



## **Receiving treatment in Krakow: quality and comfort**

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**The Wawel Castle, Main Square, St. Mary's Church and Kazimierz District... Krakow, the city entered into the first list of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites, offers the wealth of history and architecture. It astonishes with diversity with each step you take - with the unique mosaic of styles and atmospheres. For many years Krakow has reaffirmed that its inclusion into the list of the most beautiful and interesting cities in the world was not merely a matter of chance. Krakow features also a contemporary image of a dynamically developing academic and business centre continuing to attract unique personalities like a magnet.**

Krakow belongs to the most easily accessible cities in the Central Europe. In 1978, its historic centre and the Wieliczka Salt Mine located nearby were entered into the first list of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. A well-developed rail, road and air connection system is one of the city's advantages, while the John Paul II International Airport situated in the Balice locality near Krakow is the second largest airport in Poland in terms of size and volume of passengers. The airlines serving the airport offer attractive connections to practically any destination throughout the world (more than 100 regular flights). A dedicated railway line transports the passengers from the airport to the city downtown in a couple of minutes and a well-developed urban transport system of Krakow satisfies even the most demanding tourists.

All these amenities provide plenty of opportunities for the tourists arriving to Krakow from the near and far corners of the earth.

And that's not all. Krakow offers the most extensive tourist base in Poland tailored to the demands of tourists having various financial capabilities. The downtown and its surroundings offer several dozens of top-standard hotels, including the chained-brand ones. On the other hand - you can choose from plenty of boutique, small-scale facilities located just a few steps away from the Main Square and enabling you to start sightseeing immediately after breakfast. Thanks to comprehensive offer of hostels and apartments you can find affordable accommodation at any time of the year. Don't forget that Krakow has more than 2 thousand restaurants! Even those with the most demanding palates will easily find menu of their dreams.

Krakow is the city living a full cultural life. Each year, the capital of Lesser Poland hosts nearly 100 festivals and other international-scale events like Misteria Paschalia, Sacrum Profanum, Jewish Culture Festival or the Film Music Festival to name just a few. The state-of-the-art sports and concert infrastructure serves as the base for organisation of global music and sports events. Krakow is the city of modern museums, where the visitors can explore the history by interactive means.

Krakow, without doubt, enthrals with its unique atmosphere.

The City of Kings is not all about the history and culture. It is also the place of work of many leading specialists, including these treating people! Apart from the monuments, concerts and museums, the city attracts with plenty of clinics able to compete with the best European health centres with their technologically advanced equipment and highly skilled medical staff. The best Polish healthcare providers are enrolled from the graduates of the prestigious Jagiellonian University Medical College in Krakow.



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Explore our city and benefit from the services provided by the reputable healthcare facilities. You can contact them directly or by means of plenty of tourist agencies and offices located in the capital of the Lesser Poland and offering comprehensive services to the medical tourists. It is worth to use their support.

We should also mention that the entities organising scientific conferences frequently choose Krakow as the venue of the medical authorities meetings. Technical and organizational support offered by the best healthcare providers in Poland gives the most valuable guarantee of the top scientific level of both national and global events hosted by the capital of Lesser Poland. These include among others the McMaster International Review Course in Internal Medicine, World Congress on Osteoporosis, Knee Arthroplasty, Scientific Congress of the Polish Pharmaceutical Society, European Family Physician Conference, Medical Law Congress, Medical Tourism Congress and the meetings of the scientific committee of the Polish Association for the Treatment of Burns – to name just a few.

The ranking of Krakow's prestigious clinics offering the highest quality of care and treatment provided by medical staff lists primarily: the University Hospital offering the experienced staff and advanced medical technologies. Let us just say, by means of an example, that the cardiologists from this hospital developed and implemented the myocardial infarction invasive management system by establishing a network of collaborating hospitals. This model of regional healthcare centres was included into the guidelines for the management of myocardial infarction in Poland, Europe and in the USA. The university healthcare providers have been repeatedly invited to perform surgical procedures broadcasted live during the leading international cardiology conferences, including PCR (Paris) or TCT (Washington). The **University Children's Hospital in Prokocim** is among the most reputable paediatric centres in Poland offering services in all paediatric specialties and a full range of diagnostic and rehabilitation services. Another leading medical centre in Krakow is the **Ludwik Rydygier Memorial Specialized Hospital**, the structure of which is based, among others, on the Lesser Poland Burn and Plastic Surgery Center specializing in the most difficult single-stage reconstructions in the world. The Department of Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery of the **Stefan Żeromski Specialist Municipal Hospital** is the only in Poland training centre for healthcare providers from around the world. The surgeons from the "Żeromski" Hospital organize a prestigious biannual international "Knee Arthroplasty" symposium in Krakow. This hospital is also recognised from one of the best Laryngology Departments in the southern Poland. The **J. Dietl Specialist Hospital** located in the Krakow downtown offers, among others, comprehensive spine surgery and treatment of locomotor disorders that are difficult to diagnose and require extensive knowledge and experience. Another facility to be mentioned is **the John Paul II Specialist Hospital** – a leading cardiologic and cardiac surgery centre recognised both in the Lesser Poland and in Europe as a whole. The most advanced developments in cardiovascular surgery form the leitmotiv of cyclical meetings of the leading representatives of global cardiac surgery held by the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery and Transplantology in the John Paul II Specialist Hospital in Krakow.

Private clinics and healthcare facilities play an important role on the Krakow market of medical services. Their managers have been investing both in the most advanced medical technologies and primarily in highly skilled medical staff at all levels and of all specialties.



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According to the study results, the most popular services among the foreign patients in Krakow are the dental services. The other areas of interest include cardiology, plastic surgery, aesthetic medicine, orthopaedics, rehabilitation, laryngology, ophthalmology, gynaecology, reproductive medicine, obstetrics and diagnostics.

The best healthcare providers in Poland, recognized authorities in their specialties as well as the new methods of treatment and technologically advanced medical equipment are waiting for you. Our specialists gain new experiences, invest in medical equipment and develop their centres on everyday basis.