

## A pinch of trivia

- Since 1945, the “Wieliczka” Salt Mine has been visited by 44 million tourists.
- Over the centuries, approximately 7.5 million m<sup>3</sup> of salt deposits have been extracted in the mine. The salt extracted would be enough to build three Great Pyramids of Giza.
- The Wieliczka deposit covers an area of 7 km<sup>2</sup> – as much as the city of Krakow at the beginning of the 20th century.
- The “Wieliczka” Mine has 9 levels and reaches down to a depth of 327 metres. This means that you could hide the entire Eiffel Tower underground
- In the Renaissance, income from the Krakow Saltworks and the sale of salt constituted 1/3 of the income to the state treasury.
- The Stanisław Staszic Chamber, which is 36 m high, could accommodate the tallest Polish tree – the oak Bartek.
- The part of the mine open to visitors is more than 80 chambers and 9 kilometres of galleries (in three areas of the mine), while the total length of the galleries is 245 km.
- The Wieliczka underground is a mine of events, including unusual and unprecedented ones. Boxing galas, dance tournaments and football matches take place in the Warszawa Chamber. Olympic champion Mateusz Kusznierewicz sailed the waters of the saline lake on a windsurfing board.
- The mine is appreciated by artists. Films have been made among the salt, and great music events and cyclical concerts take place there. The Wieliczka underground has often been the inspiration for the creation of sculptures, painted canvasses and literary works; they also make excellent scenery for the works of professional artists.
- You can send a postcard from the depths of the earth via traditional post or email. At a depth of more than 100 metres, in selected places, there is access to the internet, Wi-Fi and mobile phone networks.
- The healing properties of salt were already known in ancient times. The “Wieliczka” Salt Mine conducts therapeutic activities in underground mine workings, using the unique microclimate of the salt chambers and the innovative subterraneotherapy treatment method.
- The Wieliczka sanatorium is the only one in Poland to be granted the status of an underground health resort.
- Salt – an inconspicuous home seasoning – has an unusual application in the fight for a beautiful body. Salt cosmetics are a source of health and beauty for the skin. They regenerate, smooth and make it more flexible. Combined with plant oils, they act as a vitamin cocktail for a truly sensual and soothing experience.