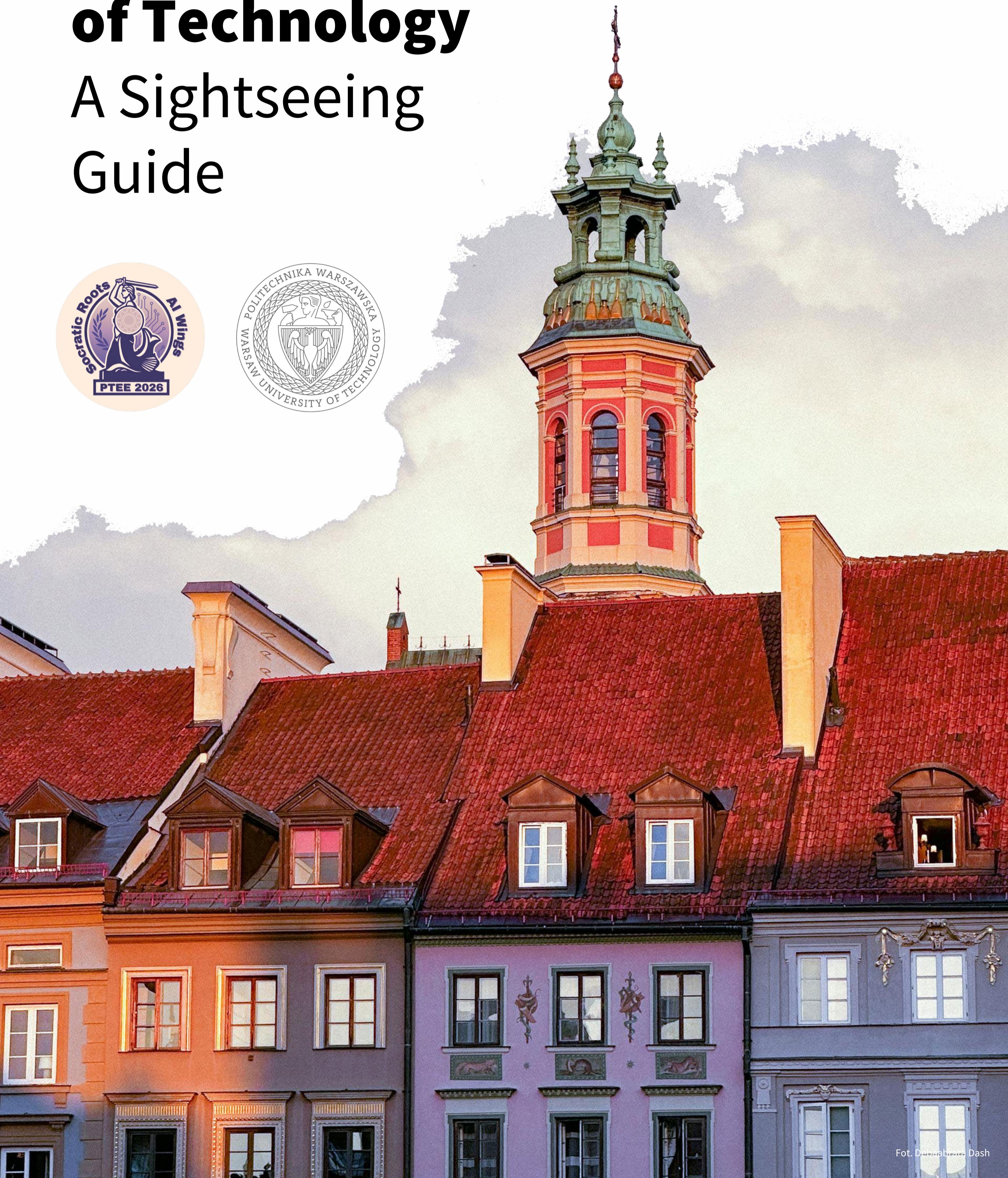


# Discover Warsaw and Warsaw University of Technology

## A Sightseeing Guide



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# Discover Warsaw: A Sightseeing Guide

Welcome to **Warsaw**, Poland's vibrant capital where history meets modernity in the most captivating way. From the soaring heights of contemporary skyscrapers to the meticulously reconstructed charm of the Old Town, Warsaw offers visitors an unforgettable journey through resilience, culture, and urban energy. This guide brings together the city's most iconic landmarks, hidden gems, and essential experiences to help you make the most of your visit to this remarkable European destination.

## Warsaw University of Technology

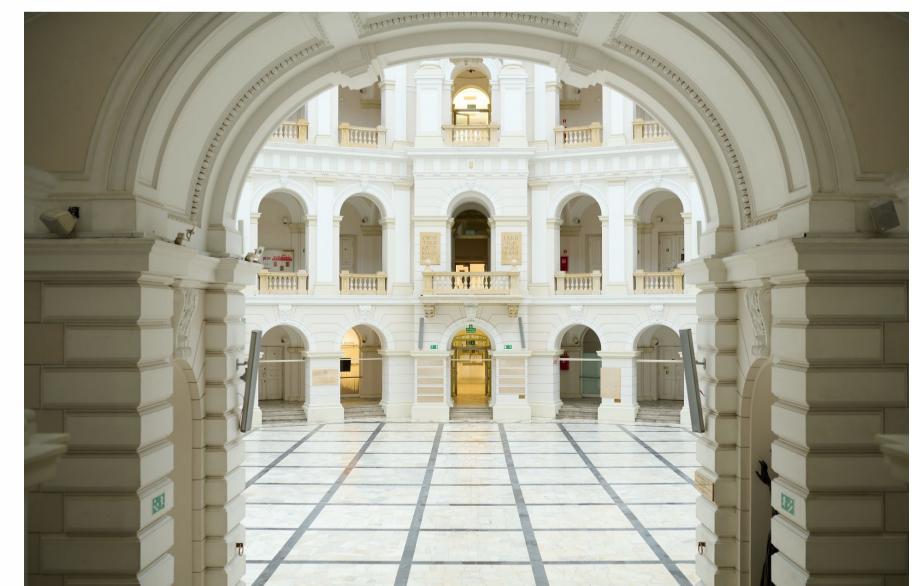


WUT educates nearly **30,000 students** across 20 faculties, offering programs in engineering, physics, computer science, architecture, and management. The campus blends historical charm with cutting-edge laboratories, maker spaces, and innovation centres that support both research and entrepreneurship.

During the PTEE 2026 Conference, all sessions and activities will take place on the university grounds — giving visitors a chance to experience one of Warsaw's most vibrant and inspiring academic environments.

### Warsaw University of Technology (Politechnika Warszawska)

Founded in **1826**, the **Warsaw University of Technology (WUT)** is one of the oldest and most prestigious technical universities in Central and Eastern Europe. It serves as a centre of innovation, research, and international collaboration, combining over 200 years of academic tradition with a modern approach to science and engineering. The university's **Main Building**, located in the heart of Warsaw, is an architectural masterpiece — a neo-Renaissance structure featuring a majestic glass-domed hall that regularly hosts academic ceremonies, exhibitions, and cultural events.



