

Former Cistercian monastery and palace complex in Rudy

Accessibility card

Basic information

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Description

The monastery and palace complex in Rudy is one of the most valuable architectural monuments of Upper Silesia. The site is located on the European Cistercian Trail. The beginnings of the abbey date back to the 13th century when the first monks of the Cistercian order were brought to Rudy. The founder is considered Prince Władysław III. The monastery and palace complex include a three-nave basilica, a medieval Cistercian monastery and later the wings of a Baroque palace. The complex functions as a spiritual, artistic and educational centre. It is surrounded by a large park (443.5 km²).

Accessibility

Entrance

- ❖ Entrance to the basilica: 1 step, ramp.
- ❖ The entrance door is min. 80 cm wide, a threshold max. 2 cm high.
- ❖ Wheelchair accessible entrance to the palace complex (to the outer courtyard, from which lead entrances to various parts of the building).
- ❖ Entrance to the abbey buildings: stairs (+6).

Interior premises

- ❖ All communication paths in the building are min. 150 cm wide.
- ❖ The doors and passages are min. 80 cm wide.
- ❖ The surface of the pathways is firm and non-slippery.
- ❖ Thresholds / stairs on the pathways are not more than 2 cm high.
- ❖ Elevator: access to the elevator is min. 80 cm wide, cabin size is min. (width) 110 x (depth) 125 cm.
- ❖ There are resting places in the interior.
- ❖ There is sufficient space in the premises for moving people in a wheelchair or a pram.
- ❖ The exhibits cannot be touched but can be viewed from close distance.
- ❖ The exhibits, their labels and information panels are positioned so that they are clearly visible from both from a sitting or standing position.
- ❖ The descriptions of exhibits and texts on information panels are easily legible even for visually impaired people (large font, simple font, good text and background contrast).
- ❖ An audiovisual projection is also available with subtitles.

Exterior premises

- ❖ Access to the outdoor area is wheelchair accessible.
- ❖ The entrance is min. 80 cm wide.
- ❖ The surface is firm and level.
- ❖ The pathways are min. 150 cm wide.
- ❖ Terrain profile: Plain to slightly undulating (longitudinal slope up to 6%), no complications for wheelchair users.
- ❖ There are sitting areas for resting available.

Accessible toilet

- ❖ There is a wheelchair accessible toilet.
- ❖ Cabin entrance door is min. 80 cm wide.
- ❖ It opens outward (from the cabin).
- ❖ The cabin size is min. 160x160 cm.
- ❖ Next to the toilet, there is free space for a wheelchair (width min. 90 cm), which does not interfere with any equipment (waste bin, washbasin, baby changing unit, etc.).
- ❖ There are handrails on both sides of the toilet.
- ❖ A baby changing unit is available.

Services and equipment

- ❖ Wheelchair access: a ticket office, a cloakroom, a souvenir shop, gastronomic facilities, a social hall /a screening room.
- ❖ The visit requires a prior arrangement.
- ❖ Guide and registered support dogs are permitted entry.
- ❖ An audio guide with a description adapted to people with visual impairments is available.
- ❖ A playground, children's corner available.
- ❖ Special programs / information material for children.
- ❖ Parking with reserved parking spaces available.
- ❖ E-Information centre at the car park - wheelchair accessible entrance.
- ❖ Virtual tour: <http://spacery.rudy-opactwo.pl/>.

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