

**THE JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LUBLIN**

**GUIDE FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS
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Welcome to KUL !

The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (KUL) welcomes you and hopes your stay in Lublin will be memorable and fruitful.

This brochure is addressed to ERASMUS students intending to study at KUL for a semester or one academic year.

When arriving at a new university to study, you may have all kinds of questions about practical matters like registration procedure, accommodation, study programmes, preparatory language courses, etc. This brochure answers most of these questions. Should you have any problems or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time!

We are looking forward to meeting you in Lublin.

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The City of Lublin

Lublin has always been one of Poland's most important cities. Due to its geographical location and history, Lublin has often played the role of a bridge between East and West. Interestingly, it also often took the lead at crucial historical moments when Poland's fate hung in balance. In 1569 the so-called Lublin Union was signed here, uniting Poland into a single political entity, thus creating the largest European state of the time. In the final days of World War I, Poland's first independent government (which soon ceded power to Jozef Pilsudski) was founded in Lublin. It was here again that the provisional communist government was installed by the Soviets in July 1944, during the last stages of World War II. Lublin is also considered by some to be the cradle of Solidarity; the avalanche of strikes that in 1980 spread throughout Poland and eventually led to the Gdansk agreements began in Lublin.

Since World War II, Lublin has expanded threefold and today is the largest and most important industrial, commercial and educational centre in eastern Poland. It is no exaggeration to call Lublin a city of universities. At present, Lublin has 5 universities and a few colleges with the total of over 70,000 students, while the population of Lublin is approximately 400,000. If one adds the rich and thriving cultural life that imparts a unique artistic flavour to the atmosphere of Lublin, our city appears to be an ideal place in which to spend a part of your colourful student life.

The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (KUL)

The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (KUL) – formerly the Catholic University of Lublin - founded in 1918, is one of the oldest universities in Poland and is the only one possessing full state and Church rights.

At present, it is also one of the fastest growing universities in Poland. At present, KUL enrolls over 23,022 students (including approx. 550 foreign students in the first semester 2006/07) in its various programmes. The University is open to all Poles, from Poland and abroad, as well as to foreign students –Erasmus, CEEPUS and others.

The university has a reputation for high standards of education and research, the profile of which is determined by humanistic tradition of the university as well as openness to the needs of a contemporary man.

The university offers a very wide range of Master's and doctoral programmes in the following faculties: the Faculty of Humanities, the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Faculty of Law, Canon Law and Administration, the Faculty of Theology, the Faculty of Philosophy, the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, the Collegium of Inter-Faculty Individual Studies in the Humanities, the Off-Campus Faculty of Legal and Economic Sciences in Tomaszów Lubelski and the Off-Campus Faculty of Social Sciences in Stalowa Wola. Most of the academic disciplines have already gained a Certificate of the Quality of Education, i.e. the accreditation of the University Accreditation Commission and redesigned their study programmes in line with European Credit Transfer System.

KUL boasts a School of Polish Language and Culture, which runs highly popular summer and one-year courses for foreigners from all over the world.

The university has ongoing cooperation with over 70 foreign research and academic institutions. KUL has been participating in such European programmes as ERASMUS since 1999/2000 and CEEPUS since 1998/1999. KUL is also a member of many international academic associations and organizations, including International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU), European Federation of Catholic Universities (FUCE) and European University Association (EUA).

Due to Lublin's geographical location and its history, KUL has strong ties both with the East and the West. The graduates and the faculty of KUL hold many important positions in social, cultural, ecclesiastical and political life. Among them is Pope John Paul II, who held the Chair of Ethics in KUL's Faculty of Philosophy for many years.

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The academic year consists of two semesters. The first semester begins at the beginning of October and runs until approx. 24 January, with one break for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. The second semester starts approx. 15 February and runs until approx. 5 June, with one week break at Easter.

There are two examination sessions: the winter session runs from approx. 25 January until

approx. 9 February and the summer session is held from 6 June until 25 June.

[Language of instruction & language courses](#)

The regular language of instruction is Polish (except for philological and linguistic institutes, where courses are taught in respective target languages). However, KUL offers also courses delivered in English (the list of them is available at: <http://www.kul.pl/272.html>)

All Erasmus students are invited to take part in an intensive Polish language course organized (free of charge) at the beginning of each semester by the School of Polish Language and Culture. For more detailed information, please visit our website: <http://www.kul.pl/272.html>.

