

Warsaw Travel Guide

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PODRÓŻE Z HUBERTEM

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport in Warsaw is very well developed. It doesn't matter if you arrive in the city by a plane or by land transport, you should not have a bigger problem finding bus stops, tram, railway or metro stations.

Chopin Airport – in order to leave the airport by public transport, you can use:

- A bus - the bus terminus is outside the arrivals terminal. Line 175 has a stop at the Central Railway Station. Line 188 will take you to the Łazienkowska Road (Trasa Łazienkowska), from where you will have convenient transfer options in different directions.
- The SKM (Fast Urban Railway) - S2 and S3 lines stop at the city centre near the Central Railway Station (all ZTM tickets are honored). You can also use Koleje Mazowieckie trains (Masovian Railways), where one-day, weekend or group weekend ZTM (Public Transport Authority) tickets are honored.

Młociny bus terminal (including Flixbus) - there you can find a lot of bus lines and tram lines crossing the streets of the northern (and not only) city districts; in order to get to the city centre, to the southern districts or to the Warsaw's Praga district quickly, take the subway towards Kabaty station.

Wilanowska bus stop – just like in the case of Młociny terminal, you get off at the bus terminus. The Metro Wilanowska station is nearby. In order to get to the city centre, take the subway towards Młociny station.

West Railway Station (bus terminal and railway station) - high availability of bus lines. In order to get to the city centre quickly it's best to use SKM trains (I recommend it during rush hour, because of traffic jams in this part of the city).

When it comes to buses, I recommend accelerated lines 517 or 523 (marked in red).

For public transport, it is most convenient to buy tickets in tickets machines, which are standing at bus stops that serve a big number of lines (there are a lot of them in Warsaw), or at transfer places. Appearance of ticket machines may differ. You can also find them on buses and some trams – **PAYMENT ON BUSES AND TRAMS ONLY BY A CARD.**



Tickets can also be purchased via mobile applications: moBilet, mPay, SkyCash, jakdojade.pl and zBiletem.pl. There is a possibility to purchase time (20-minute), single-fare transfer (75- or 90-minute), one-day, 3-day and weekend tickets. Some banking applications have an integrated system with one of the suppliers above, so you don't have to download an additional application.

If you are in Warsaw for the weekend, I strongly recommend buying a weekend ticket for 24 PLN (Polish zloty), which entitles you to an unlimited number of journeys from 7:00 PM on Friday till 8:00 AM on Monday. There is also a group weekend ticket (up to 5 people on one ticket) for 40 PLN.

For sightseeing in Warsaw you only need tickets dedicated for Zone 1. It is most profitable to buy a one-day ticket for 15 PLN. A single-fare transfer ticket costs 4,40 PLN. After validation of the ticket you can freely change and use various means of public transport for 75 minutes.

Tickets are validated only once - after entering any mean of public transport or in the case of subway, before entering the platform. This applies to all types of tickets.

Reduced tickets cost 50% of the price of normal tickets.

For enthusiasts of cycling, there is the Warsaw Public Bike – Veturilo that operates in Warsaw. If you want to be able to use the bikes that are available on the stations scattered around the city, you must register and make an initial payment in the amount of 10 PLN. Renting the bike up to 20 minutes is not associated with additional fees.

More information and a map of the stations at:
<https://www.veturilo.waw.pl/en/>

PRIVATE TRANSPORT

In order to get around Warsaw, you can also use well-known Uber. Bolt (formerly Taxify) is also popular. Traditional taxis are not competitively priced, but if someone is reluctant to use two services proposed above, I recommend mobile application such as myTaxi (FREE NOW in the future).



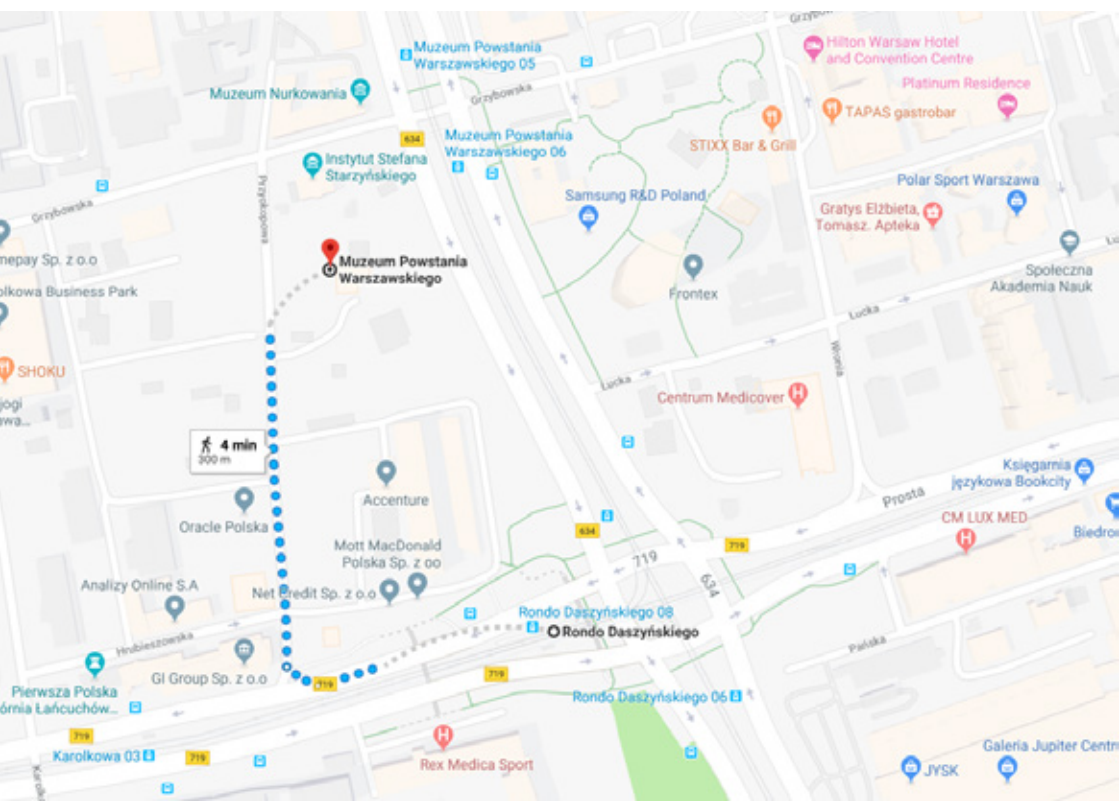
Car sharing services (car for minutes) also gain popularity. It is an option for people that have a driving license. In Warsaw, the most popular are Panek and Traficar services. For "connoisseurs" of motorization, Panek makes it possible to rent Polonez Caro. www.panekcs.pl/en/ and www.traficar.pl/



