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Welcome to Warsaw!

Warsaw is the capital and largest city of Poland. The metropolis stands on the River Vistula in east-central Poland. Its population is officially estimated at 1.86 million residents within a greater metropolitan area of 3.27 million residents, which makes Warsaw the 6th most-populous city in the European Union.

Warsaw is a mixture of relaxing green spaces, historic sites and vivid modernity. It offers many attractions, museums, cultural sites, parks as well as many events, nightlife and food corners where you can find anything you want!

Useful info : <https://go2warsaw.pl/en>





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Palace of Culture and Science

It is one of the highest and most recognisable building in Warsaw can be seen from almost every part of the capital. It was opened in 1955 on the initiative of Joseph Stalin as a “gift of the Soviet people for the Poles”. Built by Russian workers, for a long time, it was considered to be a symbol of socialist power and the pride of People’s Poland – it was where conventions of the Polish United Workers’ Party took place.

Since its very beginning, its monumental interiors have hosted numerous concerts, exhibitions, fairs and shows. Currently, the palace is home to theatres, a cinema, museums, trendy pubs and of course, **its home for Civitas University!**





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Civitas University

Nestled within the iconic Palace of Culture and Science, in the heart of Warsaw – Central and Eastern Europe's most dynamic capital city – Civitas University stands as a beacon of modernity and academic excellence. Guided by the expertise and dedication of our founders and faculty members, our institution has earned unparalleled recognition as the premier destination for studying **international relations, social sciences, management, and journalism and new media** in English.

Our institution is ranked in the top 10 by 'Perspektywy', excels in multiple categories:

- Best non-public university
- Internationalization of studies
- Graduates in the job market

<https://civitas.edu.pl/en/>

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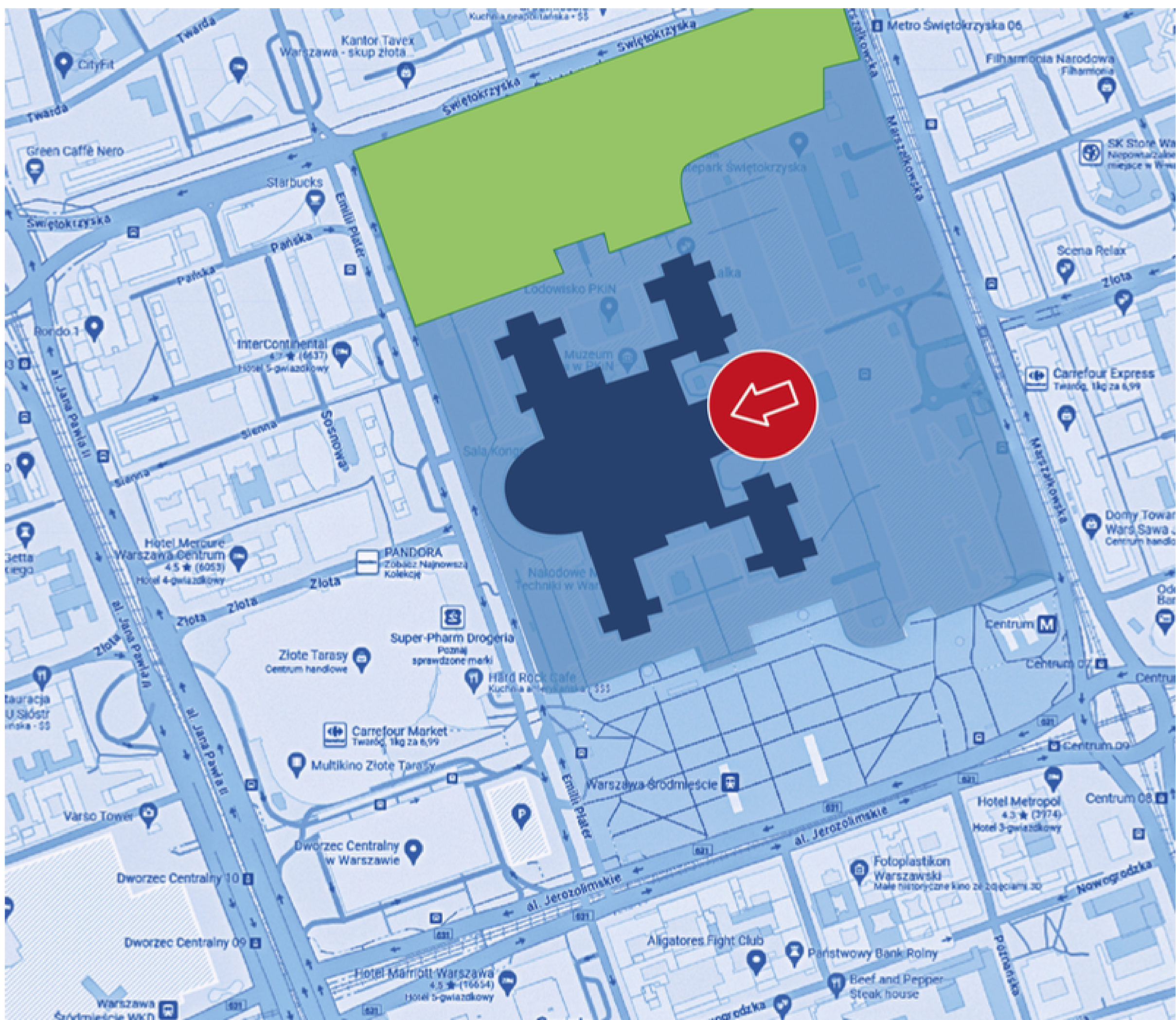
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How to find us ?