[Assessment and grading system](#)

The semestral system requires 15 weeks of classes followed by the two- or three-week examination periods. Unsuccessful students can take their make-up exams in the second examination sessions. This means that every examination can be taken twice per semester.

Local grade	ECTS grade	Local definition
5	A	very good
4+	B	better than good
4	C	good
3+	D	better than satisfactory
3	E	satisfactory
2	FX/F	unsatisfactory (Fail)

[ECTS at KUL](#)

Currently, European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is used by most of the academic disciplines. If you would like to obtain more detailed information about ECTS in the field of study of your choice or about available courses, please contact an Erasmus coordinator.

[Erasmus coordinators](#)

To organize and facilitate the running of the Erasmus programme, KUL has designated a coordinator in every faculty and institute. That person is responsible for all internal matters directly related to this programme and also acts as the contact person for foreign students studying at our university within other exchange programmes. The complete list of coordinators is available at <http://www.kul.pl/272.html>.

[Erasmus partner institutions](#)

COUNTRY	UNIVERSITY	FIELD OF STUDY
BELGIUM	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	NATURAL SCIENCES, PSYCHOLOGY AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES, LAW, PHILOSOPHY
	Université Catholique de Louvain	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES
CZECH REPUBLIC	Charles University in Prague	INTERNATIONAL STUDIES / MODERN HISTORY, SOCIAL SCIENCES
	Masaryk University in Brno	LAW
	Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
ESTONIA	Tallinn University	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES
FINLAND	University of Helsinki	PHILOSOPHY
	University of Joensuu	ECONOMICS LAW
	Kyminlaakso Polytechnic	EDUCATION, TEACHER TRAINING

FRANCE	Université de Paris X - Nanterre	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES
	Université de Vincennes – Saint Denis (Paris VIII)	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES
	Université de Paris I- Panthéon Sorbonne	HISTORY
	Université d’Orléans	HISTORY, LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES, BUSINESS STUDIES AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, LAW
	Université Catholique de Lille	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES
	Université René Descartes - Paris 5	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES
	Université Catholique de l’Ouest	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGY (GERMAN), LITERATURE (FRENCH), HISTORY OF ART
GERMANY	Universität Bielefeld	PSYCHOLOGY AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES
	Universität Konstanz	HISTORY, LAW
	Katholische Fachhochschule Nordrhein-Westfalen - Abteilung Münster	EDUCATION, TEACHER TRAINING
	Carl Von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg	EDUCATION, TEACHER TRAINING, SOCIOLOGY
	Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel	AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
	Technische Universität Chemnitz	HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES
	Freie Universität Berlin	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES
	Katholische Universität Eichstätt	SOCIAL SCIENCES
GREECE	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	NATURAL SCIENCES

HOLLAND	Radboud University Nijmegen (Katholieke Universiteit Nijmegen)	PSYCHOLOGY AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES, CLASSICAL PHILOLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, ECOLOGY, THEOLOGY
	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	PSYCHOLOGY AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES
HUNGARY	Eötvös Loránd University	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES
	Péter Pázmány Catholic University	LAW, LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES, HISTORY
ITALY	Libera Università Maria SS 'Assunta' di Roma	CLASSICAL PHILOLOGY, HUMANITIES, LAW, EDUCATION, TEACHER TRAINING
	Università degli Studi di Sassari	PHILOSOPHY
	Università degli Studi di Parma	PHILOSOPHY
	Università degli Studi di Roma 'La Sapienza'	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES, PSYCHOLOGY
	Università degli Studi di Bari	LAW
	Università degli Studi di Bergamo	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES
	Università degli Studi di Milano	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES (SLAVIC)
LATVIA	Daugavpils University	SOCIOLOGY
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	Comenius University in Bratislava	LAW
	Katolícka univerzita v Ružomberku	MUSIC AND MUSICOLOGY THEOLOGY HISTORY OF ART PHILOSOPHY EDUCATION, TEACHER TRAINING PSYCHOLOGY AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES
	Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