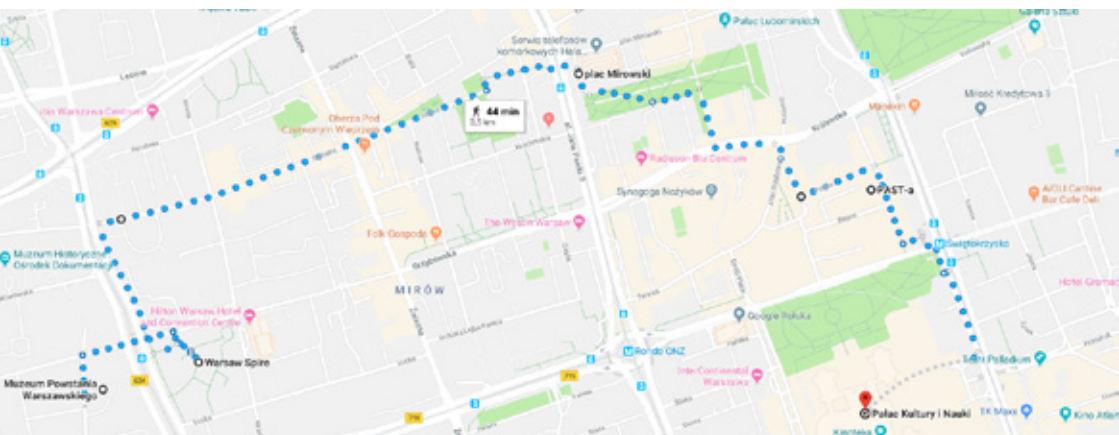
DAY 1

I heartily recommend a visit to the Warsaw Rising Museum (Muzeum Powstania Warszawskiego) at 79 Grzybowska Street. Admission on Sundays is free, but you should take into consideration an increased number of visitors and possible discomfort in sightseeing because of it. A normal ticket costs 25 PLN and a reduced one - 20 PLN. More information on page: <https://www.1944.pl/en>

In addition to the bus and tram stops located near the museum (MUZEUM POWSTANIA WARSZAWSKIEGO), there is the subway station RONDO DASZYŃSKIEGO from the second metro line (M2) nearby.



After visiting the museum, you can head towards the Palace of Culture and Science. I propose a walk or a ride by a bike, thanks to which you will see several interesting places.



In front of the museum there is the second tallest building in Warsaw - Warsaw Spire at The European Square (Plac Europejski). Various events are often organized in the area under the building. Moreover, the place is interestingly developed.



Next you will walk Chłodna Street, where pre-war paving surface has been preserved. There was also a bridge crossing Chłodna Street in the past, connecting two areas of the Warsaw Ghetto, which was commemorated with a monument called "Kładka Pamięci" (Memory Bridge), in a form of an artistic installation. Between the buildings, at the intersection with Żelazna Street, you can see the "Keret House", which has 152 cm in its widest side.

At the end of Chłodna Street you will reach John Paul II Avenue (Aleja Jana Pawła II), and on the other side of the artery rises Hala Mirowska market, a famous shopping place.



