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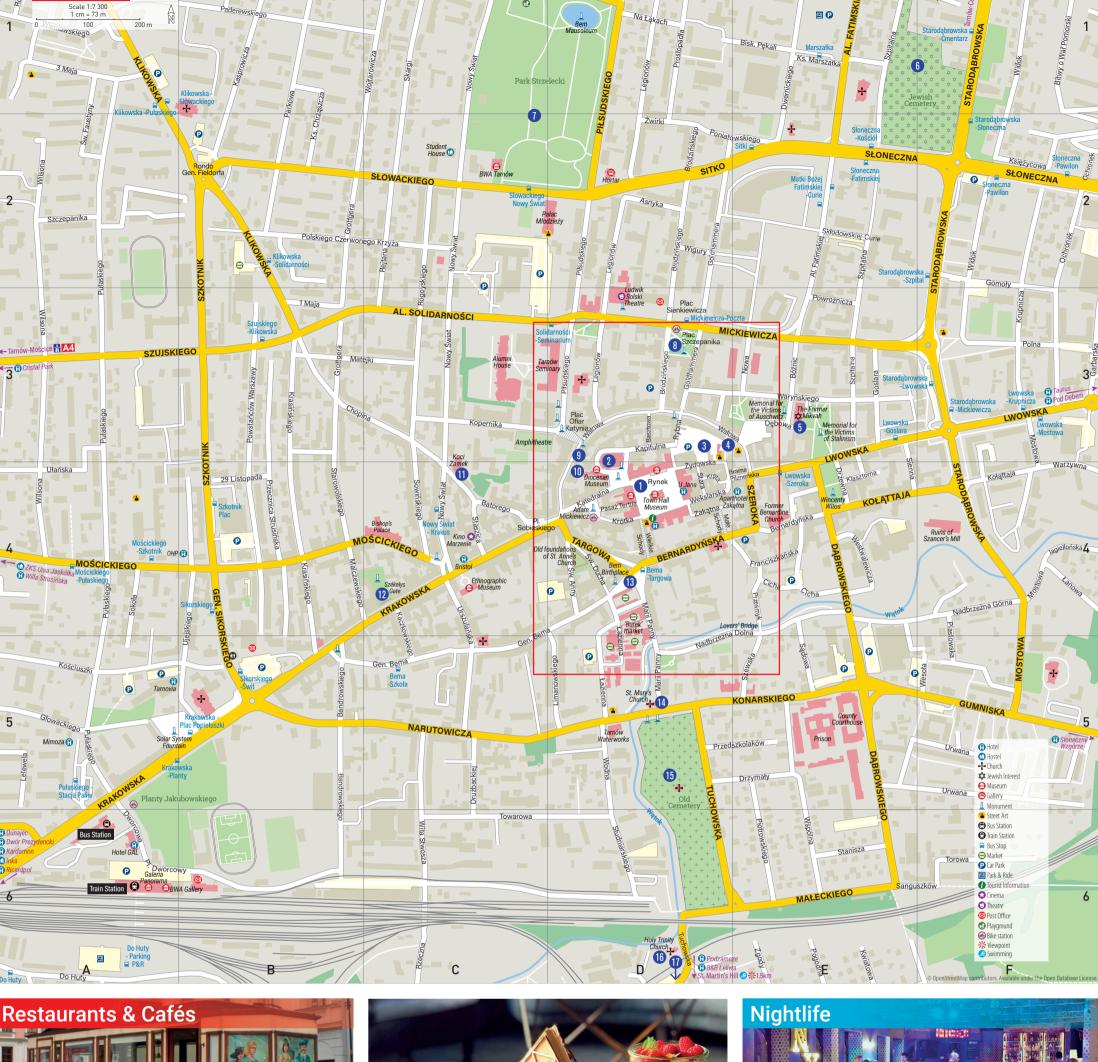
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Tarnów

AMERICAN 👭 Pół Na Pół **American Dream**

Open 12:00-21:00; Fri, Sat 12:00-23:00; closed Mon. €€. ₩ 🗇 🛦 Cafe Tramwaj (Tram Cafe)

08:00-21:00; Sun 10:00-21:00. €. @C ▲

Cristalino Kuchnia i Wino INTERNATIONAL 🚻 Sofa www.cristalino.pl. Open 06:30-22:00; Sat, Sun 08:00-22:00. €€€. Ѩ 🗟

The Nosh Kosher Cafe This strictly meatless kosher cafe offers Jewish snacks and home cooking,

Open 08:30-19:00; Fri 08:30-17:00; Sun 10:00-19:00; closed Sat. €. 🕓



INTERNATIONAL 🎁 Sowińskiego 9, www.americanrestaurant.pl. Open 11:00-22:00; Fri, Sat www.polnapol-tarnow.pl. Open 12:00-22:00; Fri, Sat 12:00-24:00. €€. ★ www.alfaclub24.pl. Open Fri, Sat 21:00-04:00 only.

ITALIAN 🚻 Basteja pasta and pierogi, plus coffee and cakes. ▶ D-4, Pl. Kazimierza Wielkiego 3. pl. Open 10:00-22:00; Fri, Sat 10:00-23:00; Sun 11:00-22:00. €€.

> Stara Łaźnia (The Old Bathhouse) POLISH | Haunted Haus CAFES Prince This excellent Polish-Jewish restaurant in Tarnów's historic former Jewish Finding this friendly cult bar is like crashing a house party only to be

Wałowa 15, www.sofatarnow.pl. Open 07:00-20:00; Sat 08:00-21:00; Sun Open 10:00-24:00; Fri, Sat 10:00-02:00. 09:00-21:00. €. Ѩु

Tatrzańska Krakowska 1, www.kudelski.pl. Open 09:00-22:00. €€. 🖳 🛦 🗟



Alfa Club Serving burgers, ribs and steaks, the results are a bit hit-and-miss in this. Hidden just off the Rynek, this stylish favourite offers some of the most daring. An enormous dancefloor flanked by mirrors and lounge sofas, this is Tarnów's. This modern sports hall in Mościce was opened in late 2019 and hosts. Tarnów's primary marketplace, this is the place to pick up produce, fruit, meat over-the-top diner, but it's a nice departure from Polish food. > C-4, ul. Staszica 3, sports events, concerts and all sorts of large-scale functions. > ul. Romualda and flowers. Don't miss the Organ Grinder monument either. > D-4, Pl. Gen.

