

Sample cultural programme for intensive summer courses

***For students with cultural programme**

FIRST WEEK

Sunday

Arrival and accommodation

Monday

9:30 am First meeting at Varia Polish Language Center, presentation of the course programme

10:00 am Polish classes for beginners / placement test (oral and written) for more advanced students

*12:30 pm - **KTÓRĘDY NA RYNEK? / HOW TO GET TO THE 'RYNEK'?** – orientation walk around the city center with practical information such as recommended bars and restaurants near Varia Center; how-to on buying tickets, exchanging money etc.

7:00 pm **KULINARNE VARIA-CJE / CULINARY VARIA-TIONS** – let's get to know each other. ☺ Welcome party at Varia Center with samples of food from all over the world!

Tuesday

9:30 am Polish classes

*2:30 pm – 4:30 pm **ZAKOCHAJ SIĘ W KRAKOWIE / FALL IN LOVE WITH KRAKOW!** - sightseeing tour in English. See for yourself why the city attracts so many tourists!

Our suggestion: when in Kraków, do as the Krakowians do!

- Have a delicious coffee in a beautiful summer garden:
Magia Café Bar, Plac Mariacki 3
A truly magical place located in the heart of the city. Step into the lovely historical garden, meet Hipolit, a charming local cat, and enjoy the atmosphere of old Krakow.
- Enjoy a lazy afternoon in a popular Kraków bar:
FORUM Przestrzenie, ul. M. Konopnickiej 28
Situated in a former hotel, FORUM Przestrzenie is a perfect place for some lazy time spent sunbathing and drinking homemade lemonade, with a view over the Vistula river.
- Listen to some live music:
Harris Piano Jazz Bar, Rynek Główny 28
The most jazzy place on Kraków's map! Live music (concerts, jam sessions) every day from 9 pm.



Wednesday

9:30 am Polish classes

*1:15 pm - 2:15 pm **PRZEZ ŻOŁĄDEK DO SERCA / THE WAY TO ONE'S HEART IS THROUGH THEIR STOMACH** – cooking workshop. Together with Gosia, you will set on a culinary journey and discover how to make the most Polish dish there is: pierogi! 😊

Our suggestion: visiting museums

- Schindler's Factory, ul. Lipowa 4
Learn about Kraków and its Polish and Jewish inhabitants during World War 2. Tickets: 21 PLN regular, 16 PLN students. Free entrance on Mondays, until 4 pm.
- Rynek Underground, Rynek Główny 1
Through modern technology, the spectators get to know the topography and atmosphere of medieval Kraków. Tickets: 19 PLN. Free entrance on Tuesdays. Booking in advance is necessary! To book a ticket please contact the school's office.



Thursday

9:30 am Polish classes

*1:15 pm - 2:15 pm **(PRAWIE) WSZYSTKO O POLSKIEJ MUZYCE / (ALMOST) EVERYTHING ABOUT THE POLISH MUSIC** - A workshop on Polish music: we will get to know some interesting facts from the history of Polish popular music and learn a song to sing all together at the karaoke evening!

9:00 pm **WOKALNE VIARIA-CJE / SINGING VARIA-TIONS** – a long-established Varia tradition, the Thursday party at a karaoke bar. Polish, English, Russian, German - we'll sing together no matter the language... you **HAVE TO** be there! For Varia students all drinks with a 10% discount! 😊
Place: Moviada Pub, ul. Mikołajska 9.

Friday

9:30 am Polish classes

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm **MASAKRA, NIE CZAJĘ / FUDGE!, I DON'T GET IT!** – a workshop on Polish slang: Polish on the streets, Polish in a tram and at a party. Use these expressions and surprise your Polish friends! 😊

Our suggestion: let's go dance together!

- Prozak
One of the most popular (and oldest!) clubs in Kraków. The world-class DJ's will give you a night to remember! 😊
- The Legends
Feel like dancing to the legendary hits of the 60's, 70's and 80's? The Beatles, Elvis Presley, Abba, Boney M – all there, waiting for you!

Saturday & Sunday

Free time to do whatever you like most! 😊

IN KRAKOW:

CULTURE:

- Bulwar(t) Sztuki

Located in Nowa Huta district, right by Zalew Nowohucki (a big picturesque lake), Bulwar(t) Sztuki is a space filled with artistic, cultural and musical activities. We especially recommend the old-style dancing parties on Saturday and outdoor cinema on Sundays.

- Polish Aviation Museum

Recommended for everyone, not only fans of aviation, this museum will impress you with its enormous collection of airplanes and helicopters from the last century. Open from 9 am to 5 pm. Tickets: regular 15 PLN, children & students: 7 PLN.

