

ŚRÓDKA AND KOMANDORIA DISTRICTS

1. Church of St. John of Jerusalem outside the Walls
2. Church of St. Margaret, the Martyr



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CATHEDRAL ISLAND (Ostrów Tumski) AND ZAGÓRZE

3. Arch-Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul
4. Church of the Holy Virgin Mary in Summo
5. Archdiocese Museum



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CHWALISZEWO, GROBLA, PIASKI

6. The Ethnographic Museum and the Museum of the Poznań Banners
7. St. Francis Seraph Church and the Bernardine Monastery
8. Church of Corpus Christi

THE OLD TOWN (Stare Miasto)

9. City Hall – the Museum of the History of Poznań
10. Historic buildings at Old Market Square (including the Weigh House, merchant tenement houses and the museums: the Museum of Musical Instruments, the Museum of the 1918–1919 Wielkopolska Uprising, the Wielkopolska Military Museum and the Henryk Sienkiewicz Literary Museum)



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11. The Archaeological Museum
12. Collegiate Parish Church and former Jesuit College (today Poznań Town Hall)
13. St. Antoni Padewski Church and the Franciscan Monastery (whose cellars hold mockups of historic Poznań)
14. The former royal castle (the Museum of Applied Arts)
15. The former city walls
16. The former synagogue
17. Church of the Holy Heart of Jesus and Mother of God, the Comforter and the "U Jezuitów" Gallery



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SAINT ADALBERT HILL (Wzgórze św. Wojciecha)

18. St. Adalbert Church with a Crypt of Eminent Wielkopolska Residents
19. St. Joseph Church
20. Cemetery of Eminent Wielkopolska Residents



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THE ŚRÓDMIEŚCIE DISTRICT

21. The Raczyński Library
22. The National Gallery – Gallery of Paintings and Sculpture
23. Bazar Hotel
24. The Polski Theatre
25. St. Martin's Church
26. The Okrągłak building



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THE CASTLE DISTRICT (Dzielnica Zamkowa)

27. The former Kaiser's Castle (including the "Castle" Cultural Centre)
28. Collegium Maius (University of Medicine and Adam Mickiewicz University)
29. The Wielki Theatre
30. Monument to Poznań Uprising of June 1956 and Adam Mickiewicz Statue
31. Collegium Minus and the University Auditorium (Adam Mickiewicz University)
32. The New Auditorium (Aula Nova) of the Poznań Academy of Music



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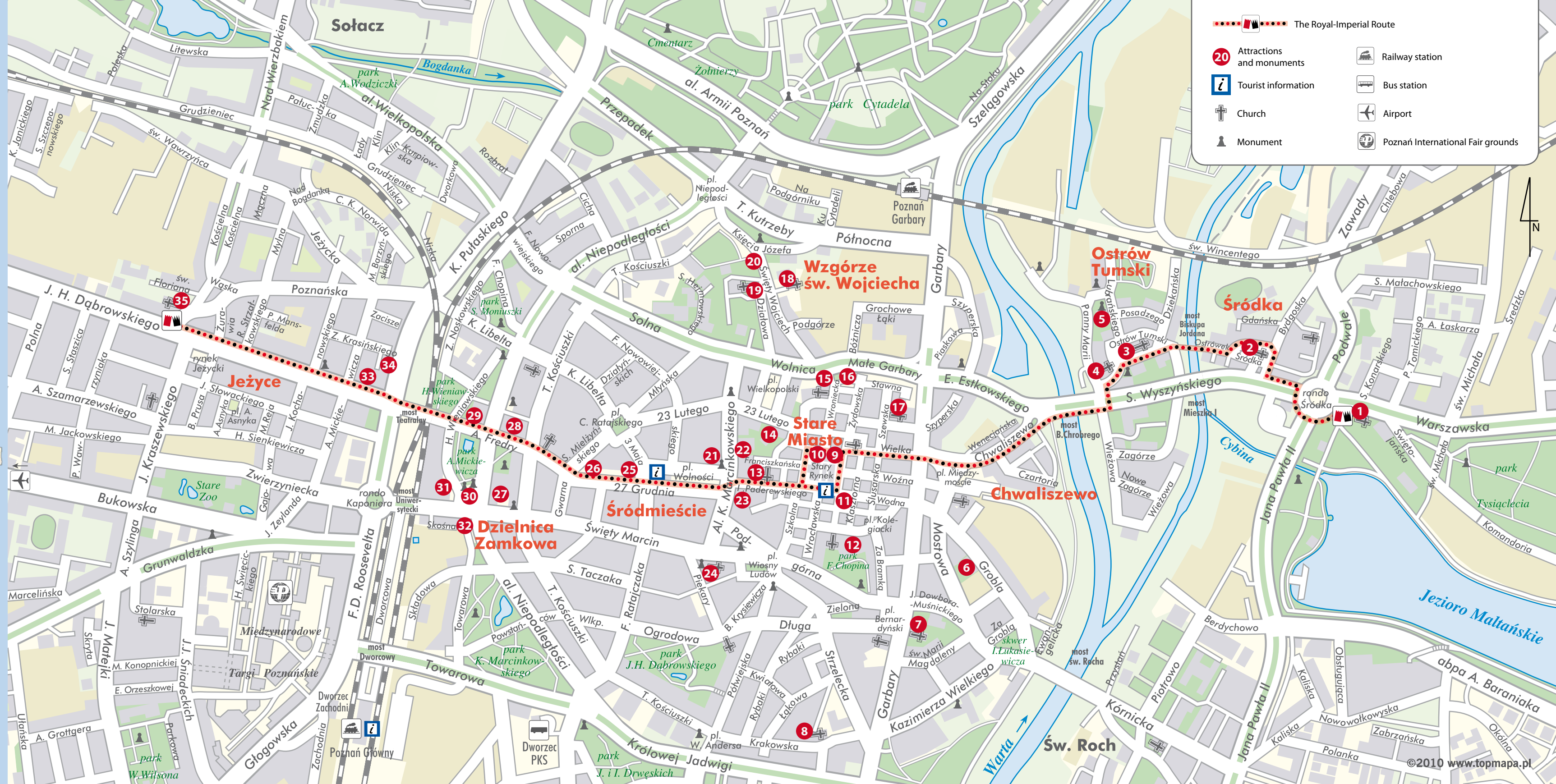
THE JEJYZCE DISTRICT

