# **Moving around Warsaw**

## **Public Transport**

Warsaw has an integrated network of underground, trams and buses serving the city in a timely and well organized way. However there are some renovation works currently ongoing and the construction of the second line of the underground which might affect the use of public transports especially in the centre.

**Tickets**: you will most surely remain within Zone 1 (Strefa 1) and use a <u>normal tariff</u> (Taryfa Normalna). Tickets are valid for either of the transport used.

**Fares**: There are time-limit (from 2,60 zl), single fares (3,60 zl) and short term tickets (24h: 12zl; 3 days: 24 zl). Please check **ZTM** website to plan your journey. You buy tickets at newsstands [Kiosks] or on board in the buses with a surcharge (and an unhappy driver).

#### Taxi

There are several companies offering their services in Warsaw: fares range approximately from 1,60 to 2,40 zl/km, usually reflecting the quality of the cars (and the kindness of the drivers). Please avoid at all costs drivers whose cars have only a sign "TAXI" not associated to a company and they do not clearly show their fares (typically a poster sticked to the passenger window and the name of the driver/ number of the licence).

**At the airport**: avoid drivers soliciting your attention inside the terminal, and take one of the taxis queuing outside Terminal 1 (Note: if your baggage claim is in the old terminal, do go back to the exit from the baggage claim of Terminal 1 - the new one - as usually taxi queue out there).

A typical fare from the airport to a hotel in the centre is around 30 zł in daytime, 40-50 zł at night.

You may also call the company (almost all the times they speak fluent English) or book the taxi online for a specified venue and hour. They might call you back for confirmation.

You usually pay cash (currency: zloty) but some taxi may accept cards.

You are entitled to a receipt upon request: "A receipt, please" = *Poproscę rachunek*, [pron. poproshe rahunek].

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<u>Ele</u> [+48 22] 8111111	

If you book online, please note:

Imie/Nazwisko = *Name and Surname* 

Adres, Ulica = *Address*, *street* 

Godzina = Hour

Forma płatności: gotówka, Karta = Payment method: cash, card

#### ATM, Paying by card

It is a good idea to avoid Currency Exchange Offices (pl = Kantor) especially those located at the airport as they might offer exchange rates less convenient than banks. Withdrawals from ATM [Bankomat] is a convenient option. If you are prompted, prefer to be charged in Polish Złoty rather than in Euro (or your currency), as the rates of your bank are usually more convenient then those of the exchange provider (PolCard).

## **Hotels**

### 5 stars

Rates from 150 to 200 Eur; Special fares may apply for stays of 2 or 3 nights.

Le Méridien Bristol - Krakowskie Przedmiescie 42/44, Tel.: 48 22 551 1000 Sofitel Victoria - Krolewska 11, Tel. (+48)22/6578011 Mamaison La Regina, ul. Koscielna 12, Tel.: 00 800 7747 7477

Sheraton Warsaw, ul. Prusa 2, Tel.: (48)(22) 450 6100

Intercontinental Warszawa - ul Emilii Plater 49, Tel: +48 22 328 8888,

### 4 stars

Westin Warsaw - Al. Jana Pawla 21, tel.: (48)(22) 450 8000 Novotel Centrum Warszawa - ul Marszalkowska 94/98, Tel (+48)22/5960000

# 3 stars

List in order of distance. Rates from 50 to 100 Eur.

Hotel Harenda, ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 4/6, Tel. +48 22 826 00 71

Gromada Dom Chłopa, Plac Powstańców Warszawy 2, +48 (22) 582 99 00

Metropol, ul. Marszałkowska 99A, Tel. +48 22 325 31 00

MDM, Pl. Konstytucji 1, Tel.: + 48 22 33 91 600

Ibis Stare Miasto (2 stars), Ul. Muranowska 2, Tel.: + 48 22 310 10 00

