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European Route of Castles and Palaces

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Day 1

Bolków Castle



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The turbulent history of the Bolków Castle began at the end of the 13th century. For more than a hundred years, it was owned by successive Piast dukes, fulfilling the responsible function of a treasury. Then the property changed owners every few dozen years. It was besieged many times during this time, and it was also rebuilt to adapt it to the changing functions. The twenty-five-meter high, characteristic castle tower overlooking the surrounding area has survived to our times. It was built on a circular plan, but towards the south-west it was shaped like a wedge (the so-called beak). It was supposed to protect the building against artillery fire, causing the bullets to slide and at the same time strengthening the walls.

There was also a deep hunger dungeon in the tower, convicts were thrown there.

Left to chance, they usually survived for about a week. Those endowed with a special will to survive licked water off the walls, significantly prolonging their suffering. Although the building, abandoned for almost two centuries, has clearly deteriorated, today it is a considerable tourist attraction. This is mainly due to enthusiasts referring to the knightly heritage of the castle. Festivals and tournaments are held there, you can admire the museum exhibition all year round and enjoy the wonderful view of the surrounding area. The Bolków Castle is also mentioned in literature, music and film.



Recommended restaurants

The inn at Maciej's: www.karczmaumacieja.pl

Roch Brewery: www.facebook.com/BrowarRoch

Miedzianka Brewery: www.browar-miedzianka.pl

Recommended accommodation

Miedzianka Brewery: www.browar-miedzianka.pl

The inn and Hotel at Maciej's: www.karczmaumacieja.pl

Villa Elizabeth in Bolków:

www.villaelizabethbolkow.com

Recommended local attractions

Castle in Roztoka (11 km)

The baroque palace-type residence dating back to the 16th century is part of the former estate of

the counts of the Hochberg family. Currently, the facility is partially open to the public and is to undergo comprehensive revitalization.

Church of Peace in Jawor (18 km)

A baroque wooden Evangelical church dating back to the 17th century, the interior of it contains antique furnishings, incl. organs, a pulpit and baptismal font. A site from the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Colorful Lakes in Rudawy Janowickie (17 km)

A phenomenon on a European scale, four colorful lakes (yellow, green, blue, purple), formed in the former excavations of a pyrite mine.

Day 1

Grodno Castle



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On the top of Choina Hill, as if guarding the border between the Owl and Wałbrzyskie Mountains, the beautifully situated Grodno Castle rises. History is mixed with legend there so that it is often difficult to separate one from the other. Its first owner was probably Bolko I, although there is no certain evidence of that. The fact is that, like other nearby castles, it became the possession of the Czech Crown after it belonged to the Piasts. When it was taken over by knightly families, the gloomy fame of the robbers' castle grew around it for over a hundred years.

The further history of Grodno was no less turbulent. The building changed owners, was expanded, destroyed, and burned down. Over time, it lost its strategic importance.

In the end, it fell into decline and the local peasants decided to buy it to obtain building material for sale after demolition. Grodno Castle owes its rescue to Professor Jan Gustaw Büschnig from Wrocław. After 1824, the building was protected against further destruction, and the next generations gave it a tourist character.



Recommended restaurants

Knight's Inn at the Grodno Castle:

www.zamekgrodno.pl

Restaurant at the Pałac Jugowice:

www.palacjugowice.com

Fregata Restaurant: www.facebook.com/FregataTA

Recommended accommodation

Grodno Castle: www.karczma.zamekgrodno.pl

Maria Antonina Hotel: www.hotelmariaantonina.pl

Pałac Jugowice: www.palacjugowice.com

Recommended local attractions

Underground Town of Osówka (15 km)

The longest of the fragments of the complex of halls

and shelters made available to tourists, built during the implementation of the "Riese" project, the total length of the corridors discovered so far is approx. 1700 m.

Walimskie Drifts (10 km)

A complex of approx. 500 m of mysterious underground corridors, they were created as part of the Nazi project "Riese" in the Owl Mountains.

Lookout Tower at the Summit of Wielka Sowa Mountain (19 km)

A 25 m high observation tower dating back to the beginning of the 20th century, standing on the top of the highest hill in the Owl Mountains, from where you can admire the panorama of the area, including the Karkonosze Mountains with Śnieżka.

