



Magical place in a hart of our town

Poland/Wrocław/Ostrów Tumski

Ostrów Tumski = Cathedral Island

- There is a place in a hart of our beautiful town called Ostrów Tumski
- In old Polish: Ostrów = Island; Tumski from Tum = Cathedral
- It's the oldest part of our town
- It's situated by the river Odra
- Now it isn't an Island but formerly it was surraunded by the Odra river
- The first constructions on Ostrów Tumski were built in the 10th century by the Piast dynasty



Lovers bridge

- ▶ The „Lovers Bridge” leads the visitors to the Cathedral Island. On the bridge fall in love people hang padlocks as a symbol of their relationship and throw away the key to the river.



There are a lot of churches



Two churches in one place

- ▶ There is a St. Bartholomew church down and a St. Cross church on top
- ▶ A legend says that the builders found a piece of tree root which looked like a crucifix with two people praying. That's why the second church was built on top of the first, the oldest one.
- ▶ Another legend says there was no possibility to remove a Polish symbol from the roof of the church – a Piast eagle. Germans wanted to put its own symbol because during these times Wrocław belonged to them. Two brave firemen tried to do this but strong wind blew every time they've touched an eagle. Even though the day was sunny and cloudless.



John Nepomucene's statue

It is St. Nepomucen's monument (XVIII) that was drowned in Prague. It's the biggest one in the world.

There are two bald-headed angels on the statue because a student gave him a character of his newborn son without master permission. The legend says that a sculptor, the master, dismissed a student from work but when he saw his little son he changed his decision.

Can you find one of this angels?



The noodles gate

- ▶ According to the legend, during the construction the master was gorging himself with dinners prepared by his wife although his workers lived in poverty. One day he put down the pot with noodles and when he wanted to continue his meal it appeared that the noodles petrified. He smashed the pot with anger and build in the noodles on top of the gate. Since that time he has been sharing food with his workers.



Stone head on the walls of the Cathedral

- ▶ The legend says that it is the head of an adolescent who burned the house of a rich banker. The old man didn't want a young man to marry his daughter though he had promised that before. A youngster became a thief, collected a fortune and eventhough was rejected. When the young man set fire he decided to watch it from the top of the cathedral tower and then the walls trapped him.



Mystery of a white rose in bishop's garden

- ▶ Why in the bishop's garden don't grow white roses?
- ▶ The prediction said that the bishop would die if he found the white rose on his chair.
- ▶ In the old church chronicles is a notation about a mysterious death of the bishop Wawrzyniec. Death due to the strong sent of flowers that were set in the room.
- ▶ Since that time in the beautiful gardens near the bishop's castle there hasn't been white roses anymore.



Witch's bridge



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