Wieliczka Salt Mine

The "Wieliczka" Salt Mine is situated 10 kilometres (ca 6 miles) from the centre of Krakow along the E40 road and A4 motorway. Local trains depart for Wieliczka from the main railway station in Krakow, as well as the local bus, route 304, and numerous shuttle vans.

Information and bookings
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Worth knowing
- Visits are always supervised by tour guides.
- Individual tourists do not book their visits.
- Groups or package tours must make earlier bookings.
- The average visiting time along the route, including the Krakow Saltworks Museum, is approximately 3 hours.
- It is advisable that you wear warm clothes even during summer. The temperature underground is 14°C-16°C, i.e. 57°F-61°F.
- There are about 800 steps you will have to climb of which 380 at the beginning, while entering the mine. Please wear comfortable shoes.
- Certain sections of the route are adapted for persons in wheelchairs. In this case bookings in advance are necessary.
- Smoking and using open fire is strictly forbidden in the mine.

Polish language tours are organized all the time during the mine's opening hours.

Foreign language tours are organized at specific hours for the convenience of our guests:

- from October to May from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. every hour
- from June to September from 8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. every 30 minutes

All-year-round
- from June to September additionally at 4.10 p.m.
- all-year-round: 12.05 p.m.
- in July and August additionally at 10.15 a.m. and 3.15 p.m.

- all-year-round: 11.10 a.m.
- from 26th December to 31st January additionally at 2.10 p.m.
- in July and August additionally at 4.15 p.m.

- from June to September at: 11.20 a.m. and 4.20 p.m.
WIELICZKA
SALT MINE

Enter the undergrounds!
The mysterious underground city located on 9 levels at 64 to 327 metres below ground surface. A labyrinth containing almost 2,400 chambers connected by corridors measuring a total length of 245 kilometres (155 miles). A priceless world historic monument of material culture entered onto the First UNESCO List of Cultural and Natural Heritage.

Tourist route
Visiting the Tourist route is an attraction for over 1,000,000 tourists every year – a trip to some of the most precious areas of the mine.

TOURIST ROUTE

GEOGRAPHY
23 chambers connected by 2.5 km of corridors. 3 levels: from 64 to 135 m below ground surface.

LANDSCAPES
The underground excavations are filled with amazing sights – saline lakes, majestic chambers.

ART
Saline sculptures and reliefs referring to religious, historic and mining traditions.

TECHNOLOGY
A collection of machines and tools illustrating the historic development of mining techniques.

Tourists can rest 125 metres underground after touring the mine. An especially designed complex of chambers awaits them where they can order meals at the "Miner's Tavern", capture memories of their visit buying souvenirs in one of the shops, sending a traditional postcard from the underground post office or just say hello to their friends or relatives thanks to the underground mobile network and wireless internet systems.

It is also possible to organize balls, concerts, banquets, conferences and business meetings within the undergrounds of the Wieliczka mine. Deep down underground and always at the highest standards.

The specific microclimate of the mine facilitates treatment of such illnesses as, amongst others, the upper respiratory system ailments, asthma and allergies. Health treatment visits offered by the Underground Health Resort 135 metres underground guarantee good health and relaxation.

Guests are also welcome to stay at the cosy 4-star Grand Sal Hotel located next to the Danitowicz Shaft. The hotel offers its guests 18 double-rooms, a suite, restaurant, bar and a summer garden, a conference room, billiards hall, recreational centre and parking lot. The facility is completely air conditioned.

The mine is open for visiting:
• 1 April - 31 October: from 7.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
• 2 November - 31 March: from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Except:
1 January, 1st day of Easter Holiday (Holy Saturday to 2.00 p.m.),
1 November, 24 and 25 December (31 December to 2.00 p.m.).