# Essential Information for Visitors



## Official Tourism Website

For comprehensive, up-to-date information on attractions, events, concerts, and festivals throughout the year, visit [go2warsaw.pl](http://go2warsaw.pl). The site offers curated recommendations for free attractions, seasonal events, and insider tips to help you discover both iconic landmarks and hidden gems.



## Getting Around Warsaw

Warsaw's public transport system is efficient, affordable, and comprehensive. The metro, trams, and buses run frequently and connect all central districts seamlessly. Services operate from early morning until past midnight, with night buses covering key routes.

## Buying Tickets

Purchase tickets from:

**Vending machines** at metro stations, tram stops, and inside vehicles

**Mobile apps:** Jakdojade, mPay, or SkyCash

**Important:** Validate your ticket only once at the start of your journey. A single validated ticket remains valid for 20 or 75 minutes across all transport modes—metro, tram, and bus. You can transfer freely without buying additional tickets.

## Route Planning

The **Jakdojade app** is essential for navigating Warsaw. Available in English, it shows:

- Real-time connections and delays
- Fastest routes to any destination
- Multiple transport options
- Walking directions to stops

The app integrates all transport modes and updates constantly, making it far more reliable than static maps.



## Best Times to Visit

Spring (April-June) and early autumn (September-October) offer pleasant weather and fewer crowds. Summer brings outdoor concerts and festivals, whilst winter transforms the city with Christmas markets and atmospheric lighting.



## Money-Saving Tips

Many museums offer free admission on specific days (often Mondays or Thursdays). The Warsaw Tourist Card provides discounts and free public transport. Parks, boulevards, and street art are always free to enjoy.



## Language

English is widely spoken in tourist areas, restaurants, and hotels. Younger Poles generally speak excellent English. Learning a few Polish phrases (dziękuję = thank you, przepraszam = excuse me) is appreciated and helpful.

Warsaw welcomes visitors with open arms and excellent infrastructure. Whether you're drawn by history, culture, cuisine, or urban energy, the city offers endless discoveries. From the rebuilt Old Town to cutting-edge museums, riverside boulevards to rooftop gardens, Warsaw surprises and delights at every turn. Enjoy your exploration of Poland's remarkable capital!

# Icons of Warsaw: Reaching for the Sky

Warsaw's skyline tells a story of ambition and transformation. Two magnificent structures define the city's vertical landscape, each offering breathtaking perspectives from entirely different eras of Warsaw's evolution.

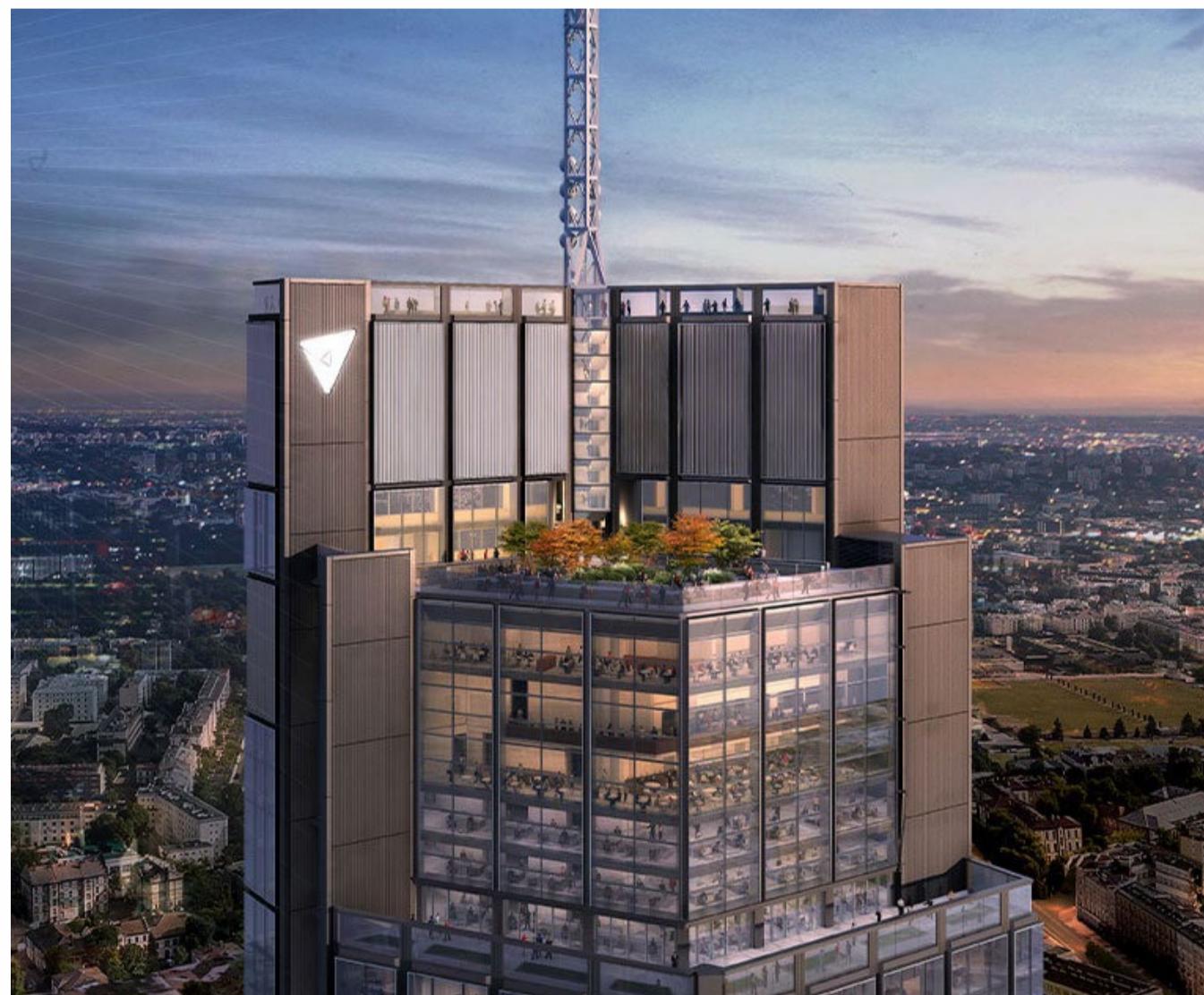
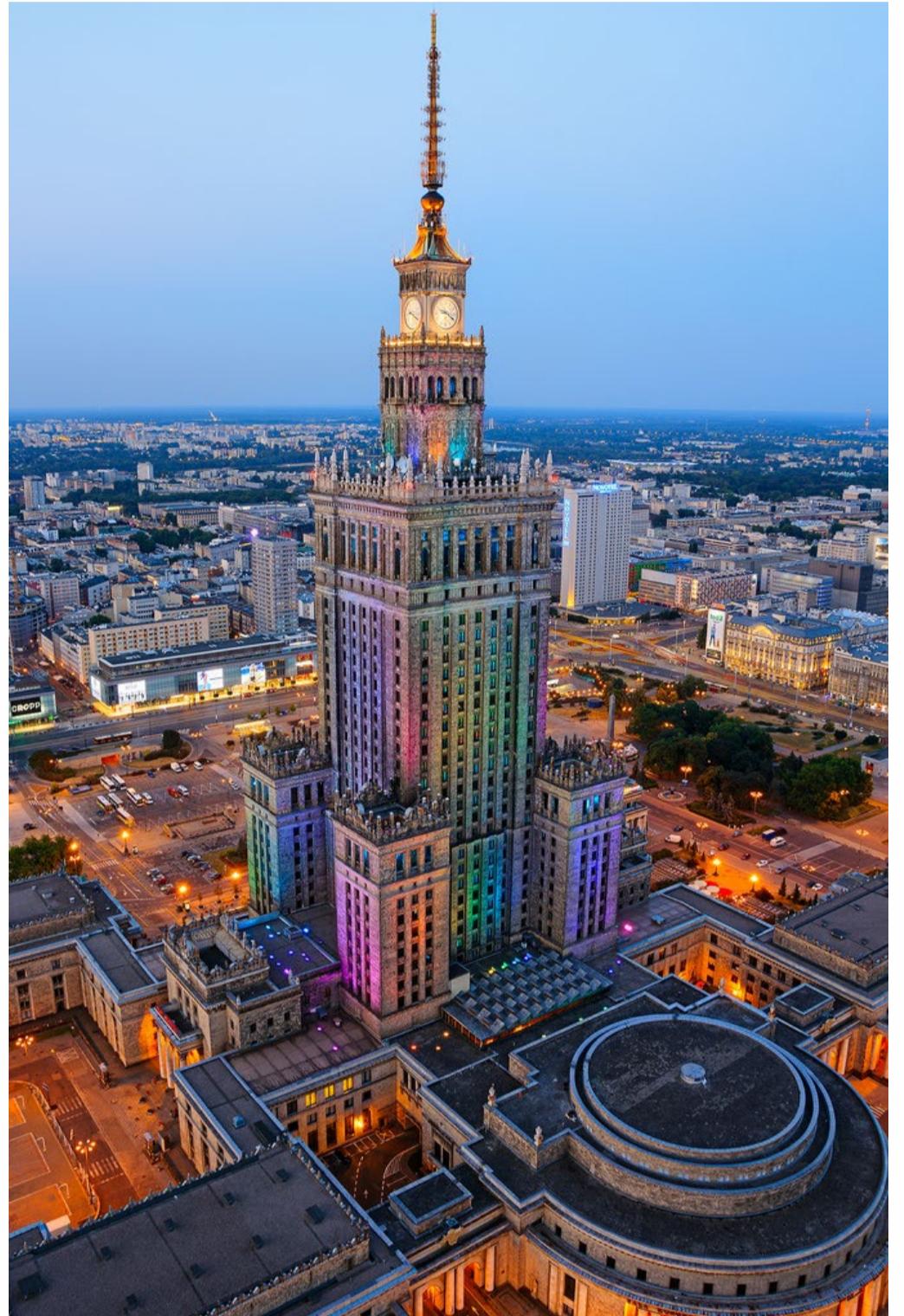
## Palace of Culture and Science