8. Open 10:00-23:00; Mon 16:00-23:00; Sat 17:00-23:00; closed Sun.

This stationary antique tram serves up the spirit of the old days, plus coffee, bathhouse embodies the city's pre-war elegance. F.3, Pl. Więźniów KL embraced by the hosts, offered a drink and introduced to everyone. D-3/4, This outdoor venue dates back to 1955 but has been fully renovated and A modern shopping mall just southwest of the centre, and easily accessible by cake, ice cream and wifi. D-4, Pl. Sobieskiego 2. Open 06:30-21:00; Sat Auschwitz 1, www.laznia.tarnow.pl. Open 12:00-21:00; Fri, Sat 12:00- ul. Żydowska 20. Open Thu, Fri 17:00-24:00; Sat, Sun 18:00-24:00; closed Mon. Tue. Wed. Opening hours are subject to change.

BREAKFAST Leprikon Irish Pub tastes, attractions for kids and a huge wine list. > ul. Traugutta 5 (Mościce), range of healthy breakfast and lunch options in cosy surrounds. > D-3, ul. other pub grub - right on the Rynek - are a comfort to many. > D-4, Rynek 16.

> Śródmieście Pub POLISH With Polish microbrews, cheap pub eats and beer snacks, teles for league TOSiR Water Park Sat 11:00-03:00.



Hotels

Aparthotel Zakatna UPMARKET 🕋

In a renovated historical townhouse mere minutes from the main square, Zakatna offers 6 rooms and apts in an assortment of European styles. > E-4, ul. Zakatna 19, tel. (+48) 513 09 73 92, www.aparthotelzakatna.pl. 🕸 🏲 🛦

Tarnów's most exclusive hotel, Bristol's immaculate rooms come with mini-bars, cable television, spacious beds and luxurious showers. ▶ C-4, ul.

Krakowska 9, tel. (+48) 880 47 74 77, www.hotelbristol.com.pl. 17 rooms (2 apartments). ® P ▲ III III ★★★★

historic architectural details while modernising the facilities. > A-6, ul. Dworcowa 5, tel. (+48) 14 688 99 30, www.hotelgaltarnow.pl. 33 rooms (3 apartments). 图 图 P 图 图 图 ★ ★ ★

This handsome Art Nouveau hotel has been beautifully restored, retaining

Cristal Park MID-RANGE West of the centre, this is a solid value with numerous suites, a sauna, salt room, top restaurant, and 24hr bar with billiards. > ul. Traugutta 5 (Mościce), tel. (+48)

Słoneczne Wzgórze Located just east of the Old Town in Sanguszko Park, this hotel is designed specifically for those with disabilities, but all are welcome. ▶ ul. Sanguszków 28A, tel. (+48) 14 688 00 50, www.slonecznewzgorze.tarnow.pl. 🗟 🏲 🖫

U Jana Arguably the best accommodation on the market square, this historical inn ffers great views, food, bike rental, billiards and more. ▶ D-4, Rynek 14, tel.

(+48) 14 626 05 64, www.hotelujana.pl. 12 rooms. ▲ 🎹 🖼 ★ ★ **Tourist Information Centre**

Clean, carpeted accommodation right on the Rynek, directly upstairs from the Tourist Info Centre. Available on booking.com. ▶ D-4, Rynek 7, tel. (+48) 14 688 90 90, www.tarnow.travel. 4 rooms. 🕸 📆



Arena Jaskółka Tarnów SPORTS CENTRE Traugutta 3B, www.arena.tarnow.pl. Open during events only.

m Ludwik Solski Theatre THEATRE X Cepelia INTERNATIONAL Tarnów's top spot in terms of food and atmosphere, featuring exquisite Located inside the medieval walls, Basteja itself is nothing special, but the This theatre just north of the Old Town features three stages and a full Specialising in folk art and crafts, Cepelia offers a treasure trove of local gifts A friendly family restaurant with good food, specialising in thin-crust pizza, tastes and a lovely garden. • C-4, ul. Mościckiego 6, www.soprano-tarnow. garden (April-Oct) is unbeatable and worth seeking out. • D-3, ul. Kapitulna repertoire for kids and adults, plus rotating art exhibits. • D-3, ul. Mościckiego 6, www.soprano-tarnow. 4, www.teatr.tarnow.pl. Box office open 09:00 - 17:00; Sat, Sun 2 hours ▶ D-4, Rynek 8, www.cepelia.com.pl. Open 09:00-17:00; Sat 09:00-13:00; before the performance; closed Mon. Tickets 12-40zł.

> THEATRE K Galeria Tarnovia Tarnów Amphitheatre

Tarnów Cultural Centre This upscale hotel restaurant is one of Tarnów's best, with fine food to suit all. One of Tarnów's most contemporary eateries, this cafe/bistro offers a wide. Not the most authentic Irish pub, but still the Guinness, Irish breakfast and. This cultural institution organises a range of events at their market square. This gallery/gift shop sells the work of local Jewish artists, Judaica and gallery, the cinema at Staszica 4 (C-4) and the Amphitheatre. > D-4, Rynek souvenirs; proceeds go to the restoration of the Jewish Cemetery. > D-4, ul.

fee depends on the exhibition, check website for details.

while also serving as a Jewish cultural centre, shop and gallery. D-4, ul. One of Tarnów b D-4, ul. One of Tarnów has a respectable water park that includes a 90m water slide, kids' One of your best bets for souvenirs, books, postcards, the city's official blue Lwowska 2 (entrance from ul. Wałowa), www.thenoshkoshercafe.com. Polish food and professional service in elegant surrounds. > C-4, ul. Kazimierza Wlk. 2 (entrance from Pasaż Tertila). Open 11:00-24:00; Fri, area, jacuzzis, saunas and more. > D-4, Rynek 7, www.tarnow. pl. Open 06:00-22:00; Sat, Sun 08:00-22:00. Admission 13/9zł per hour. travel. Open 08:00-18:00; Sat, Sun 09:00-17:00.



