



Practical information

1st Dioscuri Symposium

3-4 November 2025

Kraków

➤ ARRIVING IN KRAKÓW BY PLANE – JOHN PAUL II INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT KRAKÓW-BALICE (KRK)

John Paul II International Airport Kraków-Balice (KRK) is the main airport serving Kraków. It is located approximately 16 km from the city center.

Getting from the airport to the City Center by:

- **Train:** The Kraków Airport train station is located near the terminal, and trains depart every 30 minutes. The journey takes about 20 minutes to Kraków Główny (Main Train Station). The train schedule is available at: <https://kolejemalopolskie.com.pl/>

Where to buy a ticket?

- passenger terminal, arrivals hall, level 0 (ticket machine)
 - railway station (ticket machine)
 - on board the train (ticket machine or the train conductor)
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- **Bus:** Public buses (lines 209, 300, and night bus 902) also connect the airport with the city. When leaving Terminal 1, you will find the bus stop on your right. Line No. 300 leaves approximately every half an hour, and it stops near National Science Centre (Stop: Rondo

Grunwaldzkie). Line No. 209 runs rarely and often changes its route. The journey takes around 40-50 minutes.

More information on Krakow Airport bus lines and tickets is available at:

<https://www.krakowairport.pl/en/passenger/transport>

The bus/tram timetable is available at: <http://rozklady.mpk.krakow.pl>

You can find the best bus/tram connection at: <https://jakdojade.pl/krakow/trasa/> or download a *jakdojade* app to your smartphone.

Where to buy a ticket?

- passenger terminal, arrivals hall, level 0 (ticket machine)
- the bus stop (ticket machine)
- on board the bus (ticket machine)
- **Taxi:** Official taxis are available outside the terminal. The ride to the city center takes around 20-30 minutes and costs approximately 100-150 PLN. An invoice can be issued at your request. Apps like Uber and Bolt operate in Kraków and offer an alternative way to reach your destination

Taxi service in Kraków:

- Radio Taxi 919, tel. 191 91,12 419 00 00, <https://radiotaxi919.pl/en/>
- Dwójki, tel. 196 22, 12 422 22 22, <http://taxi.krakow.pl/english/>
- Wawel, tel. 196 66, 12 266 66 66, <https://waweltaxi.pl/>
- iCar, tel. 12 653 55 55, 12 888 00 00, <https://icartaxi.eu/>

➤ ARRIVING IN KRAKÓW BY TRAIN

The Main Train Station and the Main Coach Station are situated in the city centre, a 15-min walk from the Main Market Square.

Getting from the train station to the conference venue:

- ***Tram: closed due to Grunwaldzki-bridge renovations**
- **Bus:** Line No. 179 (Direction: Os. Kurdwanów). From the bus Stop: Dworzec PKP Kraków Główny directly to Stop: Rondo Grunwaldzkie (around 18 minutes journey)

Where to buy a ticket?

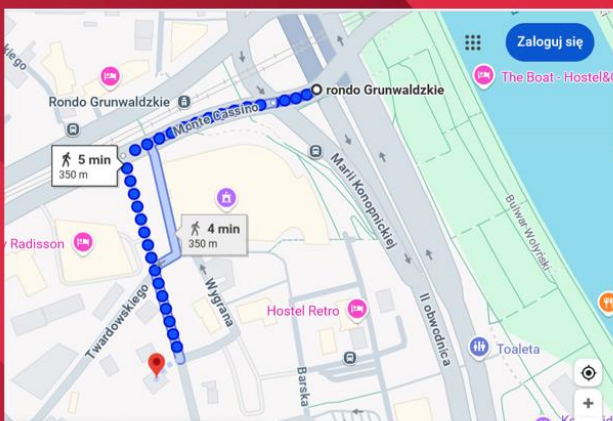
- the bus/tram stop (ticket machine)
- on board the bus/tram (ticket machine)

➤ SYMPOSIUM VENUE – NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE (NCN)

- Address: Twardowskiego 16, 30-302 Kraków, **Main Entrance:** Bulhaka street
- Website: www.ncn.gov.pl



 NARODOWE CENTRUM NAUKI



Getting to NCN:

- Bus Lines No.: 101, 112, 124, 144, 162, 164, 169, 173, 179, 194, 219, 229, 300, 307, 310, 424, 469, 503, 608, 610, 612, 662; Stop: Rondo Grunwaldzkie
- Taxi/Ride-hailing: Uber, Bolt, and local taxis are available for quick transport.
- Walking: If staying in the Old Town, NCN is about a 20-30 minute walk along scenic routes.

