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Prosperity and extensive growth in the late 19th century was brought to Katowice by the coal and steel industry, turning it into a Silesian metropolis. Today heavy industry has disappeared, and new small businesses are creating a flourishing, modern city. Walk the beautiful old township of Nikiszowiec during the day and be inspired by art and music all over the city. Drop into the lovely shops, and when the evening comes be prepared to spend a long night dancing.



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THE CITY



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Katowice is the centre of the Upper Silesian Industrial District that contains a number of towns with a combined population of more than two million people. Throughout history, the city of Katowice was not always known by the same name. After WWII, at the prosperity of the Stalinist regime, the city was renamed Stalinogród, but changed to its old name soon after the Comrade Joe died in 1953.

Nowadays a young population contributes to the rich culture, modern vibes and the vibrant restaurant scene. More than 100,000 students are living and studying here, which makes Katowice an important science and education hub. Still you can experience the strong Silesian culture that has been developed in and around Katowice. Even world-famous events as the Rawa-Blues-Festival or the international conductor competition are set up here.

DO & SEE



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Katowice continues to steadily add museums and attractions to a growing list of eclectic sites that make the city absolutely unique. There may not be any palaces or castles around, since industrial tourism is what most attracts visitors to the booming heart of Poland's Industrial Revolution. Churches, growing business centres, and old townhouses are all a pleasure to look at, while an evening in the opera or theatre will complete your day perfectly.

Silesian Museum



The Silesian Museum exhibits Polish paintings from 1800 to 1939 and features various temporary displays from its immense collections

such as archaeology or local history and culture.

Photo: Kuba Barzycki/Shutterstock.com Address: Aleja Korfantego 3, Katowice

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 10.00 - 17.00, Sat-Sun 11.00 - 17.00

Phone: +48 32 258 56 61

Internet: www.muzeumslaskie.pl



Katowice History Museum



The museum deals with the history Katowice and Silesian culture in general. The exposition helps visitors understand the essence of the city

showing original objects, maps and traditionally furnished apartments.

Photo: Lestat (Jan Mehlich)/Wikimedia Commons (image

cropped)

Address: Szafranka 9, Katowice Phone: +48 32 256 1810

Internet: www.mhk.katowice.pl

Cathedral of Christ the King



The Cathedral of Christ the King, built between 1927 and 1955, is the largest cathedral in Poland. Pope John Paul II visited the cathedral once

in 1983. The cathedral is easy to locate - its dome stands out in the Katowice skyline.

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Address: Plebiscytowa 49A, Katowice Phone: +48 32 251 21 96

Internet: katedra.archidiecezjakatowicka.pl

Nikiszowiec



You will love this place, a whole township with traditional red brick houses in fine Silesian architecture. If you are already there, go and visit

the bakery Michalski with the best cakes in Katowice.

Photo: Velishchuk Yevhen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plac Wyzwolenia, Katowice

Phone: +48 32 2551 480

Email: kontakt@nikiszowiec.pl

Church of St. Michael the Archangel



The church is one of the oldest buildings in Katowice, located in the beautiful Kosciuzko Park. Originally it was constructed in 1510 in

the village Syrynia from where it was moved to its present location in 1938. The uniqueness of the church is and was always admired.

Photo: Lestat (Jan Mehlich)/Wikimedia Commons

Address: Kosciuszki 112, Katowice Internet: www.michal.wiara.org.pl Email: marek.spyra@da.katowice.pl

Silesian Theatre



The Silesian Theatre is located on Katowice market square. It is up to you whether you choose modern and bold staging of a play or go for an

entertaining evening with good comedy - Silesia's oldest theatre will certainly not disappoint.

Photo: Velishchuk Yevhen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rynek 10, Katowice Phone: +48 32 258 72 51 Internet: www.teatrslaski.art.pl

Kinoteatr Rialto



The cinema-theatre Rialto is an artist-run venue that specialises in independent film and music. Here, visitors will be able to catch a movie

that isn't shown in ordinary commercial cinemas, or simply enjoy a cup of coffee at the artsy



on-site cafe.

Photo: Velishchuk Yevhen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sw. Jana 24, Katowice Phone: +48 32 251 04 31 Internet: www.rialto.katowice.pl Email: rezerwacja@rialto.katowice.pl

Silesian Philharmonic



The Silesian Philharmonic is regarded as one of the most distinguished orchestras in Poland.The list of prominent pianists who have played here

includes (but is not limited to) Witold Malcuzynski and Sviatoslav Richter.

