

**HOLY VIRGIN MARY AVENUE**

The most representative artery of Częstochowa – Holy Virgin Mary Avenue – is reminiscent of French boulevards. It is one of the most interesting urban solutions on a European scale. Marked out in the 1st half of the 19th century, it is a nearly two-kilometre road which leads from the Old Town to the

Jasna Góra Monastery. Benches dedicated to: Władysław Biegański, Halina Poświatowska and Marek Perepeczko, the Amonit and A Girl with Pigeons fountains, as well as large murals: Tower of Babel by Tomasz Sętowski and Cyclops Eye by Jacek Sztuka are all found along the avenue.

**SITES**

Some historic tenements, often inspired by the architecture of Berlin and Vienna, are housed along Holy Virgin Mary Avenue. The noteworthy 19th-century Town Hall at Biegański Square with a tower resembling a lighthouse stands

in the city centre. When you reach the Old Market you can admire the houses remaining from the old Jewish ghetto and visit the historic St. Sigismund Church. The religious monuments of Częstochowa include the churches of: St. Andrew and Barbara with a "Miraculous Spring", St. James, the

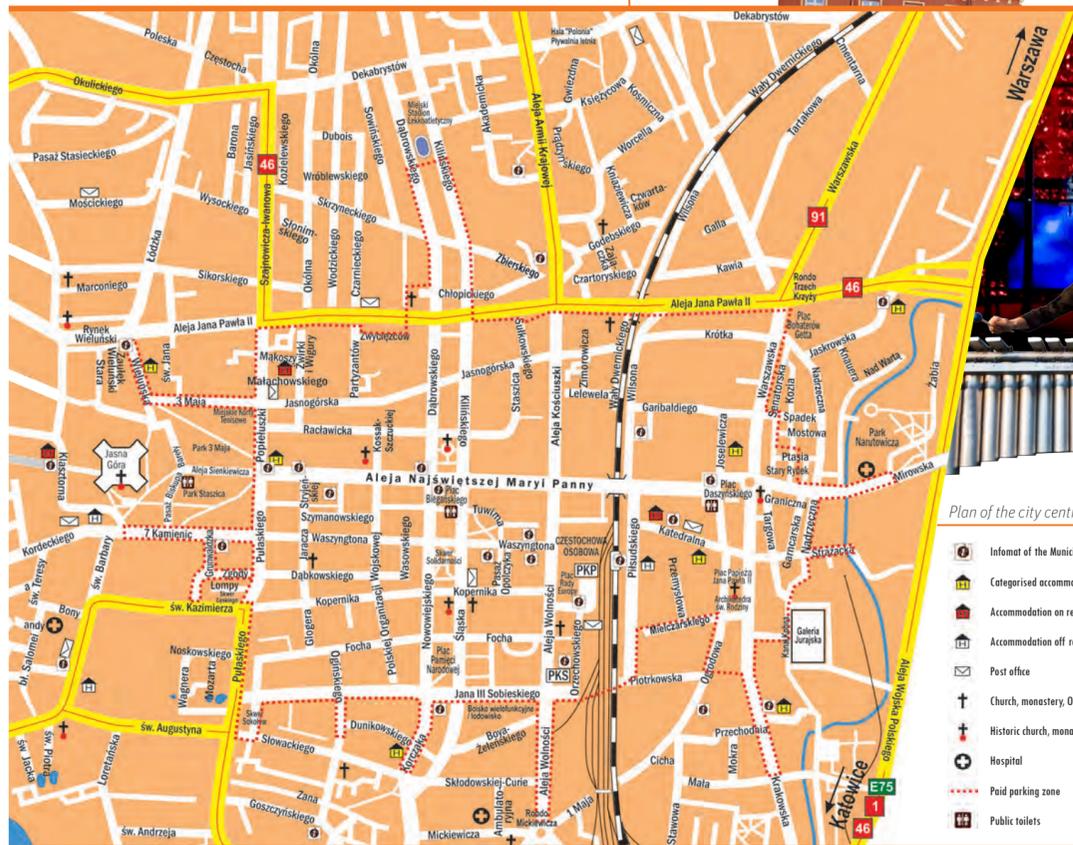
Holy Name of Mary and a neo-Gothic Metropolitan Cathedral of St. Family – one of the largest European temples of this kind. The city boasts the Museum of Match Production, Railway Museum and Iron Ore Mine Museum, which are objects on the Industrial Monuments Route of the Silesian Voivodeship.