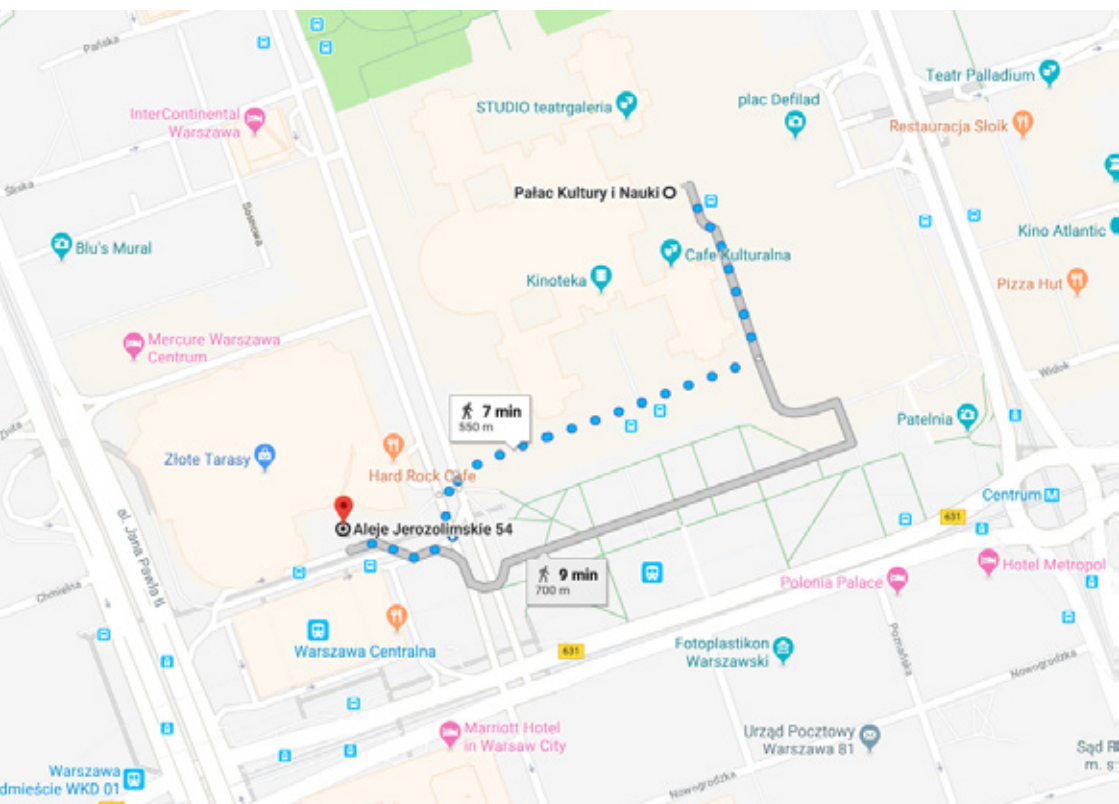
Then head towards the Grzybowski Square (Plac Grzybowski). You can see the only active pre-war synagogue in Warsaw along the way – Nożyk Synagogue. Then along Prózna Street you will get to Marszałkowska Street and next, go south towards the Palace of Culture and Science, with an entrance from the Parade Square (Plac Defilad).

In the Palace of Culture and Science you have an option of entering the observation deck on the 30th floor. A normal ticket costs 20 PLN. From May to September and in December, on Fridays and Saturdays, the viewing terrace is open after nightfall. Details here:

<http://www.pkin.pl/eng/tourist-zone-observation-decky>

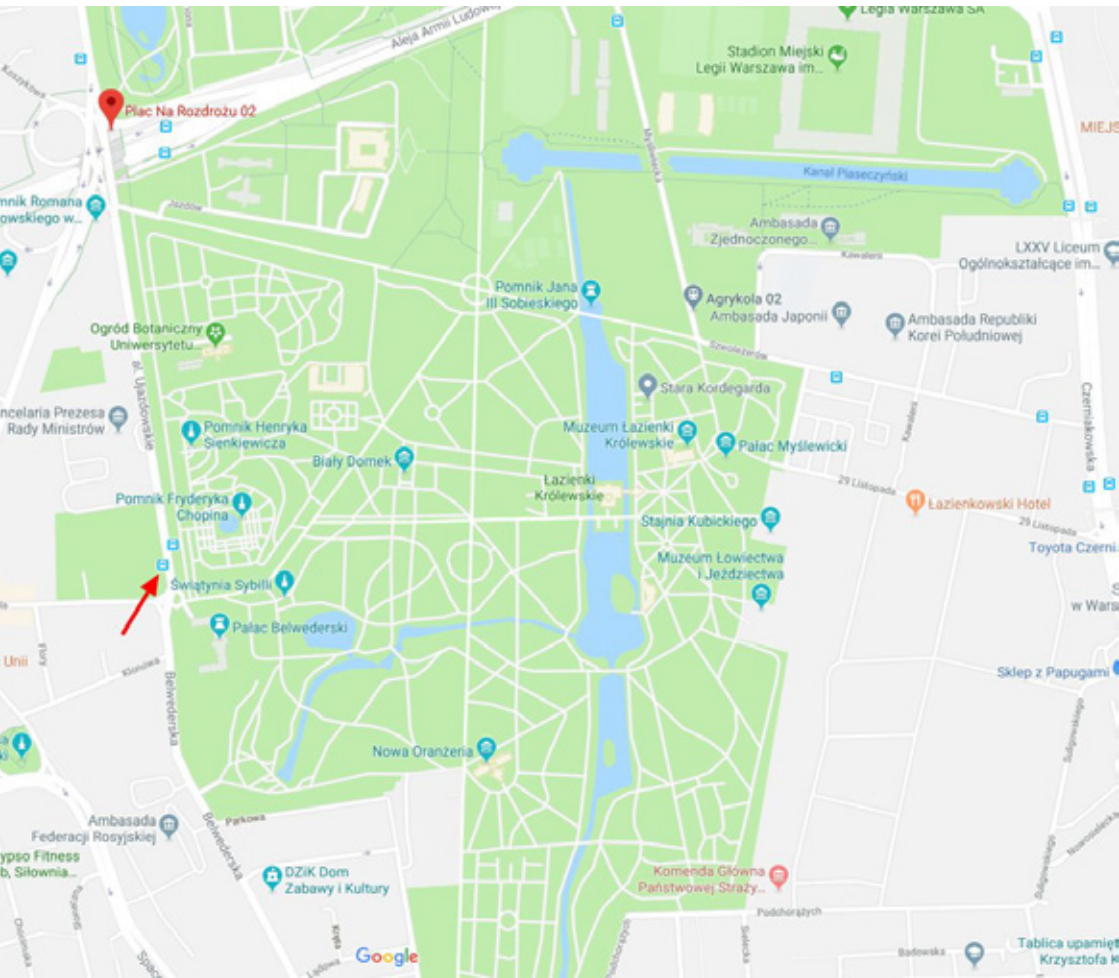
In addition, the building often hosts various exhibitions. In the Palace of Culture and Science you can also find the National Museum of Technology and The Dollhouse Museum.

