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# The Piast Cross Country Ski Race



**Organized on the Jakuszyce Glade (Polana Jakuszycka) near Szklarska Poręba since 1976. It is the oldest and largest mass skiing event in Poland and one of the biggest events of this type in the world.**

The event attracts thousands of skiers and spectators every year. The race belongs to the worldwide league of long distance ski races – the Worldloppet – and Fis Marathon Cup. Participants come from all over the world and they belong to a unique family of cross-country skiing enthusiasts. The most important part of every edition of the event is the Main Race in the distance of 50 km. Due to the variety of routes and distances, in the race can participate both professionals and amateurs, aged from several years to as many as 100 years.





# The Bolesławiec Ceramics Festival



**The outdoor event on the Polish-Czech borderland. It refers to the 14th century tradition of pottery making in Bolesławiec. Every year, since 1994, the city centre becomes a place where numerous artists from Poland and abroad present and sell their work.**

The festival always begins with the Ceramics Parade. All works of art are exhibited in stylish wooden pavilions, adding a unique character to the Main Square. The Bolesławiec pottery is exposed on the common table under a single brand name “Bolesławiec the Best”.





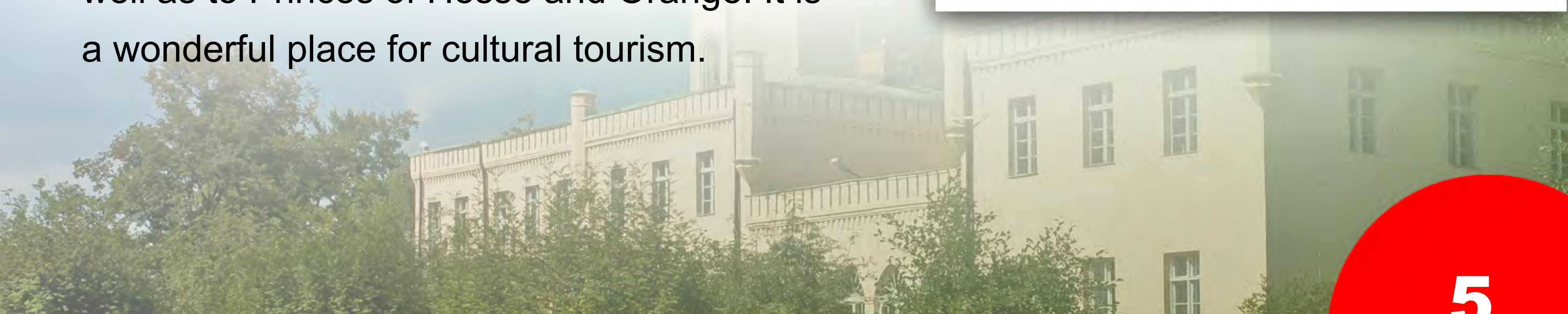


# The Valley of Palaces and Gardens



**Historical monuments complex in the Jelenia Góra valley, unique on the Lower Silesian, Polish and even European scale.**

On the area of only about 102 sq. km there are almost 30 visionary buildings, 11 of which have been granted the historic monument status: gothic castles and defense towers, renaissance mansions, baroque palaces and the 19th century neo-gothic, neo-renaissance and classical residences, erected by the most outstanding architects of the epoch. These historic estates once belonged to the noble families of Habsburg, Hohenzollern, Schaffgotsch, Czartoryscy, Radziwiłłowie as well as to Princes of Hesse and Orange. It is a wonderful place for cultural tourism.





# The Agate Summer in Lwówek



**An outdoor event organized annually since 1997 in Lwówek Śląski. Its main attraction is the biggest in Poland mineral fair, attracting more than 200 vendors dealing in minerals and fossils.**

The event also includes presentations of the thematic collections and exhibits, demonstrations of gold panning and ornamental stones cutting, the Walloon Cottage with an agate gravel pit, races to the agate fields in the area, free evaluation of stones as well as workshops for mineral collectors. The Agate Summer in Lwówek is combined with recreational fête offering a packed entertainment programme for families and a colorful variety fair. Every year the event attracts around 50,000 people from Poland and abroad.







# The Western City Theme Park



Entering through its gates is like a journey into the world of cowboys, gunslingers and gold diggers. There is a real working Sheriff's Office, hospitable Saloon, Western Press, Colonial Shop and Post Office. The visitors can observe spectacular chase scenes and at 15:10 takes place the daily gunfight show.

