

Hi! So we've put together this list of recommendations, some of which you will see on our blog and some of which we haven't written about yet. So of course explore the blog as well because there is even more there. If you follow any of our suggestions, we would love to hear your feedback for how you felt about them. In exchange for this itinerary/list we just ask that if it actually helps you in some way that you recommend our blog to people you may run into in Krakow or friends/family who may be coming here. And if you are active on any social media please follow our accounts where you are active. This link will take you to all of them....

<http://emilysguidetokrakow.com/2015/11/23/follow-us-anywhere/>

Thanks! And please don't hesitate to be in contact before, during, and after your trip!

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Jason's Honeymoon Itinerary:

So I will preface this list with some personal opinions of ours. Obviously the Main Square and surrounding areas are gorgeous, but a lot of the bars/restaurants are extremely touristy, so the best place to be in our opinion is Kazimierz the Jewish District. It's not quite as elegant in looks, but it is where actual locals mix with visitors (Emily lives here), and is the best place for nights out. That being said we will give you lots of options for places all over town to go that are a good mix of tourists and locals. Because there are still places in the tourist town that are fun to visit!

Best Places for Craft/Local Beer

In Kazimierz

T.E.A. Time (Ul. Jozefa Dietla 1): <https://www.facebook.com/teatimebrewery/>

This is my (Emily's) current favorite bar. It is pretty cozy and has a good atmosphere. They brew traditional English ales here in Poland, and have a large offering of all different types of beer, mostly on draft. Because of the location- for local beer, it's really quite cheap. Their food options are slim and actually come from another British restaurant- but snacks are available of course. They also have a selection of board games there too that can be fun- I had a heated game of trivial pursuit last week... On Monday's they do trivia you can look on their website for more info on that. Either way this place is close to where you'll be for everything but rather unnoticed by tourists because it's not surrounded by other bars and restaurants.

Strefa Piwa (ul. Jozefa 6): <https://www.facebook.com/StrefaPiwaPub/?fref=ts>

This is a pretty cool place, small and all about beer... It's on Jozefa street so it's a little bit off from where most tourists go which makes it perfect, but it's not the first place I would recommend.

In the Old Town/Main Square Area

C.K. Browar (ul. Podwale 6-7 on corner go undergrnd): www.ckbrowar.krakow.pl/index_en.html

They brew their own unfiltered and unpasteurized beer, the only place in this region that does that. The beer is good, the beer hall is huge and really cool looking, and the meat is awesome! So out of all the places you could go for craft/local beer- this is the best if you also want some good Polish food.

Viva la Pinta (Florińska 13): <https://www.facebook.com/Viva-la-PINTA-726934180701031/>

Multi Qulti (ul. Szewska 21): <http://multi-qulti-tap-bar.ontap.pl/>

House of Beer (ul. Sw. Tomasza 35): <http://www.houseofbeerkrakow.com/>

For all three of the above listed I can describe them as the closest to the tourist areas, their beers are good and local, but the crowd will be mostly other internationals not actual Polish people. They're still good, but the prices are higher because of their close proximity to the Main Square, and because Florińska, Grodzka, and Szewska streets are the most touristy (ie. you will find McDonalds here). So keep that in mind, and check the atmosphere out before heading in.

The Christmas Market

We'll have a video up probably this weekend of the market so you can take a closer look at it, and an accompanying article about the 25 things you should eat/drink/buy there (it's a working title). But bottom line, the Christmas market is magical, and there is lots of meat being grilled (prices are by weight so keep that in mind) that is delicious, and huge barrell stalls selling hot wines and beers etc... Plus shopping and concerts and lots of other food. When we are done our video/article I will send it to you because I really think you could spend an entire evening just strolling about the market.

A Fancy Night Out

Since you said this is your honeymoon, we wanted to put a little list together of some of the more elegant restaurants. For fine-dining they are still very affordable due to the weakness of Polish currency.

Wierzynek (Main Square 26 Rynek Główny 26): <http://en.wierzynek.pl/>

Emily will be taking her family here for Christmas, it's the oldest restaurant in Krakow and once upon a time was the best. The quality is questionable these days in comparison to the golden years Wierzynek once had- but either way the atmosphere is incredible and you can feel like you are dining at the same table a king did. The interiors are beautiful, and the attached chocolate shop has amazing creations.