After exploring the Palace of Culture and Science and its surroundings, you can go to the Złote Tarasy shopping centre, where, apart from shops and service premises, you will find a zone with catering outlets.



The next day is focused on the part of the Royal Route (Trakt Królewski), Łazienki Park (Park Łazienkowski) and the Old and New Town. You can change the route if you prefer it another way.

We will start with the popular Łazienki Park, at one of the many entrances to the park (we may consider it as the most commonly used one) there is the ŁAZIENKI KRÓLEWSKIE bus stop (red arrow on the map). Near runs the Łazienkowska Road (Trasa Łazienkowska), where there is the PLAC NA ROZDROŻU bus stop, from we can also reach the park on foot or change and drive to the ŁAZIENKI KRÓLEWSKIE bus stop.

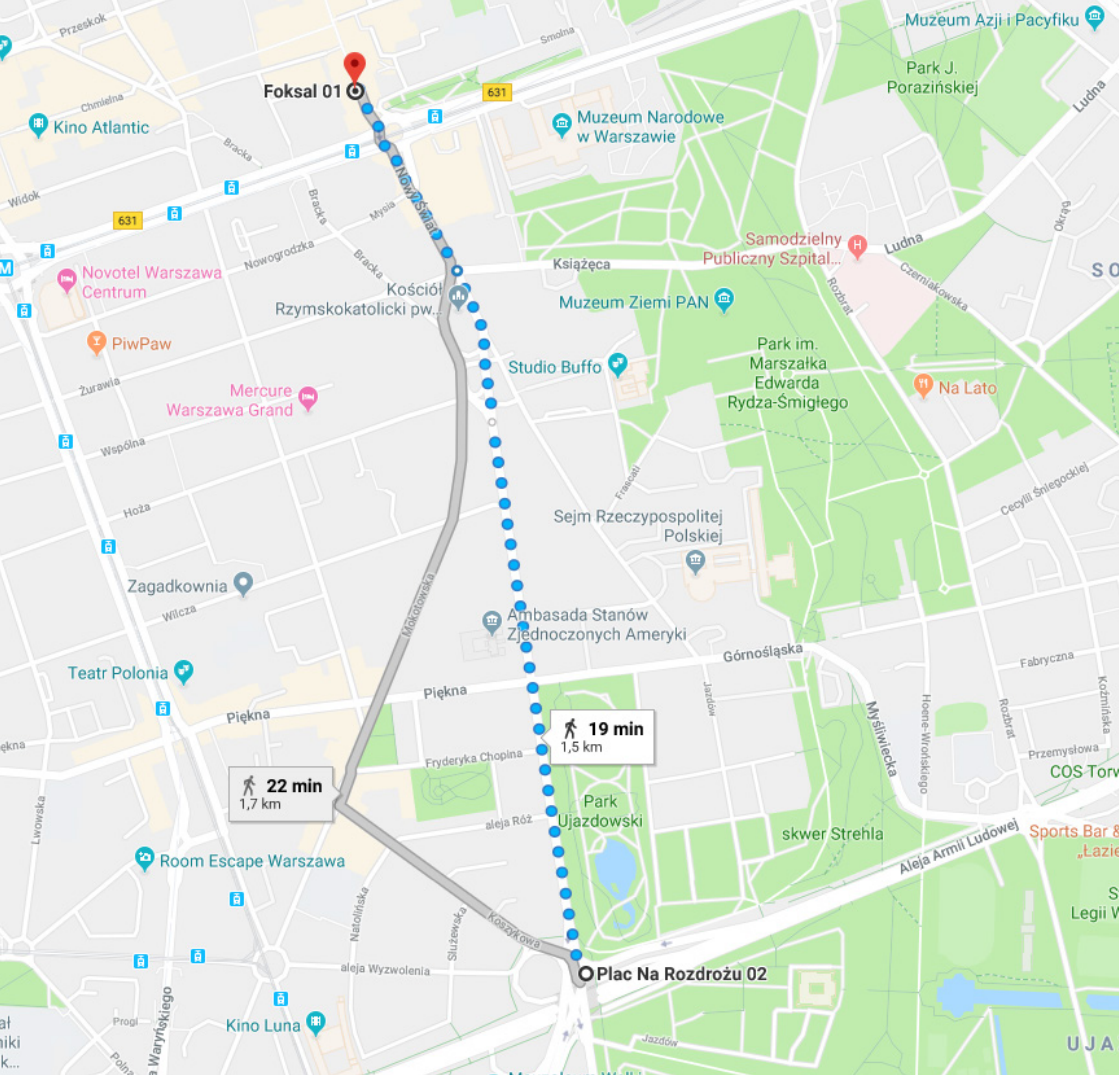


In the park itself, admission to some facilities is possible (Palace on the Isle, Myślewicki Palace, the Old Orangery). Details: <https://www.lazienki-krolewskie.pl/en>. During the year there are "promotions" or open days, so it's worth checking.