Photo: Furtseff/Shutterstock.com Address: Sokolska 2, Katowice Phone: +48 32 351 17 19

Internet: www.filharmonia-slaska.eu

NOSPR Concert Hall



The new concert hall just opened in 2014 and exceeds all expectations in acoustics as well as in architecture. The National Polish Radio

Symphony Orchestra playing here is another one of Poland's premier classical music orchestras.

Photo: MacQtosh/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Plac Wojciecha Kilara 11, Katowice

Phone: +48 32 732 53 00 Internet: www.nospr.org.pl

Park Kosciuszko



One of the most attractive green spaces in Katowice, the Kosciuszko park is an attractive spot for a relaxing walk not too far from the city center. It is

frequented by locals, who come for strolls and bike rides.

Photo: Lestat (Jan Mehlich) (image cropped) Address: Park Kosciuszki, Katowice

Spodek



In Spodek there are concerts, matches, festivals and markets and it is well known for being a great event venue in Katowice. Although you

get no chance to get in, it is worth to see from outside. It is literally like an UFO that has landed in the middle of the city. In the evening there is beautiful illumination on the Spodek, it changes depending on what event is celebrated at the moment.

Photo: Andrzej Rostek/Shutterstock.com Address: Aleja Korfantego 35, Katowice

Phone: +48 32 258 32 61 Internet: www.spodek.eu Email: mosir@mosir.katowice.pl

Valley of Three Ponds



The valley of Three Ponds is a large park in the southern part of the city. The green grass and the blue water invites you to lie in the sun and have

barbecues. This is a great place to visit with your family, friends and colleagues.



Photo: mkos83/Shutterstock.com

Address: Osiedle Ignacego Paderewskiego, Muchowiec.,

Katowic

Silesian Insurgents Monument



The communist-era monument commemorates the Polish insurgents of the three Silesian Rebellions between 1919 and 1921.

The imposing structure is shaped in the form of three eagle wings flapping and is interesting to take a look at.

Photo: Paweł/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Aleja Wojciecha Korfantego, Katowice

Memorial and Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau



40km away from
Katowice lies the
Holocaust memorial of
Auschwitz. The site
consists of two former
concentration camps:

Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II-Birkenau. In 1979, the site was added to the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Photo: Giorgi L/Shutterstock.com

Address: Wiezniów Oswiecimia 20, Oswiecim

Opening hours: Daily 8.00 - 15.00 (spring and summer longer

opening hours)

Phone: +48 338448099 Internet: www.auschwitz.org

Email: reservation.office@auschwitz.org

DINING



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The cuisine in Katowice offers more than just a traditional plate full of meat and potatoes. There is a great variety of restaurants all around town, with a mixture of Silesian and international culinary traditions represented. There is something for everyone, from burgers and sushi to the famous Polish pierogi, which can all be accompanied with a good beer - you will definitely enjoy it.

Zloty Osiol



The Zloty Osiol is a popular vegetarian restaurant that serves all kinds of veggie dishes from all around the world.

Photo: Timolina/Shutterstock.com Address: Mariacka 1, Katowice

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10.00 - 22.00, Sun 12.00 - 22.00

Phone: +48 501 465 690 Internet: www.wegebar.com

Restauracja Tatiana



If you want to experience the taste of real Polish food, this is the place to go. The interior is just as traditional as the food, staff is friendly and the



dishes are very inexpensive.

Photo: Cesarz/Shutterstock.com Address: Staromiejska 5, Katowice

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11.30 - 23.00, Sun 12.00 - 22.30

Phone: +48 32 203 74 13

Internet: www.restauracjatatiana.pl

Hurry Curry



The Indian restaurant in the centre of Katowice serves excellent curries. The staff is friendly and the focus lies on the food itself and customer

service. Since the restaurant is a rather popular and compact one, reservations are recommended.

Photo: Foodio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stanislawa 1, Swietego Stanislawa, Katowice Opening hours: Sun 12.00 - 20.00, Mon-Thu 12.00 - 22.00,

Fri-Sat 12.00 - 1.00 Phone: +48 511 433 663 Internet: www.hurrycurry.pl

Mad Mick



Mad Mick brings
American burger to
Katowice, along with
great atmosphere and
super friendly staff. The
burgers they serve are

deliciously prepared with fresh ingredients. Moreover, they have a good selection of Czech beers - you have to try spending an evening at Mad Mick.

Photo: NatashaPhoto/Shutterstock.com Address: Warszawska 13, Katowice Opening hours: Daily 11.00 - 24.00

Phone: +48 535 466 866 Internet: www.madmick.pl

Little Hanoi



Little Hanoi is a delightful Vietnamese eatery, a place that serves great quality Vietnamese and Asian cuisine. The restaurant's location in

the city center makes it an easy choice for lunch or dinner.