SLOVENIA	Univerza v Ljubljani	LAW/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
SPAIN	Universidad de la Rioja	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES, HISTORY
	Universidad de Sevilla	EDUCATION, TEACHER TRAINING BUSINESS STUDIES AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES
	Universidad de Vigo	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES
	Universidad de Murcia	PHILOSOPHY
	Universidad Francisco de Vitoria	BUSINESS STUDIES AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, LAW, NATURAL SCIENCES
	Universidad Catolica San Antonio de Murcia	LAW
	Universidad Cardenal Herrera-CEU	LAW
	Universidad de Navarra	LAW, CANON LAW
	Universidad de Deusto	SOCIAL SCIENCES
	Universidad de Valladolid	PHILOSOPHY
SWEDEN	Göteborg University	EDUCATION, TEACHER TRAINING
SWITZERLAND	Université de Fribourg Suisse	LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, ECONOMICS
TURKEY	Baskent University	SOCIAL WORK

[How to apply for an Erasmus exchange at KUL](#)

All the required documents should be sent to the Erasmus Office of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin no later than until **15 August** (for winter semester or the whole academic year) or until **15 December** (for summer semester). Once you have been accepted as an Erasmus student, you will receive an official letter of acceptance along with information materials. Information about study programmes is available at <http://www.kul.pl/272.html>.

Required documents:

1. Application form (available at <http://www.kul.pl/272.html>)

2. A photocopy of the applicant's passport
3. 3 photographs (with the applicant's name on the reverse of each photograph)
4. A photocopy of European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and a photocopy of accident insurance

IMPORTANT NOTICE! You are required to send a complete set of application documents (1-4) to be accepted.

Erasmus students are advised to contact:

Erasmus Office
The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin
Al. Raławickie 14
20-950 Lublin, Poland
Tel. +48 81 445 41 81/445 42 04
Fax: +48 81 445 41 84
E-mail: glen@kul.lublin.pl

[Residence permit regulations](#)

If you are an EU citizen you can enter Poland with your ID document (a valid travel document e.g. passport, or another document certifying your identity and citizenship).

For stay up to 3 months no legalisation of stay will be necessary. For stays exceeding 3 months, you will have to obtain a temporary residence permit (*Karta pobytu obywatela UE*). In case of students, the residence permit is issued for one year. The residence permit - once issued - will also entitle its bearer to take up work.

This document will be issued by the Department of Citizens Affairs of the Voivodeship Office (province administration, in Polish *Urząd Wojewódzki*). Charge for issuing of the residence permit is 30 Polish zloty (ca 7 Euro).

Temporary residence permits will be granted to Union citizens who have health insurance and sufficient resources to cover their expenses without needing social security support.

Documents that you will have to submit to the Voivodeship Office in order to obtain the residence permit:

1. copy of the travel document (passport or other ID document)
2. health insurance document
3. official statement from Polish university accepting you as an Erasmus student (with information about the planned period of study)
4. declaration about sufficient resources to cover the subsistence costs in Poland
5. 2 photographs

6. Application form (*Wniosek o zezwolenie na pobyt*, in Polish)

If you are an EEA-country citizen, you are subject to the same conditions as the EU citizens. If you are a citizen of Switzerland you can enter Poland only on the basis of a valid passport.

Health and insurance

You are required to have a **health insurance policy (European Health Insurance Card - EHIC) and accident insurance** for the entire duration of your stay in Poland.

A holder of European Health Insurance Card will receive free health services at health care providers who have concluded a relevant contract with NFZ (National Health Found). You can receive health services in the following areas: primary health care, specialist out-patient care, hospital treatment, dental treatment, rescue services and ambulance transport.

Health services for KUL students are provided by the Academic Health Centre, Al. Raławickie 14, 20-950 Lublin. Tel.: 081 445 33 97.

Disabled students may contact Students with Disabilities Office:

mgr Sylwia Bogusz

Tel. +48 81 445 32 03

Office hours: every day (except Fridays) from 10.00 a.m.-2.00 p.m., room 206 (John Paul II Collegium building)

Arrival

Students can be collected from the bus or railway station in Lublin if they inform the International Relations Office in advance about the exact time of arrival (preferably weekdays).

