

# Wrocław

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Old but modern city

An aerial photograph of Wrocław, Poland, showing a dense urban landscape with a mix of historic and modern buildings. The red-tiled roofs of the old town are prominent, along with a large Gothic church with a prominent cross on its roof. A central square with people and trees is visible in the lower middle ground.

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# OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

**Do you want to lie flat on the sofa and watch television when your parents say "We are going on family trip!"? Do you thing that you prefer staying at home and sleep when you hear "There is a tour of the town on our programme tomorrow." ? Do you think that travelling, visiting museums and galleries is boring? If your answers is "YES" we can help you. We have a recipe for this. We can show you, that every place has got interesting nooks. They can be the last resort in holiday boredom. See our version of Wrocław.**



Hala Stulecia - here many cultural events hapen!



The best zoo with the best animals!

Japanese Garden - one of the most beautiful and calm places in the city



We live in Wrocław. This the one of the biggest, prettiest and most popular cities in Poland. It's also the capital of Dolnyśląsk. Wrocław is a place where different cultures meet. We have very old and popular monuments like Hala Stulecia, National Museum, fantastic market with old-fashioned Town Hall , Japanese Garden, post-war buildings , Zoo, Panorama Raclawicka, Opera and so on. If you go there we're sure you will have a great time. Why did we decide to take part in this competition? Because we think that our city is unusual and different than others. We love spending free time here. We love this atmosphere! From Monday to Friday there is a crowd and rush, but then we have weekends. Suddelly everythings changes. Everything slows down. Joung and old people have a rest, Wrocław becomes quiet, nice town.



Panorama Raclawicka - well known painting in well known place in Wrocław

# NEIGHBOURHOOD OF MUTUAL RESPECT

**This is a district which we can find on Kazimierza Wielkiego street in Wrocław. In this place there are 4 creeds of faith : Roman, Jewish, (Protestant) and Orthodox Church.**

Some time ago our class went for a trip to this wonderful neighbourhood. Now, we want to share this experience with you. We started visiting by an Orthodox Church dedicated to the providence of God. The church was fabulous. Although the most of us have lived in Wrocław for a long time we have never seen this church. The interior is small, modestly decorated and completely white. The guide told us the story of the creation of this religion, the church and the meaning of individual elements.

## Synagogue

Another point of our trip was the synagogue. Under the White Stork Synagogue is one of two Jewish temples. It is located on 7th Street Pawła Włodkowica. On the individual days the synagogue also hosts theater performances to bring the history of the Jews (mainly during the Second World War) back to life.



You can also visit the small synagogue. The guide showed us a place of worship, explained the main principles of religion, talked about Christmas and showed the Pentateuch.

## Orthodox Church

Then we visited the cathedral church of the Birth of the Holy Mother of God.

In the Orthodox Church our guide was a Pop. He showed us the differences in construction between the Catholic and Orthodox. Each of us could admire the iconostasis, the characteristic inclusion "of the altar." A clergyman led us to a special, small room with icons. We also read a Bible passage in a special language. He was ready to answer our every question about religion and the extraordinary temple.

## Catholic church

The last we visited a Catholic church dedicated to Saint Anthony. Unfortunately we could not see the church in full splendor, at mass there was a service. However, we saw a balcony with a historic church organ.

After leaving the temple priests, or any tour guides told us that they did not want to persuade anyone to change their faith and they advised us to remember that religious differences should not divide us.

Wrocław is the place of culture, respect and development.



# OWLS ATTACK OUR CITY!

Wrocław is definitely the city of art! Young city dwellers are trying to make it more and more beautiful! We know that graffiti is a kind of vandalism but some of them intrigue us and often put a smile on our face.



Optometric owl from Wita Stwoszanstreet. Painters often use the setting to tailor the owl to it.



'Day-night' owl from Stawowa street. Only at night when the light is on we can see that she is sitting on a shadow of the clothes-horse!



An angry owl from Spoleczny square. It is only a part of the bigger painting.



They are everywhere: on the letter boxes, road signs and entry phones! So, come on and see it by yourself!

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