➤ HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Hotel Hyatt

SINGLE ROOM

One large king-size bed – 340 PLN gross / per night, including breakfast

DOUBLE ROOM

Two separate beds – 395 PLN gross / per night, including breakfast

Payment is made via a secure reservation payment link – no later than 2 days before the start of the reservation.

The listed prices are subject to room availability.

Check-in time is from 3:00 PM, and check-out is by 12:00 PM.
Buffet breakfast is served in the restaurant from 6:30 AM to 10:30 AM.
Parking – 59 PLN per night.
Guests make reservations individually by email at:

[magdalena.bartel@hyatt.com](mailto:magdalenabartel@hyatt.com)

Reservation code: Symposium Dioscuri

2. Hotel Novotel City West:

A 10% discount off the daily rate (based on the current rate), with the option of free cancellation up to one day before arrival,
or **a 15% discount** off the daily rate for members of the ALL loyalty program, also with the option of free cancellation up to one day before arrival.

Reservations with the discount offer can be made **until October 28, 2024** (5 days before arrival).

Room availability is **not guaranteed** by the hotel.

Reservations should be made **via email** at: h3407-re@accor.com

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➤ CURRENCY IN POLAND

The official currency of Poland is the Polish Złoty (PLN).

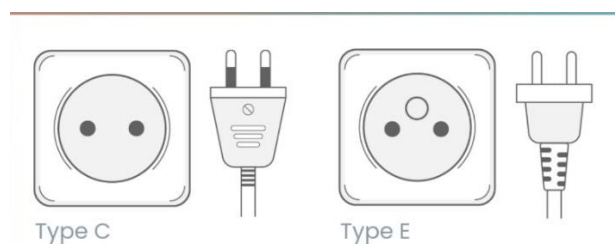
- 1 EUR ≈ 4.2 PLN (exchange rates may vary)
- 1 USD ≈ 4.0 PLN

Cash can be withdrawn from ATMs or exchanged at exchange offices (kantory) located throughout the city. Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in shops, restaurants, and taxis.

➤ ELECTRICITY

For Poland there are two associated plug types, types C and E (see the pictures below). Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and plug type E is the plug which has two round pins and a hole for the socket's male earthing pin.

Poland operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.



➤ EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- Emergency (General): 112
- Police: 997
- Fire Department: 998
- Medical Emergency: 999

➤ DISCOVER KRAKÓW – MUST-SEE PLACES & INTERESTING FACTS

Kraków, one of Poland's most historic cities, offers a wealth of cultural and historical attractions. Here are some highlights:

- Wawel Castle & Cathedral: The former royal residence, home to Poland's kings and queens. Climb the tower for a stunning view of the city.
- Main Market Square (Rynek Główny): Europe's largest medieval square, featuring St. Mary's Basilica, the Cloth Hall (Sukiennice), and vibrant cafes.
- Kazimierz – The Jewish Quarter: A trendy district full of historic synagogues, charming streets, and excellent restaurants.
- Schindler's Factory Museum: A must-visit for history enthusiasts, telling the story of Kraków during World War II.
- Planty Park: A green belt surrounding the Old Town, perfect for a relaxing walk.
- Vistula River Boulevards: A scenic spot for a walk or bike ride with a great view of Wawel Castle.
- Kościuszko Mound: A panoramic viewpoint offering stunning views of Kraków.
- Krakow is home to hundreds of bars, cafes and restaurants. The main streets for going out are Floriańska and Szewska, as well as Kazimierz district.

Interesting Facts About Kraków:

- Kraków was Poland's capital until 1596 when it moved to Warsaw.
- The city is home to one of the oldest universities in Europe, the Jagiellonian University, founded in 1364.
- Every hour, a trumpeter plays the "Hejnał" melody from St. Mary's Basilica—a tradition dating back centuries.

