INFORMATION

Getting to city centre from Kraków Airport (commonly called *Balice airport*)

Train:

The fastest (17 min) way to reach city centre from the airport is by train (direction *Kraków Główny* =Kraków main station, every 30-60 minutes). The Kraków Airport station (*Kraków Lotnisko*) is located near the passenger terminal, at the rear of the multi-storey car park (follow signs from the terminal building).

Tickets (single - 17 PLN) can be purchased at the train station (ticket machine), on the train (ticket machine or from train conductor on board).

Bus:

Local bus line **300** operates between Kraków Airport and Kraków centre - the vicinity of Wawel Castle (Rondo Grunwaldzkie/Osiedle Podwawelskie). Bus line **902** (night service) from Kraków Airport to Kraków Main Station (*Kraków Główny*) operates hourly between midnight and 5 am.

The bus stop is located in front of the passenger terminal (*departures section*). Tickets can be purchased in ticket machines at the bus stop or on the bus. The ticket to the city centre is 6 PLN (ticket: **Zone I+II Agglomeration**). Change (coins) may be needed to purchase tickets, however, many machines allow purchase by card.



Taxi:

Information on the official Krakow Airport taxi service can be found here:

<https://krktaxi.pl/>

A number of other taxi companies operate in Kraków– if you use them, make sure that the car is clearly marked as taxi and with the company's name. The cost of a taxi journey from the airport to the city centre is 50-100 PLN depending on the company and destination. Uber is available in Kraków as well.

Kraków Main Train Station/Bus Terminal:

Kraków Main Train Station (*Kraków Główny*)/Bus Terminal (MDA, *dworzec autobusowy*) are located in city centre, between streets Pawia, Bosacka and Lubicz. Both stations are adjacent to and accessible via Galeria Krakowska shopping mall. Tram lines 4, 13 and 24 (direction: Bronowice/Bronowice Małe) operate between the area of Kraków Main Station (Lubicz/Westerplatte streets) and Pedagogical University of Krakow. Kraków Old Town is within walking distance of Krakow Main Station.

Getting around Kraków (and to Pedagogical University of Krakow):

There are multiple city bus and tram lines in Krakow. Vehicles are blue and clearly marked. Entry is via all doors but passengers are obliged to purchase and validate their tickets (not available from drivers)

The closest tram stop (lines 4, 8, 13, 14, 24) from the conference venue is conveniently called UNIWERSYTET PEDAGOGICZNY (*Pedagogical University*). Tickets can be purchased in ticket machines (if on the vehicle, often only with coins). Single ticket for 20 minutes (transfers to a bus or tram service permitted) costs 4 PLN and 6 PLN for 60 minutes (transfers permitted) or 1 unlimited journey. Paper tickets must be validated on the bus/tram (insert your ticket into the yellow machine). More information on types of tickets and timetables can be found here:

<http://www.mpk.krakow.pl/en/>

Kraków centre is a highly walkable city area. However, jaywalking is not recommended and jaywalkers may be subject to fines; it is not allowed to use your mobile phone while crossing the street. Pickpocketing is now rare but it is advisable to exert caution in crowded areas.

Conference venue:

The building of the Pedagogical University of Krakow (*Uniwersytet Pedagogiczny*) is located along the street Podchorążych, about 3.2 km from *Kraków Główny* train station.



Field trip: *The Tatras and Pieniny: two diverse mountain landscapes, a single historical and cultural region*

The field trip will start on Saturday 29th April 2023 at 7:30. Meeting point: Pedagogical University of Kraków, Podchorążych 2 (main building). General plan:

- morning meeting point Pedagogical University of Kraków
- bus trip to Zakopane town
- 40 min walk to Kuźnice
- cable car to the summit of Kasprowy Wierch
- bus trip to Pieniny (with lunch break somewhere in the middle)
- The Dunajec River Gorge traditional rafting
- shepherd's hut with sheep cheeses
- back trip to Kraków (late evening hours)

Other useful information

Shops and pharmacies (*apteka*) are open from Monday to Saturday, with some exceptions (local convenience stores and some designated pharmacies may be open on Sundays).

Museums are usually closed on Mondays, but many offer free admission on Tuesday.

Language

If you have not had any experience with the Polish language, you may soon be confused by some unusual letters or letter combinations we insist on using and pronouncing even more surprisingly. Here is a short guide to some of them:

ł – is pronounced as W in *windows*

But:

W – is pronounced as V in *Las Vegas* (and therefore Warszawa is *Varshava*)

Ó, U is pronounced as in *boot* (the same sound, spelling nightmare)

RZ, Ź is usually pronounced as in *leisure*

CH=H (as in *Helen*, it is the same sound)

CZ – is pronounced as ch in *cheese*

SZ – is pronounced as sh in *show*

SEE YOU SOON IN KRAKÓW!

Do zobaczenia w Krakowie!