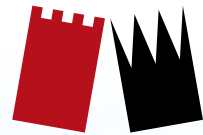
33. The Nowy Theatre
34. Magnificent art-nouveau townhouses
35. Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Florian



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The Royal-Imperial Route in Poznań

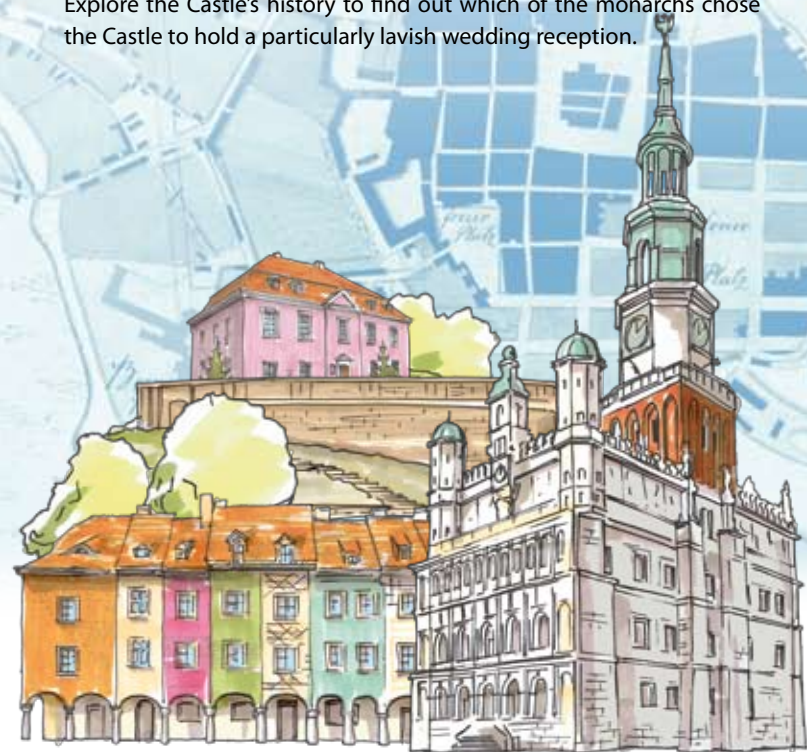
Welcome to a city which offers to take you on a historic journey through ten centuries filled with momentous events and lively prominent figures who have made the history of Poland and Europe. Welcome to Poznań, the only city which will receive you both royally and imperially!

Explore and discover the city's soul by traveling down its Royal-Imperial Route. A trip in the footsteps of Poznań historic rulers is a unique opportunity to organize your tour of the city's alleys, streets and squares around its magnificent historical sights and places of importance, not only for the locals... You may walk, bike or, as is highly recommended, ride one of Poznań's green trams.

The Route's main axis crisscrosses the historic town passing by its true architectural masterpieces: the Renaissance City Hall, the Classicist Raczyński Library and the former Kaiser's Castle. A very special stop on the route is Cathedral Island, a place where "Poland began".

The Royal-Imperial Route is the only trail to combine Poznań's history (The Historic Route), architecture (The Architectural Route), culture (The Cultural Route) and tradition (The Tradition Route), all shown in an extraordinary fashion!

Adventurous visitors will be challenged to answer the intriguing history questions: What was life like in Mieszko I's ducal palace? Whose ghost appears in the Royal Castle? What places in Poznań did Emperor Napoleon use to visit? Why was the Castle District established? All you need to do to find out the answers to these and many other questions is embark on a tour of the Royal-Imperial Route.