Getting There

Eighty kilometres east of Kraków, thanks to the fast and free A4 highway, Farnów is easily reached by car, and less than an hour's drive east from Kraków. A good network of train and bus services link Tarnów with major destinations throughout Poland; connections to Kraków are fast and frequent, and train times to Warsaw are under 3.5hrs. Use **e-podroznik.pl** to easily search bus and train timetables, compare prices and buy tickets. The nearest airport to Tarnów is **Kraków Balice** (90km by motorway).

One of the largest, and most beautiful Polish stations east of Kraków, Tarnów's ailway station was opened in 1910, and has been fully modernised to include all the services you'd expect (ticket machines, shops, cafes and eateries, free wifi, charger ports), while retaining its original character - including Edmund Cieczkiewicz's paintings of the Tatra and Pieniny mountains, which were funded by the early train owners over a century ago. In front of the station is a large public square, while inside you'll find a modern art gallery displaying works by Małopolska artists (open 09:00 - 17:00; closed Mon; admission free) and Galeria Panorama - a branch of the Tarnów District Museum (open 08:00-16:00; Sun 10:00-14:00 (from May until 16:00); closed Mon, Sat; admission 5/3zł). Walking to the market square only takes 10mins up ul. Krakowska, while a taxi from outside the station costs about 10-12zł. ▶ A-6, Pl. Dworcowy 4, www.rozklad.pkp.pl. Ticket windows open 06:00-21:00.

Bus Station

Near the train station, Tarnów's bus station doesn't offer much in the way of services or facilities aside from a snack bar, an ATM (bankomat), toilets, and a few kiosks. Don't be duped by the ticket windows, they mostly sell monthly passes and local fares, which explains why everyone just buys their tickets from the driver. A walk to the market square takes about 10mins, or a taxi (find them parked outside) will take you there for less than 10zł. You can also ide buses 2, 9, 12 or 30 five minutes up ul. Krakowska, getting off at 'Bema-Targowa'. ▶ A-6, ul. Dworcowa 1. Open 06:00-20:00.

Getting Around

Once you've arrived in Tarnów your main mode of transport is likely to be your own feet, or rent a bike; the latter can be done from April until the end of November using the Tarnów City Bike system (all bike stands are marked 69 on the map), or by visiting the Tourist Info Centre (D-4, Rynek 7).

If you've brought your own vehicle, you'll find public parking lots clearly marked on our map, several of which are just off the market square. Street parking is also widely available and must be paid Mon-Fri 09:00 - 17:00 (look for the handy ticket machines). Tarnów also has two 'Park & Ride' lots within easy access to public transport - one connected to the train station via an underground passage (A-6; 3zł/24hrs), and the second north-east of the Old Town on ul. Ks. J. Marszałka (E-1; absolutely free).

Radio Taxi Viva ▶ (+48) 19 622, taxidwojki.pl. Jedynka City Radio Taxi ► (+48) 19 199, jedynkacity.pl. Uber is also present in Tarnów, as is FreeNow.

Though trams once trundled the streets of Tarnów, today the city makes do with an extensive public bus system, which runs daily from 04:00 - 24:00. Though many visitors will find them unnecessary, buses are useful for travelling to Mościce, St. Martin's Hill, and hotels not located right in the centre. Use tarnow.jakdojade.pl to figure out how to get to your destination. Fickets are sold primarily at kiosks, and a single fare/30min ticket costs 3.20zł; note that the bus driver only sells 4.60zł/60min tickets. Make sure you mmediately stamp your ticket in the small machines on-board; inspectors regularly travel the lines handing out costly fines to those without valid tickets. ▶ www.komunikacja.tarnow.pl.



Burek Square MARKETS J. Bema. Open 07:00-17:00: Sun 07:00-13:00 (Sun flowers only).

GIFTS & SOUVENIRS

closed Sun.

is a wonderful place to enjoy concerts and events (May - Sept). ▶ C-3, ul. public transport. ▶ ul. Krakowska 149 (Koszyce), www.galeria-tarnovia.com. Kopernika 4, www.tck.pl. Open 10:00-20:00. Open from May to September. Open 10:00-21:00; Sun 10:00-20:00.

CULTURAL CENTRE Mina's Art-Gift Gallery GIFTS & SOUVENIRS 5, www.tck.pl. Open 08:00-18:00; Sat 10:00-17:00; closed Sun. Admission Lwowska 2 (entrance from ul. Wałowa), www.minasartgiftgallery.com. Open 08:30-19:00; Fri 08:30-17:00; Sun 10:00-19:00; closed Sat.

SWIMMING Tourist Information Centre

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22:00; closed Mon, Tue. €€. [♣] [▶]

Introducing Tarnów

Eighty kilometres east of Kraków, near the crossroads of two ancient trade routes, lies the charming and hospitable city of Tarnów. Małopolska's second city by size. Tarnów offers visitors the comforts of a small town with the historical and cultural intrigue of a much bigger city. In addition to a well-preserved Old Town - which includes a glorious Cathedral, Town Hall, market square and many pedestrian avenues - in Tarnów visitors will discover unique and worthwhile museums, several wooden churches, historic cemeteries, castle ruins and a scenic overlook, as well as dozens of artistic and historical monuments at every turn. Those with a special interest in Jewish history will also discover a town with a deep Jewish heritage, many traces of which are still in evidence today.