- Kino pod Baranami

Challenge yourself by watching a Polish film! Kino pod Baranami, one of Kraków's oldest cinemas, often screens them with English subtitles. 😊 Apart from Polish ones, this cinema offers films from all over the world, niche ones as well as those that are more popular. Stop by the office if you need some suggestions. 😊

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:

- Kryspinów

When it's warm and sunny outside, you can enjoy your free time at Kryspinów. It's a beautiful lake located 12 km from Kraków where you can either sunbathe or have a walk among the trees.

- Skałki Twardowskiego

Picturesque rocks and a lake, not far from the city center. Recommended for walks and picnics.

- Ogród Botaniczny UJ

Founded in 1783, it is perfect to wander about and forget that you are in the center of a big city. Currently the plant collection contains approximately 5000 species and varieties from around the world. Great pictures guaranteed!



Out of town trips: Wieliczka (salt mine), Zakopane (Tatra Mountains), Auschwitz (concentration camp) or Ojców (National Park). For more information, please contact the school's office.

SECOND WEEK

Monday

9:30 am Polish classes

*1:15 pm – 2:15 pm **CHRZAŚCZ BRZMI W TRZCINIE...** - practical and fun pronunciation exercises in Polish! Especially recommended for beginner students.

Our suggestion: bike trip!

- Rent a bike and cycle along the Vistula River to the beautifully situated Benedictine Abbey in Tyniec (around 14 km from Kraków). Pleasant bike route and lovely views. 😊
Bike rentals: ul. św. Anny 4, ul. św. Józefa 5. Price: 9 PLN/hour



Tuesday

9:30 am Polish classes

*2:00 pm - 3:30 pm **THE BEST OF POLAND** - cultural workshop. Learn a lot of interesting facts about Poland and take a closer look into the specifics of Polish culture and geography.

Our suggestion: Kraków from various perspectives 😊

- From a tower: did you know that you can climb the St. Maries Church tower and watch the city from above? Every 30 minutes a group of 10 people is allowed to go up and take some breathtaking photos!
- From the river: rent a kayak and canoe down the Vistula River, from the Wawel Castle straight to... the Benedictine Abbey in Tyniec.
- From... a mound! 😊 Kopiec Kościuszki is one of the four Kraków's mounds. It is situated very near the city center, but in order to reach it you take a walk through a picturesque forest. The view at the end is really rewarding.

Wednesday

9:30 am Polish classes

Our suggestion: spend the afternoon in the company of a good book, coffee and... learn for the final test. 😊

- Massolit Books and Cafe, ul. Felicjanek 4
Delicious cakes and coffee, and all that in the surrounding of shelves filled with English and Polish literature.
- Café Szafę, ul. Felicjanek 10
One of a kind interior: you can enjoy your cup of coffee sitting in... a wardrobe!

Thursday

9:30 am Polish classes

*1:00 pm – 3.30 pm **ZJEŚĆ KRAKÓW / KRAKOW STREET-FOOD TOUR** - food truck walking tour in Kazimierz. Together we'll discover the most delicious (in our humble opinion 😊) Polish street food in Krakow. *Żurek*, *zapiekanka*, *kumpir* and more! Lunch included. Our suggestion: after the food truck tour, take a walk down Kazimierz's charming little streets



Our suggestions after the tour: discover the Kazimierz district

- Get a unique souvenir from Kraków! Discover some of Kazimierz's many quirky shops and little galleries with hand-made art, jewelry, paintings or vintage clothes and bags. Just dig in! :)
Maruna Gallery&Studio, ul. Miodowa 2; Jagamakota, ul. Józefa 20
- Listen to some live Klezmer music in one of many Jewish restaurants situated in Szeroka street.

Friday

9:30 am Polish classes

1:00 pm **GOODBYE GET-TOGETHER** at Varia, handing out of the course certificates

Our suggestion: cross the Vistula River and discover Podgórze district. It used to be a separate town and is now a trendy part of Krakow, with rich history.

Monuments in Podgórze that are worth seeing:

- Kopiec Kraka (the Krak Mound)
The legendary mound from 6th/7th century, with a picturesque panoramic view over the city.
- Kościół św. Józefa (St. Joseph Church), ul. Zamoyskiego 2
A beautiful neo-gothic church, situated in the center of Podgórze.
- Kładka Ojca Bernatka
A lovely footbridge linking two districts, Podgórze and Kazimierz, famous for the padlocks left there by couples as a symbol of their everlasting love. 😊

Saturday

Departure

