Wrocław

Wrocław, called in Poland - Venice of the North - is a city of bridges and beautiful greenery. The city is the administrative, historic and business capital of Lower Silesia region. The history of Wrocław dates back to the 6th century to the birth of the first Slavonic settlements. In the year 1000, the bishopric was established and in the 13th century, Wrocław was granted full rights as a city.

Wroclaw is one of the oldest and prettiest cities in Poland. Located on the edge of the river Oder, with numerous canals, the city boasts the extraordinary amount of 12 islands and 112 bridges. Wrocław lies 310 km south-west of Warsaw (capital city), 270 km west of Kraków, 160 km from German border (200 km away from Dresden) and 130 km from the Czech Republic. Fourth in ranking among Polish cities (approx. 700.000 inhabitants), Wrocław is an important center for industry, transport and communication in South Poland. The transport infrastructure includes an international airport, railway lines, highways and 2 docks.



Academic life of Wrocław is associated with the 13 institutions of higher learning, while the cultural calendar of events is provided for by the city's 5 theatres, the Philharmonic orchestra, numerous clubs, museums and galleries. You can admire number of medieval monuments and interesting places in Wrocław, among which is the "Panorama Racławicka", one of the city's emblems, an enormous rotunda inside of which is a panoramic painting depicting a battle dating back to 1794. Not to be missed are sites such as the nice Old Town and its countless pubs and cafés, narrow streets, renovated tenement homes, the Town Hall, the Market Square and Gothic and Renaissance architecture. Also, worth a visit are the University with the Baroque Leopoldinum Hall and Marianum Oratory, Tum Island, the People's Hall and the Botanical Garden - one of the oldest in Europe. For a unique view of the city, try one of the boat tours that run down the River Odra.

Travel to Wrocław

<u>By air</u>: Wrocław Airport (Strachowice), directly or via Warszawa (Warsaw), Kraków (Cracow), Poznań, Katowice. Many flight through Frankfurt, Munich or Berlin are available. Wrocław airport is located 10 km southwest of the center of the city. The bus from the airport to the main railway station in the city center (No. 106) goes approximately every 15 min. Taxi from the airport to the center of the city cost appr. 15 Euros

By train: to the main railway station "Wrocław Główny", which is located in the center of the city.

<u>By bus:</u> there are many international buses going to Wrocław (e.g. Polski Bus, Flix Bus). The temporary bus station is located in the city center, next to the main railway station.

By car: The highway A4 from German border is the best option.

There are many bus and tram connections between railway station, University and hotels. To go directly from the airport to the course place, take bus line No 106 to the centre of the town (bus stop "Dworcowa"), then take tram No 9 or bus 145, 146 and take off at plac Grunwaldzki. You may take a taxi. Taxi within the Wroclaw costs usually 10-20 Euros.

