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## Tour Name

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Nowa Huta Communist Experience

## Tour City

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Krakow

## Tour Snapshot

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Being in the Nowa Huta district of Krakow is like travelling back in time — all the way back to the communist era. The places you'll visit on this unique tour are exactly as they were during the communist regime, in this neighbourhood built as a model communist city. See the socialist realist architecture, listen to the personal stories of the local people, and visit spots where the long fight for democracy took place.

### Highlights

- Visit Central Square (Plac Centralny) and find out what the communist architecture was all about
- Stand where Poland's biggest Lenin monument used to be and take photos of a tank left over from the war
- See the huge Lord's Ark church, made by the citizens by hand as a sign of the resistance against communism
- Drink vodka in a communist bar, like a true local!
- Shop for typical snacks in a small local market that looks exactly like it did 50 years ago

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, local transport by tram, entrance to the local museum and food and drink as indicated in the tour description.

Exclusions: Additional food and drinks, souvenirs and items of a personal nature, and tips/gratuities for your guide.

### Schedule details

- Duration: 4 hours
- Meeting point:
  - 1 Długa Street (ul. [Długa 1](#), at the corner of Długa and Basztowa) by the entrance of the bookshop 'Pod Globusem'.
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///definite.madness.figs](https://www.what3words.com/definite.madness.figs)
- Starting time: 9.30 AM
- Ending point:
  - Krakow's Main Market Square.

### Full Itinerary

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Take a big step back into the past on this off-the-beaten-track tour of Krakow's Nowa Huta district. This is definitely *not* your typical neighbourhood — Nowa Huta is a time capsule of the communist ideal. The easternmost district of Krakow was designed by the Soviets as a model communist city, but later became an anti-communist hub and an important part of the solidarity movement.

The journey starts with a ride on local transportation from your hotel into the heart of the former communist city. Our first stop will be the enormous Central Square (Plac Centralny), the calling card of the district and the area's most notable landmark. Centrally planned right after WWII, today the square and its surrounding areas are like a museum of the many architectural styles and ideas from the past. We'll see the spot where a huge monument of Lenin used to stand, and then you'll visit a local bar for a shot of vodka, just as you might have done back in the communist era.

Next, you'll get the chance to take some photos of a real Russian tank left in Nowa Huta after the war, and to learn about the huge protection system invented by the communist architects. Later, we'll explore a small market where the locals spend their time socialising, buying basic groceries, or selling second-hand clothes and homemade sweets. This is a great place to rest,

and maybe test out your Polish language skills among the locals.

Along the way, we'll have Zapiekanka - a typical communist snack in a local bar, and we'll also spend some time visiting a huge church known as the Lord's Ark, which became a symbol of the long fight for freedom and democracy. The church was built by residents completely by hand. By the end of the tour you'll have a better sense of the communist history in Poland, and will have experienced one of the most unique districts in the city.

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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 at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page.

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