This popular regional attraction invites people to experience unforgettable moments with plenty of Wild West themed entertainment. The offer is addressed to both individual tourists and groups (it includes: team building events, country music dance parties and wedding receptions). There is also the possibility to rent one of the Trappers cabins, and in the summer months there are horse riding lessons for children. This theme park is also considered as one of the best horse riding facilities in Poland, specialized in training for both Western style and rodeo riding.





# The Museum of Papermaking in Duszniki Zdrój



**The Museum is seated in a unique paper mill dating back to 1605, that have been granted the historic monument status. It is the only well-preserved and still functional object of its kind in Poland and one of the very few in Central Europe.**

In 1968, the former living and production spaces were converted into exposition rooms presenting the history of papermaking in Silesia, Poland and the rest of the world. The Museum's collections give witness to the glorious history of the paper mill. The highlight of the tour are the papermaking workshops that already attract tens of thousands of tourists every year. The two-days long "Paper Festival", first held in 2001, is the largest event organized by the museum.



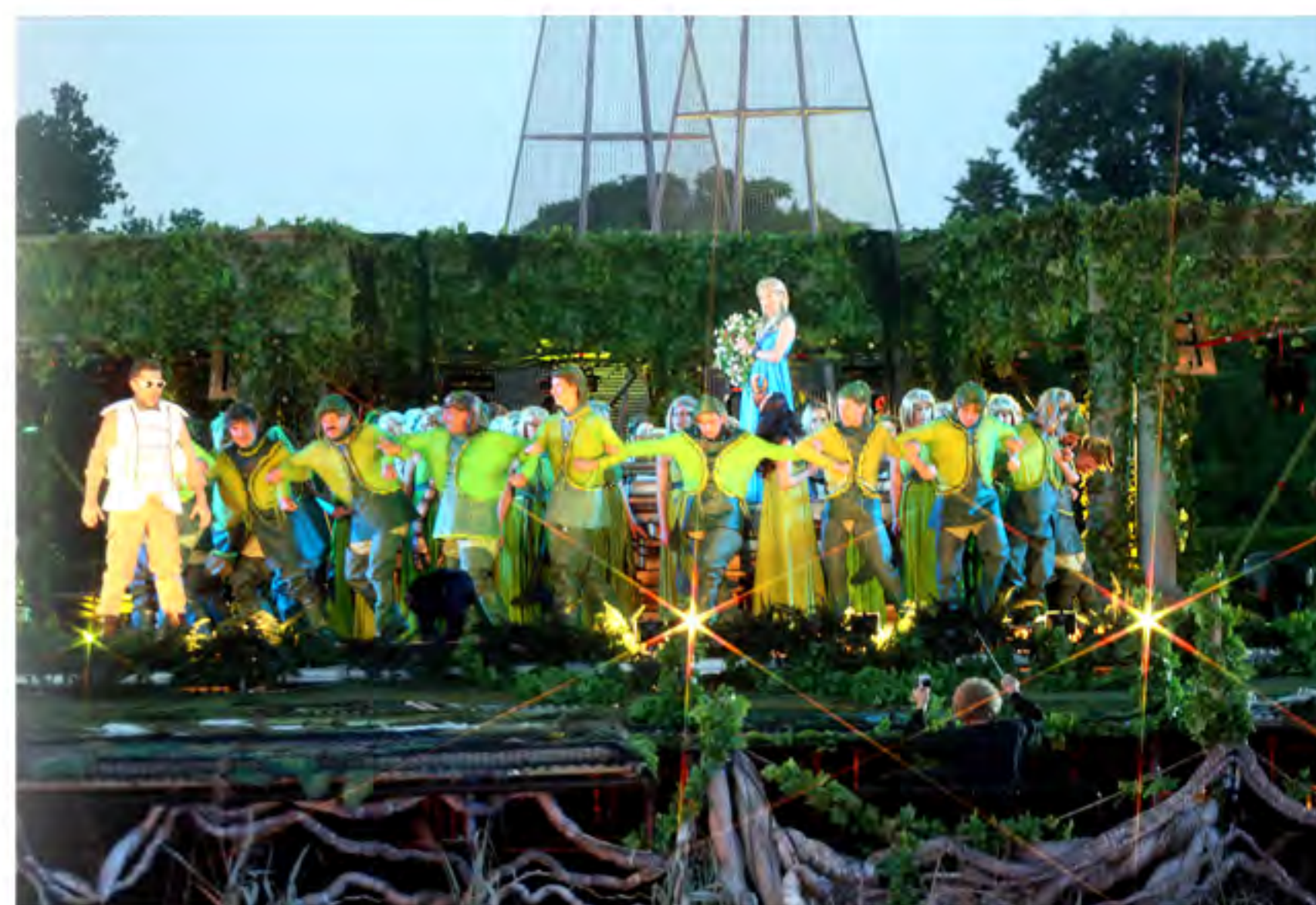