Discover the royal nature of Poznań!

Set off at Cathedral Island where the Cybina River feeds into the Warta and where Poland's original rulers once settled in their historic town. It is here that decisions of crucial importance for the Polish state were once taken. It is also here that a cathedral was erected which to this day remains to be the Island's most distinctive feature. While in the Cathedral, make sure to locate the inscription indicating the place where the remains of the Polish kings are buried, and see the magnificent interior of the Golden Chapel, also known as Royal. Your next stop may be the Old Market Square, best arrived at from the side of Wielka Street which once served as the city's official entrance route used by royalty and their retinues of distinctive guests. The street dead-ends onto the most ornamental façades of the City Hall. The face of this Renaissance building is decorated with details which bear testimony to links between the monarchs and the city of Poznań: a cartouche with the initials of King Stanisław Poniatowski and a painted representation of Jagiellonian and Piast Dynasty kings, who maintained strong ties with this capital of the Wielkopolska Region. Try to spot among them the image of Przemysł II, the ruler who made the white crowned eagle the emblem of the Polish state. Speaking of King Przemysł, it is appropriate to mention the nearby Castle Hill which bears his name, as it is often referred to as Przemysł Hill. The place's distinctive ambience is reminiscent of an old royal residence. The long list of its distinguished visitors includes the Polish kings.

Explore the Castle's history to find out which of the monarchs chose the Castle to hold a particularly lavish wedding reception.



Discover the imperial spirit of Poznań!

Around the year 1000, Cathedral Island was visited by Emperor Otto III who made a stopover there on his pilgrimage to Saint Adalbert's tomb in Gniezno. The ruler's sojourn in Poland strengthened the position of Bolesław the Brave opening up his way to the crown.

As you continue following in the footsteps of the emperors who have visited Poznań, stop by Kolegiacki Square where, in the early 19th century, Poznań residents, including nobility and clergymen, celebrated the arrival of Napoleon Bonaparte. During the emperor's stays, the city, which served as the main imperial headquarters, played the honorific role of the "center of the European world". Napoleon resided in the Jesuit College which now houses the seat of the city authorities. A stroll along the city's imperial trail should most definitely be topped off with a visit in Castle District with close historical links with the German ruler Wilhelm II. Originally made for the Emperor in a monumental architectural style, the magnificent Wielki Theatre, the fountain park and the majestic Castle now serve Poznań residents. District buildings house institutions of culture and science. Do not miss the many artistic events taking place in the old monarch quarters.

The unique journey through history will be perfectly crowned with a little something for the palate to be found in the Old Town's myriad cafés. Savor a delectable sweet roll with icing or a delicious Saint Martin's crescent roll. And then look around... Yes, you have indeed found the place you can return to for its magic atmosphere of old town streets, churches resounding with the sounds of music, fascinating festivals and puzzling traces of history. A place where the passage of time is unlike anywhere else.

Do return! The one-of-a-kind Royal and Imperial Route will be waiting for you!

The intriguing districts of the Royal-Imperial Route

Śródka and Komandoria Districts

A magical place whose historic tenement houses create an atmosphere of a 19th century town. Nestled on the picturesque shore of the nearby Lake Malta is another attraction: a Romanesque church of the Order of Saint John.

Cathedral Island and Zagórze

These two points of interest are a time traveler's gateway offering passage to the origins of Poland, the cradle of the Polish state. Its attractions go back to the times of the Piast Dynasty and feature Poland's oldest cathedral. It is here that the baptism of Poland is presumed to have taken place.

Chwaliszewo, Grobla and Piaski

It is only today, after years of neglect, that these former islands on the Warta River have found their appreciation. Its gems include examples of post-industrial architecture such as the old gasworks soon to be turned into a contemporary arts center.

The Old Town

The Old Town follows a Medieval street plan with a central square – a marvelous City Hall recognized as a pearl of Renaissance architecture, and a Baroque Parish church. With its museums, historical sights, galleries and acclaimed restaurants and cafés, the place offers to uplift the spirit, educate the mind and pamper the palate.

Saint Adalbert Hill

Saint Adalbert Hill is a nostalgic memorial to Poznań's and Wielkopolska's distinguished residents who have made great contributions to the city, the region and the country.

The Śródmieście District

The majestic 19th-century buildings that surround Wolności Square bear testimony to Poznań inhabitants' dedication to the civil, social and cultural war against Prussia. Today, the buildings house an array of significant cultural institutions.

The Castle District

This very elegant part of Poznań features monumental architecture with Kaiser's Castle in its center. This site of breakthrough historical events has now been dedicated to culture and science.

The Jeżyce District

Its charming Art Nouveau tenement houses surrounded by city bustle and remnants of Bamberger architecture serve as a reminder of the traditions, culture and entrepreneurial spirit of the historic settlers.



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