Civitas University is located on the **12th floor** of the Palace of Culture and Science.
You can reach us through the entrance from **Marszałkowska Street** and **Plac Defilad**.





Getting to Warsaw

By plane - Chopin Airport

Most flights to Warsaw land at Chopin Airport (www.lotnisko-chopina.pl), about 10 km from the city centre.

You can reach the city centre by public transportation:

- bus number 175 runs to the centre and around the Old Town (Stare Miasto)
- bus numbers 148 and 188 run to the other side of the river, to Praga, Grochów and Gocław
- night bus number N32 runs to the city centre
- suburban train line S2, S3 or RL

Transport tickets are required on all lines.

A taxi rank in front of the Terminal offers selected and reliable taxi companies: Ele Taxi, Uber, Bolt. Avoid people in the Arrivals Hall encouraging you to use random taxis. They are often unlicensed and their fees are several times higher than registered and legal taxis.

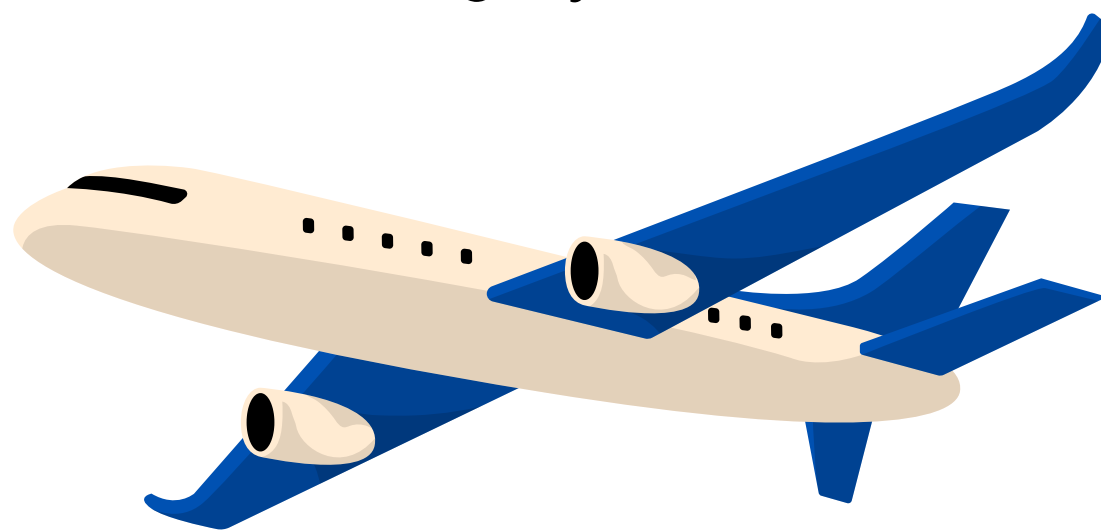
By plane - Warsaw Modlin Airport

Warsaw Modlin Airport (www.modlinairport.pl), is located around 35 km north-west from the city centre.

Access to the city from the airport:

- By train - Koleje Mazowieckie trains depart from Modlin railway station, which can be reached by a special airport bus that leaves from the airport terminal at times coordinated with the train timetable. A special airport ticket that costs 19 PLN can be purchased in the airport terminal. Estimated journey time: 1 hour 15 minutes
- By taxi - The airport recommends one taxi company: Taxi Modlin. Transfer to the centre of Warsaw range from 100 to 250 PLN (depending on the district.)

CAUTION! We strongly advise against using taxis offered by random people in the Arrivals Hall and highly recommend using licensed taxi companies.