Air Travel

If you come by plane, you will arrive at the International Airport "Okęcie", Warsaw (10 km/6.25 miles from the city centre). From the airport, you can travel directly to Lublin (approx. 170 km from Warsaw) by taking one of yellow coaches 'Polski Express', which depart from the car park situated right in front of the airport <http://www.gwardak.republika.pl/pex.html>. Just make sure to catch the right bus – connection Warszawa-Lublin. This is probably the most convenient, the safest and quite reasonably priced connection to Lublin. The trip takes approximately 3 hours. Buses arrive at the central bus terminal (Dworzec Główny PKS) in Lublin.

Central Railway Station

The Central Railway Station is situated in the very heart of Warsaw. All inter-city services arrive at the Central Railway Station. It is also there that you can change for Lublin - there are quite frequent connections: <http://www.pkp.pl/>. The trip takes approximately three hours.

Direct connection: central railway station (in Lublin) - Campus: bus 13 and trolleybus 150, central bus terminal (in Lublin) - Campus: buses 5, 10, 18, 31, 57; or by taxi.

After your arrival in Lublin, you are advised to contact our Erasmus Office. Here you will obtain all the necessary information concerning your stay in Lublin.

[Accommodation](#)

The number of rooms in our student dormitories is limited. **Cost** is 70 euro per month (double or triple room). **Reservation** - only through the Erasmus Office by request when submitting the application form.

There is also a possibility of renting a room or a flat in different parts of the city. The prices differ depending on the standard, location and distance from the university. The University assumes no responsibility for privately arranged accommodations.

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The university cafeteria (Al. Raławickie 14) offers meals (dinners) from 12.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. at about 45 euro per month. You can also buy individual meals (about 2 euro a meal). There are also many bars and restaurants situated next to the campus.

[Local transport](#)

Lublin has a good network of buses and trolleybuses, which connects the city centre (where the campus is actually situated) with all parts of the city. It runs quite frequently until approximately

23.00 - 23.30, depending on the line. Besides there are also private buses (*Linia prywatna*) which run on the busiest connections and are a bit cheaper than regular buses.

Tickets are available at kiosks or from drivers. Tickets must be punched as soon as you get on a bus or a trolleybus. We must warn you that fare dodgers are frequently caught and fined. There is extra fare for luggage. In the case of private buses, fare is to be paid directly to the driver. We recommend buying (except for private buses) a monthly or quarterly pass, which is a very useful and reasonably cheap way of travelling. They are available from the Office of Public Transport at Kraśnicka 25 and Przystankowa 1. Remember to sign your weekly/monthly pass; otherwise the ticket is not valid.

Before you get a Student Identity Card (*Legitymacja studencka*), issued at the beginning of your stay at KUL, it is recommended to have an international student's card ISIC that entitles you to benefit from a discount on all means of public transport.

If you plan to travel by night, it is advisable to take a taxi (available throughout the night).

As in other big cities, beware of pickpockets who are most active on means of transport as well as places such as cafés, restaurants, etc.

TAXIS

You can pick up a taxi either from a taxi rank or by calling a taxi service (e.g. 0819628, 0819621, 0819622, 0819665). Of course, tariffs vary but it may amount up to approx. 20 ~ 30 PLN within the city.

[Post offices/telephones](#)

Post offices are usually open daily from 8.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. They are located throughout the city and at the main railway stations. There is also one situated right next to the campus at Łopacińskiego Street 9.

Telephone boxes use cards, which are on sale at kiosks and post offices. To telephone abroad from Poland, dial 00 + the country code. Within Lublin dial 081 and the number you wish to contact.

[Banks and money](#)

It is difficult to give a precise estimate of how much money you will need, partly because much depends on your own circumstances and lifestyle. The following suggestions may be helpful:

Accommodation

ca. 70 euro (per month) in the students dormitories

Food

ca. 45 euro (per month) in the university cafeteria

Books and Entertainment

ca. 50 euro (per month)

Local Transport

ca. 15 euro (per month)

In order to open a bank account you will need a passport and a Student Identity Card. Most banks are open from 8.00/9.00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday.

You can change money in banks or exchange offices (*kantory*). Changing money in exchange offices might be more advantageous to you as all banks charge commission.

Another possibility is to open a bank account in your home country and use your credit card for withdrawing money in Poland as cash dispensers are at your disposal all around the city. Mastercard and Visa are common in Poland. Remember that your local bank may charge fees for use of cash dispensers in other countries.

