



WUF11 PRESS TRIP „KATOWICE – FOR A CHANGE”

26 June 2022 Katowice

Program of the press trip

12:00

Meeting point near the entrance of the Silesian Museum (located in the Katowice Zone of Culture)

Exact location: Warszawa II shaft next to the museum entrance

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12:00 – 1:30 pm

Visit to the Silesian Museum

1:30 pm – 1:35 pm

Walk to the Polish Radio National Symphony Orchestra in Katowice (located in the Katowice Zone Of Culture) **tbc**

1:35 pm – 2:10 pm

Visit to the Polish Radio National Symphony Orchestra in Katowice **tbc**

2:10 pm - 2:20 pm

Transfer by bus to the Nikiszowiec district

2:20 pm – 3:20 pm

Visiting the Nikiszowiec district

3:20 pm – 3:30 pm

Transfer by bus to the ISTO restaurant for lunch, located next to the WUF Venue

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Lunch at the ISTO restaurant

Top sights

Katowice Zone of Culture

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The Zone of Culture is the evidence of revitalization, which Katowice has experienced in recent years. Today, this comprehensive development project is one of the most recognizable spots on the city map. Looking at innovative architectural solutions, skillfully combined with green squares, it is difficult to imagine that only twenty years ago coal was mined there.

Today, only renovated mine buildings serve as a reminder of a mine that was once operating here. The entire project is an excellent proof of dynamic changes Katowice has undergone and of the new vision for the city. The area has four main pillars: a museum, a concert hall, a congress center, and an entertainment-sports arena, between which there is space intended for residents and their guests.

The new building of the Silesian Museum was harmoniously composed with the former mine buildings. That is why most of the exhibitions we can see today lie underground. Fantastic acoustics of the National Symphonic Orchestra of Polish Radio Hall are emphasized by music lovers and musicians around the globe. The International Congress Center is a multifunctional facility, serving as the venue of many training courses, congresses, fairs and conferences. This unique quartet is complemented by 'Spodek' - a legendary arena, which after modernization became one of the most important sports-entertainment facilities in the country.

Silesian Museum - <https://muzeumslaskie.pl/en/about-us/>

Established in 1929, the Silesian Museum in Katowice is the largest museum in the region. It closed at the outbreak of World War II, but was re-established in the middle of the 1980s. In 2015, it was given a new site, which is unique on a global scale. Situated on the grounds of a former coal mine, the architectural complex combines industrial tradition with modernity.

The Museum's activity is focused on the widely-understood historical relations of the region with Poland and the rest of the world. In the permanent exhibitions, visitors may view Polish art from the 19th and 20th centuries, as well as various historical artifacts. However, the Silesian Museum also celebrates the present: there are presentations of modern art, installations, artistic ventures, performance art and workshops.

Polish Radio National Symphony Orchestra (NOSPR) - <https://nospr.org.pl/en/>

Polish Radio National Symphony Orchestra is a modern building which can be seen outside the WUF venue. The brick pillars, rough surfaces and light red recesses resemble familok houses in the mining district of Nikiszowiec. This huge venue charms its guests. The auditorium surrounds the stage from all sides, shortening the distance between the musicians and the public which creates an incredible atmosphere.

Nikiszowiec

The Katowice conservation area was established in the years 1908-1924, according to the architectural design of Georg and Emil Zillmann. In the mining settlement here, the Neo-Baroque church of St. Anna and the "Wieczorek" Coal Mine create a unique atmosphere, which allows you to transport yourself to the beginning of the 20th century. Another tourist attraction is the Wilson Shaft Gallery, which exhibits works of contemporary art.

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ISTO Restaurant - <https://www.isto.com.pl/en/>

ISTO is a space where you can find cuisine inspired by global trends, based on regional Polish products. The place is located in the very heart of the Silesian agglomeration, where business meets culture, tradition meets modernity, and craft meets culinary art.

Press trip FAQ

Who is organizing the press trip?

The Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy of Poland, the city of Katowice, as well as UN-Habitat.

How long will the press trip take?

Approximately 4 hours, including dinner.

How many people can enroll?

40 people can enroll. Enrollment works on a first come, first serve basis.

What will be the language of the press trip?

The press trip will be English. Organizers provide two fluent English-speaking guides.

How can I sign up for a press trip?

If you want to sign up for a press trip, please send your application to the email address: Mateusz.wroblewski@mfipr.gov.pl. Include the names and surnames of participants, as well as the name of the company you represent. The tour is only available to journalists registered at WUF11.

Do I have to pay to participate in the press trip?

It's totally free.

Can I order a vegetarian meal in the restaurant?

Organizers provide vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals.

What distance will I have to walk between attractions?

Approximately 800 meters. For longer routes we provide buses.

Who can I contact if I have a question?

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