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## SALTMINES IN POLAND



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## Salt mines in Poland

There are three impressive but different salt mines in Poland:

- Salt Mine in **Wieliczka** is like an art Museum where you can admire many underground chapels, sculptures and monuments created by miners through the centuries.



The mine, built in the 13th century, produced table salt continuously until 2007, as one of the world's oldest salt mines still in operation. The rock salt is naturally gray in various shades, resembling unpolished granite rather than the white or crystalline look that many visitors may expect.



There is a legend about Princess Kinga, associated with the Wieliczka mine. The Hungarian noblewoman had become the patron saint of salt miners in and around the Polish capital.

The Wieliczka mine is often referred to as "the Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland." About 1.2 million people visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine annually.

Wieliczka was inscribed in 1978 on the UNESCO World Heritage List of places of natural and cultural heritage of outstanding value to humanity.



- Salt Mine in **Bochnia**

provides a lots of entertainment including: ride by an underground train, boat cruises, 140 meters long slide and playground for kids with football-basketball pitch.



Bochnia Salt Mine is the oldest salt mine in Poland. Currently, it is no longer in operation, but the salt was mined as early as the mid-thirteenth century to 1990 without any breaks. It is also known as the oldest industrial plant in Europe.

Due to the microclimate of salt chambers, in 1995 there was established a health resort here. It is estimated that the air in the Bochnia mine is about 10-times cleaner than the air at the surface

The recipe for salt mining was simple: hack it from the rock and haul it to the surface. Ad infinitum. The miner's only tools were his pickaxe, hammer and muscles.



- In the **Kłodawa Salt Mine** you can witness the traditional mining techniques here.



The Kłodawa Salt Mine is the largest operating salt mine in Poland, extracting halite and salts of potassium and magnesium. The salt found here is pink salt. The colour comes from the rare natural occurrence of having been infused with iron. Kłodawa is the only place where it is found in Europe.



There is an underground touristic route in the mine, opened for visitors. It is scheduled to open here the first underground sanatorium in Poland in Kłodawa Salt Mine.