

An aerial photograph of the city of Bielsko-Biala, Poland. The city is densely packed with residential and commercial buildings, interspersed with green spaces and parks. In the background, a range of mountains stretches across the horizon under a clear blue sky. A major road with multiple lanes and a bridge crosses the city, and a railway line is visible on the right side. The overall scene depicts a large urban area with a significant mountainous backdrop.

# Bielsko - Biala

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# Architecture of Bielsko

An aerial photograph of Bielsko Biala, Poland, showing a dense urban area with a mix of residential and industrial buildings. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. The city is spread across a valley, with a prominent industrial area in the center.

- Bielsko is the most beautiful city in the south of Silesia
- In historic buildings dominate such architectural styles as - Neo-Gothic, Neo-Renaissance, Neo-Baroque and eclecticism - and to a lesser extent, classicism and secession. Other architectural styles represented primarily religious buildings and preserved pre-industrial-age old-town tenement houses.
- Walking around the city, first of all you will see that it is renovated and well cared for. Townhouses are mostly refurbished and beautifully decorated.
- I would like to introduce a few examples of architecture of Bielsko

# Frog House

Because it housed a cafe, you can easily imagine how the wine barrels flowed a broad stream, and probably smartly dressed visitors staying here could listen to music and smoke a pipe, cigar or cigarette. Not surprisingly, the frogs are wearing tuxedos, holding a mandolin and a glass. Maybe they want to join the company of people?



## The Polish Theater

- It was built between 1889-1890, designed by Viennese architect Emil von Förster in eclectic style, with a predominance of neoclassicism and neo-baroque, using the Roman arch of triumph motif on the facade, and also decorated with statues of Apollo and two muses: Melpomene and Talia.
- The theatre looks like the Viennese Opera and the National Theatre in Budapest. This is what Förster wanted. To this day, there is a curtain from 1890. It shows Dancing Nymphs, and it was made in the studio of Francis Rottonary.



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## Bielsko town hall

- It was created, like so many buildings mentioned before, in the last years of the century.
- It was a symbol of diligence for the common good. There is a bee in the highest outpost attic. The arcaded windows brighten the Great Council Hall.



## Main railway station

- The railway station was opened in 1855. It was the heir to the Austrian branch of the Northern Railway. To the original station, which was located on the outskirts of the city, there led the Railway Street (now Barlickiego).
- It was built between 1889-1890 by an architect, Karol Korn and designed by architect Charles Schulz



## The Sułkowskis' Castle

- Although the Bielsko castle is one of the oldest buildings in the city, its external current shape is the result of reconstruction conducted in the years 1855-1864. Fragments of medieval and Renaissance buildings and even murals covering its walls can now be seen embedded in the current interior. The building did not last long in its original shape, because already in 1836 it burnt down.



# overview of Bielsko townhouses





# overview of Bielsko villas



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Kraków, Poland, showing a dense urban area with numerous apartment blocks and residential houses. In the foreground, a multi-lane highway runs diagonally across the frame. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. The text "Thank you for watching" is overlaid in the center of the image.

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