Day 2

Książ Castle



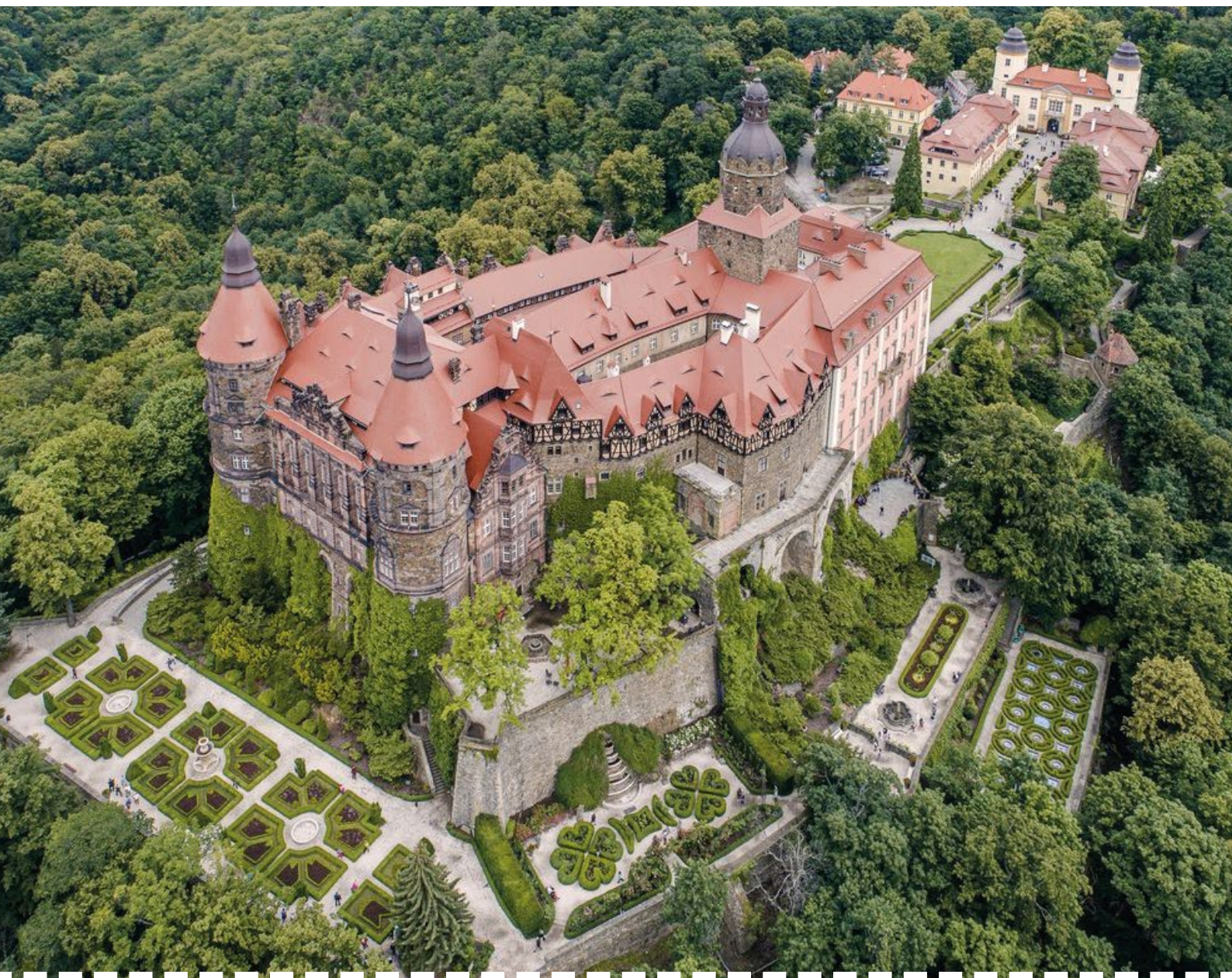
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If Bolko I the Strict looked at Książ Castle today, he would certainly find it hard for him to believe that the magnificent residence was his ducal stronghold at the end of the 13th century. The fact that it was once a Piast defensive castle seems to be remembered only by its safe location above a gorge and in the Pełcznica bend.