**GATEWAY TO THE KRAKÓW-CZĘSTOCHOWA UPLAND**

The Częstochowa Upland is a unique eco-paradise of great natural beauty. Its white monadnocks, historic "Trail of the Eagles' Nests" full of picturesque ruins of ancient castles – gradually rebuilt and available to the tourists – are impressive. Perfect for an

active holiday at any time of the year, it attracts numerous hiking, cycling, horse riding, climbing, caving and paragliding buffs. Caving enthusiasts will find the greatest number (1,500) of caves. Climbing calcareous rocks of the Upland is recommended by Tatra, Alpine

and Himalayan mountaineers from Poland. The location of Częstochowa guarantees access to the largest Polish resources of drinking water rich in minerals from Jurassic deposits and geothermal waters at a depth of 500 – 700 m.



**CZĘSTOCHOWA**

Plan of the city centre and surrounding areas

- Informant of the Municipal Tourist Information System
- Categorized accommodation
- Accommodation on record
- Accommodation off record
- Post office
- Church, monastery, Orthodox church
- Historic church, monastery
- Hospital
- Paid parking zone
- Public toilets



**CULTURE**

The wide cultural range of the city includes both mainstream and alternative events. High culture is successfully promoted by the following municipal institutions: Częstochowa Museum, City Art Gallery, Bronisław Huberman Częstochowa Philharmonic, Adam Mickiewicz Theatre, "Gaude Mater" Centre for the Promotion of Culture, Centre for Film Culture, Municipal Cultural Centre. The dynamically developing off scene led by young independent artists supported by the city is focused on street art projects, is alive in clubs, pubs, in the Centre for the Promotion of Youth, a number of places favouring the initiation of alternative projects.

**THE "AVENUES – IT'S ON" PROJECT**

In summer, the Częstochowa's Holy Virgin Mary Avenue becomes a place of both mass and intimate cultural and entertainment events initiated by the City and its residents. Thanks to the "Avenues – it's on" project ("Aleje - tu się dzieje"), it is not only a place for artistic exchange and a space for presentation of the achievements of Częstochowa artists (or the ones connected with the city), but also a valuable, branded tourist product. The "Avenues – it's on" campaign has its permanent feature in the form of the Retro Częstochowa Festival which brings together thousands of fans. It has a longlasting effect in the form of murals by Tomasz Sętowski and Jacek Sztuka.



**Cyclops Eye by Jacek Sztuka**

A mural created at the gate by 65 Holy Virgin Mary Avenue makes it a new artistic space open to incidental recipients – passers-by or tourists. The author of the work focused on the power of expression and ancient mythology.

**Tower of Babel by Tomasz Sętowski**

A large work decorates the façade of a building located right by Biegański Square. Its author is one of the most famous exponents of magical realism. The mural was painted using several hundred litres of paint.



**THE CITY OF HISTORY**

The beginnings of Częstochowa date back to the Bronze Age, as evidenced by a unique local archaeological open-air museum which protects the Lusatian culture's cemetery of the Hallstatt period "in situ" (700-400 BC). During the state of Vistulans (9th-11th centuries), there was a fortified town called "Gaszczyk" on the right bank of the Warta, and in the 13th century, people were talking about the town of Częstochowa, located later by Casimir III the Great. The town which was a fief

of Duke Vladislaus II of Opole became famous for the heroic defence of the Jasna Góra Monastery against the Swedish Deluge. In the 19th century, it became one of the fastest growing towns in the Kingdom of Poland. An impetus for the development was given by the launch of the Warsaw-Vienna Railway and linking New Częstochowa (centred around Jasna Góra) with Old Częstochowa (on the Warta River). They were both joined by the Holy Virgin Mary Avenue. Today, the city is a modern municipality of the 21st century.



**JASNA GÓRA**

Thanks to the Jasna Góra Monastery, Częstochowa has been one of the most recognisable cities of the Marian cult. It is called the Spiritual Capital of Poland. It has been assumed that it currently ranks fifth in the world among sacred places (after Varanasi, Mecca, Lourdes and Rome). The Black

Madonna of Częstochowa Shrine, vote-offering treasures, a library of antique books, the 600th Anniversary Museum, the Bastion of St. Roch, Knight's Hall, one of the tallest towers in Poland, and Jasna Góra Banks which give a great view of the city skyline, are all found inside this outstanding historic monument.