# The Wroclaw Opera



**It is the only opera theater in Poland that since 1997 has been presenting spectacular mega productions. The spectacles attract thousands of audiences. They are performed by several-hundred cast members and are often staged in unusual surroundings with the use of monumental scenery.**

The mega productions meet with great interest among Polish and foreign spectators both music lovers as well as tourists visiting Wrocław. The Opera has been awarded twice with the Certificate of the Polish Tourist Organization: in 2003 for A. Ponchielli's "Gioconda" - a spectacular performance on the Oder river, and in 2007 for G. Donizetti's "The Elixir of Love" staged at the Pergola near the Centennial Hall. Music director of both productions was Ewa Michnik.





# The Underground Tourist Route Gold Mine in Złoty Stok



**One of the main attractions of the Kłodzko Valley. It is visited by over 150,000 tourists every year. The labyrinth of underground tunnels has a total length of 320 km, out of which the two most interesting adits have been opened for tourists.**



The greatest attraction of the Black Adit is an illuminated underground waterfall from which tourists take a ride in the Underground Orange Tram. In the Gertruda Adit the visitors can enjoy the golden treasury, Death Gallery, underground boat tour and the Museum of Notices, Signs and Signboards which conveys a collection of notices connected mainly with occupational safety and health. Despite the presence of a nasty Gnome, the Gold Mine is a wonderful place for families with children. Additional attractions include: gold panning, demonstration and souvenir coin hammering, Museum of Minerals, playground, numerous shops as well as catering and accommodation facilities. The “Gold Mine” is open all year round.