Suffice it to say that the fortifications surrounding the fortress in the 17th century were rebuilt into garden terraces, and the remaining fortifications and the castle itself, both from the outside and inside, bear traces of probably all architectural styles that existed between the 13th and 20th centuries.

The Nazi times also left their mark, when, regardless of the surroundings, investments were made here shrouded in mystery to this day.

The castle and its underground are not the only attractions of Książ. Walkers will find wonderful gardens and a park, stately stables, and a palm house, as well as kilometers of marked themed routes. Within the Książ National Park, you can go to the arboretum – the Sudety Dendrological Garden or to the Przełomy pod Książem nature reserve. In turn, a trip to the south along the Książ Gorge is a chance to find a second, slightly forgotten castle with an extremely interesting and romantic history.



Day 2

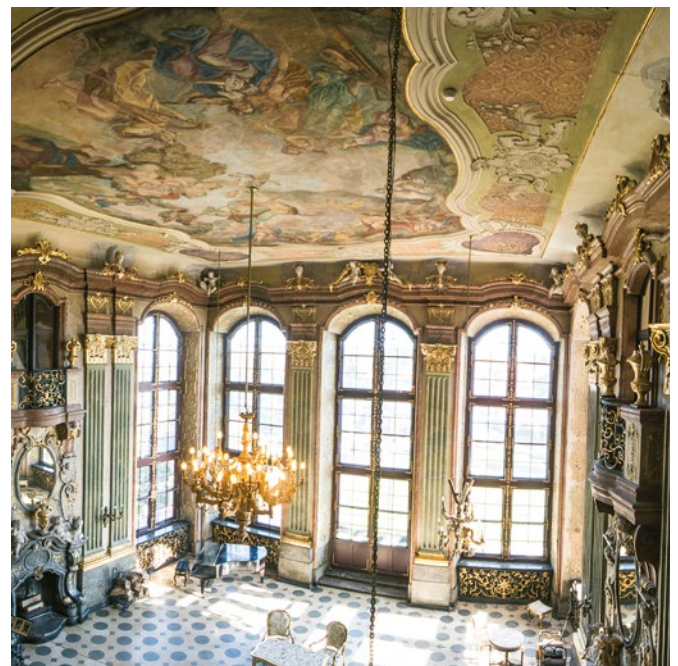
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Stary Książ, as it is used to say about this place, is a castle built at the end of the 18th century on the ruins of the Piast times. The Reich Count Hans Heinrich von Hochberg succumbed to the romantic trends so much that, next to the new gothic castle with a tournament square, he ordered fragments of artificial ruins to be created. The peak of the fame of

this place was probably the knightly tournament of 1800, it was watched by the king of Prussia, Frederick William III. Unfortunately, although even before the war, the castle was even featured on postcards, it was blown up in 1945. Artificial ruins turned into real ones, and the facility permanently moved into the shadow of a more magnificent neighbor.



Recommended restaurants

Książęca Restaurant : www.zamekksiaz.pl

Hubertus Inn: www.mirjan.pl/gospoda-hubertus

Dworzysko: <https://dworzysko.pl>

Recommended accommodation

Książ Hotel: www.ksiaz.walbrzych.pl/turystyka

Castle Hotel: www.zamekksiaz.pl

Old Mine in Wałbrzych: www.starakopalnia.pl

Recommended local attractions

Old Mine in Wałbrzych (12 km)

The largest post-industrial tourist attraction in

Poland, as well as a place for educational activities and the organization of numerous art exhibitions.

Railway Museum in Silesia (20 km)

A museum in the historic locomotive depot in Jaworzyna Śląska, with a total of over 140 railway vehicles dating back to the end of the 19th century to the 1970s.

Church of Peace in Świdnica (18 km)

A baroque wooden Evangelical church dating back to the 17th century. The interior hides historic organs and a richly decorated altar. A site from the UNESCO World Heritage List in Lower Silesia.