



## Shopping in Katowice

The capital of the Silesian region offers a wide range of goods for shoppers in its many shops and modern shopping centres. In Katowice, these attractive complexes are easy to reach and offer everything to meet the expectations of even the most demanding customers.

**Three Ponds Shopping Centre** (ul. Pułaskiego 60), **Galeria Katowicka** (ul. 3 Maja 30), and **Silesia City Center** (ul. Chorzowska 107) will satisfy even the most demanding clients with their range of goods and entertainment.

For those who enjoy shopping among historical buildings of the city centre, we recommend Katowice's central district, enticing with its wide offer and professional service. Especially worth visiting are 'Zenit' (ul. Rynek 12) and 'Skarbek' (ul. Mickiewicza 4), as well as 3 Maja and Stawowa Streets.



## All roads lead to Katowice

Katowice has excellent transport conditions for travellers. It is situated at the intersection of two motorways (A1, A4), and main road S1. The modern railway station is connected to the city's public transport depot and to an underground car park. The city is also not far from three international airports (Pyrzowice, Balice, Ostrava).

**Public transport/buses and trams** [www.kzkgop.com.pl](http://www.kzkgop.com.pl)

- Passenger Service:

ul. Pocztowa 10, tel. 32/ 229-62-49, pl. Szewczyka - Railway station, tel. 32/710-13-71

**Railway station** [www.pkp.pl](http://www.pkp.pl)

pl. Szewczyka 1, tel. 19 757

**National and international coaches** [www.rozklady.com.pl](http://www.rozklady.com.pl)

ul. P. Skargi 8, tel. 32/ 258-94-65

**Airport shuttle** [www.pkm.katowice.pl/lotnisko/](http://www.pkm.katowice.pl/lotnisko/)  
underground public transport depot, lane no. 10

## Audio-guides

You are invited to the Tourist Information Centre at Rynek 13, where you can borrow Katowice audio-guides free of charge.

**The Katowice Modernism Trail can be downloaded at:**

<http://www.moderna.katowice.eu>

**Central Katowice - north and south sections can be downloaded at:**

[www.slaskie.travel](http://www.slaskie.travel)

**Audio-guide for Nikiszowiec is available at the Museum of Katowice History in Nikiszowiec or can be downloaded at:**

<http://www.katowice.eu/Nikisz>

## Museums

**1. Silesian Museum in Katowice**  
(main building) al. T. Dobrowskiego 1

**2. Museum of Katowice History**  
(main building) ul. ks. J. Szafranka 9

**3. Museum of Katowice History in Nikiszowiec**  
ul. Rymarska 4

**4. Roundabout Art. Gallery**  
Rondo im. gen. Jerzego Ziętka 1

**5. Wilson Mineshaft Gallery in Nikiszowiec**  
ul. Oswobodzenia 1

**6. Memorial Hall at Wujek Mine**  
ul. W. Pola 65

**7. Museum of Silesian Organs**  
ul. Zacisze 3

**8. Archdiocese Museum**  
ul. Jordana 39

**9. Museum of Computer History**  
pl. Oddziałów Młodzieży Powstańczej 1



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## Katowice for a change

The first mention of Katowice dates back to the year 1598. In the 19th century, the first mines were established, followed by a dynamic development, and in 1865, Katowice was granted city status. Katowice is a city of dynamic transformations and has so much to offer. Compelling musical and sporting events make up only part of the richness of the city's attractions, which is the administrative, academic and cultural heart of the Silesian region. It is also worth acquainting yourself with its varied architecture, and you are invited to come sightseeing.



## Polish Chicago

Poland's first monumental towers of concrete, steel and glass once earned Katowice the name of "Polish Chicago". A considerable part of the city owes its original character to modernist buildings of the interwar period; these buildings, dating from the 1920's and 30's, are the most valuable part of the city's cultural heritage. You can admire this unique architecture on the Katowice Modernism Trail, which includes 17 real architectural gems. We recommend walking the trail with an audio-guide.

## We'll show you something unique

**Giszowiec /formerly Gieschewald/** was built in the years 1907-1910 as a rural housing estate, intended for the families of miners at the "Giesche" mine (presently named "Wieżowiec"). Construction began under the initiative of Anton Uthemann, the general manager of the company Georg von Giesche's Erben (Heirs of Georg Giesche), according to the design of Emil and Georg Zillmann. It was a realisation of the 'garden city' concept as envisioned by the English urbanist Sir Ebenezer Howard. Now a district of Katowice, 6 km from the city centre, Giszowiec is an extraordinary place.

**Nikiszowiec /formerly Nikischschacht/** was built by the Giesche company between 1908 and 1914 as an urban miner's estate. Architecturally unique, it was designed by Emil and Georg Zillmann. The district is well-known thanks to the films of Kazimierz Kutz and Lech Majewski, among others, the activities of artists of the Janowska Group (E. Gawlik, T. Ociepa, E. Sówka) and M. Szejnert's book, "The Black Garden." It is a historic monument that entices with its unique atmosphere and interesting events.

### HOW TO GET TO NIKISZOWIEC

from the railway station: 930;  
al. Korfantego: 920, 30

### HOW TO GET TO GISZOWIEC

from the railway station: 674, 672



## Welcome to the Culture Zone

The area of the former "Katowice" Black Coal Mine has been named Culture Zone, as it has been transformed into a sort of 'mine of culture.' It includes 4 exceptional buildings:

**The INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS CENTRE** is a multi-functional centre which can host 15 thousand people at a time, during conferences, concerts, sporting events and banquets (al. Korfantego).

**The POLISH NATIONAL RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** – The shape of this building was inspired by the historic architecture of Nikiszowiec. The new centre houses two concert halls with top-level acoustics, seating 1800 and 300, as well as a recording studio (pl. W. Kilara 1).

**SPODEK SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ARENA** (al. Korfantego 35) was built in 1971 and completely modernised in 2008. Because of its unique architecture, it has become a symbol of Katowice. Its innovative construction was the first of its kind in the world. The building is used as sports and entertainment hall, and inside there is also a skating-rink, a gymnasium, a weight-room and a hotel.

**The new seat of the SILESIA MUSEUM**, where the majority of exhibitions are found underground. It's a venue not only for acoustic exhibitions, but also for conferences and workshops (ul. T. Dobrowolskiego 1).



## Katowice festival LOVE

Katowice is a vibrant city that combines historical heritage with modernity, and traditional with alternative culture. Every year, a multitude of fans from Poland and abroad visit the city to participate in various festivals of music, cinema, theatre and experimental art. Katowice's cultural festivals have won many awards.

1. **Street Art** - May
2. **A PART festival** - June
3. **Art Naif** - June-August
4. **OFF Festival** - August
5. **Tauron New Music** - August
6. **Ars Independent** - September

7. **Rawa Blues Festival** - October
8. **International Festival of Puppet Theatre** - October
9. **MFPF REGIOFUN** - October
10. **Ars Camerallis** - November



## Green Katowice

Green areas take up half of Katowice's surface area, 42% of which is forest. The most beautiful green areas in the city are Katowice Forest Park – "the green lungs" of Katowice, the sport-recreational area of Three Ponds Valley and the nature reserves: "Murkowski Forest" and "Ochojec." For pedestrians and cyclists, there are numerous routes to enjoy. These attractive areas for rest and recreation make Katowice a truly friendly place.