**BUSINESS**

Częstochowa is a city in the centre of the largest output market in Central and Eastern Europe, close to the following European transport corridors: North-South and West-East. Excellent location, areas covered by the Katowice Special Economic Zone and the EURO - PARK MIELEC Special Economic Zone, economic potential and friendly business climate - all this makes the city attractive for entrepreneurs. There

are almost 26 thousand companies operating here, 20 thousand individual business entities, and more than 2 thousand commercial companies and partnerships. The dominant industries are: metallurgy, glassmaking, automotive and textile industry. The economic potential of Częstochowa is appreciated by investors, also from abroad, including concerns from: the U.S., Austria, Italy, Ukraine, France, Germany.



**FOR SENIORS**

Częstochowa cooperates with agents of the social economy which inspires seniors to be active in various fields. The city implements programmes and external projects dedicated to them. Universities of the Third Age function in the area. In the golden years of their lives, the seniors can develop their passions in the Częstochowa Seniors' Activity Centre, Senior Clubs, groups, unions

and associations. They are supported by the Municipal Council of Seniors, the Ombudsman for the Elderly, and municipal institutions and partners of the "Częstochowa Senior" charter hold promotions to encourage people to participate in cultural and sport activities. People who want to stay in shape will also find some physical recreation venues.



**SPORT AND RECREATION**

Częstochowa is a city with strong sporting traditions. More than 8 thousand hectares of green space are conducive to outdoor recreation. The attractive infrastructure promotes regular activity. More than a dozen modern facilities designed for a wide variety of disciplines meet the requirements for the organisation of various types of competitions and mass events. According to the prestigious "Sportplus" magazine, the

Częstochowa Hall is the Sports Arena of the Year 2012. The city is the start of 13 tourist trails for: hiking, cycling, horse riding, canoeing. Skateparks, swimming pools, a velodrome, tennis courts, places for physical recreation, city stadiums for various disciplines - football, athletics, speedway track, the Częstochowa Aero Club facility or a golf course in Konopiska are great for sport and recreation lovers.



**CZĘSTOCHOWA OF UNIVERSITIES**

Częstochowa's academic environment has almost 20 thousand students. The most popular subjects in the wide educational range of eight local universities are: pedagogy, construction, finance and accounting, logistics and management. Universities organize scientific exchanges, meetings, conferences, or symposia, thus giving the young people an opportunity to present their own scientific achievements and have direct

contact with authorities from various fields. Częstochowa's universities prepare students for professional activity by cooperating with companies and institutions all over the world, organise internships and traineeships. Activities of the municipality and student organisations support the academic and non-academic development of young people and help them take their first steps in the labour market.



## Featured events in chronological order

**Hot Jazz Spring – International Festival of Traditional Jazz**  
Spring jazz sounds of popular bands and soloists in the philharmonic halls and night-time jam sessions in local restaurants and music clubs are addressed to a wide audience.

**Easter Palm Feast**  
Before Easter, a holiday market where the residents of Częstochowa and visitors can buy Easter specialties, participate in shows, tastings, holiday quizzes, workshops and games is set up along Holy Virgin Mary Avenue.

**“Gaude Mater” International Festival of Sacred Music**  
Held from 1 to 6 May, one of the biggest musical events of such a broad formula, the leading European festival of sacred music. Its idea is to bring together different cultures and religions through the presentation of music of various denominations. The Festival’s tradition includes the “Polish Sacred Premieres” concert, accompanied by the “Musica Sacra” International Competition for Young Composers, a seminar on the issue of sacrum in music art exhibitions, performances and interdisciplinary outdoor events.

**“May Note” International Song Festival**  
Festival for young performers between the ages of 7 and 20. It promotes its laureates at song festivals and competitions in the country and abroad, it paves the way for television and professional recording.

**Self-Government Days**  
May series of events popularising the idea of self-government, social partnership and local ties among the citizens and visitors.

**“Avenue of Good Taste” Culinary Festival**  
In the summer, the Holy Virgin Mary Avenue turns into a treasure trove of culinary inspiration (the Avenue of Good Taste) for three days. The Festival’s programme includes: regional products fair, meetings with popular chefs, shows and food samplings.

**Summer concerts in the Park Gazebo**  
From the end of June to the end of August, every Sunday at 5 pm, performances of brass, street and chamber bands are held in the St. Staszic Park Gazebo.

**Retro Częstochowa Festival**  
A holiday outdoor event, awarded the Gold Retro Leaf, during which an array of contemporary music scene artists present new arrangements of the greatest hits of the 20-year interwar period. The concert formula is complemented by: historical exhibitions and educational activities, game, dance and old car shows, and a flea market.

**Hip-Hop Elements Festival**  
An event promoting hip-hop and alternative culture. The hip-hop environment and fans of this music can have fun to the rhythms of famous hits and new songs in the open air of Częstochowa.