The most recognisable building in Warsaw stands as an unmissable landmark dominating Plac Defilad. This Stalin-era gift to Poland has evolved from a controversial symbol into a beloved cultural hub. The 30th-floor observation deck provides sweeping panoramic views across the entire capital, whilst the building's interior buzzes with concerts, exhibitions, and festivals year-round. Whether you're captivated by its imposing architecture or intrigued by its complex history, a visit here is essential for understanding modern Warsaw.

**Location:** Plac Defilad 1, Śródmieście

**Website:** [pkin.pl](http://pkin.pl)

**Admission:** ticketed



## Varso Tower Observation Deck

Standing at an impressive 310 metres, Varso Tower holds the title of the tallest building in the European Union. Its 53rd-floor observation deck offers an utterly breathtaking perspective over Warsaw's sprawling urban landscape. This sleek, modern skyscraper symbolises contemporary Warsaw's innovative spirit and design excellence. Time your visit for sunset, when the city glows in magnificent golden light, creating an unforgettable visual experience that showcases Warsaw's transformation into a 21st-century metropolis.

**Location:** Chmielna 69/73 (Varso Place), Wola

**Website:** [varso.com](http://varso.com)

**Admission:** ticketed (seasonal hours)

# The Historic Heart: Old Town & Royal Warsaw

Warsaw's historic centre stands as a testament to the city's indomitable spirit. Completely destroyed during World War II and painstakingly rebuilt from ruins, the Old Town earned UNESCO World Heritage status for its remarkable reconstruction—making it perhaps the only modern recreation of an historic quarter to receive such recognition.

## Old Town Market Square

The heart of historic Warsaw enchants visitors with its colourful townhouses, cosy cafés, and the iconic Mermaid statue—the city's symbol. This UNESCO-listed square perfectly captures the spirit of old Warsaw, inviting leisurely strolls and outdoor dining. Street performers and artists add to the lively atmosphere, whilst the surrounding narrow cobblestone streets reveal hidden courtyards and architectural treasures.

**Location:** Old Town Market Square, Śródmieście



## Castle Square & Royal Castle

Dominated by the towering Sigismund Column, Castle Square leads to the magnificent Royal Castle. Inside, visitors discover lavishly restored royal chambers and exceptional art galleries featuring masterpieces by Canaletto and Matejko. The castle's evening illumination transforms the square into a magical setting. Don't miss the free admission on Mondays.

**Location:** Plac Zamkowy 4

**Website:** [zamek-krolewski.pl](http://zamek-krolewski.pl)



# The Royal Route: A Stroll Through Elegance

One of Warsaw's most beautiful thoroughfares, the Royal Route (Krakowskie Przedmieście flowing into Nowy Świat) links the Old Town with Royal Łazienki Park. This elegant promenade showcases Warsaw at its most refined, lined with historic palaces, churches, and cultural landmarks.

Along this magnificent route, you'll encounter the prestigious University of Warsaw, baroque churches, and beautifully restored palaces that once housed Polish nobility. St. Anne's Church offers another viewing terrace for those seeking elevated perspectives. Between spring and autumn, look out for the special Chopin benches—interactive monuments that play his music at the touch of a button and glow softly after dusk, creating an enchanting atmosphere. The street seamlessly blends into Nowy Świat (New World Street), where elegant architecture meets contemporary café culture. This is where locals and visitors alike gather for coffee, people-watching, and soaking in Warsaw's sophisticated urban energy.

