

Who needs a visa in Poland?

Generally, the foreigners entering Poland can be divided into 3 groups. According to their citizenship, there apply different rules, which is shown by the table below:

Group 1	The citizens of the member states of Schengen Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not need visas• While traveling in the Schengen area, which Poland joined on 21.12.2007, they only need to have a valid travel document	Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, France, Spain, Holland, Island, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Germany, Norway, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Sweden, Vatican, Hungary, Italy
Group 2	The citizens of countries with which there has been established an agreement of visa-free travelling <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not need to have visas, under the condition that their stay in the Schengen area is not longer than 90 days• While travelling in the Schengen area, which Poland joined on 21.12.2007, they only need a valid travel document	<p>Members of the following countries can stay on Polish territory without visa only when their stay does not exceed 90 days: Andorra, Antigua, Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong-Kong (Special Administrative Region - People's Republic of China), Ireland, Island, Israel, Japan, Canada, South Korea., Costa Rica, Macao (Special Administrative Region - People's Republic of China), Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, Romania, Salvador, Saint Kitts and Nevis, San Marino, Seychelles, Singapore, Uruguay, USA, Venezuela and The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Basing on similar rules, separate regulations decide of the possibility to enter Poland without visa, for the foreigners who show their refugee travel documents, as well as stateless persons who live permanently in Ireland, Liechtenstein, Romania and Switzerland.</p> <p>ATTENTION! If, however, you visit Poland with an intention to take up a job, start any gainful business activity, or if you are planning to extend your stay for longer than 90 days, you must apply for a visa.</p>
Group 3	The citizens of the remaining countries <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must apply for a visa• Their travel document must be valid for at least 90 days from the moment of entering the Schengen area	

The first contact with Poland, in most cases, starts from a visit in the Polish consulate.

The conditions of applying for a visa

In case of people applying for a visa, it is necessary for them to:

- justify their reasons for travelling and the conditions of their planned stay on the Schengen territory, or on the territory of a given country (i.e. Poland)
- have enough financial resources to support themselves and return to their country of origin, or for their transit to another country, to which one has a guaranteed entry, or is able to legally obtain such resources.
- they should not be on the list of people who were refused entry to Schengen territory

- they cannot be among the people who are considered to be eager to disturb the public order, safety or international relations

Currency exchange

The Polish obligatory currency is the Polish złoty (abbreviation - zł). Its international code is PLN. 1 złoty = 100 groszy (abbreviation - gr). There are coins (1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 gr and 1, 2, 5 zł) and banknotes (10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 zł) (see [Banknotes and coins](#)).

Foreign currency can be exchanged at the airports, hotel receptions and banks and in many small exchange offices called "kantor". The currency exchange rates are given by the daily newspapers, internet portals and banks (see web page of [The National Bank of Poland](#) - available in Polish and English).

International credit cards (VISA, Mastercard, Eurocard) are accepted in a majority of hotels, in many shops & restaurants, and can be used in most cash machines ("bankomat").

Time Zone & weather & emergencies

Poland is located in the Central European Time Zone (GMT plus 1 hour). Weather forecasts can be found [here](#). Emergency Phone numbers can be found [here](#).

Travel to Krakow

There is an international airport Okęcie in Warszawa, located about 10 km from the city centre. More information about flights to Warsaw one can find at: [Warsaw Frederic Chopin Airport](#). To reach Krakow from the airport OKECIE you can either take domestic flights (departure from Warsaw to Krakow) or take a train.