**“Frytka Off-jazz” Festival**  
Residents of Częstochowa have loved this event for several years now. The Festival’s roots go back to the Piłsudskiego Street, known also as the “Chips Avenue” because of its numerous eateries selling fried potato snacks. Lately, the Festival has undergone a makeover and moved to the Lisiniec Leisure Park. It still hosts leading artists in the Polish alternative music scene and special guests from abroad. Only here you can spend your time in a picnic-like atmosphere and feel the first breeze of summer.

**Days of Częstochowa**  
August concerts, performances, shows, exhibitions and happenings exposing the achievements of artists from Częstochowa and others. It begins with a gala concert in Częstochowa’s Philharmonic, combined with handing the City Mayor Award in the field of culture. Family outdoor events end with a concert of music stars.

**Harvest Festival**  
The most festive and representative feast of the Polish countryside and Polish folk culture. Every first Saturday and Sunday of September, farmers come to Jasna Góra with traditional harvest wreaths. The accompanying events include: exhibition of the best regional products,

agricultural fairs, fairs of agritourism offers and shows of achievements of Polish agriculture and native folk culture. The harvest festival is accompanied by Days of European Folk Culture with the International Folk Art Contest.

**Częstochowa Organ Music Days**  
An autumn festival promoting organ music in a variety of scenes, from a recital to an audiovisual performance.

**Bronisław Huberman International Violin Festival**  
Held every two years, it includes both recitals and orchestra concerts. It enables the presentation of outstanding works performed by great artists and promotes young musical talents.

**Częstochowa Cultural Night**  
An autumn series of cultural events organised in different places of Częstochowa. Throughout the night

and for a nominal fee, you can take part in various events and parties in cultural institutions, clubs, pubs and restaurants.

**“Christmas Alley” Christmas Fair**  
An annual fair event during which you can buy some Christmas specialties and gifts from Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania and Hungary. The programme also includes carol concerts, charity auction of Christmas ornaments, artistic performances, games for the little ones, competitions, dance workshops.

**CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS**

**Częstochowa Museum**  
Aleja Najświętszej Maryi Panny 47, phone +48 34 360 56 31, muzeum@muzestochowa.pl  
The museum presents its exhibitions in the following facilities:  
Town Hall, Aleja Najświętszej Maryi Panny 45  
Archaeological Reserve, ul. Łukasieńskiego 20  
Gallery of Good Art, Aleja Najświętszej Maryi Panny 47  
Exhibition Pavilion and Ethnographic Pavilion, Staszic Park  
Peasant Homestead, ul. 7 Kamienic 4  
Museum of Iron Ore Mining, Staszic Park  
House of Poetry, Halina Poświatowska Museum, ul. Jasnogórska 23  
Opening hours: Tuesday – Sunday: 11 am – 5 pm

**Museum of the Archdiocese of Częstochowa**  
ul. św. Barbary 41, phone +48 34 368 33 61, muzeum@muzeakosc.czyst.pl, www.muzeakosc.czyst.pl  
Tuesday – Saturday: 9 am – 1 pm

**Museum of Match Production**  
ul. Ogrodowa 68, phone/fax +48 34 365 12 69, czpza@zapalki.pl, www.zapalki.pl  
Monday – Friday: 8 am – 3 pm

**Railway Museum**  
Częstochowa Stradom Train Station, ul. Pułaskiego 100/120, tpkw@tpkw.one.pl, www.tpkw.one.pl  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm

**Zdzisław Beksiński Museum**  
Aleja Najświętszej Maryi Panny 64 (in the City Art Gallery), phone +48 34 324 55 81, info@galeria.czyst.pl, www.galeria.czyst.pl  
Tuesday – Friday: 10.30 am – 6 pm, Saturday, Sunday: 12 pm – 7 pm

**Jewish Museum of Częstochowa**  
ul. Katedrańska 8,  
June – September  
Tuesday, Thursday: 11 am – 5 pm, Wednesday, Friday: 11 am – 5.30 pm  
Saturday, Sunday: 11 am – 6 pm (every first Saturday and Sunday of the month)  
October – May  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9 am – 3.30 pm, Wednesday: 11 am – 5.30 pm  
Saturday, Sunday: 11 am – 5 pm (every first Saturday and Sunday of the month)

**Tomasz Sętowski Museum of Imagination**  
ul. Okawska 2, phone +48 503 603 992, muzeum\_wyobrazni@wp.pl, www.setowski.art.pl  
Monday – Friday: 10 am – 6 pm  
/requires advance telephone booking/