Library

The KUL University Library is a single library system with a network of 38 (satellite) libraries in the institutes, research centres, and faculties of the University. Students may use a whole range of libraries within the University, that is departmental and institute libraries as well as reading rooms. Materials are also made available through interlibrary loan. Readers can also gain information at the Library about other libraries' collections through the Internet. They can also make use of the Library's CD-ROM databases.

Address:

Chopina 27, 20-023 Lublin

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kulbibl@nestor.kul.lublin.pl

<http://pater.kul.lublin.pl/>

Opening hours:

Library: Monday - 11.00-19.00, Thursday-Friday – 10.00-20.00, Saturday - 10.00-15.00

Readings rooms: Monday - 11.00-19.00, Thursday-Friday - 8.00-20.00, Saturday - 8.00-15.00

Computing services

Each student and a faculty member can open an account with access to the Internet. Network and computer facilities are also provided for foreign students, researchers and visiting lecturers, as well as for short-term guests. You can get access to the Internet in the following rooms: 117, 144, 364 (Students' Government Office), 421, 703, 705A (in John Paul II Collegium) and others.

If you wish access to your own e-mail account, you should click at:

<https://e.kul.lublin.pl/login.html>

Student life

The KUL Student Government is the primary organizer of all student activities at KUL. The organization's basic aim is to provide students with good quality representation and services which help them to get the most out of their years at the university.

Each year in spring it organizes in cooperation with other student organizations one of the most cultural events in the Lublin Region - Student Cultural Days "*Kulturalia*". They last one week and during that time the University teems with lots of cultural events, *inter alia*, theatre performances, concerts, film marathons, panel discussions, dance performances, martial arts performances, a day of Tex-Mex cuisine, etc.

Apart from "*Kulturalia*", the KUL Student Government organizes Open Door Days and

Student Organization Fairs, which gather a lot of students as well as potential future students, who are attracted to study at KUL.

Other cultural events organized at KUL include: the Catholic University Youth Forum - an audition of young talented musicians - organized by the Centre for Campus Ministry KUL and orientation programme for freshmen coordinated by the Association of Catholic University Youth, "Unia Młodych."

In addition, student cultural days are organized by other Lublin universities. These include: "Koziernalia" organized by Marie Curie-Skłodowska University, "Feliniada" organized together by Agricultural University of Lublin and Medical University in Lublin, and "Juwenalia" organized by Lublin University of Technology. They are usually held from the end of April till the end of May. Marie Curie-Skłodowska University organizes also "Żakeria" Religious Song Festival.

Another form of student activities is the "Academic Circles." They bring together students in individual sections and faculties who are interested in furthering their academic interests as well as in taking a deeper role in the life of the faculty through organization of lectures, talks, conferences, and academic sessions. The latter include programmes like the "Ecclesiology Week" (Theology Circle), "Philosophy Week" and "Eutrapelia" (Philosophy Circle), "Legal Week" (Law Students Academic Circle), "Social Days" (Sociology Circle), "Actualia" (Psychology Circle), and "Social Skills Week" (Managerial Psychology Circle). They are all held in the spring semester. At present, there are 34 student circles active at the University, along with a Polish-Spanish Association and "VadeMecum," a Socio-Political Thought Club.

Students interested in developing their interests and talents can choose among various organizations active at KUL. Those with musical or acting talent can choose among the KUL Choir, the Gregorian Schola, or KUL's unique and worldwide famous theatre: *Scena Plastyczna (the Visual Stage)*, under the direction of Leszek Mądzik. Students with artistic interests can get involved with the "Terra" Photography Agency or the Academic Film Studio, which organizes film shows at the University. Those adept at journalism can hone their talents in "*Brama Trzeciego Tysiąclecia*" (Gateway of the Third Millennium), the journal published by the "Frassatianum" Society. Those who prefer to spend their free time more actively can find a place in KUL's Tourist Club branch of the all-Polish tourist association (PTTK) or in one of the 12 sections (volleyball, handball, soccer, chess, etc.) of AZS, the Polish University Sports Union.