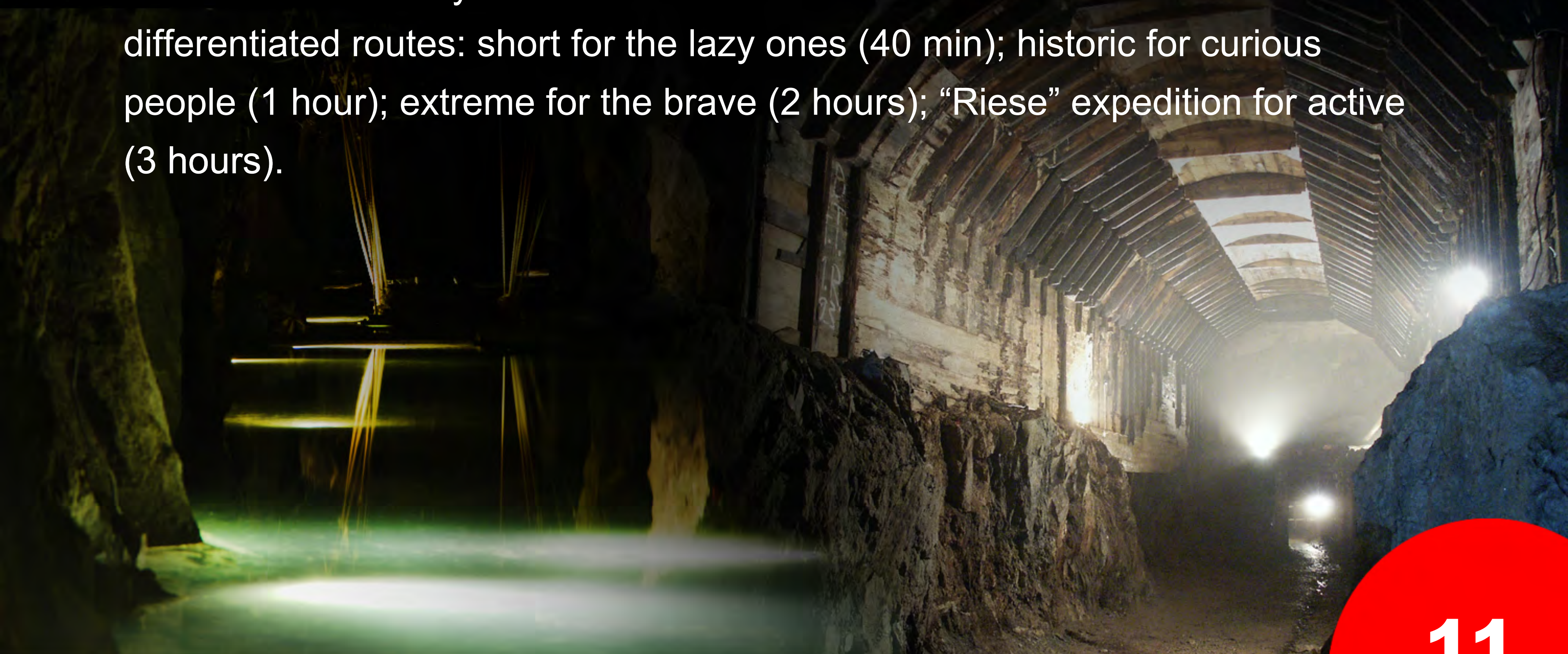


# The Mysterious Underground City the Osówka complex



**Part of one of the largest mining and construction enterprises of Nazi Germany – the underground complex of tunnels, walkways and halls built in the period 1943-1945 as a part of the project “Riese” (German for "Giant").**

The construction works carried out in the Owl Mountains (Góry Sowie) covered the villages Rzeczką, Walim, Głuszyca, Jugowice, Ludwikowice Kłodzkie and the castle in Książ. Every year, the object located in Głuszyca attracts tens of thousands of tourists from home and abroad. The total length of underground tunnels and walkways is about 1500m. The visitors can choose between differentiated routes: short for the lazy ones (40 min); historic for curious people (1 hour); extreme for the brave (2 hours); “Riese” expedition for active (3 hours).





# The fortress of Srebrna Góra



**The complex was added to the list of Polish historical monuments. It is a unique in European scale mountainous stronghold and one of the top tourist attractions in the region.**

The complex consisting of six fortresses and few bastions dates back to the 18th century. The main place of sightseeing is “Fort Donjon”. The other places worth visiting are: Fortress Cultural Park, collection of weapons and underground tourist route. Since 2007, the tourists are guided by soldiers from a group dedicated to historical reconstruction – the Srebrna Góra Regiment (Infanterie-Regiment von Alvensleben). What is more, the fortress offers different packages, team building activities, living history lessons, night sightseeing and other events such as the “17th Meridian” Lower Silesia Travellers Festival and live action role-playing game “Fantazjada”.



# The Kliczków Castle



**A neo-renaissance residence having its roots in the 13th century, surrounded by an old park, finds itself among dense woods of Bory Dolnośląskie.**

The complex is recognized as one of the most magnificent palace and park complexes in Poland. The Castle offers unique conditions for organisation of events for more than 300 people in its 6 conference rooms. At guests disposal there are 211 beds altogether in 89 stylish rooms as well as the restaurant, small café, indoor pool, Spa Center, tennis courts, volleyball court and children's playground. Kliczków Castle and Tumski Hotel have also prepared a year-long series of entertainment offers called the Four Seasons. The castle is favourably located near the international roads Wrocław – Berlin, Wrocław – Dresden and Szczecin – Prague.





# The Cistercian Abbey Complex in Krzeszów



**The complex was added to the list of Polish historical monuments and it is referred to as the "pearl of the European Baroque".**

It is the main Marian sanctuary in the diocese of Legnica. Located among the fields and forests monastery complex includes the Calvary of Krzeszów – one of the largest and most precious objects of this kind in the Sudetes. The complex of 32 Calvary chapels, the Minor Basilica with the miraculous painting of Our Lady of Grace, the Church of St. Joseph, the convent, the Abbot's House and the outbuildings, all together, constitute the material and spiritual heritage of the multinational Silesia. The object is situated on the European Cistercian Route and on other pilgrimage routes in Europe. In Krzeszów the visitors can also find the Pilgrims Office as well as a range of the accommodation and catering facilities.