While the town's nightlife may not have the sizzle of a large city, there are still plenty of bars, cafes and restaurants, the best of which we list here. where you'll find it easy to meet friendly local folks who are proud of their city and eager to present a good impression to foreigners.

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For more in-depth info on Tarnów and the surrounding area, visit our website - iyp.me/tarnow. Also, explore Tarnów, plus dozens of other destinations across Europe and the world, with our free app - iyp.me/app.



www.tarnow.travel

Tourist Information Centre Awarded as the best TI office in Poland again for 2019, make this your first port of call on arrival. Here (and on their multilingual website, www.tarnow.travel) you'll find a wide range of free information on Tarnów and the surrounding region, free internet, bicycle rental, luggage lockers, souvenirs,

and there's even accommodation available upstairs. If you're interested in a gadget-led tour, there's the Tarnów Wooden Architecture App. and an audio tour. The friendly, knowledgeable and enthusiastic Englishspeaking staff can give you whatever additional information or advice you can't find here, so don't be shy. ▶ D-4, Rynek 7, tel. (+48) 14 688 90 90, www.tarnow.travel. Open 08:00-18:00; Sat, Sun 09:00-17:00.

History

First mentioned in a document dated 1124, Tarnów was granted city rights by King Władysław Łokietek in 1330 - an event celebrated by a monument of the King on ul. Wałowa. It was at this time that the medieval layout the city retains to this day was created. Privately owned until 1787, Tarnów's greatest period of growth came under nobleman Jan Tarnowski during the 16th century, when the Old Town was largely reconstructed in the manner that today earns it the accolade of being Poland's 'Pearl of the Renaissance.' The Tarnowski clan expired without an heir in 1567 and the city was later incorporated into the Austrian-Hungarian Empire during the era of Polish partitions. Tarnów's citizens were quick to join the Polish legions when WWI broke out and the region saw many battles between the Russian and Austro-Hungarian armies, resulting in a trail of **WWI memorial sites** and cemeteries in the area.

In October 1918 Tarnów gained notoriety when it became the first Polish city's train station killing 20 people and leading some historians to claim that WWII officially started here in Tarnów. The bombs would start falling from the sky six days later and by September 7th the Nazis had captured the citv.

The first Jews settled in Tarnów in the mid-15th century and by 1939 their numbers had reached 25,000 - nearly half the city's total population. On June 14th 1940, 728 Tarnów residents (mostly Poles, in fact) became the first victims of Auschwitz: of 40,000 Jews crammed into Tarnów's ghetto. over 10,000 were executed and the rest deported to the Bełżec death camp. Today no active Jewish community remains.

Tarnów was a stronghold of resistance during Nazi occupation, before city developed rapidly in the postwar period as the monstrous soviet-era residential blocks in the north-east part of the city became home to over in your wanderings to give it a look. D-3, Plac Szczepanika. one-third of its 100,000 population in the mid-70s. The rise of meat prices in July 1980 inspired a series of **strikes** in Tarnów, which predated the Gdańsk shipyard strikes (that would eventually lead to the communist regime's collapse) by over a month. Since Poland's ascension to the EU in 2004, Tarnów has enjoyed the revitalisation of its Old Town and is increasingly gaining attention as a noteworthy tourist destination.

Museums & Galleries

BWA Tarnów

Tarnów's best art gallery offers contemporary exhibits inside a 19th century Neo-Gothic shooting gallery in the midst of a handsome park. ▶ C-2, Pałacyk Strzelecki, ul. Słowackiego 1, www.bwa.tarnow.pl. Open 10:00-17:00; Sun 12:00-19:00; closed Mon, Sat. From April 11:00-18:00; Sun 12:00-19:00; closed Mon, Sat. Admission varies by exhibit; Thu always 1zł.

Diocesan Museum

An astonishing collection of religious art from the 15th century onwards inside an equally wonderful ensemble of 16th-century houses. ▶ D-4, PI. Katedralny 6, www.muzeum.diecezia.tarnow.pl. Open 10:00-12:00, 13:00-15:00; Sun 09:00-12:00, 13:00-14:00; closed Mon. Admission free.

Ethnographic Museum

Home to a unique and fascinating exhibit on Roma (gypsy) culture in PL (open from April), including two gypsy caravans in the garden. > C-4. ul. Krakowska 10, www.muzeum.tarnow.pl. Open 09:00-15:00; Thu 09:00-17:00; Sun 10:00-14:00; closed Mon, Sat. From May same hours except Tue 09:00-17:00; Sat 10:00-16:00. Admission 8/5zł; Sun free. @C

Tarnów District Museum - Main Branch

The administrative headquarters of the Tarnów District Museum, this historica building right on the Rynek hosts various temporary exhibits. ▶ D-4. Rynek 3. www.muzeum.tarnow.pl. Open 09:00-15:00; Thu 09:00-17:00; Sun 10:00-14:00; closed Mon, Sat. From May same hours except Tue 09:00-17:00; Sat 10:00-16:00. Admission 8/5zł. @ [&

Tarnów History Museum

Open from May 1, modern multimedia displays tell Tarnów's history. ▶ D-4 Rynek 20-21, www.muzeum.tarnow.pl. Open 09:00-17:00; Wed. Fri 9:00-15:00; Sat, Sun 10:00-16:00; closed Mon. Admission 8/5zł. &

Town Hall Museum Glass, silver, ceramics, weaponry, and portraits of mustaches, plus views from the tower. > D-4, Rynek 1, www.muzeum.tarnow.pl. Open 09:00-15:00; Thu 09:00-17:00: Sun 10:00-16:00; closed Mon, Sat. From May same hours

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1 Market Square & Town Hall

The centre of the city's social life and business trade, Tarnów's market square Dating from the 14th century with major additions and rebuilds in the 15th and was laid out in the early 14th century on a sandy hill surrounded by a lower 19th centuries, the Neo-Gothic Cathedral of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, loop of defensive walls and towers. Although these fortifications no longer must rate as one of the most impressive parish churches in Poland. Of note is at home and abroad throughout a diverse and distinguished career. Finishing remain (with the exception of a few fragments), the Old Town's medieval the 16th-century portal, the impressive several-metre-long monuments to the layout remains intact. Measuring 74.5 x 89.4m, Tarnów's market square Tarnowski and Ostrogski families, a number of extraordinary paintings and sides by fine Renaissance merchant houses from the 16-18th century. Today chairs from the businesses lining it, and has a warm and welcoming appeal.