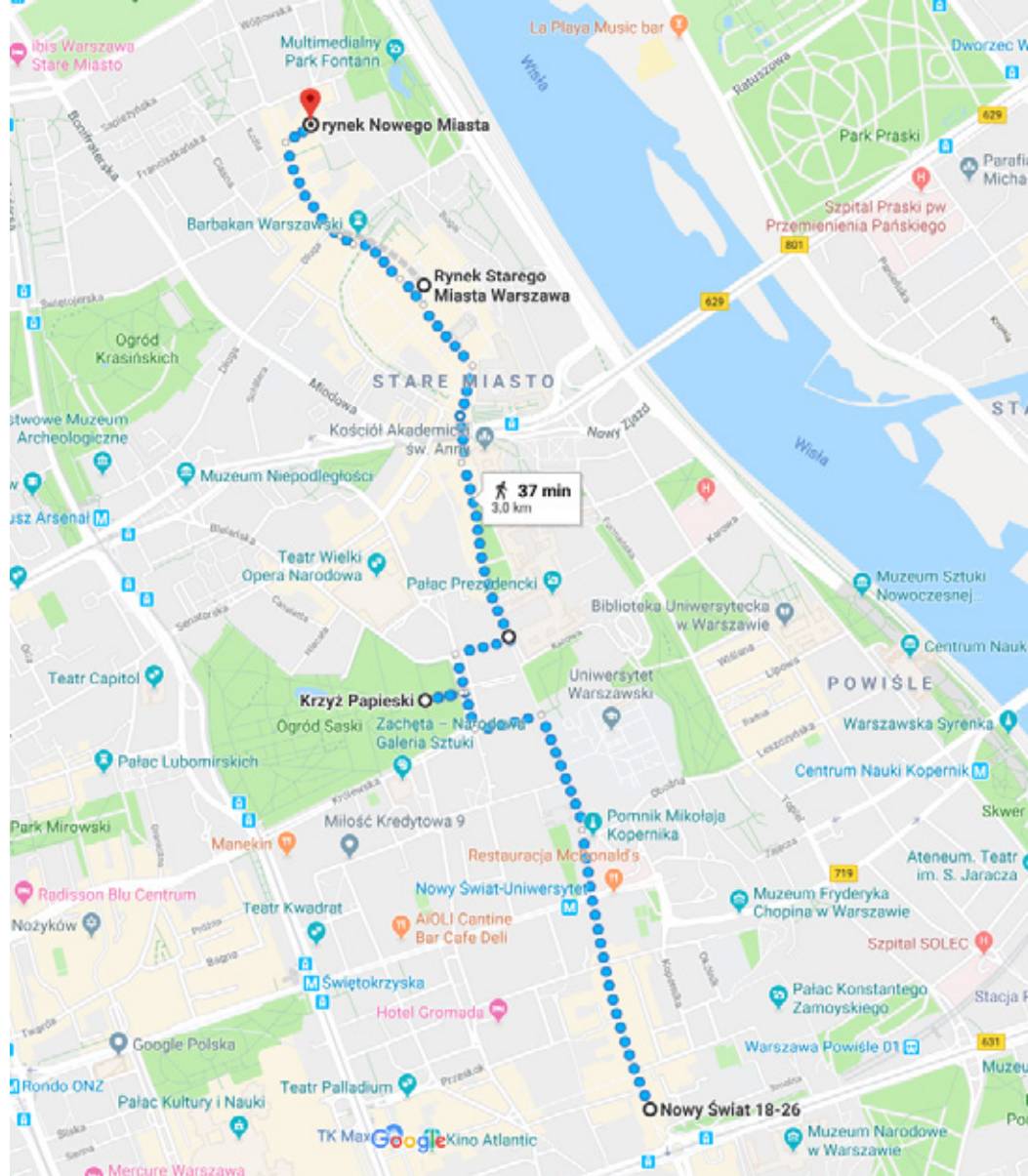
In the neighborhood or in the area of Łazienki Park you can also see, among others: Botanical Garden of the University of Warsaw, Belweder Palace (pałac Belwederski), The Chancellery of the Prime Minister, and for sports enthusiasts, the Legia Warsaw stadium. There are also many embassies in the area.



After completing exploration of this area, we go north towards the Old Town. You can take a stroll down Ujazdów Avenue (Aleje Ujazdowskie) to the Nowy Świat Street or take a bus from Plac Na Rozdrożu (bus stop at Ujazdów Avenue, above the Łazienkowska Road) to the FOKSAL bus stop. If you want to skip the walk, you can go further to the Castle Square (Plac Zamkowy) or get off at Krakowskie Przedmieście Street (UNIWERSYTET bus stop). Use bus lines such as 180, 503 or 116.