- Free to explore at any time
- Perfect for photography enthusiasts
- Numerous cafés and restaurants along the route
- Accessible by tram and bus



# Must-see Museums

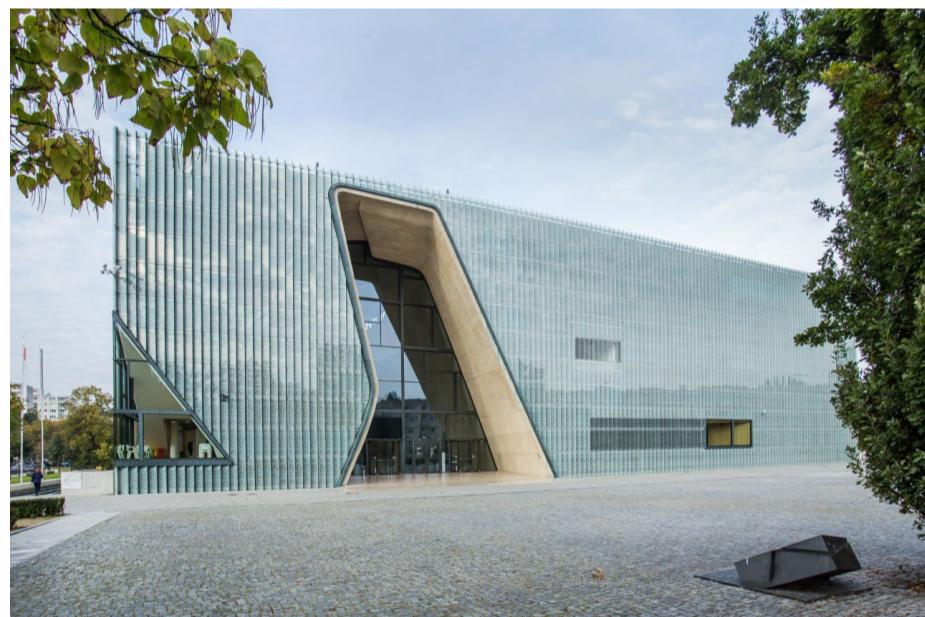
Warsaw's museum scene ranks amongst Europe's finest, offering profound historical insights and cutting-edge interactive experiences. These institutions tell stories of triumph, tragedy, and cultural richness that have shaped Poland and its capital.

## Warsaw Uprising Museum

One of Poland's most modern and moving museums, presenting the 1944 uprising through multimedia installations, authentic sounds, and personal testimonies. The immersive experience provides powerful emotional insight into one of Warsaw's defining moments. The recreation of wartime Warsaw is particularly striking.

**Location:** Grzybowska 79, Wola

**Website:** [1944.pl](http://1944.pl)

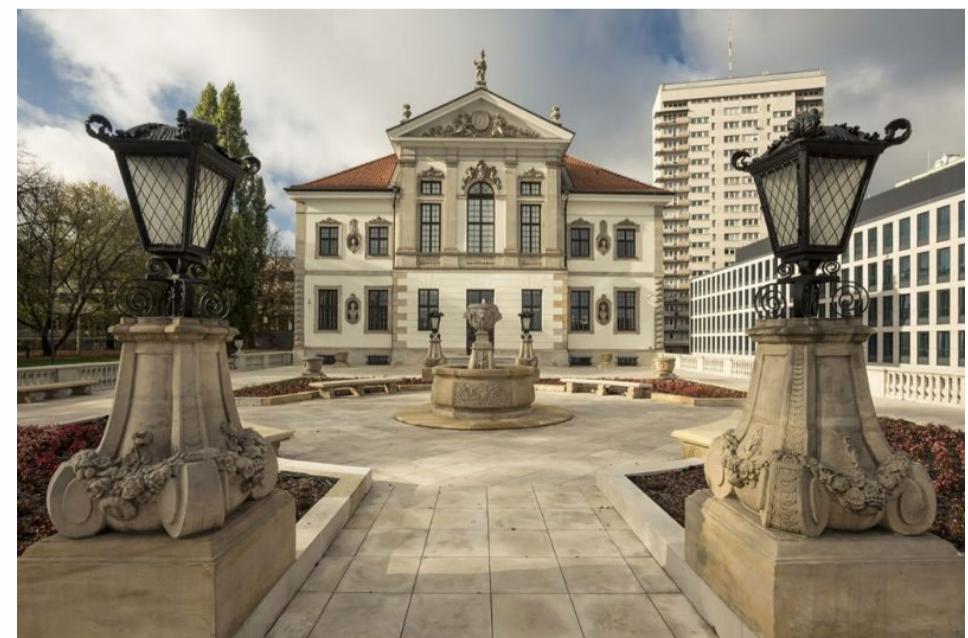


## POLIN Museum

This award-winning architectural masterpiece houses an interactive exhibition chronicling the thousand-year history of Jewish life in Poland. The museum brilliantly combines storytelling, technology, and design to create an unforgettable journey. The nearby Monument to the Ghetto Heroes adds historical context.

**Location:** Anielewicza 6, Muranów

**Website:** [polin.pl](http://polin.pl)



## Chopin Museum

Located in the elegant Ostrogski Palace, this modern museum brings Poland's greatest composer to life through multimedia exhibits. Visitors experience Chopin's world intimately, from his childhood to his Parisian years. The interactive displays allow you to explore his music in a deeply personal way.

**Location:** Okólnik 1,

Powiśle

**Website:** [muzeum.nifc.pl](http://muzeum.nifc.pl)

# Must-see Museums

## Wilanów Palace

This baroque royal residence, often called "Poland's Versailles", showcases lavish interiors, art collections, and beautifully maintained gardens. The palace belonged to King John III Sobieski and stands as one of Poland's most important monuments. In winter, the grounds transform into a glittering light garden—absolutely magical.

**Location:** St. K. Potockiego 10/16, Wilanów

**Website:** [wilanow-palac.pl](http://wilanow-palac.pl)



## National Museum

One of Poland's oldest and largest museums houses an impressive collection spanning ancient to contemporary art. Works by Matejko, Gierymski, and other European masters fill the galleries. A must-visit for art enthusiasts seeking deeper cultural understanding of Polish and European artistic traditions.

**Location:** Al. Jerozolimskie 3

**Website:** [mnw.art.pl](http://mnw.art.pl)



# Green Escapes: Warsaw's Parks & Riverside

Warsaw surprises visitors with its abundance of green spaces. From royal gardens to riverside boulevards, the city offers countless opportunities to escape into nature without leaving the urban centre.



## Royal Łazienki Park

Warsaw's most beautiful park enchants with its Palace on the Isle, the famous Chopin Monument, and peacocks roaming freely amongst ancient trees. Every Sunday from May to September, free outdoor piano concerts take place at the Chopin Monument—a magical experience combining music and nature in the heart of the city. The park's romantic landscapes, classical architecture, and tranquil ponds make it perfect for relaxation.