Transport from John Paul II Airport

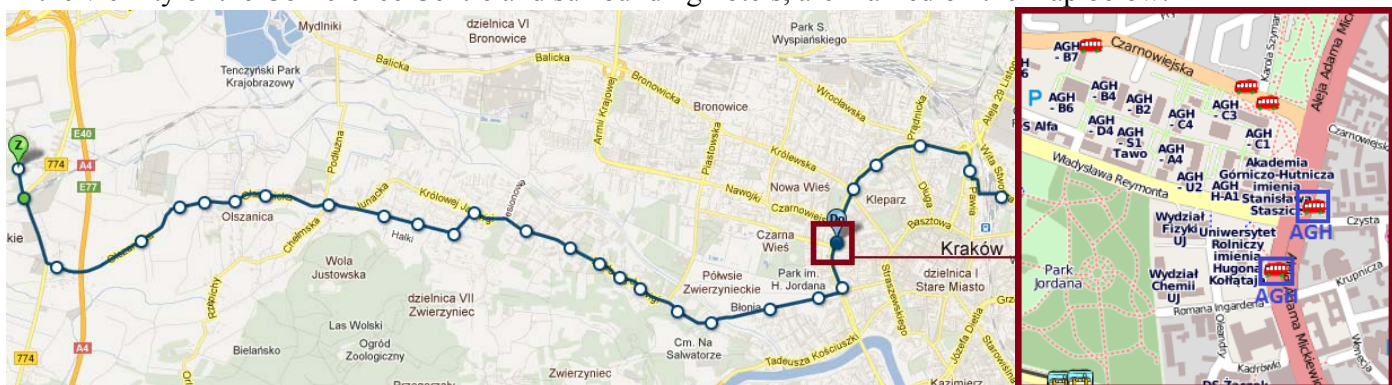
[John Paul II Airport at Balice](#) is set 11 km west of town and supplies connections from select chosen cities. There are 3 options of moving into the center from the Krakow Balice airport:

1) Taxi

It takes approximately 20 minutes to reach the city center by taxi (allow more time during rush hours). The [Taxi Barbakan](#) the fixed fare is 61 PLN (~15 EUR) around the clock.

2) Bus

The bus stop is located directly in front of the passenger terminal (on the right hand side). It takes approximately 40 minutes to go to the city center by bus. The fare is 3.20 PLN, and tickets on buses can be bought from the driver for 3.70 PLN (~1.0 EUR). You do not need to pay for luggage. Tickets can also be purchased at newspaper stands in the passenger terminal on your way out of the airport. Public bus numbers from the airport are: [292](#), [208](#) or the night bus [902](#). The time-tables of these buses are displayed below. **It is recommended to have printed names of the chosen bus stops which should facilitate communication with the passengers or drivers.** The recommended stop points, placed in the vicinity of the Conference Centre and surrounding hotels, are marked on the map below.



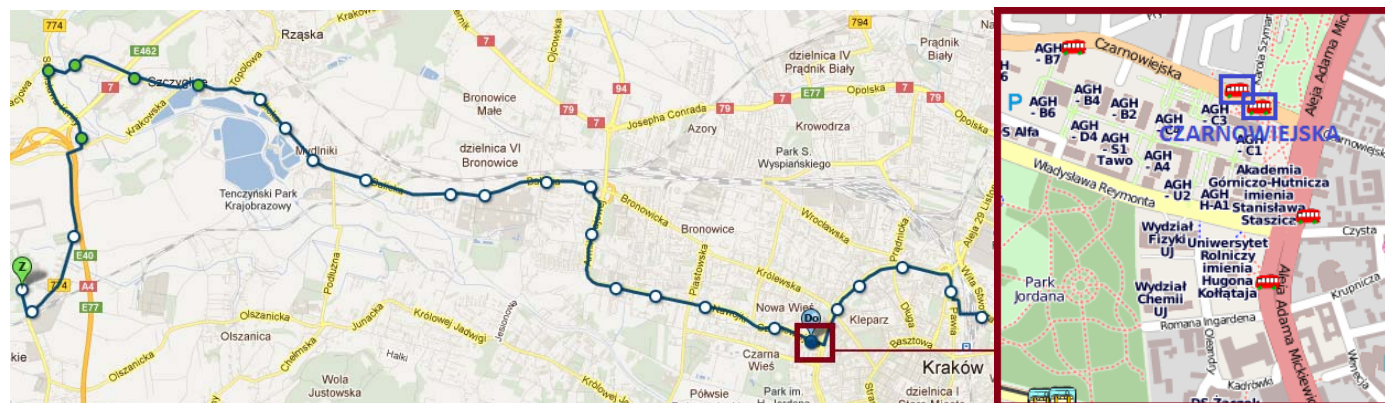
292 Bus (green color - bus stop Port Lotniczy (Airport), blue color - bus stop AGH)