Photo: pattanachai w/Shutterstock.com Address: Staromiejska 4, Katowice

Opening hours: Sun-Mon 13.30 - 23.00, Tue-Sat 12.30 - 23.00

Phone: +48 886 623 388 Internet: www.littlehanoi.pl Email: littlehanoi@littlehanoi.pl

The Spencer Pub



At this pub, guests are welcome to tuck into a full English breakfast or stop by for an evening drink and pub grub. Staff are English-speaking,

which is an added bonus for international visitors.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com Address: Wojewódzka 21, Katowice

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12.00 - 1.00, Sat-Sun 14.00 - 1.00

Phone: +48 32 251 54 73 Internet: www.spencerpub.pl

Stare i Nowe



You will be impressed by the number of vegetarian dishes they offer including vegetarian burgers and lovely salads. The service as well as the

interior is just as great as the food.

Photo: Karl Allgaeuer/Shutterstock.com



Address: Chorzowska 7B, Katowice

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10.00 - 22.00, Fri 10.00 - 23.00, Sat

12.00 - 23.00, Sun 12.00 - 20.00 Phone: +48 32 209 70 41 Internet: www.stareinowe.pl Email: restauracja@stareinowe.pl

Sushi Do



One of the most popular sushi restaurants in town, Sushi Do is conveniently located right next to the railway station. The establishment has "all

you can eat" evenings every once in a while - do check their page around the dates of your trip.

Photo: Maksim Toome/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3-go maja 30, Katowice Opening hours: Daily 10.00 - 21.00

Phone: +48 722 009 010

Internet: www.sushi-do.pl/katowice/o-nas-sushi

Email: katowice@sushi-do.pl

Pierogi Swiata



In Poland, "pierogi" are dumplings that are first boiled and then (sometimes) fried. Stuffing varieties range from savoury meat,

potato, and cabbage to cheese and fruit. The staff is always happy to offer you a personal recommendation.

Photo: arfo/Shutterstock.com Address: Jagiellonska 4, Katowice

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12.00 - 23.00, Sun 13.00 - 22.00

Phone: +48 32 723 29 97 Internet: www.pierogiswiata.pl

CAFES



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Katowice today has no shortage of coffee shops and cafes, ranging from internationally renowned coffee chains to one-of-a-kind local bakeries and quaint eateries.

LOKAL Bakery



LOKAL Bakery is a place that stands out from Katowice competition with the exceptional quality of its freshly baked breads and

pastries. The owners (Ola and Radek) decided to quit their jobs in finance and follow their passion opening this French-style bakery with a Scandinavian-inspired interior.

Photo: IVASHstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Misjonarzy Oblatów MN 29, Katowice

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7.30 - 18.00, Sat-Sun 8.30 - 17.00

Phone: +48 726 289 921 Email: bakery.lokal@gmail.com

Costa Coffee



The several Katowice installments of the international coffee shop chain Costa Coffee offers visitors friendly service, a large selection of coffees,

sandwiches, cakes and cookies. Coffee is also



available for take-away.

Photo: Jan Knop/Shutterstock.com Address: Chorzowska 107, Katowice

Phone: +48 665 204 248 Internet: www.costacoffee.pl

Starbucks



Starbucks is a world-renowned coffee shop chain. You can choose between different coffee flavours and cup sizes, and go for a lovely

piece of cake, sandwich or smoothie. Make yourself comfortable in the café and write an e-mail back home – Wi-Fi is available.

Photo: vit-plus/Shutterstock.com Address: Plac Szewczyka 1, Katowice Opening hours: Daily 5.00 - 22.00

Phone: +48 71 386 19 02 Internet: www.starbucks.pl

Café Vanilia



Café Vanilia is a cosy place on a busy street in the centre of Katowice. The interior is elegant and service is always polite. There is a large

selection of cakes, desserts, ice cream, coffee, tea and hot chocolate you can choose from – expect everything to be really delicious.

Photo: Antonio Guillem/Shutterstock.com Address: Warszawska 13, Katowice

Opening hours: Daily 7.00 - 19.00

Phone: +48 509 961 933 More Info: Wi-Fi

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Whether you prefer to dance the night away or enjoy a casual glass of chablis, Katowice has the nightlife experience for you. In and around Katowice you will find numerous bars and pubs, some are pubs favoured by the town's students, whilst others can be classified as lounges and discos. With a blend of modern music and (sometimes) curious interiors, Katowice's vibe will make you never want to go to bed.

Old Cuban Cocktail Bar



This is definitely a must-go for cocktail lovers – you get a great selection of cocktails for very low prices. The bar has a nice atmosphere

and is conducive to having a great evening with your friends.