Pod Baranem (ul. sw. Gertrudy 21): <http://podbaranem.com/en/restaurant.php>

Neither one of us have ever been here (Emily will take her family just before Christmas probably) however, a family friend has recommended this restaurant time and time again. The interior isn't anything special, but according to them the food is their favorite in Krakow. The couple recommending it are from Krakow, but lived in the US for 20 years, and have just moved back recently. Anyway, we definitely trust any recommendation of theirs and so will give it to you as well....

Jama Michalik (ul. Florianska 45) <http://jamamichalika.pl/>

This is a funky little place with good food. If you are into history or literature or the arts this is where the Young Poland Art Nouvea movement started and the Green Baloon Caberet Troupe (more on that here: http://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/Mloda-Polska_71380f) Anyway, it can be seen as very touristy, hosting folk dances and a surly waitstaff (again its on Florianska Street so that is sort of the expectation). So we recommend it because of its part in Polish history but take it with a grain of salt. At the end of the day though the food is good, the prices are reasonable, and the atmosphere is interesting.

Polish Shots and Snack Bars

There are going to be bars all over town that promote 4zł drinks and 8zł food. They are all modeled after the bars from communist times and provide a unique- but extremely Polish atmosphere for a night out. There is nothing cozy about these places, and they are often loud, and filled with drunken locals, tourists, bums, students etc... but it's our favorite place to take people. Although there are many, and Bania Luka is a great one, I recommend over all other **Pijalnia Wodki i Piwa**. They have a list of specialty shots all made from homemade infusions and Polish vodka (but costing less than \$1usd) that are great. It is mandatory that you get a Mad Dog shot from there, even if it's just on your way somewhere else. Because it is truly Polish. We make them at home during parties all the time. And I also suggest trying some of their Polish bar snacks... These are truly what Polish people used to eat while they were drinking during communism. It is very authentic. My favorite is the beef tartar, but pretty much everything is good. Its simple and interesting, and perfect for accompanying your vodka. Plus it's always fun to see if you can try everyone of their shots before you leave the city! More on this here:

<http://emilysguidetokrakow.com/2015/06/15/shots-and-food-and-beer-pijalnia-wodki-i-piwa/>

Cozy Nights in Kazimierz

A lot of the bars in Kazimierz sort of follow the same pattern. It's an old space, filled with mix-matched antique furniture, and candle-lit tables and fireplaces. A downside is that the spaces can get a little smoky sometimes, so if you don't smoke cigarettes make sure you don't sit in the smoking room. Out of the four I will list below Alchemia is the most well known, followed by Singer, so usually the most crowded and touristy, but still cozy. 20 years ago the Jewish District was very dangerous, and there was nothing worth seeing here. Then Alchemia and Singer opened and brought life into the district. Since they were the originals they are of course the most popular. Mleczarnia and Eseweria are both great choices as well. So just keep the four in mind as sort of interchangeable. I will say this though, if you want dinner with your drinks go to Alchemia. Their food is awesome. Whereas the others are more bars without any food. Also I highly suggest trying Hot Beer, and I think it is best from Eseweria so keep that in mind....

Eszeweria (ul. Jozefa 9): <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Eszeweria/140631805995292>

Best for hot beer! Or just a cozy place for drinks, or coffee.

Alchemia (ul. Estery 5 corner of Plac Nowy): <http://en.alchemia.com.pl/>

best place if you want dinner with your drinks, also the original bar of this style- beer is ordinary so I usually suggest wine here, unless you haven't had the normal Polish beer yet and then you can try it.

Singer (ul. Estery 20): <https://www.facebook.com/Singer-270192511788/>

All the tables here are old Singer sewing tables, the fireplace is beautiful and the interior is extremely comfortable. Go here for beer, wine, coffee, anything like that.

Mleczarnia (ul. Beera Meiselsa) <https://www.facebook.com/mleczarnia.krakow/>

Similar to the rest, what sets it apart is the beautiful beer garden they have in the summer but this time of year it is pretty much the same as the others... If you walk across the street to where the beer garden usually is you can see a fairly recognizable scene from *Schindler's List*

Royal Snack Route/Must Eat Foods

I am working on some articles right now for my family for when they come for Christmas that will be a little snack-crawl you can follow through the old town tasting lots of traditional Polish snacks. And a list of must-eat Polish foods... if I get it done in time for your visit I will send it your way as well.