Getting to Warsaw

By train

Warsaw has three large railway stations with international and domestic long-distance connections:

- **Warszaw Centralna**, Aleje Jerozolimskie 54 - Located in the heart of the city, it is reachable from all districts of Warsaw.
- **Warszawa Zachodnia**, Aleje Jerozolimskie 144 - Thanks its location right next to the international bus station, it's a good point for people taking long-distance (both national and international) buses.
- **Warszawa Wschodnia**, ul. Lubelska 1 - The station is located on the Praga side of the river.

Train tickets can be purchased at the ticket windows (kasa) in the stations, on the internet or at selected travel agencies. You can also purchase your ticket on the train from the conductor, whom you must seek out immediately upon boarding the train. Tickets sold on the train are subject to an additional fee.

Train timetables are available at:

www.pkp.pl

www.intercity.pl

www.e-podroznik.pl

By bus

Dworzec PKS Warszawa Zachodnia

The bus station Dworzec PKS Warszawa Zachodnia at Aleje Jerozolimskie 144 offers international and national connections.

Tickets for national and international routes can be purchased at ticket offices at the station and on the website E-Podróżnik:

www.e-podroznik.pl





Accommodation

Please note that Civitas University doesn't have their own dormitories, however we have some cooperations with private entities.

- **Pepe Housing**

<https://pepehousing.com/warszawa/search>

Note : with CIVITAS promo code you have 15% off of the booking fee.

- **Student Depot** <https://studentdepot.pl/en/>

- **Little Home** <https://rent.littlehome.pl/>

- **Spotahome** <https://www.spotahome.com/>

- **Studyandstayin** <https://studyandstayin.eu/>

More Info : <https://civitas.edu.pl/en/for-students/housing>

Other websites you can check (although we are not cooperating with them and you're checking their offers on your own accountability) are :

- OLX (in Polish)
- OTODOM (in Ukrainian and Polish)
- RESIDER (in English, Ukrainian and Polish)
- MORIZON (in Polish)
- WARSZAWA-NIERUCHOMOŚCI (in Polish)
- GRATKA (in Polish)

On all the websites you can filter the apartments by the price and the location. **Remember, that the price shown next to the offer is not always the final price** - sometimes you have to consider extra payments for administration fee, water, electricity etc.



Accomodation

USEFUL INFORMATION:

Warsaw is a city with very good transport links, so when looking for an apartment, it is worth considering factors such as proximity to metro stations and bus/tram stops, and checking how long it takes to get to the city center. Since our University is located in the city center, near the Świętokrzyska metro station, Centrum metro station, and Central Station, getting here from most parts of the city is not a problem.

SIGNING THE AGREEMENT:

Please read the agreement carefully, before signing it – make sure that the payment regulations of the agreement consists of information that You agreed on with the landlord, make sure that it doesn't include extra-obligations after leaving the apartment (such as re-painting walls, changing mattresses, which is a more and more common trick that the landlords use), check the terms of termination of the agreement. Moreover, take a look at the deposit, which is a standard procedure in Poland. Usually deposits are equal to 1 month rent of the apartment.

DO NOT pay the deposit before seeing the apartment and meeting with the landlord or his/her representative. While Poland is a very safe country, there are cases of fake offers being posted, that's why do not make any payments before actually seeing the apartment to avoid further problems.





Getting around Warsaw

Warsaw has couple of transportation options : **underground (Metro), trams and busses**. They are all using the same kinds of tickets. There are also **suburban trains** (SKM, WKD, KM). With SKM u can also travel with basic tickets, however other train carriers might not validate them.

Ticket prices – zone 1:

- 75 minute ticket – 4,40 PLN, **student discount – 2,20 PLN**
- 30-day tickets - 110 PLN, **student discount - 55 PLN**
- 90-day tickets - 280 PLN, **student discount - 140 PLN**

Tickets must be validated immediately after boarding a bus or tram, or at the gates leading to metro platforms.

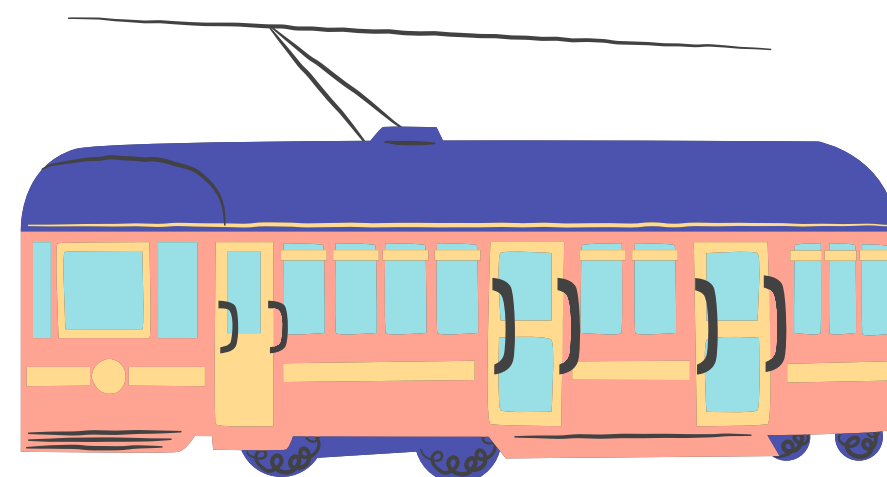
Please note that you are entitled for Student Discount, only with your Student ID!

