

Excursion 3: Wieliczka Salt Mine

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DURATION: approx. 4 hrs

Price: 55 euro

Price includes: English speaking guide, admission fees, transportation.

Please bring warm clothing. Temperature underground ranges between 14° and 16°C. Please pay for your permit to take photos and make films at the ticket desk.

Magnificent chambers chiselled out in rock salt. Amazing underground saline lakes, majestic timber constructions and unique statues sculpted in salt. Almost 3 kilometres of meandering corridors, 800 steps to climb of which 350 have to be descended to reach the depth of 135 meters underground. Thus it is no surprise that till now, the Tourist Route, the main visiting route of the mine has been visited by 36,000,000 tourists from around the whole world in search of adventures. The journey starts at the Danilowicz Shaft. Here, visitors meet their guide, who during their excursion will tell them everything they want to know about the mine history and its secrets. About the forces of nature ruling within the depths of the mine, about the ethos of hard work performed by the generations of miners. Travelling further and further into the mine chasm tourists discover unusual places and see with their own eyes the power of human hands that once excavated rock salt, as well as magnificent mining tools and machines.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to see a completely different image of the mine hearing the legend about Princess Kinga and how she brought the salt treasure to Polish land. Half way along the route they will see the wondrous chapel dedicated to her and the saline works of art decorating the chapel. Visitors will have a moment for reflection hearing the music of Chopin accompanying a light and sound spectacle on the shores of one of the saline lakes. And finally, at the end of the journey, after tasting the culinary delicacies served in the underground tavern, an elevator will take them up to the surface.