At its centre stands the Town Hall, built in the 15th-century and remodelled in classic Renaissance style at the end of the 16th century, complete with gargovles and a 30m tower from which Tarnów's 'heinał' – a short traditional melody – is played every day at 12:00. Rather amusingly, 12:00 depends on Old Synagogue, Tarnów's primary place of worship for 45% of its population which side of the building you're on, as the time displayed by the Town Hall's two clocks differs by two minutes. This can be forgiven when one considers that the manually wound clock - whose 10-metre shaft spans the entire it was destroyed by the Nazis and later demolished; all that remains today is building - has otherwise operated flawlessly since the 1600s. Today the Town the brick 'bimah' - a four-pillared podium from which the Torah was read. In Hall is accessible as a branch of the Tarnów District Museum, and you can even **climb to the top of the tower** for views over the market square.

Be aware that Tarnów's market square is currently undergoing restoration



8 Szczepanik Square

Named after local hero Jan Szczepanik, this small public square just north of authored by them; take a peek to see if you're so lucky. > D-3, ul. Wałowa. city to reclaim independence after 146 years of occupation, and again on the Old Town has become a sort of shrine to 'Tarnów's Edison.' Born in 1872 in August 28th, 1939 when German terrorists detonated an explosive in the the small village of Rudniki (now in western Ukraine), Szczepanik started his adult life as an unassuming teacher before discovering his passion and talent for collecting patents, of which he possessed several hundred for the 50some inventions to his credit over the course of his career. This visionary pioneer of motion pictures, colour television, colour photography, early flying machines, submarines, the wireless telegraph, the bullet-proof jacket and a whole host of other things we take for granted today, moved his workshop liver cancer in his adopted hometown in 1926, but is fondly remembered in come true...but only if you use your right hand, of course. > D-4, ul. Wałowa 7. bust can be found in this square, which is named in his honour. this square which features a two-level fountain and prominently displays a monument of Szczepanik, plus an outdoor exhibit on his life and inventions, eventual 'liberation' into the communist regime on January 17, 1945. The as well as a long curving wall that includes a large mirrored bust of his iconic head, his signature and some important dates from his career. Make a detour

to debate over the suitability of the chosen poets when it was unveiled in admire it from outside the gates. ▶ C-4, ul. Batorego 13.

More than just a marketing catchphrase, Tarnów is known as the 'Polish Local Products Centre

Stec Family Vineyard

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Zadora Winerv

winnica-zadora.pl. Open by prior arrangement.



2 Cathedral

includes two reconstructed medieval wells, and is surrounded on all four—the impressive, 72-metre tower, a handy point of reference when getting lost in one of Tarnów's many rambling back streets. Some nice recent additions nese buildings host various cultural venues, museums, restaurants and are also evident, including the fabulously ornate sculpted metal doors on the cafes, and in the spring and summer the Rynek comes to life with tables and southern side of the building, and a large monument of Pope John Paul II outside the entrance. ▶ D-4, Pl. Katedralny, www.katedra.tarnow.opoka.org. pl. Open 10:00-11:30, 13:00-17:00; Sun 13:00-15:00, 16:00-17:00.

3 The Old Synagogue Bimah

Between ul. Zydowska (Jewish Street) and Plac Rybny (Fish Square) stood the grand mausoleum in the middle of a pond in **Strzelecki Park** (D-1). when WWII broke out. The first synagogue at this site dates back to some time before 1582 and was rebuilt out of brick in 1670. On November 8th, 1939, 1987 a protective roof was placed over it, and the surrounding area has since been renovated into an appealing public space which hosts concerts during the annual celebrations of the 'Galician Shtetl - Jewish Memory Days' each summer. Today the bimah is the most visible and perhaps most important monument to Tarnów's Jewish heritage. ▶ D-3, Skwer Starej Synagogi.



2004. Today, however, it is one of Tarnów's most popular and photographed sculptures. The boxes beside each writer are intended to contain books

10 King Władysław Łokietek Monument

On March 7th, 1330, Polish King Władysław Łokietek bestowed Tarnów cityfounder Spycimir Leliwita with a document granting his new city the right to self-govern under Magdeburg Law, in recognition of services rendered to the crown. 678 years later, the citizens were still so grateful that they erected this impressive 3.5m bronze statue of the king to commemorate his gracious act. Towering over a large square in front of a preserved segment of Tarnów's from Vienna to Tarnów after falling in love with Wanda Dzikowska, the original defensive walls off ul. Wałowa, in real-life sculptor Czesław Dźwigaj's daughter of a Tarnów doctor, whom he married in Tarnów Cathedral in subject was much smaller, hence his affectionate nickname of 'Władvsław

building, affectionately known locally as the 'Cat Castle,' is worth seeking out for its highly eclectic mishmash of architectural styles and ornamental details, including gargoyles, horse heads, turrets, irregular and glazed bricks, and an odd Latin inscription. Designed in 1893 by city architect Szczęsny Zaremba, Located on Tarnów's main pedestrian street you'll find the seated sculptures the original owner of this private residence is a matter of speculation. Current of three popular 20th century Polish literary figures: Agnieszka Osiecka, Jan owner and local art collector Zbigniew Zarywski plans to some day open the Brzechwa and Zbigniew Herbert. Created by Jacek Kucaba, the work led building and its gardens to the public as a museum, but for now you'll have to

Rzuchowa



in the area, visit Tarnów's Tourist Info Office (Rynek 7) or **enotarnowskie.pl**. farming traditions, protecting the environment and promoting animal welfare.

