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## Castles & Palaces

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After countless wars, partitions and other political and social turbulences, the preserved and restored castles and palaces are now part of Poland's historical heritage. Priceless monuments of the past remained untouched in many places. Others were restored or reconstructed with such meticulous care that they became works of art no less important than the original structures. By far, the boldest such undertaking was the reconstruction of [the Royal Castle in Warsaw](#). Whether preserved or restored, castles and palaces are full of life these days. They are homes to **museums** and/or **education centers**. They are venues for **cultural events** or **outdoors events**. They have been converted into **luxury hotels** with **spa facilities**. While restaurants in castles and palaces take you on journeys to the times of hunters' parties and opulent feasts of the Polish nobility.

Many layers of history are still waiting to be discovered. They are hidden in strongholds, in [the Teutonic Knights castles](#), or in castles constructed by aristocrats to become family residences. Mysteries also remain to be uncovered in royal castles, late Renaissance family residences and in exuberant palaces of most exquisite designs. Palaces were often surrounded by sumptuous parks, French or English gardens, frequently with romantic or downright fairy-tale gazebos and pavilions. And so they remain to this day.

And there are plenty of stories to be told, some are facts, other just the legends but they always belong to a place. The treasure hunters must visit [Ksiaz Castle](#) - the largest fortress in Dolny Slask where the train full of stolen gold is hidden. Ghost lovers should visit castles in [Checiny](#) or [Niedzica](#). The ruins of the largest castle [Krzyztopor](#) in Ujazd will tell you the story of falling fortune. And we could go on for hours because there are over 500 castles and 2,5 thousand of palaces scattered all over Poland, but instead join us for a tour.