



National holidays and public holidays

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Under Polish law, 13 days a year are public holidays free from work:

January 1 - New Year

January 6 - Epiphany

First day of Easter

The second day of Easter

May 1 - national holiday

May 3 - national holiday

The first day of Pentecost (7th Sunday after Easter) Corpus Christi

August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 1 - All Saints' Day

November 11 - Independence Day

December 25 - the first day of Christmas

December 26 - the second day of Christmas

On these days, the vast majority of shops and chemist's are closed. The exception are often small local shops, as well as on duty chemist's and petrol stations.

Museums are subject to similar rules. On New Year's Day (**January 1**), Easter Sunday, **November 1** and **December 25** because they will certainly be closed. On the remaining days on the above list, the situation depends on the individual museum. Many sites – including Wawel Castle, the Cathedral, the National Museum, the Historical Museum, the Wieliczka Salt Mine, the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp – give the days they are closed on their websites. These should be checked when planning your stay in Krakow to avoid unfortunate surprises.