**Location:** Agrykola 1, Śródmieście

**Website:** [lazienki-krolewskie.pl](http://lazienki-krolewskie.pl)



## Saxon Garden

One of Warsaw's oldest public parks features tree-lined paths, fountains, and flower beds. Adjacent Piłsudski Square houses the solemn Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where ceremonial guard changes occur regularly. The garden provides a peaceful retreat in the very heart of the city centre, ideal for a quiet afternoon stroll or lunch break.

**Location:** Piłsudski Square, Śródmieście



## Vistula Boulevards

These lively riverside promenades burst with energy, featuring cafés, bars, bike lanes, and open spaces for relaxation. The famous Warsaw Mermaid statue stands proudly along the river. Perfect for evening strolls, cycling, or simply watching the sunset over the water. In summer, the boulevards become the city's social hub with outdoor events and festivals.

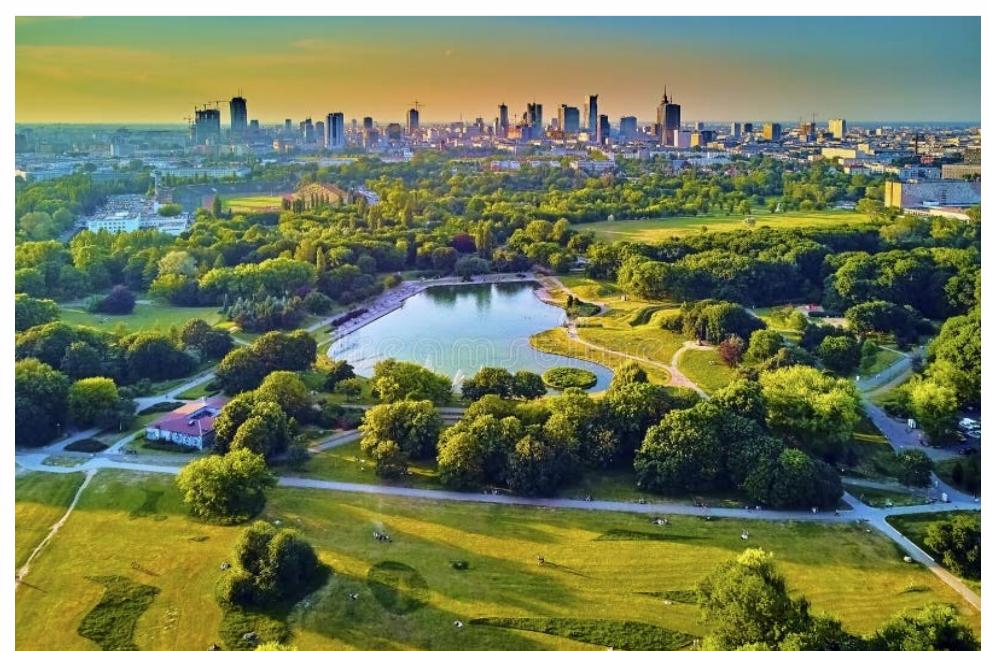
**Location:** Powiśle (along the Vistula River)



## Pole Mokotowskie Park

A large green park stretching between Mokotów, Ochota, and the city centre – a favourite spot for locals and students. Great for jogging, picnics, or relaxing by the ponds nearby Warsaw University of Technology.

**Location:** Mokotów, Ochota, City Centre

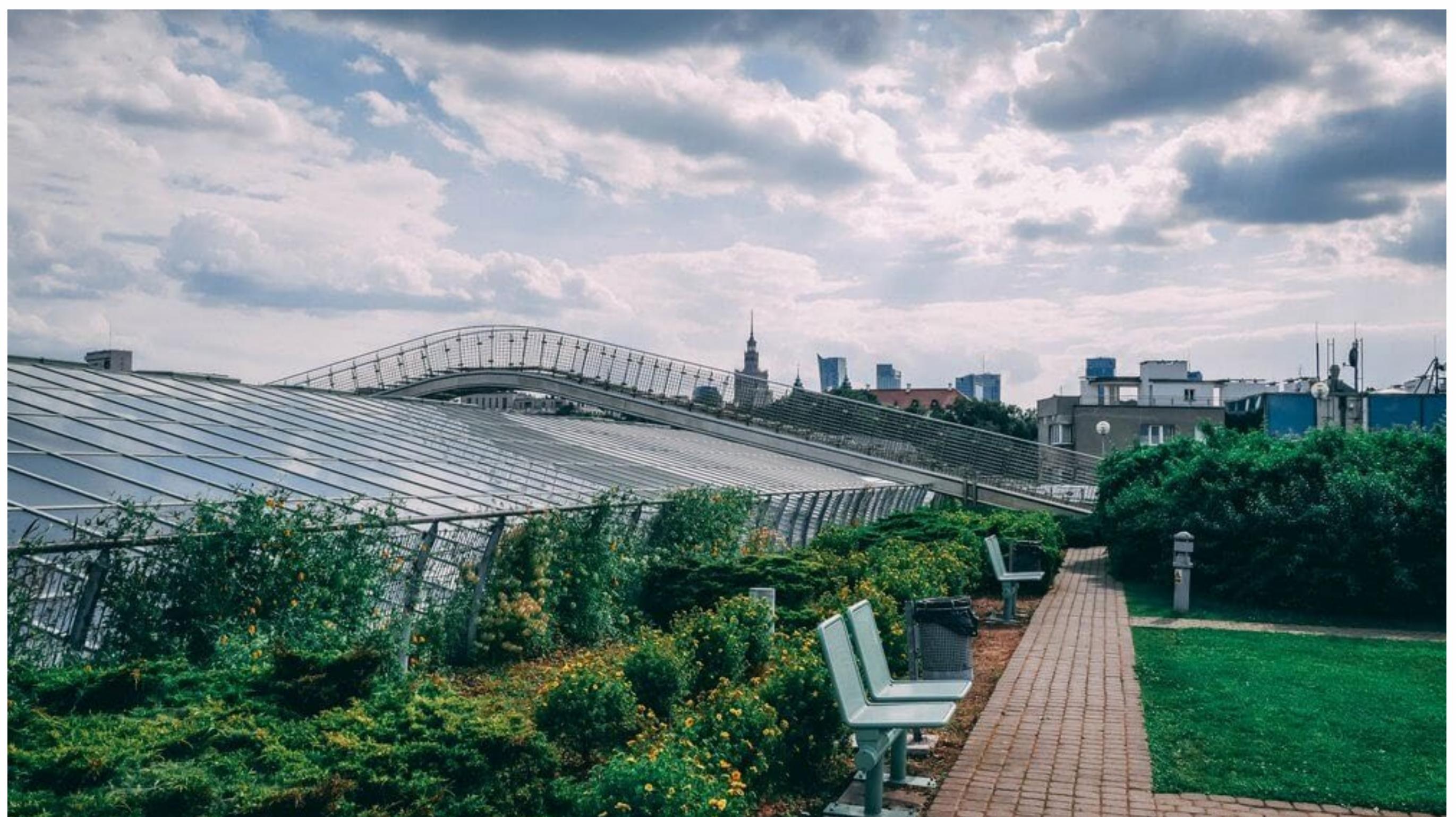


# Green Escapes: Warsaw's Parks & Riverside

## Hidden Gem: University Library Roof Garden

One of Warsaw's most unique spots—a verdant rooftop garden offering panoramic views of the Vistula and Praga district. Open from spring to autumn, it's a peaceful sanctuary for reading, picnicking, or simply enjoying the elevated perspective. The garden's cascading terraces and diverse plantings create an urban oasis above the city streets.