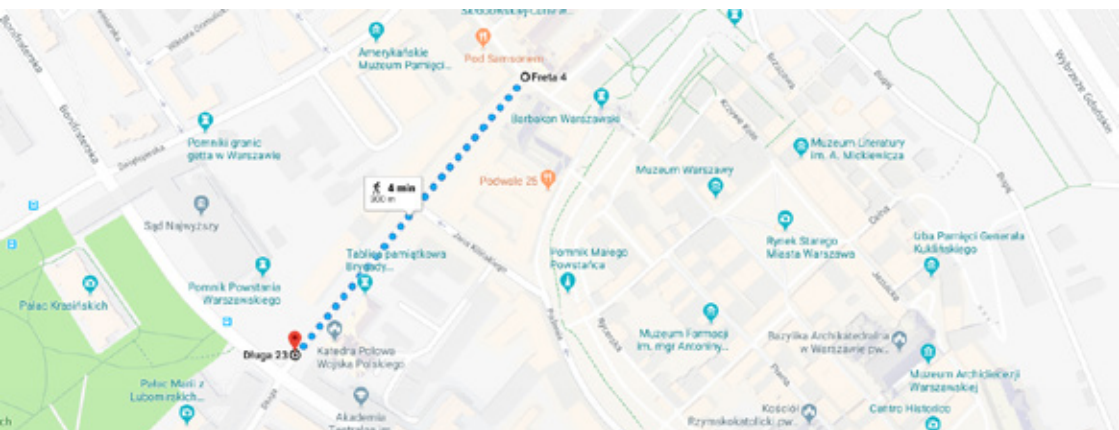


Majority of the rest of the trip follows the Royal Route, in this part, along the line of Nowy Świat Street, Krakowskie Przedmieście Street, up to the Sigismund's Column (Kolumna Zygmunta) at the Castle Square. We are deviating from the route for a moment at Królewska Street or 100m away at the European Hotel (Hotel Europejski) in order to see the Piłsudski Square (Plac Marszałka Józefa Piłsudskiego).

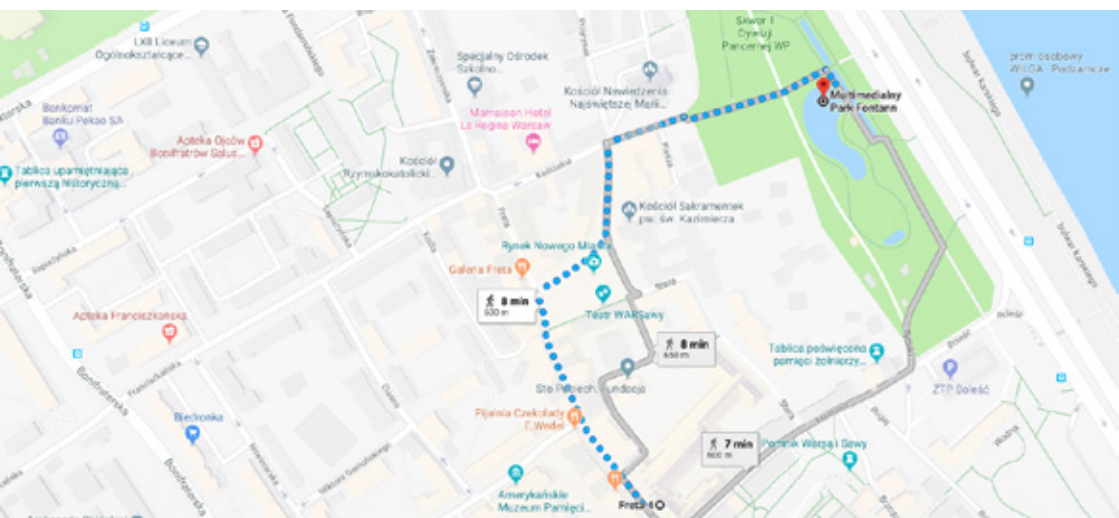


At Nowy Świat Street you will find a good amount of various catering outlets and stores. Krakowskie Przedmieście Street starts at the intersection with Świętokrzyska Street. The most famous buildings located next to this street are: The Church of the Holy Cross (Kościół Św. Krzyża), University of Warsaw, Hotel Bristol (the oldest and most expensive functioning hotel in Warsaw), The Presidential Palace and monuments of Nicolaus Copernicus (Mikołaj Kopernik), Prince Józef Poniatowski and Adam Mickiewicz.

Just before the Castle Square you can see the St. Anne's Church (Kościół Akademicki św. Anny), with an observation deck next to it. The entrance costs 6 PLN. Closing hours may differ and they depend on interest. During rain or snow, the terrace is closed. Then you can still discover the streets of the Old Town. After crossing the Barbican (Barbakan), you can turn into Długa Street in order to see the Krasiński Square (plac Krasińskich), and with it an impressive Warsaw Uprising Monument (Pomnik Powstania Warszawskiego), Krasiński Palace (Pałac Krasińskich), the Supreme Court of Poland (Sąd Najwyższy) and the Field Cathedral of the Polish Army (Katedra Polowa).



