



KROSNO AND THE KROSNO REGION

GUIDE TO THE REGION

An aerial night photograph of Krosno, Poland, showing a large square with two illuminated hot air balloons. The balloons are orange and yellow with dark patterns. The square is filled with people and lights, and surrounded by buildings. A large Christmas tree is visible in the foreground. The text "KROSNO - THE CITY OF GLASS AND LEGENDS" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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Glass Heritage Center

A modern, interactive museum that is the heart of the “City of Glass.” Here, you can watch the glassmaking process live – from the furnace to the decoration. Visitors can blow a glass bubble themselves and admire Poland’s first permanent 3D painting, “The UnderGlass.” Exhibits are also displayed in the historical cellars of the Old Town, and a glass-themed train takes you on a tour around the city. It’s a perfect attraction for families and lovers of artistic craftsmanship.



Krosno's Market Square

The heart of the city is the market square, surrounded by atmospheric townhouses, many of which hide historical wine cellars. Notable sights include the “House Under the Clock,” “Curia Pretoriana,” and “Portius House.” On the square itself, the outlines of the medieval Vogt's House and the Renaissance town hall are marked – remnants of Krosno's past glory as a regional trade center.



Parish Church and Parish Tower

The Holy Trinity Basilica, dating back to the 14th century, is a Gothic-Baroque gem with one of the best-preserved church interiors in the region. Nearby stands the bell tower – the Parish Tower – offering panoramic views of the Low Beskids. Inside, there's an exhibition on watchmaking and an art gallery.



Subcarpathian Museum

Located in the former Bishop's Palace, the museum is famous for the largest collection of oil lamps in Europe. It also features exhibits on regional history, artistic glass, and rotating temporary exhibitions.



Franciscan Church and the Oświęcim Chapel

This Gothic church from the 14th century houses a Baroque chapel tied to the legend of the tragic love story between Anna and Stanisław Oświęcim. It's one of the most mysterious and touching places in Krosno.



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Craft Museum

This museum is located in the former tower clock factory of Michał Mięsowicz. Exhibitions in the PodCieniami Cellar and town square basements showcase the heritage of local craftsmanship and host concerts and workshops..



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Ethnocenter of the Krosno Region

An innovative folk culture center offering workshops, concerts, dances, and multimedia exhibits. It's housed in the old train station – a perfect spot to discover the region's folklore.



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Bóbrka – Oil Industry Open-Air Museum

The world's first industrial oil well (1854), founded by Ignacy Łukasiewicz. It includes historic hand-dug wells, including the still-functioning "Franek." The open-air museum tells the story of the oil industry's birth in a highly authentic setting.



Jaśliska – Film Capital of Subcarpathia

A historic town where films like *Corpus Christi* and *Strawberry Wine* were shot. With preserved wine cellars and the ambiance of a “Subcarpathian Hollywood,” Jaśliska is a highly photogenic and atmospheric destination.



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Stawczana Góra Vineyard and Kombornia Manor

In Krosno and Kombornia, you can taste Carpathian wines. In the 17th century, barrels of wine from Krosno were sent to royal tables – thanks to Robert Wojciech Portius, a Scottish merchant commemorated by a statue near the parish church.



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Iwonicz-Zdrój and Rymanów-Zdrój

Two of Poland's oldest spas, located in the Low Beskids. Iwonicz impresses with its Swiss-Classical architecture and the "Bełkotka" spring, while Rymanów charms with the Tabor Valley and "Celestynka" water. Perfect for a walk and relaxation.



Prządki Rocks and Mount Cergowa

Prządki is a group of fantastically shaped rock formations steeped in legend. Cergowa – the “queen of the Low Beskids” – dominates the landscape with its sharp peak. At its base lies the hermitage of St. John of Dukla.



Lemko Trail – Zyndranowa, Chyrowa, Olchowiec

Zyndranowa is home to the Museum of Lemko Culture. Chyrowa and Olchowiec are villages with beautiful wooden Orthodox churches, stone bridges, and living traditions seen in annual festivals (kermesze)..



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Kamieniec Castle

These hilltop ruins inspired Aleksander Fredro to write *The Revenge*. The castle is a perfect viewpoint and a backdrop for literary-themed trips.



Historical Museum in Dukla and the Military Trail

The palace in Dukla houses an exhibition of weapons and documents from the battles of the Dukla Pass (1944). The trail also includes Franków Hill, the Valley of Death, and Slovak towns like Svidník and Vyšný Komárnik.



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