**Location:** Dobra 56/66, Powiśle



# Art, Design & Retro Spirit

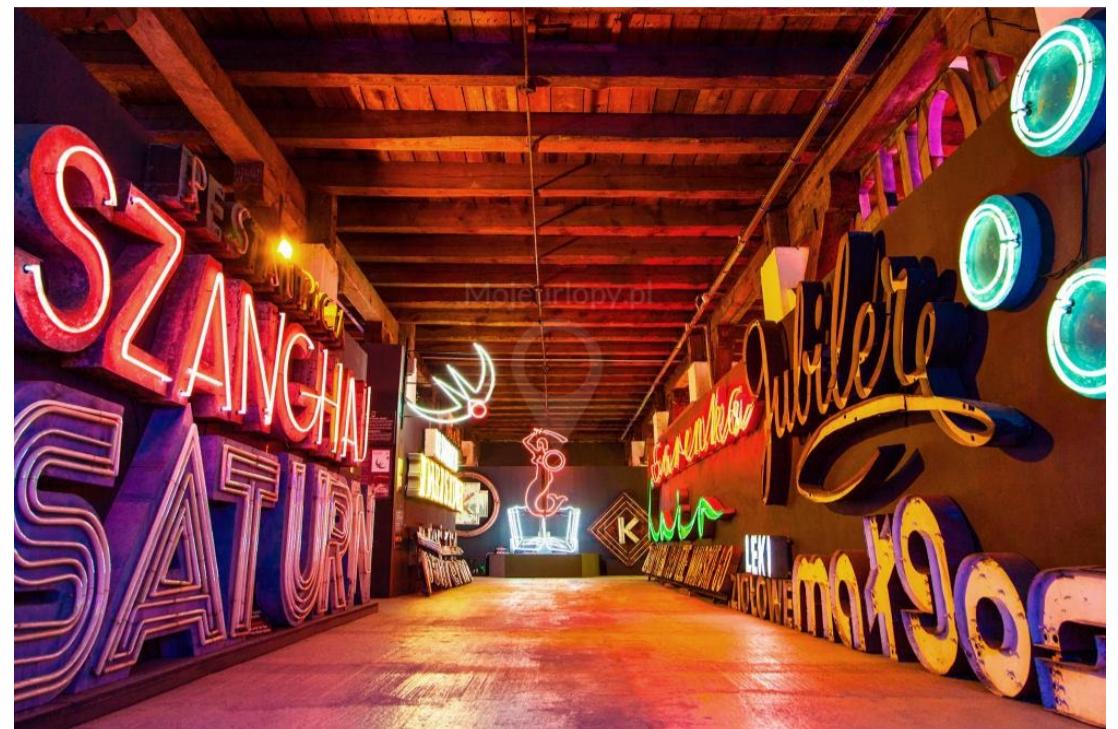
Beyond traditional museums, Warsaw offers wonderfully quirky and immersive cultural experiences—from glowing neon signs to communist-era apartments, chocolate workshops to vodka tastings. These attractions reveal different facets of Warsaw's creative soul and historical memory.

## Neon Museum

A cult destination showcasing vintage Polish neon signs from the 1960s and 70s. The colourful collection truly comes alive after dark, offering fantastic photo opportunities and a generous dose of retro nostalgia. The museum preserves an important element of Poland's visual culture from the communist era, when neon signs brightened Warsaw's grey streets.

**Location:** Mińska 25 (Soho Factory), Praga-Południe

**Website:** [neonmuzeum.org](http://neonmuzeum.org)



## Life Under Communism Museum

An immersive journey into Poland's communist era (1945–1989), featuring authentic apartments, shops, and everyday gadgets. The exhibition balances serious history with humour and personal stories, providing genuine insight into daily life during those decades. You can even try on period clothing and pose in recreated settings.

