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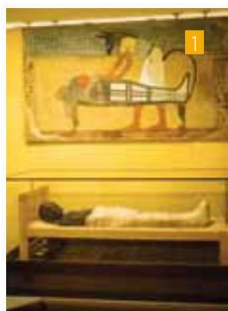
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Racibórz is one of the historic capitals of Upper Silesia, and as such boasts rich cultural and historical heritage. Nearly one thousand years of history have left their mark on the town in the form of architectural and art heritage from all eras. A number of local tourist attractions, including a well-preserved chateau (→ p. 40) with its large exhibition and adjacent park, draw thousands of visitors each year.

Did you know that...? Around 1290, the High Duke Przemysł II had a Gothic chapel built, which was dedicated to the English martyr St Thomas Becket of Canterbury. It is the most valuable building of its kind in Poland. The chapel is often compared to Paris's famous chapel, and is therefore dubbed 'the Silesian Sainte-Chapelle'.

MUST-SEE PLACES

On the Racibórz Square you can see a Gothic parish church, a Renaissance bastion, and a Baroque Marian column. In addition to exhibits mapping the cultural heritage of the city, the local museum can provide visitors even with a view of an Egyptian mummy .



Moravian Gate Arboretum

The arboretum stretches over 35-hectar area, and visitors can look forward to a minizoo, educational trails, fitness trails, as well as the Enchanted Garden.



Wodzisław Śląski – 25 km from Racibórz

The town square in Wodzisław has been the most important and one of the largest squares in Silesian Voivodeship since the town was first settled in the 13th century. The dominant landmark of the town centre is the Palace of the Dietrichsteins, which stands on the site of a former chateau.

Łęczok Nature Reserve – 6 km from Racibórz

The Nature Reserve was established in 1957 in order to protect a multispecies riparian woodland and former Cistercian fishponds. Łęczok's biggest attraction is its birds.



Frontier Meanders of the Odra River – 25 km from Racibórz

The region includes a section of the Odra Valley on both sides of the Polish-Czech border, from the bridge in Chałupki to the area where the Olše empties into the Odra River. This is a naturally meandering section of the river and a riverside area with fragments of riparian woodlands, willow thickets, reeds and marshlands.



Rudy – 24 km from Racibórz

The Cistercian monastery and chateau compound, surrounded by the natural beauties of a protected landscape area, are well worth visiting. Riding on a narrow gauge railway or canoeing down the Ruda River provide a truly unique experience.



Głubczyce – 36 km from Racibórz

It is one of the oldest towns in Silesia. The town was fortified with defensive walls as early as the second half of the 13th century. Głubczyce's historic town centre's unique feature is its town square shaped in a quarter-circle.



REGULAR EVENTS

JULY

INTRO Festival, Racibórz
Reggae Festival, Wodzisław Śląski

AUGUST

Lyski Rock Festival, Lyski