

Including the types of hotel in Kraków e.g. which hotels in which areas are seen as low end, where they are seen as high end etc. You may wish to include information about the general hotel industry in Kraków

Kraków's tourism is constantly increasing and you can expect to pay a little more for your hotel today than friends who went a few years ago. However, you will have the benefit of choosing between a wider range of hotels to suit your budget.

It is generally considered that hotels and hostels located within the Nowa Huta district are worth avoiding as it is quite a distance from the city centre and the accommodation has often been converted from shelters made for part time industry workers. This is also the least affluent suburb of the city and lacks the night life and shopping areas that the centre can provide.

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A good way to visit Kraków is to rent private accommodation; this can cost from as low as €46 a night, which is comparable to a night in a hostel or two/three star hotel. Obviously you will not get any food included for your money, but you will have a less crowded stay. The best place to book these is through 'The City of Kraków Official Accommodation Booking System' <http://www.krakow.pl/english/>, but if you would prefer to wait, there are two centres opposite the train station that are able to help you sort out accommodation.

Kraków has a lot of hostels which are useful when travelling on a shoe-string. The top recommended ones include: The Tulip Hostel, The Dizzy Daisy, The Hostel Premium, Mama's Hostel and Nathan's Villa.

If you are looking for a mid range hotel, you are likely to find the best deal situated just outside of the centre, which is commonly referred to as 'Old Town'. In this area there are a lot of two and three star hotels for a good price. Well recommended hotels here include: Hotel Batory, Hotel Poleski, Tango House Bed & Breakfast and Accession Bed & Breakfast.

For visitors looking for top of the range hotels, there are some well known four and five star hotels within the Old Town itself. The best of these include: Hotel Copernicus, Ostoya Palace

Hotel, The Sheraton Kraków and the Hotel Wentzl.

As with all countries, the star ratings are awarded according to the level of service the establishment provides, as well as the contents of the room. A full explanation for each level can be found on the Kraków Info site here: <http://www.krakow-info.com/hotel-stars.htm>