**Location:** Piękna 28/34, City Centre

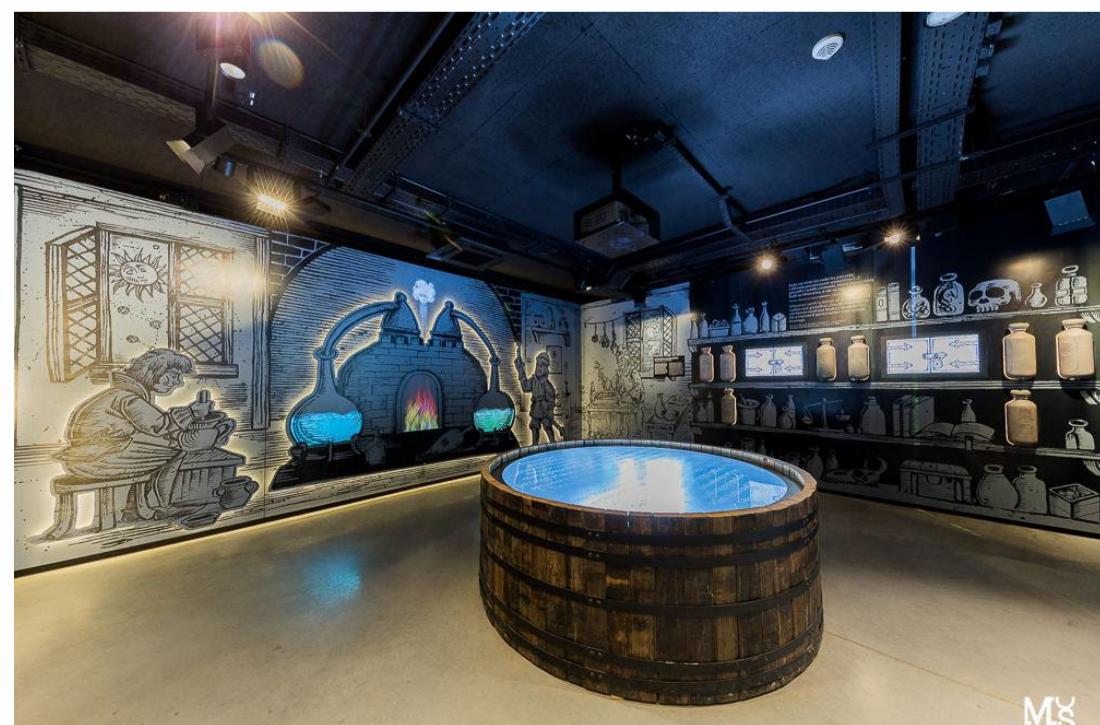
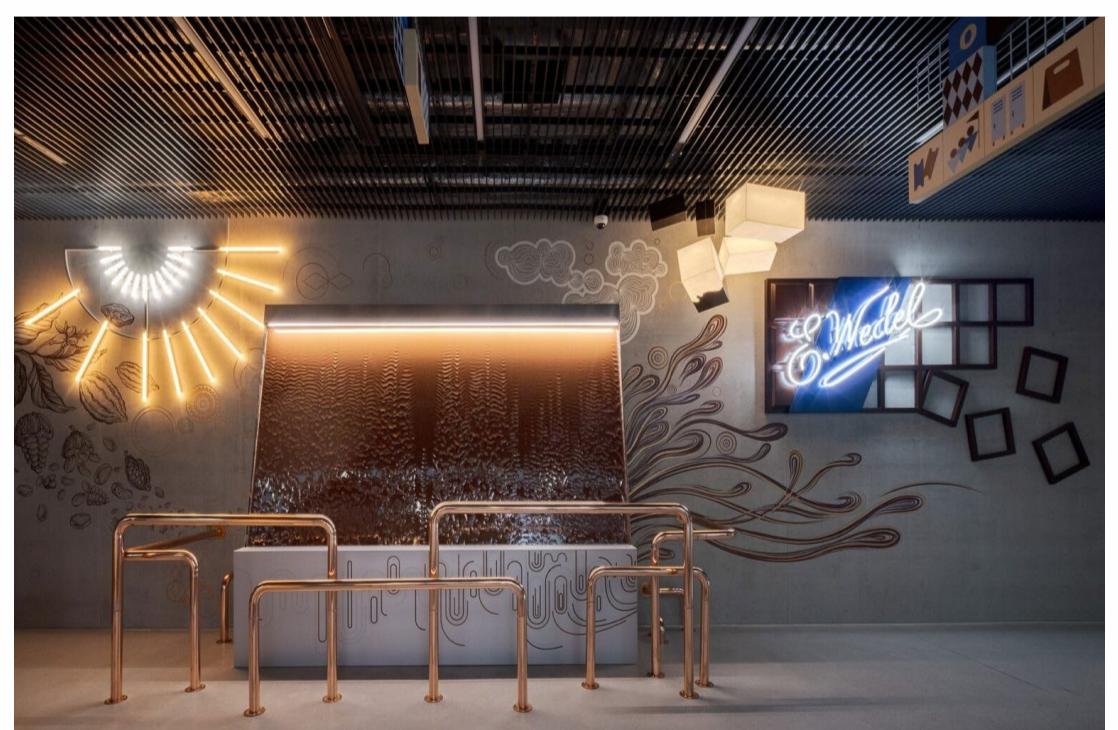
**Website:** [mzprl.pl](http://mzprl.pl)

## Chocolate Museum

A delicious experience for chocolate enthusiasts! Learn about cocoa's fascinating history, watch skilled chocolatiers craft handmade pralines, and even create your own chocolate treats. It's a sweet break that appeals to all ages and makes for wonderful edible souvenirs.

**Location:** E. Wedla 5, Praga-Południe

**Website:** [fabrykaczekolady.pl](http://fabrykaczekolady.pl)



## Polish Vodka Museum

Located in a beautifully revitalised vodka factory on Praga's Koneser Square, this modern museum presents the history and craft of Poland's national spirit. Guided tours conclude with a proper tasting session, teaching you to appreciate vodka's subtle flavours and traditional serving customs.

**Location:** Koneser Square 1, Praga-Północ

**Website:** [muzeumpolskiejwodki.pl](http://muzeumpolskiejwodki.pl)

# Culinary Destinations & Urban Revival

Warsaw's food scene thrives in beautifully restored industrial spaces and historic market halls. These revitalised complexes blend architectural heritage with contemporary dining, creating some of the city's most vibrant social spaces.

## Hala Koszyki

A beautifully restored market hall brimming with restaurants and bars serving cuisine from around the world. Whether you fancy Vietnamese pho, Italian pizza, or Polish pierogi, you'll find it here. The atmospheric interior makes it perfect for lunch or evening drinks, and it's conveniently located near the Warsaw University of Technology.

**Location:** Koszykowa 63, City Centre

**Website:** [koszyki.com](http://koszyki.com)

## Elektrownia Powiśle

A former power plant transformed into a modern culinary and shopping destination by the river. Its industrial charm meets contemporary urban style, housing restaurants, boutiques, and hosting regular outdoor events. The riverside location adds to its appeal, especially during summer evenings.

**Location:** Dobra 42, Powiśle

**Website:** [elektrowniapowisle.com](http://elektrowniapowisle.com)

## Praga Koneser Center

The revitalised vodka factory complex beautifully blends Praga's industrial past with modern architecture. Beyond the Polish Vodka Museum, you'll discover art galleries, restaurants, shops, and cultural spaces. The red-brick buildings and central courtyard create an atmospheric setting for exploration.

**Location:** Koneser Square, Praga-Północ

**Website:** [koneser.eu](http://koneser.eu)

## Norblin Factory

A revitalised industrial gem in the city centre housing a cinema, restaurants, boutiques, and a museum dedicated to Warsaw's industrial heritage. The complex beautifully preserves original machinery and architectural elements whilst providing stylish modern dining and entertainment options. Excellent for evening drinks in a sophisticated setting.