Built on the 2.5 hectare site of a 13th century manor and park, the modern, behind to toil in the Polish soil, want to fill your trunk with cheap, delicious ideal for stretching the legs or having a picnic. veggies, or get the kids to think twice about their daily diet of fast food and Facebook posts, this earnest community initiative might be just the thing for If you don't have a car, you can also get to Debno by catching a bus, which Sat 13:00-18:00, and by prior arrangement.



4 Józef Bem Monument & Mural

Tarnów's greatest son was without doubt Józef Bem (1794-1850). A national hero of Poland, Hungary and Turkey, Bem fought for independence movements military school in Kraków. Bem participated in the Russian campaign of 1812 under Napoleon, earning France's highest military honour at only 19 years old. He then won PL's highest military honour - the Virtuti Militari - during the doomed **November Uprising** (against Tsarist rule in PL) in 1830, survived a Russian assassination attempt in Portugal, and joined the **Hungarian** Revolution of 1848, winning numerous battles while outnumbered against age 56, Bem's remains were brought back to Tarnów in 1929, and interred in a opposite the mikvah honours the memory of the victims of Auschwitz.

This 2.5 metre tall bronze **monument** was unveiled in 1985, and depicts Bem in a Hungarian uniform. On the wall nearby is a **mural** of the General with his staff at the Battle of Sibiu in 1849. The image is from a fragment of the famous **Transylvanian Panorama** by Jan Styka - an epic 120 x 50 metre panoramic painting from 1897 which was cut into pieces, scattered and lost for 70 years. Today 21 of these fragments can be seen in Tarnów's Galeria Panorama in the train station (A-6). A special Józef Bem Trail can be followed in Tarnów, which takes in his Mausoleum, birthplace (Pl. Gen. J. Bema 8, D-4) and more; visit the Tourist Info Office for details. ▶ D-3.



12 Székelys Gate & Petöfi Square

Refered to by some as Tarnów's 'Hungarian district,' this public square is This whimsical monument plays hurdy gurdy tunes upon approach - an entered via the decorative Székelys Gate - a wonderful example of traditional homage to the street performers who were a common sight during the 19th Szekler wood carving. Featuring a shingled roof and floral folk motifs, the gate century at the 'Burek' market where it now stands. ▶ D-4, Pl. Bema. is a symbolic portal connecting Poland and Hungary in kinship and respect the inscription reads, "Peace to those who enter, blessings to those who exit. One of only three such monuments in all of Poland, the gate was a gift to the city from the Székelys (or 'Szekler') people - a Hungarian ethnic group from the Carpathian Mountains. During the Hungarian Revolution of 1848, the Székelys comprised **General Józef Bem's** main fighting force, and won several victories over the Austrian Empire before the Russian Army entered the war and overpowered them. Among Bem's officers was Sandor Petöfi -1902 and fathered five children with. The sadly overlooked inventor died of the Elbow-high.' Locals believe that if you rub the king's shoe your wishes will the Hungarian poet and revolutionary, who died at the Battle of Segesvár; his

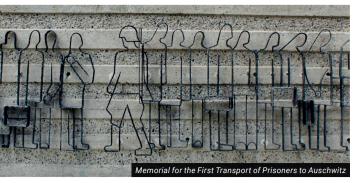
> Beyond the gate can be found additional examples of traditional Székelys wood One of Tarnów's most unique architectural monuments, this charming brick carving in the form of several 'kopiafa' (kopiiniki in Polish) - wooden totems erected on the graves of heroes who fell in battle. Each kopjafa is unique, and its decorative motifs convey different meanings about the deceased. In 2004 a kopjafa was erected for **Furgon Mihaly** - a Hungarian lawyer, historian and soldier who was injured during the 1914 Siege of Przemyśl and brought to Tarnów, where he died of his wounds. In 2008, a second kopjafa was erected in honour of **Norbert Lippóczy** - a Hungarian who settled in Tarnów to run a family winery and became a notable folk art collector, local philanthropist and founder of the Tarnów Friends of Hungary Society. ▶ C-4, Plac Petöfiego.

