



For centuries, **Praga** has been diverse in terms of culture, ethnicity and religion. It wasn't destroyed during World War II and as a result it is considered the most authentic part of the city. Start your visit to Praga by going to the Praga Museum where you can learn about the history of the district. Take a stroll through the historic streets, pop into temples of various religions, find the shrines hidden in backyards and view original murals. Spend time in the historic Skaryszewski Park or at the zoo. Finish by visiting Saska Kępa, a neighbourhood full of modernist architecture and restaurants with flavours from around the world.



Praga Museum of Warsaw (Muzeum Warszawskiej Pragi) ①

The museum is located in the oldest residential building in the district. Not only will you learn the history of Warsaw's right-bank district, you can also listen to interviews with Praga's oldest residents, see a model of 18th-century Praga and see wall paintings inside an old Jewish prayer house. From

the museum's observation deck you can look over the Różycki market, one of the oldest marketplaces in Warsaw. Nearby on Antoniego Mackiewicza street is the three-dimensional mural **Hole in the Whole** ②. [ul. Targowa 50/52](http://ul.Targowa 50/52), www.muzeumpragi.pl

Praga Koneser Centre (Centrum Praskie Koneser) ③

In Praga Koneser Centre, in the renovated complex of the 19th-century Koneser vodka distillery, you will find today the Google Campus business centre, designer shops, innovative restaurants and small bars. Visit the multimedia Polish Vodka Museum to learn how the Polish drink is made. [pl. Konesera](http://pl.Konesera), www.koneser.eu



Praga temples ④
The first churches were built on the right bank of the Vistula in the Middle Ages. One of them is **the church of Our Lady of Loreta** (kościół Matki Bożej Loretańskiej) from the first half of the 17th century, which was built with support of King Władysław IV. Pay special attention to the Loreto house – a chapel with a Gothic statue of Our Lady of Kamioneł.

The neo-Gothic cathedral of Saint Michael the Archangel and Saint Florian the Martyr (katedra św. Michała Archanioła i św. Floriana Męczennika), built at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries, is the main Roman Catholic church in Praga. Take a look inside at the original figures of both patrons.



When you are in Praga, don't forget to visit **the Orthodox church of St. Mary Magdalene** (cerkiew prawosławna św. Marii Magdaleny). The five-domed building modelled on churches in Kiev was completed in 1869. Inside, see the frescoes depicting the saints of the Orthodox church, as well as fragments of the Last Supper mosaic that remain of the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, which used to stand in the centre of Warsaw.

Praga chapels ⑦

The chapels were created mainly during World War II and became places to pray and meet. Most of the over one hundred antique chapels are located in Praga's courtyards and gates. One of the oldest, which depicts Madonna and the Child carved in stone, can be found on the corner of Żabkowska and Korsaka Streets.





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Historical architecture and contemporary street art

One of the main streets of old Praga is **Żabkowska**, ❶ often called Praga's Old Town. The oldest buildings date from the 1860s. During summer weekends, the street turns into a stage for numerous cultural events. Take a walk along other streets in Praga: on **11 Listopada street**, ❷ you will see old military barracks, while at 1, 3, 5 and 9 **Mała street** ❸ check out the first brick houses in

Praga. Mała street has repeatedly served as a film set for pre-war Warsaw (including the film *The Pianist* by Roman Polański). The work of world-renowned street artists adorns the walls of tenement houses in Praga. Pay special attention to Warsaw Fight Club at **Środkowa 17** ❹.

Soho Factory ❺

Soho Factory used to be the home of factories producing scooters and motorcycles. Now, the former production halls accommodate art studios, designer shops, restaurants and even innovative theatre stages. Don't forget to visit the Neon Museum (www.neonmuseum.org) with its collection of neon advertising signs from the 1960s and 1970s.

[ul. Mińska 25](#)



Zoo ❻

The zoo in Praga is the perfect place for children and adults and is home to over 550 species of animals. Visit the herpetarium, where several hundred reptiles live, see the only Polish hall imitating the jungle and discover the Fairytale Zoo, where children can feed the animals under the supervision of zoo staff.

Take a stroll along the zoo's paths and stop at the Żabiński villa. This is the place where, during World War II, the zoo's

director, Jan Żabiński, and his wife Antonia hid Jews from the Warsaw ghetto. Praski Park is right next door and there you can see the popular enclosure for brown bears.

[ul. Ratuszowa 1/3](#), www.zoo.waw.pl



PGE NARODOWY – Stadium ❼

The national stadium is the most modern and largest stadium in Poland. Not only football matches are held here, but also concerts with global stars, international conferences, fairs and sporting events. In winter, the stadium turns into the largest winter town in Poland with ice rinks, an ice hill, a curling track and the largest indoor skatepark in the capital.

[al. ks. J. Poniatowskiego 1](#), www.pgenarodowy.pl

Saska Kępa ❽

Saska Kępa is considered one of the most elegant areas of right-bank Warsaw. Lots of well-known personalities live here, and many embassies are situated here as well. To feel the international atmosphere of the place, walk down Francuska street, where you will find restaurants with food from around the world. In the spring, you can take part in the Saska Kępa festival, which hosts concerts and other cultural events. An additional attraction of the area is **Skaryszewski Park**, ❾ where you can sail in a canoe or pedal boat during the summer.



Ecological walking and cycling path ❿

An ecological path that runs along the right bank of the Vistula awaits nature lovers. You can cycle along it on a Veturilo city bike. Along the way you will see lots of birds and animals, and you can take a break at one of the wild beaches overlooking the city skyline, the Old and New Town and Powiśle.

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