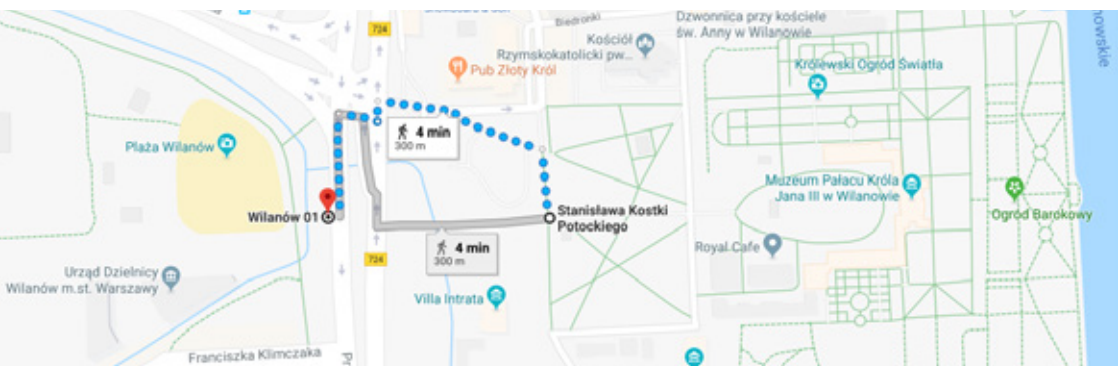
When you come back to Freta Street, where you turned towards the Krasiński Square or you just continue travelling this street, you will reach the New Town Market Place (Rynek Nowego Miasta). From there you can go to Konwiktorska Street, where the Polonia Stadium and Sanguski Street are located and by which you can see the Polish Security Printing Works (Polska Wytwórnia Papierów Wartościowych). I propose to finish the day in the Multimedia Fountain Park. The shows take place from May to September (details <http://www.parkfontann.pl>). It is worth to go down to the Vistulan Boulevards (Bulwary Wiślane), which extend in front of the fountain park, by the riverside of the Vistula.



DAY 3

For the next day I propose a trip to the southern part of the city and a visit to the Palace of Jan III Sobieski in Wilanów and to the botanical garden in Powsin.

The fastest way to get to the Wilanów complex by public transport is a bus line 519 from the city centre. Get off at the WILANÓW stop. Go to the eastern part of Przyczółkowa Street and then you will be on the spot. Entrance to the gardens costs 5 PLN and admission to the Palace, depending on a route, costs 15-20 PLN. In winter, in the area of the park, The Royal Garden of Light (Królewski Ogród Światła) functions. You can find more details here: <http://wilanow-palac.pl>. There is also The Poster Museum (Muzeum Plakatu) nearby, admission 11 PLN. The Church of St. Anne is also worth seeing (it is not the same as at Krakowskie Przedmieście).



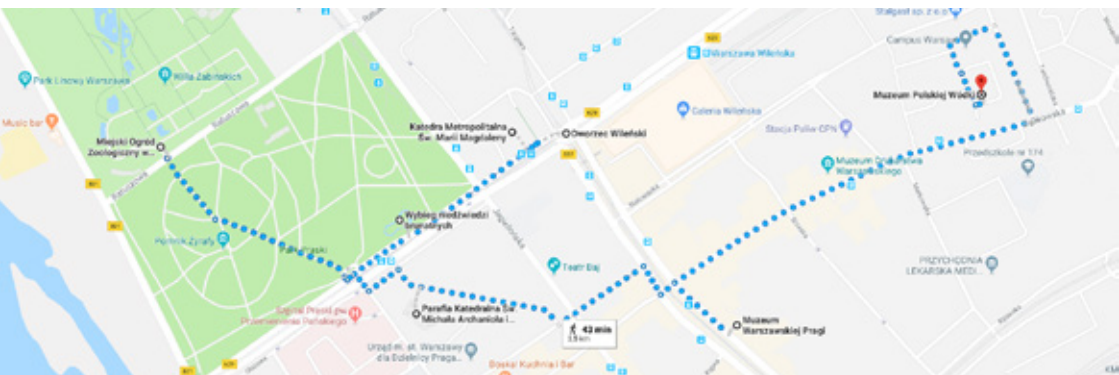
After completing the tour, you can go to the Botanical Garden of the Polish Academy of Sciences (Polska Akademia Nauk) or see other attractions in the city. You can get to the entrance to the garden by a bus line 139, from the same stop where you came to Wilanów in the first place. It does not run frequently, so it is worth considering Uber. There is the Culture Park (Park Kultury) on the other side of the garden, but it is a different and separate object. A bus line 519 comes there, but then you have to go to the entrance to the garden. Details can be found here: <https://www.ogrod-powsin.pl>

DAY 4

Warsaw is not just the left bank of the Vistula! The right bank also has interesting places. We will focus on the Old Praga (Stara Praga) district. Within easy reach you can also see the National Stadium (Stadion Narodowy), the Wedel chocolate factory, Skaryszewski Park, and from there, it is a stone's throw to Saska Kępa and Francuska Street, with a good amount of restaurants and pubs.

The fastest way to reach the Old Praga is the second metro line (transfer station from the first line is ŚWIĘTOKRZYSKA) and you should get off at the DWORZEC WILEŃSKI station. From the left bank it is also possible to go by bus or tram through the Śląsko-Dąbrowski Bridge. In this case, it is best to use the METRO RATUSZ ARSENAŁ 09 or STARE MIASTO 01 bus and tram stops.

Below you will find a proposed route to the Praga district with marked points. If you get off at the Wileński Railway Station (Dworzec Wileński), you will not miss the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Holy and Equal-to-the-Apostles Mary Magdalene (Sobór metropolitalny Świętej Równiej Apostołów Marii Magdaleny) – it is a main church of the Polish Orthodox Church.