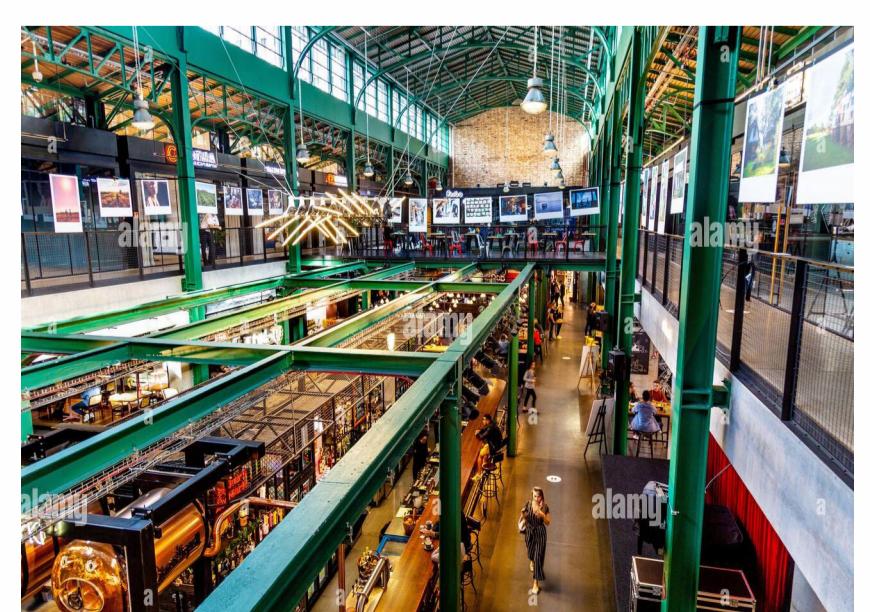
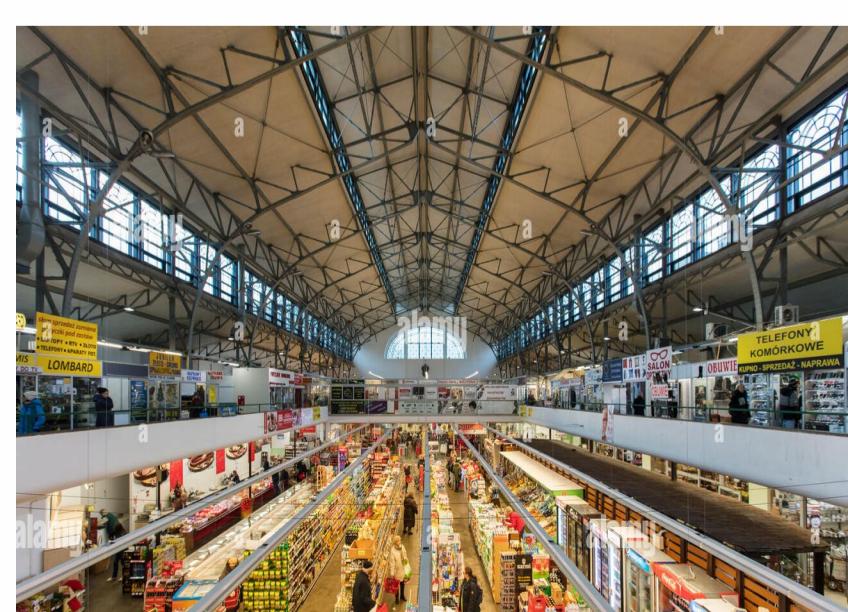
**Location:** Żelazna 51/53, Wola

**Website:** [fabrykanorblina.pl](http://fabrykanorblina.pl)

## Mirowskie Halls & Hala Gwardii

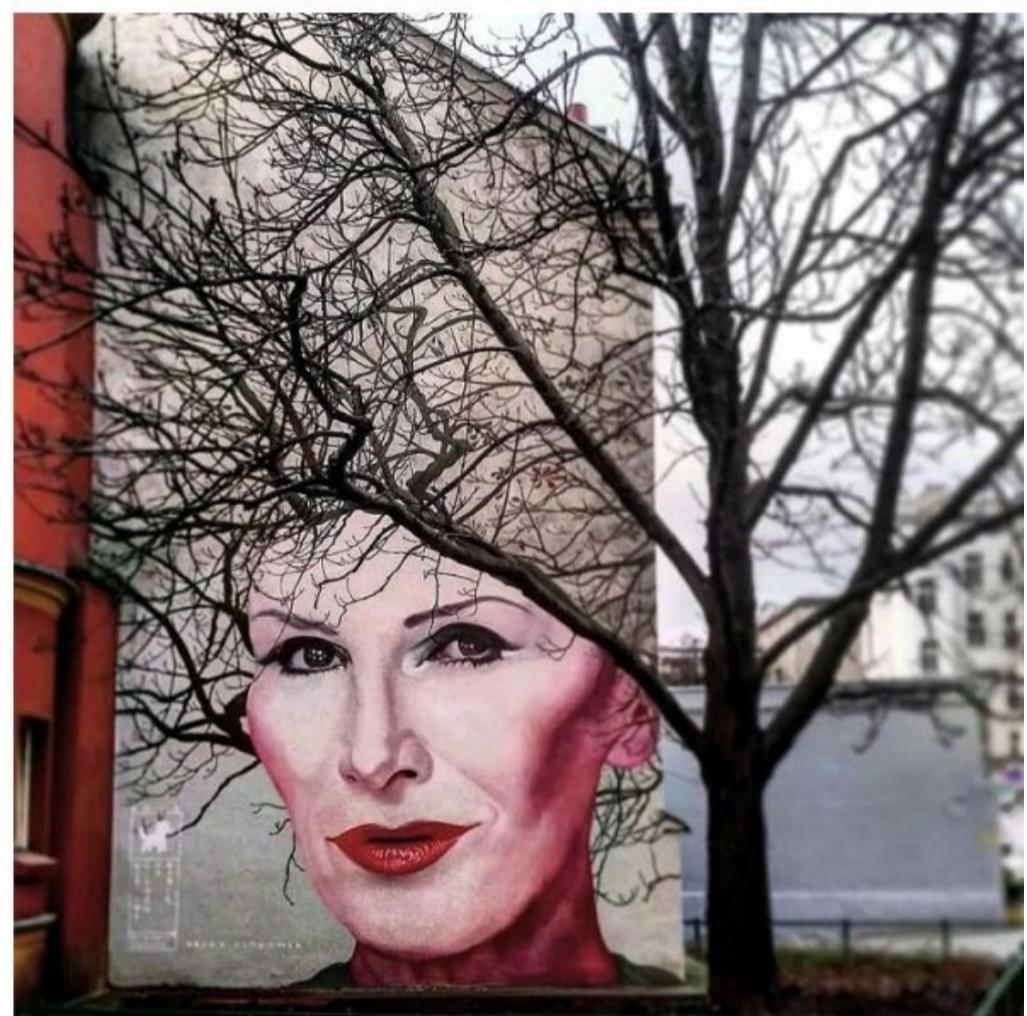
Historic market halls over a century old, offering fresh produce, flowers, and local delicacies. The adjacent Hala Gwardii hosts a vibrant food court with international street food. These authentic Warsaw institutions provide a glimpse into daily local life and culinary traditions.

**Location:** Plac Mirowski 1



# Street Art: Warsaw's Open-Air Gallery

Warsaw has emerged as one of Europe's street art capitals, with stunning murals transforming buildings across the city. The districts of Praga and Powiśle showcase some of the finest examples, where international and Polish artists have created powerful, thought-provoking works.



The Kora mural is particularly special as it changes with the seasons—tree branches grow into the artwork, creating a living piece that symbolises modern Warsaw's organic evolution.

- Pick up a street art map from tourist information points or download a digital guide. Many murals are in unexpected locations, making the hunt part of the adventure!

The street art scene reflects Warsaw's creative energy and willingness to transform urban spaces into canvases for expression. From political statements to whimsical characters, these murals add colour, meaning, and beauty to everyday streets. Praga, in particular, has embraced this movement, with entire building facades becoming works of art that tell stories of the district's working-class heritage and contemporary revival.



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