



Tour Name

Communist Krakow Adventure

Tour City

Krakow

Tour Snapshot

Short of finding a working time machine, it's hard to understand what living in Europe under Communist rule was like. This Krakow tour will give you a taste by taking you to an area marked by the Communist-era. Knock back vodka at a Communist bar, see tanks and bunkers, and visit spots where the long fight for democracy took place.

Highlights

- Learn about the fascinating history behind the beautiful Polish city of Krakow
- Visit Central Square (Plac Centralny) and learn all about the propaganda architecture
- Stand where Poland's biggest Lenin monument used to be
- Explore real tank and bunkers, living reminders of Stalin's rule
- Drink vodka in a communist bar, like a true local!

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, transport by a local tram during the sightseeing, entrance fees to visited sights, shot of

vodka.

Exclusions: Meals and drinks, transport to the city centre and back, items of personal nature, tips or gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration: 3 hours
- Meeting point:
Main gate of the Steelworks Complex, 1 Ujastek Street (tram stop 'Kombinat' to be reached from the city centre of Krakow by trams number 4 or 22)
- Starting time: 3.00 PM
- Ending point:
The Lord's Ark church (Arka Pana), 1 Obroncow Krzyza Street

Full Itinerary

Discover the fascinating history, incredible urban structure, and vibrant atmosphere of one of Europe's most intriguing Communist cities. Join your local guide in front of the main gate to the old Lenin's Steelworks Administrative Centre (Centrum Administracyjne) and start your Krakow tour with a short description of a place that locals call the 'Doge's Palace', 'the Vatican', or even 'the Pentagon'. Sound mysterious? Your guide will give you the lowdown on why this spot has these names and what it means for the locals.

Continue your historical Krakow tour by hopping on a local tram to the Central Square, which is packed with propaganda architecture and social realist art of the 1950s and 60s. On the Avenue of Roses (al. Roz), come closer to the spot where a huge statue of Lenin used to stand majestically before it was finally pulled down. Walk a few steps to the local Cultural Centre to see a huge map of the whole, newly-erected city. With your local guide, you'll rebuild a picture of the big, socialistic Town Hall and enormous Main Square, two monuments that were never built, but were planned to be ten times bigger than their counterparts in Krakow. There's no imagination required for this Krakow tour, but it'll definitely help!

Nothing like a stiff drink in Krakow to make you feel like a local, so next you'll stop off to drink a glass of vodka in a typical Communist bar and after that, feeling as spirited as former Steelworkers who frequented the bar, continue on to see the legendry Nowa Huta Cross connected with 1960 anti-communist and anti-police riots. Stroll over to what could be considered the real cultural heart of the town - The People's Theatre - inaugurated in 1955 and considered to be on of the best theatres in the city.

Finish your Krakow city tour by visiting the Lord's Ark (Arka Pana), the first ever church in the Nowa Huta district to be built after WWII, a symbol of massacres conducted by the ZOMO troops, numerous demonstrations of solidarity, and the unity of the whole Christian world in fighting against communist system. You'll finish your Krakow tour with a new understanding of life in Krakow's Communist era, and a new appreciation for the history of this region.

Additional information

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Dress standard: As we have an important Catholic church on the way, we recommend clothing that covers your shoulders and knees. Polish climate is moderate, but because the weather changes it is good to have an umbrella and something warm with you just in case.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour. Children younger than 6 are permitted at no extra cost, but please make sure you inform our guides of this before you take the tour.

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