Debno

Debno Castle

temperature in the country, the most sunny days, longest summers and small village of Rzuchowa and its population of 2000 people, scarecrows, road from Kraków to Tarnów, Dębno Castle is an easy and worthwhile detour folk art, and one of the most photogenic places in PL. Since the late 19th nature preserve encompassing the largest sandstone formations in the least number of windy days. This is especially true of the **Pogórze** region potato fields, haystacks and roadside dogs. If you're feeling the pull of rural for anyone travelling between Małopolska's main cities. This late-Gothic century the residents of Zalipie have been painting their homes inside and out **Polish Carpathians**. Riddled with magnificent rock outcroppings, a scenic just south of Tarnów, which possesses a microclimate ideal for the Poland, there are also some surprising points of interest to be found, namely hiking trail winds you through the highlights of the forested landscape. A ultivation of wine grapes. Essentially the Polish Napa Valley, the region the Zadora Winery (see Enotourism) and the Local Products Centre - a Castellan of Kraków. At that time, the emphasis was beginning to shift from the smoke from cottage hearths would slowly blacken the interior walls; natural playground, what could be as short as a 40min hike can easily turn eatures some lovely countryside and enough vineyards to put together a family-friendly attraction aimed at promoting a healthy diet of organic locally- protection to prestige, as indicated by the beautiful brick and stone exterior to brighten them up the wives of each household would repaint them with into a day's outing depending how enthusiastic you are about exploring nice ruddy road trip. For more info, including a handy map of all the wineries grown crops and products, supporting local farmers, protecting regional enhanced by towers with lovely bay window trusses and door and window lime and embellish them with floral motifs. By the time this practice became every tunnel, cave and cranny along the route. frames embellished with organic, geometric and heraldic motifs. Though unnecessary, it had not only stuck, but evolved into a unique art form. remodelled several times as it passed through the centuries and the hands of several Polish noble families, the castle at Debno has maintained its original Just a scenic 15min drive south of Tarnów, this award-winning winery produces multi-functional 333m2 building of the LPC serves as an educational centre appearance of four two-storey wings connected by wooden interior arcades. a wide range of vintages and has played a major role in the popularisation of with tastings and workshops on regional Museum. Several other nature park is ostensibly open 24-hours, a 3/2zł trail fee is charged 10:00viticulture in Poland. Stec patriarch Rafał is president of the Polish Federation other community programmes, while also hosting exhibits, a gallery, library, and its sumptuous displays of historic period furniture and domestic items, of Winemakers, and his wife and sons are all wine lovers and stewards of the seed bank, cafe for sampling the local goods and a shop where you can paintings, weaponry and religious objects. A short walk around the castle an open-air museum of folk architecture and art. Most impressive, however, At the other end is the 'Rock With a Cross,' with access to the blue trail off amily business. Free guided tours are available in Polish and English; wine buy them (organic fruit and produce, honey, handicrafts, etc). There's also also offers the chance to see a few monuments, the village church, and a are the interiors - filled with original furnishings, farm tools, folk costumes of ul. Tysiąclecia, as well as the black trail which leads you on an additional tastings 30zł. Vul. Wołowa 60A, Tuchów, tel. (+48) 728 49 18 64, www. an educational garden for kids. If you're flirting with the idea of leaving it all picturesque graveyard. Overall, Debno is the perfect 90-minute diversion, and and paper crafts; to see them you must join a guided tour (in Polish) which

This excellent local winery produces red, rose and white dry wines and offers you. Guided tours in English can be arranged by calling +48 608 42 46 60. run about twice an hour from the 'Tarnów ul. Sikorskiego - Huta' stop outside inglish-language tours, tastings, lectures and more. Twelve kilometres from If you don't have a car (or tractor or horse-drawn buggy), you can get there the Świt shopping centre (B-5). The journey costs 4.50zł, takes 30-35mins Farnów, if you don't have a vehicle, you can take a 30min ride on bus 239 by public bus; buy a 3.20zł ticket, get on bus 213 at the 'Krakowska - Plac and drops you off within walking distance of the castle. > Dębno 189, www. from the 'Krakowska - Pl. Kościuszki' stop (B-5) to 'Błonie - Szczepanowice' Kościuszki' stop (B-5) and hop off at 'Rzuchowa - Centrum.' > Rzuchowa 1A, muzeum.tarnow.pl. Open 09:00-16:00; Sat, Sun 10:00-16:00; closed Mon. (3.20zł) ► Szczepanowice 215, Rzuchowa, tel. (+48) 502 71 46 96, www. tel. (+48) 603 99 56 10, www.cpl.odrolnika.pl. Open Mon-Fri 08:00-16:00, From April open 09:00-16:00; Sat, Sun 10:00-16:00; closed Mon. Admission 12/8zł; Sat, Sun 15/10zł. 🚾



5 The Former Mikvah & Auschwitz Memorial

fashionable at that time) by local architects Franciszek Hackbeil Sr. and Michał Mikoś, and opened in 1904. In use by the local Jewish community until Nazi occupation, during WWII Tarnów's mikvah was used as a temporary detention centre for prisoners bound for the concentration camps. Famously, 753 convicts from the local prison (mostly non-Jews) were locked in this building overnight, then washed, disinfected and escorted under gunpoint to the train station on the morning of June 14th, 1940, from whence they were sent to Oświecim to become the first inmates of the Auschwitz Austrian and Russian troops. Finally defeated. Bern escaped to Turkey and concentration camp. Not yet a death camp, these inmates from the Tarnów eventually became the governor of Aleppo in today's Syria, where he saved the area were given the camp's lowest prisoner identification numbers. Only city's Christian population from massacre by the Muslims. Dying of a fever at about 200 managed to survive the war, and a communist-era monumen

> After the war, the building of the mikvah was used as a public bath, and various shops, restaurants, nightclubs and other businesses have all occupied it since. In May 2017, a restaurant on the building's first floor was the subject of Polish celebrity chef Magda Gessler's culinary show Kuchenne Rewolucje ('Kitchen Revolutions'), resulting in its transformation into **Stara Łaźnia** - now one of Tarnów's premier dining destinations.

> Just 200 metres from here you'll also find a large **monument dedicated to** the victims of Stalinism - the first such monument erected in Poland. ▶ E-3. Pl. Wieźniów Oświecimia 1

> wood church was consecrated in 1462, and is home to a painting of the Virgin

Mary and Child to which numerous miracles are attributed. If you can get

yourself inside, the first thing you'll notice is the extraordinary smell of wood,

a miniature organ, painted flowers on the ceiling and a few remaining touches

of the original wall paintings. Lovely. ▶ D-5, ul. Najświętszej Marii Panny 1,

tel. (+48) 14 621 31 75, www.mbsz.diecezja.tarnow.pl. Open 08:00-19:30.

