



Jelenia Góra (Deer Mountain) is the first larger city after crossing the Czech border coming from Harrachov. It blends the charm of a city centre filled with historical heritage, a thermal spa, and of a focal point from which all roads lead to mountain adventures.

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 Wrocław – 110 km

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## MUST-SEE PLACES

Old town buildings, including **City Hall Square** (Plac ratuszowy) and the surrounding area dating from various periods in history, are certainly worth visiting. The oldest ecclesiastical building is the 14th-century **Gothic Church of St. Erasmus and St. Pancras** <sup>1</sup> (Plac Kościelny) with its 51-metre-tall church tower. **The Baroque Evangelical Church of the Holy Cross** <sup>2</sup>, which is one of the six Silesian Churches of Mercy, is also exceptional. The pulpit is made out of a single piece of stone. The local promenade in Konopnicka Street and 1st Maja Street are also worth mentioning. At the intersection of the two afore-mentioned streets, you'll find **the Chapel of St. Anne** <sup>3</sup> in a medieval fortified **Wojanowska Bastion** entitled **Basteja**. The city is surrounded by the remains of fortifications dating from the 14th and 15th centuries. There is also a thermal spa in the city, called **Cieplice Baths** (→ p. 62).

### Did you know that...?

**The Museum of Gerhart Hauptmann** <sup>4</sup> a **Nobel Prize in Literature laureate**, is housed in **Wiesenstein Villa**, which can be found in the nearby **Jagniatków**.



### Krkonoše Museum (Museum Krakonoskie) in Jelenia Góra

You can start your visit to the Krkonoše Museum in the interior of a Krkonoše-style timbered cottage fitted with period furnishings dating from the turn of the 20th century. You can also visit a medieval burgher house, which demonstrates the lifestyle of local residents in the 17th and 18th century. The exhibition also showcases the largest collection of glass art objects in Poland. In this exhibition, you can also learn interesting facts about the history of the city and the Lower Silesia area. The museum collections are all the more exciting thanks to the several authentic historical video recordings (e.g. from World War II), maps, and real-life stories of remarkable residents of the city.

[www.muzeumkarkonoskie.pl](http://www.muzeumkarkonoskie.pl)



## A BIG TOUR OF THE CZECH-POLISH FRONTIER

If you head south from Jelenia Góra, you can visit the town of **Karpacz**, where you'll find a small, unique church and a multimedia exhibition covering Krkonoše tales and mysteries. The ruins of **Chojnik Castle** and its lookout tower are also a popular destination. Winter (and other seasons) sports enthusiasts are drawn to **Szklarska Poręba a Polana Jakuszycka** resorts.



[www.karpacz.pl](http://www.karpacz.pl)

### Karpacz

– 18 km from Jelenia Góra

In the 12th century, there was a gold prospectors' settlement on the site of the present-day town of Karpacz. The most interesting site here is **Wang** – a Norwegian wooden church, covered with Viking runes (→ p. 53), which dates from the reign of the Prussian ruler Frederick William IV.



### Mysteries of the Krkonoše in Karpacz (Karkonoskie Tajemnice w Karpaczu)

The Krkonoše mysteries will take you to a mystical world. You will experience a face-to-face encounter with the Mountain Spirit and learn about the legends and tales that were forged in the Krkonoše. You'll meet an unusual laboratory technician, a glass-maker, Walloons, and a scary Mandrake. This multimedia and interactive subterranean kingdom will allow you to become part of the lives of ancient Krkonoše dwellers.



[www.karkonoskietajemnice.pl](http://www.karkonoskietajemnice.pl)

### Sports and Tourism Museum in Karpacz (Muzeum Sportu i Turystyki w Karpaczu)

The museum showcases exhibits and documents pertaining to sports, tourism and protecting the environment in the Krkonoše.



[www.muzeumsportu.org](http://www.muzeumsportu.org)



[www.szklarskaporeba.pl](http://www.szklarskaporeba.pl)

If you head north from Jelenia Góra, you can visit the mystical **Czocha Chateau** (→ p. 39) and the historic town of **Lwówek Śląski**.



### Lwówek Śląski

– 37 km from Jelenia Góra

This historic town, which has a brewing tradition dating as far back as 1209, is situated on the Via Regia medieval trade route.

[lwowekslaski.pl](http://lwowekslaski.pl)



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### Polana Jakuszycka 1

– 36 km from Jelenia Góra

The area's renowned cross-country skiing trails, which are around 100 km in total length, satisfy both racers and amateur lovers of 'white tracks' (the highest situated trails are found at an altitude of almost 1,000 metres). When the winter season ends, these trails are used by cyclists.

- **Rock climbing**
  - Sokoliki 2
- **Krkonoše National Park**
  - Sněžka (Śnieżka) 3
- **Waterfalls in the Polish Krkonoše**
  - Kamieńczyka Waterfall (the tallest waterfall in the Polish Sudeten) 4, Szklarki Waterfall 5, Podgórna Waterfall



[www.jakuszyce.info.pl](http://www.jakuszyce.info.pl)



### Szwajcaria Lwówecka, Lwówek Śląski

These interesting rock formations, complete with picturesque mazes and rock towers created by intense weathering, are up to 30 metres tall.

**TIP!** The Local Cuisine Trail – Lower Silesia Trail ("Trasa Dolnośląska")

[smakidolnegoslaska.pl](http://smakidolnegoslaska.pl)

## REGULAR EVENTS

### FEBRUARY-MARCH

The International Rally of Horned Sledges, Kowary

The Piast Race, Jakuszyce

### JUNE

Jelenia Góra Markets with antiques and curiosities

The Festival of the Krkonoše Tastes

The Fortress of Tastes – a historic cuisine festival at Czocha Chateau

Knights' Tournament of the Golden Belt at Chojnik Castle

The Festival of Tastes, Liczyrzepy

### JULY

Lwówek Agate Summer

### SEPTEMBER

The Local Produce Exhibition „Produced below Śnieżka” in Jelenia Góra

