

Warsaw Tour Options

Old Town Walking Tour

Take a walking tour of Warsaw's Old Town ([Stare Miasto](#)), destroyed by the Germans in 1944 but resurrected in later decades. Highlights include:

- Royal Palace ([tourable as a museum](#))
- Castle Square and the Zygmunt III column
- St. John's Archcathedral
- Old Town Market Square and the mermaid statue
- Warsaw Barbican (city walls)
- Views toward the Wisła and Praga
- Museums: Museum of Warsaw, Adam Mickiewicz Museum of Literature, Maria Skłodowska-Curie Museum

For dinner: Sample Polish cuisine at one of the many Polish restaurants in the Old Town

Copernicus Science Center & Warsaw University Library Garden & Elektrownia Powiśle

Mikołaj Kopernik (aka Nicholas Copernicus) is one of Poland's favorite sons and Warsaw hosts one of Europe's premier science museums named after him. With scores of interactive exhibits on every branch of science, you could easily lose several hours at the [Copernicus Science Center](#). Make sure to get tickets in advance.

A five minute walk to the north you will find the [Warsaw University Library Garden](#), a beautiful greenspace perched on the roof of the library and overlooking the Wisła river. Spend some time exploring the garden and taking photos.

Across the street from the Copernicus Science Center you will find [Elektrownia Powiśle](#), an old power plant beautifully restored and now hosting a hip mall and food court.

For dinner: Try one of the many options at Elektrownia Powiśle

For dessert: Get some gelato at [Dal Dalla Gelato](#)

Palace of Culture and dinner at Fabryka Norblina or Hala Gwardii

In the 1950s Josef Stalin decided to "gift" his Polish comrades with a monumental building in the center of Warsaw - the Palace of Culture and Science. Although this building was long criticized by Varsovians for being out of place and a monument to totalitarianism, it has grown on the city's residents over time.

There are many things to do and see there:

- Go to the [observation deck](#) on the 30th floor

- Visit the National Museum of Technology
- Visit the Museum of Evolution
- Go to a movie at the [Kinoteka](#)

For dinner: Two excellent options are a 12 minute walk northwest of the Palace of Culture.

- [Hala Gwardii](#) is a stately 19th century market hall that hosts a food court and many shops.
- [Fabryka Norblina](#) is a trendy restaurant and entertainment complex housed in a redeveloped 19th century metalworking factory.

Communist Warsaw Tour

[Adventure Warsaw](#) offers a range of fun guided tours around Warsaw. One of the most interesting is their 3-hour guided tour of “Communist Warsaw”. The English-speaking guide will take you around in a communist-era Nysa 522 mini-van and highlight places and stories connected to the city’s decades under socialism.

- Palace of Culture and Science
- Constitution Square
- Museum of Life Under Communism

Praga: Neon Museum and Centrum Praskie Koneser

Praga is Warsaw’s “right bank”, a rapidly gentrifying zone of quirky restaurants and shops, offbeat museums, and decaying architecture. Start with a visit to the [Neon Museum](#), which provides a history of Poland during the Cold War through the lens of neon lighting art. You will see many cool examples of reclaimed and refurbished neon signs telling the story of socialist Warsaw.

For dinner: A 20-minute walk or tram ride away is the [Centrum Praskie Koneser](#), an old vodka distillery that has been redeveloped into a trendy zone of restaurants, shops and art galleries. Spend some time browsing the shops before choosing one of the many restaurants on offer.

Nowy Świat

Nowy Świat is one of Warsaw’s most lively commercial streets and there is much to do or so.

- Get a sugar fix at [Manufaktura Cukierków](#)
- Sample a classic Polish donut at [Dobra Pączkarnia](#)
- Have a Polish dinner at [Zapiecek](#) or [Gościniec](#)
- You will also find many Vietnamese, Georgian and Italian options along this street
- Investigate the Charles de Gaulle roundabout with an expected palm tree in the middle

If you want to do some more substantiating touring there are several options within a score walking distance:

- The [National \(Art\) Museum in Warsaw](#) is a minute walk to the southeast
- The [Presidential Palace](#) is a 5 minute walk to the east
- The [Fryderyk Chopin Museum](#) is a 6 minute walk to the northeast

Warsaw Uprising Museum

The [Warsaw Uprising Museum](#) is one of Poland's premier museums, dedicated to telling visitors the story of this city's heroic stand against Nazi occupation. The museum is modern, interactive and moving, a must for history buffs. Make sure to book your tickets ahead.

For dinner: [Fabryka Norblina](#) is an 11-minute walk away. It is a trendy restaurant and entertainment complex housed in a redeveloped 19th century metalworking factory.

Escape Rooms & City Games

Warsaw has several fun escape rooms. Here are some of the best options:

- [Black Cat Escape Room](#)
- [Undercover City Games](#)
- [Room Escape Warszawa](#)