A haunting yet strangely serene testament to Tarnów's rich cultural past, the

city's primary Catholic cemetery dates from 1790 and features over 4,000

graves as well as several memorials, namely to the local insurgencies of

1831 and 1863, and another to the victims of the 1846 peasant riot. Also, just

outside the main gates (D-5) is a large and austere, but expressive, two-part

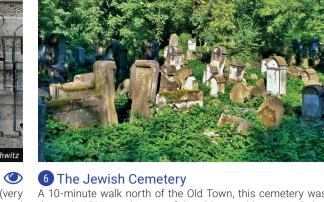
memorial to those who lost their lives between 1939 and 1945, which features

a crying child (symbolising life's grief after the loss of loved ones) and three

kneeling martyrs. Located between St. Mary's and the Holy Trinity church,

those following the Wooden Architecture Trail can actually cut through the

Old Cemetery to get from the former to the latter. ▶ D-5/6, ul. Narutowicza.



Tarnów's ritual Jewish bathhouse was designed in the Moorish style (very A 10-minute walk north of the Old Town, this cemetery was established in the early 1580s and is one of the oldest and largest in Poland. With several thousand gravestones, the Jewish Cemetery is a haunting albeit necessary part of any visit to Tarnów. Though still overgrown in some areas, millions of złoty have been invested in the cemetery's restoration in recent years. Near the entrance is a large memorial to the Jews of Tarnów, built from one of the columns of the city's destroyed synagogue, and there are signs in English marking some of the graveyard's more eminent souls. The cemetery's original gates are now in Washington DC's Holocaust Museum, and their replacements are kept firmly locked, however it is possible to borrow a key by leaving a 30zł deposit at the Tourist Information Centre (Rynek 7). ▶ E/F-2.

Located just north of the centre, Strzelecki is Tarnów's oldest public park, established back in 1866 and lovingly renovated in 2019/2020. An 8-hectare English-style garden planted with many unique trees, shrubs and perennials, within the picturesque grounds you'll find some interesting architectural structures, including Pałacyk Strzelecki - a 19th century neo-Gothic indoor shooting range adopted to host the BWA, Tarnów's best art gallery (C-2). The park's other highlight is General Bem's mausoleum at the park's north end (D-1). Here, Bem's enormous sarcophagus, which bears inscriptions in Polish, Hungarian and Turkish, stands atop six massive columns. The pond it rises out of is home to swans and ducks and full of water lilies, making this one of the most photogenic places in Tarnów. ▶ C/D-1, Open 06:00-21:00.



16 Holy Trinity Church

Consecrated in 1597, if you can get inside this Gothic wooden church you'll be surprised by the sumptuous interiors of the modestly-sized space, including the bright blue ceiling and gilded altar. Created in the late-Renaissance, take a close look at the altar's extraordinary painting the Throne of Grace, which depicts God with six fingers on his left hand - representing the number of days it Known locally as the 'Church by the Burek', this beautiful little Gothic larch took Him to create the Earth. • D-6, ul. Tuchowska 5, www.tarnowterlikowka. diecezja.tarnow.pl. Open during mass only or on request.

17 St. Martin's Hill

This 384m high hill on the southern end of Tarnów is considered the northernmost point of the Carpathian Mountains, and it was here that the Tarnowski Castle stood for many centuries. First built in 1331, it was adapted nto a Renaissance-style palace by hetman Jan Tarnowski in the 16th century, but after his son died childless in 1567 - a mere six years after his own death - the castle was neglected and eventually abandoned in 1723. Today all that remains are ruins, but they serve as a popular hiking destination for locals who enjoy the panoramic views of the Old Town. En route to the top you'll pass Podzamcze - a perfectly decent dining option, and also a recreation centre with two large outdoor swimming pools. On the eastern side, about a 15min walk from the castle ruins near a tall TV transmitter, you'll find one of Tarnów's wooden churches: St. Martin's. Built in Gothic style in the 15th century, it stands on the site of Tarnów's first parish, established in the 12th century. To get there you can take a cab for about 15zł (call +48 601 519 919), or catch bus 31, getting off at 'Góra Św. Marcina' 10mins later.



13 The Organ Grinder

14 St. Mary's Church

hotspot' (Polski biegun ciepła) due to having the warmest average About 10km south of Tarnów on the scenic route to Nowy Sącz you'll find the Located a mere 22km west of Tarnów, just off of road 94 - the former main This small village some 35km north of Tarnów is synonymous with Polish 40km south from Tarnów, Ciężkowice is home to Stone City - a 15 hectare

Local artist Felicja Curyłowa (1904-1974) was an ambassador for Zalipie's folk art traditions, often visited by tourists and passersby. Upon her death, local buildings have been moved to the farmstead, and today they constitute depart every hour, on the hour. ►Zalipie 135, tel. (+48) 14 641 19 12, www. Ciężkowice market square (10min walk), making this the best access point muzeum.tarnow.pl. Open 08:00-16:00; Thu, Sun 09:00-17:00; closed Mon. Admission 8/5zł. 🚾

In addition to the Curyłowa Farmstead, you'll see other painted homes, barns, wells and more as you explore Zalipie; seek out the Painters' House (Zalipie 128A) and St. Joseph's Church (Zalipie 160). Everything is within e-podroznik.pl to find connections from Tarnów if you don't have a car.



Stone City

for those without a car.

The nature preserve has two access points, connected via the blue trail. The main entrance, most easily accessed by car, is off of ul. Krynicka (road no. 977), and features a restaurant, restrooms, and picnic area. Though this 18:00 at this entrance; there is also a **5zł parking fee**.

10min walk through the 'Witch Gorge.' Tysiaclecia leads directly to the

The perfect day trip, Ciężkowice also features a charming market square, where you'll find a **Tourist Info** centre in the Town Hall (open 10:00-18:00; closed Sat, Sun), a spectacular Neo-Gothic church, and truly impressive interactive Natural Science Museum (ul. 3 Maja 34, muzeum.ciezkowice.pl). To get to walking distance, but pack a lunch - there are no restaurants or shops. Use Cieżkowiceacarisideal, but buses run frequently from Tarnów (e-podroznik, pl). ▶ www.ciezkowice.pl, www.skamienialemiasto.pl.

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