



ETZ CHAIM - SCHOOL OF CULTURAL DIALOGUE

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ABOUT US

Etz Chaim – School of Cultural Dialogue is an educational institution in Wrocław dedicated to education, Jewish culture, intercultural dialogue, tolerance and respect for diversity. The school brings together students from different cultural and religious backgrounds and promotes an educational environment based on openness, cooperation and mutual understanding. Its mission combines knowledge and personal development with the values of dialogue, inclusion and respect, making Etz Chaim a particularly meaningful partner for international and Erasmus+ cooperation.

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IMPORTANT INFO

Before arriving in Wrocław, remember that Poland uses the Polish złoty (PLN) and card payments are widely accepted, although some cash can be useful. The official language is Polish, but English is commonly spoken in hotels, restaurants, tourist attractions and international environments. The emergency number is 112, and late September and early October usually bring mild autumn weather, so comfortable shoes, layers and a waterproof jacket are recommended. Wrocław is generally easy to navigate and offers a safe, welcoming environment for international visitors.



MEANS OF TRANSPORT

Wrocław has an extensive network of trams and buses, making public transport the most practical way to travel around the city, while the historic centre and many major attractions can easily be explored on foot. Taxis and ride-hailing services are useful for airport transfers and late journeys, while Wrocław Główny railway station provides excellent connections with other Polish and European cities. The nearest airport is Wrocław Copernicus Airport (WRO), approximately 10 km from the city centre.



ACCOMMODATION

- <https://www.booking.com/Share-6gxhJ2>
- <https://www.booking.com/Share-HtxMNPu>
- <https://www.booking.com/Share-W5QF87Y>
- <https://www.booking.com/Share-Rg7III>
- <https://www.booking.com/Share-vy4xx1>
- <https://www.booking.com/Share-4RDX4S>



LOCAL TIPS

To experience Wrocław like a local, take time to explore its cafés, restaurants, markets and pedestrian streets rather than visiting only the main tourist attractions. Try traditional Polish dishes such as pierogi, żurek, potato pancakes and Polish cheesecake, and enjoy a coffee in the historic centre. One of the city's most entertaining traditions is searching for its hundreds of small bronze dwarf statues, which are hidden throughout Wrocław. An evening walk along the Oder River or through the illuminated Market Square is also a great way to experience the atmosphere of the city.



POINTS OF INTEREST

Wrocław offers a fascinating combination of history, architecture, culture and Jewish heritage. Visit the spectacular Market Square and Old Town, walk through historic Ostrów Tumski, explore the University of Wrocław and its magnificent Aula Leopoldina, and admire the Panorama of Racławice. For an Erasmus+ group connected with Etz Chaim, the White Stork Synagogue and Four Denominations District are particularly important, offering an opportunity to learn about Wrocław's Jewish heritage and its tradition of coexistence between different religious communities. The city also offers modern attractions such as Centennial Hall, Hydropolis and Szczytnicki Park.



DAY TRIPS

Wrocław is an excellent starting point for discovering the wider Lower Silesian region, which is famous for castles, historic towns, mountains and cultural heritage. A particularly recommended excursion is Książ Castle and Świdnica, combining one of Poland's most impressive castles with the UNESCO-listed Church of Peace. Nature lovers can consider Jelenia Góra and the Karkonosze Mountains, while participants interested in European and Jewish history may consider an educational visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau, provided the programme includes appropriate preparation and reflection. Each option offers a different perspective on Polish history, culture and identity.



LANGUAGE TIPS

Although English is widely spoken in Wrocław, learning a few Polish expressions is a great way to connect with local people and show appreciation for Polish culture. Start with “Dzień dobry” for hello, “Dziękuję” for thank you, “Proszę” for please or you're welcome and “Przepraszam” for excuse me or sorry. In restaurants, “Poproszę...” means “I would like...”, while “Rachunek, proszę” means “The bill, please.” Even a few simple Polish words can make everyday interactions warmer and more memorable.