Then we can go to the iconic place in Warsaw, which is a pen of brown bears. The current inhabitants of this place will be its last. After their death a monument will be raised there and the pen will be liquidated. Next you can take a walk through the Praski Park to the Warsaw ZOO (<https://zoo.waw.pl/en>). Tickets, depending on the season, cost 20-30 PLN and there are also family tickets available.

Subsequently, we delve into the "brick" Praga. We are starting from the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Florian the Martyr (Bazylika katedralna św. Michała Archanioła i św. Floriana Męczennika). Towers of the church are visible from many places in Warsaw and they can be a good reference point.

There is a milk bar "Rusałka" next to the cathedral. It is one of few places, if not the last one, that holds the atmosphere from "the heydays".

From there we go along Floriańska Street to Kłopotowskiego Street. At the intersection we will see a monument of the Warsaw Band (Kapela Warszawska). Then we are heading towards Targowa Street, Kłopotowskiego Street or Okrzei Street.



At Targowa Street, I recommend a visit to the Praga Museum of Warsaw (<https://muzeumpragi.pl/en/>), which is located next to the famous Różycki Bazaar (it is going to rack and ruin at the moment and the future of this place is unknown). In the museum and its neighborhood you can see a bit of Praga's folklore. Admission to the museum costs 10 PLN, but you can buy a joint ticket for 20 PLN, which also allows access to the Museum of Warsaw at the Old Town Market Place.

Then we go for a walk following Żąbkowska Street, which is currently experiencing a revival. You will find many interesting restaurants and pubs there. We reach area of the Warsaw Vodka Factory "Koneser" that was recently revitalized. There you can find the Polish Vodka Museum. A ticket costs 40 PLN, but there are other variants of the visit (eg "connoisseur tasting" for PLN 15), some require reservation in advance. Details here: <https://muzeumpolskiejwodki.pl/en/> The museum is involved in many local actions, you can find information on the website.



WORTH SEEING PLACES AND ATTRACTIONS

Below you will find places that were not included on the route or that lie in less tourist parts of the city. You can use them as substitutes of places given above in the guide or visit them when you quickly finish the route of the given day.

- **Powązki Cemetery** (Cmentarz Powązkowski) - a treasury of sculpture and small architecture and a resting place of many famous people. Powązki Military Cemetery is also located along Powązkowska Street. You will get there from Śródmieście district (the city centre) by a bus line 180. In the meantime, while on the bus, you will see a big part of Wola and Śródmieście districts through the window.
- **Trampoline parks** – Hangar 646 (Gocław, Targówek, Mokotów districts), Stacja Grawitacja. There is a lot to choose from.
- **The National Museum (Muzeum Narodowe), Polish Army Museum (Muzeum Wojska Polskiego)** (located next to each other, it is possible to get there during the 2nd day) - for enthusiasts of art or military.
- **Copernicus Science Center** (Centrum Nauki Kopernik) - I recommend it especially for children, but adults will also find something for themselves. You can connect this visit with a walk by the Vistula and a place below. You can also find the monument of the Mermaid of Warsaw (Warszawska Syrenka) nearby.
- **Botanical garden located on the roof of the Warsaw University Library** – it is a great place to visit during summer, spring and early fall. In winter, the leaves do not block the view, but I personally think it's not the same.
- For enthusiasts of partying: Mazowiecka Street, premises by Nowogrodzka Street, Żurawia Street and Parkingowa Street, you can also find something for yourself in the surroundings of Nowy Świat Street (eg at Smolna Street).

- **The “Zachęta” National Gallery of Art (Narodowa Galeria Sztuki “Zachęta”)** (you will be close to this place on the 2nd day) – for fans of contemporary art, but not only. There are a lot of interesting temporary exhibitions.

- **Relax by the Vistula River** - walk along the boulevards, especially in the vicinity of the Poniatowski Bridge to the Old Town, relaxation on the beach under the Poniatowski Bridge on the right side of the Vistula.

WHERE TO EAT?

1. **Efes Kebab** - the best kebab in the world. Lavash, mixed sauce - there is nothing better. It is located at Francuska Street. www.restauracjaefes.pl/en

2. **Momencik** - an excellent vegetarian restaurant where you can get easily from the Palace of Culture and Science. You can find there Mexican food at affordable prices, and I, as a person who loves meat, also love to visit this place.
<https://www.facebook.com/momencik/>

3. **Zapiecek** - if you would like to eat typical Polish dishes, Zapiecek is a place for you. They have excellent dumplings there!
https://www.zapiecek.eu/menu_eng.html

4. **Warszawa Wschodnia by Mateusz Gessler** - a place for people who want to spend a little more money on food. Excellent, wide menu, full of meat dishes and more. A perfect place to end a successful trip to Warsaw.
<http://www.mateuszgessler.com.pl/en>

5. **Okienko** - in a nutshell, a place where you can eat the best fries or sweet potatoes in Warsaw. It is located at 22 Polna Street, it is worth to go there during an evening walk in The Old Town and try fries with their delicious sauces! <https://www.facebook.com/okienkonapolnej/>

6. **Pizza z Radości** - I could not skip this place. This is an iconic pizzeria in my neighborhood "na Radości". It has been run by professionals for many years and they have expanded their menu with new dishes in the last times. Pizza is not the cheapest one, but it's definitely one of the best I've ever eaten in my life.

<https://www.pizzazradosci.pl/>



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