

Kielce is situated in the Swietokrzyskie Voivodeship, Swietokrzyskie Province - one of the 16 voivodeships in Poland. It is situated in southeastern Poland. The city of Kielce is situated on a half way between Warsaw and Cracow.

The name of Swietokrzyskie Province is taken from the Swietokrzyskie mountain range. The Swietokrzyskie Mountains are some of the oldest mountains in Europe, and the highest between the Sudetess and the Ural Mountains.

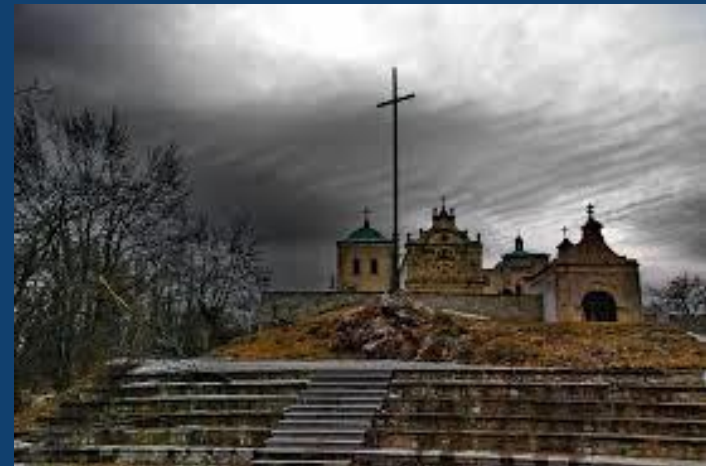


The mountain range comprises several lesser ranges, the highest of which is Lysogory (literally "Bald Mountains"). From the early Middle Ages the mountains were a place of extensive copper and iron mining. Later they were also a significant site of limestone and red sandstone extraction. The central part of the mountains now contains the Swietokrzyski National Park.





The area of the Swietokrzyskie Mountains is full of tourist attractions. The highest peak is Lysica (612 m. N. V. M.). On Lysa Gora (594 m. Onwards), there is a monastery with a sanctuary housing the relics of the Holy Cross, from which the name took the whole region. In the crypts, there are mummies of prince Jeremie Wisniowiecki and Benedictines. On the Lysa Gora there is also the Natural Museum of the Swietokrzyski National Park.





The Swietokrzyskie Voivodeship is one of Poland's most beautiful and attractive regions offering a lot of places for tourism especially for people loving dynamic leisure activities.







In Swietokrzyskie region, we can also find numerous ruins of castles: Chęciny were kings, queens lived there (including Bona), the Teutonic Knights were imprisoned, and knights' conventions were held.





The Krzyztopor palace, surrounded by a pentagonal bastion, was the largest palace residence in Europe. The richness of the owners, the Ossolinski family, is confirmed by the applications that the ceiling of the dining room was made of glass, through which fish were seen floating above in the aquarium.





In Kielce, the Old Town is also charming, but it is not the only interesting point. It is worth going to the Kadzielnia - remaining part of the limestone excavation. The rocky landscape is dotted with caves, lakes and beautiful vegetation.





# Kadzielnia







Tourists will also be interested in the Museum of Play and Toys, the National Museum in the Palace of Cracow Bishops and the monastery in Karczowka (currently the Pallottine monastery).