Photo: Lukas Gojda/Shutterstock.com Address: Wojewódzka 26A, Katowice

Opening hours: Mon-Thu from 13.00, Fri-Sat from 16.00

Phone: +48 530 754 766 Email: biuro@oldcuban.pl



Mega Club



To enjoy the night, come to the Mega Club. It was one of the first clubs in Katowice and tradition mixed with modern design have made it a

popular place in the city. Apart from clubbing, you can see live performances of famous artists -Polish as well as international.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Zelazna 15, Katowice Internet: www.megaclub.pl Email: info@megaclub.pl

City Pub



People call it the best place to drink it town and its cult status is unquestionable. The concept is something between a bar and a club

with several rooms, two bars and a dance floor. Go and enjoy a Guinness during the week or spend a night on the dance floor during the weekends.

Photo: Room 76/Shutterstock.com Address: 3 Maja 23, Katowice

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 12.00 - 24.00, Fri-Sat 12.00 - 3.00,

Sun 14.00 - 24.00 Phone: +48 32 253 97 99 Internet: www.citypub.pl

Biala Malpa



If you translate the name Biala Malpa, you will end up with "white monkey". The place was born from the love of good beer and today you can enjoy an

impressive 160 types of beer here. Sit

comfortably and discover the plethora of flavours on offer.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Maja 38, Katowice

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 12.00 - 24.00, Fri 12.00 - 1.00, Sat

14.00 - 1.00, Sun 16.00 - 24.00 Phone: +48 881 228 048 Internet: www.bialamalpa.pl Email: info@bialamalpa.pl

Klub Pomarancza



It is one of the most modern clubs in Central and Eastern Europe, equipped with an ultra-modern visual-light system. The club consists

of three levels on which 3 separate dance floors, two VIP rooms, six bars and a restaurant are located. Klub Pomarancza is a unique place inspired of the best clubs of Las Vegas and Ibiza, so come and dance.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Matejki 3, Katowice

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 21.00 - 6.00

Phone: +48 513 600 300

Internet: www.klubpomarancza.pl

Sky Bar



Some of the best views over Katowice may be had at the aptly named Sky Bar, located on the 27th floor of Qubus Hotel Prestig. It is definitely the

highest cocktail bar in this part of the country. They offer a wide selection of cocktails, snacks and wines.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Uniwersytecka 13, Katowice

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10.00 - 2.00, Sat-Sun 16.00 - 2.00



Phone: +48 32 601 01 00 Internet: www.skybar.pl

Kato



If you're looking for an alternative hang out spot in Katowice - look no further, since Kato is the indie place to be for young local urbanities,

and one of the town's favourite bars. Prices are affordable and a variety of drinks are on offer.

Photo: Nejron Photo/Shutterstock.com Address: Mariacka 13, Katowice

Jazz Club Hipnoza



Very nice bar with a unique atmosphere and good kitchen. It is the perfect place for night visits and evening meetings, or just having a

beer and dinner with friends. International bands make frequent appearances on the establishment's stage.

Photo: melis/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plac Sejmu Slaskiego 2, Katowice

Phone: +48 660 476 156 Internet: www.jazzclub.pl Email: jazzclub@jazzclub.pl

SHOPPING



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Although Katowice may not exactly be a shopping Mecca, there are quite a few places one may head in search for local specialties. One of the several wine shops around town are good for sampling local drinks, the Wawel chocolate factory outlet will please those with a sweet tooth, and the famous Bolesławiecka pottery at Dyrekcyjna 4 makes for great gifts and souvenirs. One ultra-trendy store not to be missed by savvy shoppers is the incredibly stylish Geszeft, selling unique designs of clothing, accessories, and stationery.

Silesia City Center



If you want to go for a substantial shopping trip, you will be best at the Silesia City Centre. The shopping mall contains a wide selection of

international brand-name boutiques selling clothing and accessories, as well as multiple eateries and a cinema.

Photo: LuckyImages/Shutterstock.com Address: Chorzowska 107, Katowice

Phone: +48 32 60 50 000

Internet: www.silesiacitycenter.com.pl



Geszeft



A hip store for hipsters and lovers of unique clothing and accessory designs – shop around or flip through the pages of books on the store

shelves. At the same time you can go for a coffee and have a tea or Latte Macchiato.

Photo: nenetus/Shutterstock.com Address: Morcinka 23-25, Katowice

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11.00 - 19.00, Sat 10.00 - 17.00

Phone: +48 534 76 76 54 Internet: www.geszeft.co Email: info@geszeft.co

Karabela



If you like antiques you will find the best ones here in Karabela: paintings, furniture, jewellery, clocks, silver, glass and ceramics, old

military equipment, old photographs and books. Staff are professional and speak English and German.