**John Paul II Museum of Coins and Medals**  
ul. Jagiellońska 67/71, phone +48 34 365 19 82, muzeum@jp2muzeum.pl, www.jp2muzeum.pl  
Tuesday – Friday: 10 am – 3 pm, Saturday: 12 pm – 3 pm

**City Art Gallery**  
Aleja Najświętszej Maryi Panny 64, phone +48 34 324 55 81, info@galeria.czyst.pl, www.galeria.czyst.pl  
Tuesday – Friday: 10.30 am – 6 pm, Saturday, Sunday: 12 pm – 7 pm

**Foundry Art Gallery**  
Aleja Armii Krajowej 19, phone +48 34 325 07 51, www.odlew.wipcz.pl  
Requires advance telephone booking.

**Art-Foto. Gallery of the Regional Cultural Centre**  
ul. Oginińskiego 13a, phone +48 34 324 46 51, rok@rok.czystochowa.pl, www.rok.czystochowa.pl  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8 am – 6 pm, Tuesday and Thursday: 8 am – 3 pm

**Municipal Cultural Centre**  
ul. Łukasieńskiego 50/68, phone +48 34 323 12 79, sekretariat@mdk.czyst.pl, www.mdk.czyst.pl

**“Zachęta” in Częstochowa – Konduktorownia**  
Regional Society for the Encouragement of the Fine Arts  
ul. Piłsudskiego 34/36, zarzadz@konduktorownia.eu, www.konduktorownia.eu

**Adam Mickiewicz Theatre**  
ul. Miłkiewskiego 15, phone +48 34 372 33 00, info@teatr-mickiewicza.pl, www.teatr-mickiewicza.pl

**B. Huberman Częstochowa Philharmonic**  
ul. Wilsona 16, phone +48 34 324 42 30, sekretariat@fiharmonia.com.pl, www.fiharmonia.com.pl

**“Gaude Mater” Centre for the Promotion of Culture**  
ul. Dąbrowskiego 1, phone +48 34 324 36 38, biuro@gaudemater.pl, www.gaudemater.pl

**“Iluzja” Centre for Film Culture**  
Aleja Najświętszej Maryi Panny 64, phone +48 34 324 60 58, ok@okczyst.pl, www.okczyst.pl

**“Wolność” Cinema City**  
Aleja Kościuski 1/5, phone +48 34 371 71 71, czestochowa@cinema-city.pl, www.cinema-city.pl

**“Jurajska” Cinema City**  
Aleja Wojska Polskiego 207, phone +48 34 390 17 77, jurajska@cinema-city.pl, www.cinema-city.pl

**OTHER ATTRACTIONS**

**Spherical Cinema**  
Planetarium of the Institute of Physics at the Jan Długosz University  
Aleja Armii Krajowej 13/15, phone 782 237 375, planetarium@iujd.czyst.pl, www.kino-sferyczne.pl

**Golden Mountain Park of Sacred Miniatures**  
ul. Złota, phone 605 870 790, info@zlotagora.com, www.zlotagora.com

**INFORMATION FOR TOURISTS**

**Municipal Tourist Information Centre**  
Aleja Najświętszej Maryi Panny 65, phone +48 34 368 22 50, mci@czestochowa.um.gov.pl, www.info.czystochowa.pl

**Częstochowa’s Tourist Organisation**  
ul. Złota, phone 605 870 790, info@zlotagora.com, www.zlotagora.com

**Jasna Góra’s Information Centre**  
ul. Kordeckiego 2, phone +48 34 365 38 88, jci@jasnagora.pl, www.jci.jasnagora.pl

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/available in all networks/  
Bus information phone +48 34 379 11 49

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- B The Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Finding of the Holy Cross
- a The Chapel of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- b The Chapel of St. Paul
- c The Tower
- d The Chapel of St. Anthony
- C The Sacristy
- D The treasury (entrance from the ramparts)
- E The Monastery
- e The Knights Hall (second floor)
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- F Royal Apartments
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- H The Arsenal
- I The Cenacle
- J „Jasna Góra” Radio
- K The Jagiellonian Gate
- L The St. Barbara’s Bastion
- M The St. Roch’s Bastion
- N The Holy Trinity Bastion
- O The St. James’ Bastion
- P The Monument of Father Augustyn Kordecki
- Q The Monument of John Paul II
- R The Adoration Chapel (above the Chapel of the Miraculous Image)
- S „The Golgotha Gallery” of Duda Grac (above the Chapel of the Miraculous Image)
- T The Kordecki Conference Room
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- V Luggage Storage
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## JASNA GÓRA - MAP OF THE MONASTERY