Entertainment

If you are interested in the **theatre**, we strongly recommend the above-mentioned KUL's theatre: *Scena Plastyczna (the Visual Stage)*. Its performances constitute an original form of visual theatre, without word or story, created by the dramatic continuity of scenes and musical sequences. You can also check out the programmes of other numerous Lublin's theatres.

The main city venue for drama is the Juliusz Osterwa Theatre (Narutowicza street 17), featuring a wide range of classical and modern plays. Theatre buffs may also be interested in the experimental Gardzienice Centre of Theatrical Practice, one of the most outstanding companies currently performing in Poland. Each of its productions is a whirl of sights and sounds performed barefoot by candlelight with reckless energy and at breakneck speed, accompanied by music and singing by the actors themselves (office: tel. 532 96 37, Grodzka street 5A). We recommend reservations well in advance). Another must is the programme of the highly acclaimed "Brama Grodzka" Centre, the "NN Theatre". We also recommend visiting the Cultural Centre of Lublin

(Peowiaków street 12, tel. 081 532 75 83), which is the site of such theatre companies as: The “Provisorium” Theatre, The Company Theatre, The Lublin Theatre and Stage 6. The Centre also houses the Festival Office of the International Theatrical Confrontations, which are held in Lublin every year in October. Other theatres worth recommending include ITP (Theatre Initiative of KUL Polish Philology students), Musical Theatre and Chamber Theatre.

As for **galleries**, we recommend the following:

- Galeria 1 im. B. Słomki ul. Al. Raławickie 14
- Galeria ACK UMCS ul. Radziszewskiego 16, tel. 081 533 32 01-03
- Galeria Biała Centrum Kultury ul. Peowiaków 1, tel. 081 536 03 25
- Galeria Grodzka, ul; Grodzka 5a, tel. 081 532 59 47
- Galeria Labirynt II, ul. Grodzka 3, tel. 081 532 59 47
- Galeria Mat- Mart, ul. Grodzka 32
- Galeria Sceny Plastycznej KUL, ul. Raławickie 14, tel. 081 445 45 02
- Galeria Stara, ul. Narutowicza 4, tel. 081 532 56 00
- Galeria Sztuki Lubelskiej Szkoły Biznesu, ul. Narutowicza 8

For **classical music**, check out the programmes of the Filharmonia Lubelska (Lublin Philharmonic Hall) at its huge, brand-new hall at Skłodowskiej Curie street 5. The Teatr Muzyczny (The Musical Theatre) also stages operettas and a variety of musical events in the hall.

Cinemas

There are several cinemas in Lublin, among others:

- Bajka**, ul. Radziszewskiego 8, <http://bajka.kina.lublin.pl/>
- Chatka Żaka**, ul. Radziszewskiego 16, <http://www.ack.lublin.pl/kino/index.html>
- Kosmos**, ul. Króla Leszczyńskiego 60, <http://kosmos.kina.lublin.pl/>
- Wyzwolenie**, ul. Peowiaków 6, <http://wyzwolenie.kina.lublin.pl/>

Foreign movies are normally shown with subtitles.

Restaurants, clubs, discos

As for lighter fare, Aristic Club Hades has live music (rock, jazz, etc.) and discos at weekends. The club organizes a three-day Hades Jazz Festival in late October. Chatka Żaka (ul Radziszewskiego 16, next to the campus) is a student club, which organizes cultural events on some days. We also recommend checking out such discos like: MC’, Coloseum Club, Klub Megido, Kotłownia, Graffiti, Klub Studio, Koyot. Many of the city’s pubs, cafes, clubs and restaurants are situated in the Old Town and in the centre, among others: Old Pub, Złoty Osioł, MC Restaurant, Alternatywa, Resursa. Some of the restaurants are especially worth visiting because of their exquisite cuisine and interesting location in historic cellars, often going down several metres below ground. Among them are: Piwnica Rycerska (Knights’ Cellar), Gościnne Piwnice (Hospitable Cellars) or Piwnica pod Fortuną (Under Fortune Cellar).

Lublin has also a network of fast-food restaurants (McDonald’s, KFC, Pizza Hut, New York City Pizza) and a variety of ethnic (Mexican, Italian, Chinese) and vegetarian restaurants.