Bus Line 292

Bus stop: Airport Balice – departures

Bus stop: AGH - arrivals

Mon-Fri		Saturday		Sunday		Mon-Fri		Saturday		Sunday	
Hour	Min.	Hour	Min.	Hour	Min.	Hour	Min.	Hour	Min.	Hour	Min.
4	50	4	50	4	50	4	-	4	-	4	-
5	31	5	45	5	46	5	16, 58	5	16	5	16
6	09, 45	6	13	6	40	6	36	6	11, 39	6	12
7	19, 49	7	20	7	13	7	12, 46	7	46	7	06, 39
8	20, 56	8	04, 44	8	04, 40	8	16, 46	8	30	8	30
9	38	9	24	9	24	9	22	9	10, 50	9	06, 50
10	18, 56	10	04, 44	10	04, 40	10	04, 44	10	30	10	30
11	33	11	24	11	26	11	22, 59	11	10, 50	11	06, 52
12	11, 49	12	04, 44	12	06, 46	12	37	12	30	12	32
13	29	13	24	13	28	13	15, 55	13	10, 50	13	12, 54
14	04, 34	14	04, 44	14	08, 48	14	30	14	30	14	34
15	04, 34	15	24	15	29	15	00, 30	15	10, 50	15	14, 55
16	04, 35	16	13	16	12	16	00, 30	16	39	16	38
17	05, 40	17	14	17	21	17	01, 31	17	40	17	47
18	18	18	14	18	14	18	06, 44	18	40	18	40
19	04, 49	19	14	19	20	19	30	19	40	19	46
20	24	20	14	20	00	20	15, 50	20	40	20	26
21	15	21	03	21	09	21	41	21	29	21	35
22	10	22	04	22	06	22	36	22	30	22	32
23	07	23	10	23	10	23	33	23	36	23	36



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4	55	4	-	4	-	5	23	5	58	5	58
5	35	5	30	5	30	6	04	6	36	6	37
6	31	6	08	6	09	7	02, 41	7	39	7	39
7	10	7	10, 57	7	10, 59	8	56	8	26	8	28
8	25	8	54	8	52	9	53	9	23	9	21
9	22	9	-	9	-	10	-	10	-	10	-
10	-	10	40	10	38	11	44	11	09	11	07
11	13	11	-	11	-	12	-	12	51	12	49
12	-	12	22	12	20	13	38	13	-	13	-
13	07	13	-	13	-	14	45	14	42	14	41
14	14	14	13	14	12	15	50	15	39	15	39
15	19	15	10	15	10	16	46	16	41	16	42
16	15	16	12	16	13	17	46	17	34	17	34
17	15	17	05	17	05	18	45	18	42	18	41
18	15	18	13	18	12	19	50	19	44	19	34
19	20	19	15, 57	19	05, 57	20	38	20	25	20	25
20	10	20	-	20	-	21	59	21	-	21	-
21	31	21	35	21	35	22	-	22	02	22	02

3) Train

The Krakow-Balice Train Station is located approximately 200 m from the passenger terminal, you can get there on foot (a 5-minute walk) or take a [free shuttle bus](#) service which operates to and from Krakow-Balice Station, a 3 minute trip from the airport terminal building. The [train](#) departs every 30 min. Travel time to the main railway station (Kraków Główny) in the centre of town lasts approximately 15 min. and the ticket fare is 10 PLN (~2.5 EUR).

Kraków Main Railway Station

is placed in a close vicinity of the historical center of the City Kraków. Some hotels can easily be reached by foot – see map below. In order to use the Taxi Barbakan it is recommended to go to the platform placed above the railway station (directly from a particular platform by stairs or lift).



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[Hotels](#) near AGH University of Science and Technology: [Ostoya](#), [Fortuna](#), [Fortuna Bis](#), [Logos](#), [Polonez](#), [Etap Hotel](#), [Student dormitories Nawojka](#), [Alfa](#), [Zaczek](#).