Student ID can be used as a long-term ticket carrier

You can buy public transport tickets at Passenger Service Centres and ticket machines, which you will find at underground stations and near stops, ticket machines for short-term tickets are available on most buses and in the new trams as well.

In the ticket machines, which support five languages (Polish, English, German, Russian and Ukrainian), you can pay for your ticket with coins or a card. **Tickets can also be purchased using a mobile phone.**

Detailed information at www.wtp.waw.pl or jakdojade.pl app.





Getting around Warsaw

Taxi

In Warsaw, it is best to use **licensed taxis**, which are specially marked:

- on the vehicle's roof there is an illuminated sign with the inscription TAXI
- on the front door, beneath the window, there is a yellow and red strip bearing the taxi's number. The Warsaw coat of arms appears below the strip.
- on the window of the rear right door there is information on the applicable fares
- inside the vehicle, on the dashboard (in a place visible to the passenger) there is the taxi driver's ID

Other than that, also the taxi services such as **UBER, BOLT, FREENOW** are operating.

NOTE! We advise against using the services of unauthorised people who offer transport at the airport or railway stations. They often do not have a licence to carry passengers, and the fares they charge are several times higher than taxi companies. You should only use the services of licensed carriers.

Warsaw Public Bike Veturilo

There are 300 stations where you can rent a Veturilo city bike in Warsaw. A total of over 3300 bikes are offered, including 3000 conventional bikes, 300 electric bikes and 30 tandems. **For the first 20 minutes, rides are free.** The bikes are accessible around-the-clock from **1 March to 30 November**, a nine-month period. They can be found in all of Warsaw's 18 districts, but Śródmieście, Wola, and Praga Południe have the highest concentration.

Info and registration : <https://veturilo.waw.pl/en/>





Useful Information

Currency

The currency in Poland is the **Polish Złoty (PLN)** 1 PLN = 100 groszy. Coins circulate in denominations of 1 PLN, 2 PLN, 5 PLN and 10, 20 and 50 groszy; banknotes are in denominations of 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 PLN.

1 euro ~ 4,2 PLN

In some larger stores, such as hypermarkets, and at some cash-only windows, you can pay in Euros. You must notify the cashier that you will be paying in Euros, but note that it is not a popular currency in Poland yet, and chances are that your change will be given in PLN.

Currency Exchange

Currency should be exchanged at a registered exchange point. Usually, there is no commission for exchanging currency. Note that cash should not be exchanged on the street or with bystanders.

Safety

Warsaw is one of the safest capitals in Europe and in the World, and there is no problem to safely travel around it, even by night. However as in every major city there might be pickpockets and other unforeseen situations, especially in the densely crowded areas and public transport.

Please always be cautious and keep eye on your belongings.

In case of emergency notify the authorities. We are also discouraging you to travel alone, especially after drinking alcohol.

Emergency calls

- Emergency **112**
- Police **997**
- Ambulance **999**
- Fire Brigade **998**
- City Guard **986**





Useful and interesting Apps



- **Warsawpolis Guide** - The WARSAWPOLIS GUIDE application is a single, complete, virtual guide which will take you through the most interesting places and attractions of the Warsaw metropolis and encourage you to explore the region creatively.

- [Download on the Google Play](#)
- [Download on the App Store](#)



- **Warszawa 19115** - Don't know how to get to the hotel? Need information about transport connections? Are you looking for cultural and sports events? Or maybe you want to ask for the intervention of the security services? Use the 19115 app!

- [Download on the Google Play](#)
- [Download on the App Store](#)



- **Veturilo** - During the summer, use the Veturilo city bike system. With the app, you can find the nearest stations on the map and have permanent access to your account. You can rent a bike using terminals located at bike stations.

- [Download on the Google Play](#)
- [Download on the App Store](#)



- **Jakdojade** - Travel around Warsaw using the convenient city transport network. The app will find the best connections and displays current timetables. You will reach your destination without problem thanks to the built-in GPS navigation.

- [Download on the Google Play](#)
- [Download on the App Store](#)



- **Wasza Warszawa** - Your Warsaw - Walks, city games, quizzes, movies and photos – the Your Warsaw app will in an interesting way present you everyday life of Warsaw's inhabitants and its history from regaining independence until 1989.

- [Download on the Google Play](#)
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