Cultural festivals

As a city with a unique artistic flavour, Lublin abounds in all sorts of cultural festivals and events. These include:

- Masterpieces of Chamber Music (the concert series, outstanding performances of most superb musicians and small-audience groups from Poland and abroad)
- Biennial Event “Puppets in Lublin” (the international puppet theatre performances),
- “The Music and Art. Tempus Paschale” (festival of the old Polish music accompanied by exhibitions of painting and graphic art)
- International Dance Theatre Meetings (individual and group performances, dance workshops conducted by artists)
- The International Theatrical Confrontations in Lublin (the festival includes stage performances of famous theatre companies as well as accompanying events - sessions, exhibitions)
- The Spring Lublin Theatre Festival
- The International Never-Ending Guitar Festival
- The K. Lipiński and H. Wieniawski International Competition for Young Violinists
- The S. Serwaczyński All-Polish Competition for Young Violinists

City sights

Tourist information about Lublin can be found in:

The Regional Tourist Information Centre

Jezuicka 1/3, tel: 081 532 44 12 / opening hours: from Mai 1 to September 30: Monday-Friday 9.00-18.00, Saturday 10.00-16.00, Sunday 10.00-15.00, from October 1 to April 30: Monday-Friday 9.00 - 17.00, Saturday 10.00-15.00. Here one can buy maps and guidebooks, and make reservations for buses going to major European cities.

Polish Tourist Association

Rynek 8, tel. 081 532 49 42 / opening hours: Monday-Friday 8.00 - 16.00.

There are so many choices and interesting sights in Lublin that it would be difficult to recommend just a few. However, there are some places that are an absolute must for all visitors.

Old Town- one of the most beautiful in Poland. Its uniqueness lies in its preservation of the original medieval town plan within the confines of its defensive walls. All the old townhouses are distinguished by rich artwork that still preserves its Gothic and Renaissance character.

Apart from great sightseeing value, tourists are attracted by the abundance of stylish cafes, pubs and restaurants.

The Kraków Gate- one of the most well-known landmarks of Lublin - it can be found in hundreds of photographs and drawings. Built in half of XIV century in the Gothic style, it was rebuilt in the XVI century in Renaissance style with a baroque copula. Today, the Gate houses the Historical Museum of Lublin.

The Castle complex - one of the grandest sights in Lublin. The oldest parts of the castle date back to the middle of XIII century. The castle served as a prison until 1954; during the Nazi

occupation there were over 80,000 people interned here. Today, the castle houses the extensive Lublin Museum, with over 100,000 artefacts in various permanent exhibitions. However, the most outstanding architectural monument of the Castle complex is

The Holy Trinity Chapel - a unique building in Poland and an exceptionally rare monument in Europe, famous for its unique Russo-Byzantine frescoes from the early 15th century combined with the Gothic style of the Chapel. It is the only example in Poland of this kind of art that has been preserved almost untouched.

The Cathedral - the former Jesuit church dating from the end of the 16th century; it is particularly interesting because of its acoustic vestry as well as grand and stylish interior with baroque wall paintings.

The Museum in Majdanek - a preserved section of the infamous concentration camp organized by the Nazis in 1941-42. Majdanek was the second largest death camp (after Oświęcim-Brzezinka) in the countries of occupied Europe. It operated till liberation in July 1944, and during that period some 360,000 people, representing 51 nationalities from 26 countries, were exterminated. The permanent camp exposition consists of the post-camp objects: the prison fields surrounded with the barbed wire, the guard towers, prisoners' barracks, the gas chambers and the crematorium with the tomb of those murdered in the camp. You can also see documentaries shown in a small cinema.

The city is also an excellent base if you want to travel further and visit other beautiful spots in the Lublin region. The wide choices run from Kazimierz Dolny - an architectural and cultural pearl of the region; Kozłówka with the beautiful Zamoyski Palace Complex housing, among others, a unique gallery featuring socialist-realist "art"; Nałęczów - a well-known, beautifully situated spa; to Zamość, whose Old Town is included on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Map of Lublin: <http://mapa.lublin.pl/>

[Important local addresses](#)

Residence permit in Lublin

Urząd Spraw Obywatelskich
Oddział ds. cudzoziemców
(Civil Department)
Leszczyńskiego 20
Tel: 081 443 54 47

**The Passport Office
(Residence Permit)**

Północna 3
Tel. 081 747 73 92

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