Photo: Anastasia Ness/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stawowa 5, Katowice

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10.00 - 17.00, Sat 10.00 - 13.00

Phone: +48 32 258 98 83

Internet: www.antyki.katowice.pl

12 Cali Vinyl Shop



12 Cali Vinyl Shop is the place to expand your vinyl collection. Located back in the courtyard of Mieleckiego Street, this urban culture store is

where you will find vinyls and other musical paraphernalia.

Photo: Mediagram/Shutterstock.com Address: Andrzeja Mieleckiego 6, Katowice

Phone: +48 32 200 00 71 Internet: www.dwanasciecali.pl

Empik



Empik is a nationwide chain that sells books, magazines, and all sorts of printed press and publications. The assortment includes a

range of English-language editions.

Photo: Sedgraphic/Shutterstock.com Address: Chorzowska 107, Katowice

Phone: +48 22 451 03 94 Internet: www.empik.com

Wawel



Wawel, a famous chocolate company from Krakow, has a store in Katowice. Going there is worth it - it is a trip to the world of chocolate with

all its aromas and tastes. Try specialities like Mieszanka Krakowska, Krowka or Malaga.

Photo: 2creative/Shutterstock.com Address: Warszawska 1, Katowice

Phone: +48 32 253 68 82 Internet: www.wawel.com.pl

Targowisko Miejskie



A classic Polish outdoor market is a must-experience once you are in the country. Fresh fruits, vegetables, fish and fabrics are for sale

here and presented under red and white striped awnings.



Photo: paul prescott/Shutterstock.com

Address: Pl. Miarki, Katowice Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6.00 - 17.00 Internet: www.ztm.katowice.pl

3 Stawy



A paradise for shopping lovers southeast of the centre including an underground parking lot, supermarket and some alone-standing shops

such as Media Market nearby. The 60 boutiques inside the mall present collections fby well-known brands such as H&M or KappAhl.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com Address: Pulaskiego 60, Katowice

Phone: +48 32 209 14 60 Internet: www.3stawy.pl

Altus



One sparkling building with culture, business, retail and entertainment on 69,000 square metres. Altus contains several restaurants, an atrium

gallery, a cinema and a wide range of boutiques. There is even an Apple service store.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com Address: Uniwersytecka 13. Katowice

Phone: +48 32 603 00 14 Internet: www.altus.katowice.pl

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Katowice International Airport



Katowice International
Airport is located in
Pyrzowice, 30 km north of
center of Katowice. There
are regular bus services
running between the

airport and the city and they arrive (and depart) in the new local bus terminal located under the central train station.

Taxis can be taken from outside the airport.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Katowice International Airport, Pyrzowice

Phone: +48 32 392 72 02

Internet: www.katowice-airport.com

Public Transport



Katowice has a transport system mostly made up of buses, trams and trains. It is the company KZK GOP who is primarily responsible for bus and

rail service in Katowice. You can buy your tickets in grocery stores, newspaper stands or directly on the bus, but bus or tram drivers often speak only Polish.



Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Internet: www.kzkgop.com.pl

Post



Look out for red signs with Poczta Polska if you want to send a pacel or letter via mail. The main post office is located in Pocztowa Street, but if

you just need a stamp for your postcard, you will get stamps in smaller kiosk stores all around Katowice.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Pocztowa 9, Katowice Internet: www.poczta-polska.pl

Pharmacy



Look for the sign
"Apteka" to find a
pharmacy in Katowice.
You will find one Pharmcy
close to the main station
on Wojewódzka Street.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Wojewódzka 26, Katowice

Phone: +48 32 255 40 21 Internet: www.doz.pl

Telephone



Country code: +48 Area

code: 032

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity

220 V, 50 Hz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

307,200

Currency

1 Polish zloty = 100 groszy

Opening hours

Shops in Katowice are usually open from 10.00 to 19.00, Monday-Friday and 10.00 to 13.00 on Saturdays. Most shops are closed on Sundays.

Supermarkets have longer opening hours, sometimes they are even open all night long.

Newspapers

Dziennik Zachodni" Gazeta Wyborcza Fakt Echo Miasta Metro International Nowy Przegląd Katowicki

Emergency numbers

Emergency Number: 112

Police: 997 Fire brigade: 998 Medical: 999

Tourist information

Convention Bureau Katowice ul. Rynek 13, Katowice

Phone: +48 32 259 38 08

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri 9.00 - 18.00, Sat 9.00 - 16.00