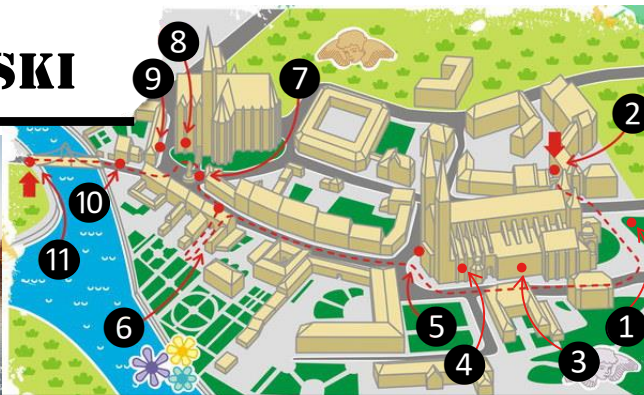


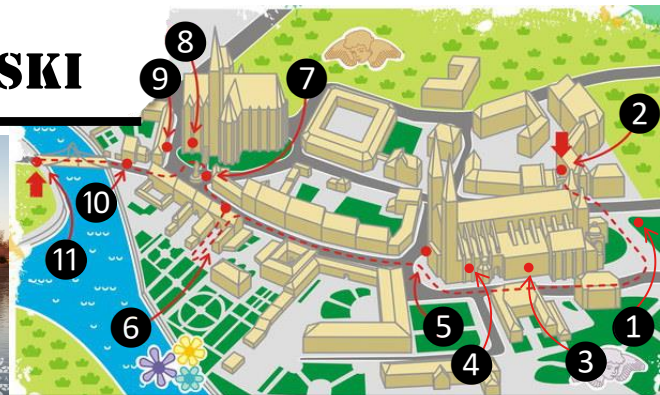
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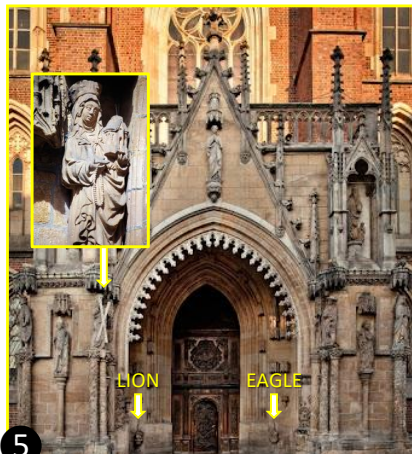


It is an island and the oldest part of Wrocław. Surrounded by the River Oder, this former garden, which gave rise to the city of Wrocław, is now featuring a number of monuments.

Platanus x acerifolia is a natural monument with a circumference of 538 and a total height of about 33 m. It is the only monument in Ostrów Tumski located outside the [Botanical Garden](#).



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If you want your love of life to be steady as rock, pet a lion, when you need broad-minded and open-minded partner, pet the eagle.

In 1190, Jadwiga came to Silesia at the age of twelve to marry Henry the Bearded was left. It happened until around. She was intelligent but stubborn. In the Middle Ages, having shoes was an important sign of belonging to a rich class. The duchess usually walked barefoot. Her confessor, asked her to wear shoes. She carried them instead (in polish both mean same „nosić buty”).

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In the cathedral's rose garden behind one can not find white roses. According to local superstitions, if a priest sees a white rose within three days of coming to office, death will shortly follow. Is that just the legend?



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While strolling around Ostrów Tumski, not everyone knows that Nicolaus Copernicus himself - the most outstanding Polish astronomer - used to live right next to Katedralna 7. Check the mail slot. Maybe, you can still find him there.

Many years ago, there lived on the island two very rich and influential people, Prince Henry and Bishop Thomas. Both men completely hated each other. One day, the two men went to the Archbishop to help settle their dispute. Upon hearing their grievances with each other, the Archbishop advised them that the best way to reconcile their differences would be to build a church called St Bartholomew's together. The men agreed. While they were digging the church's foundations, however, the Bishop stumbled upon a tree root shaped like a cross. Immediately, he declared that the church they were building should be called St Cross church instead. [How did they resolve the problem?](#)



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You can't miss the statue of John Nepomucen on the church square – its presence in front of Saint Bartholomew church dominates the central plaza. However, look close and you will see something strange about this statue. Hidden among the typical angels depicted on the statue's side are two whose heads are completely bald. [Why angels still sit there to this day?](#)

The tradition of the Wrocław lamplighter is carried on to this day. 365 days a year this gentleman can be seen at dusk in his unique cape and top hat lighting the 103 gas lamps.



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9 Love music? Try to find our local violinist!



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Where are the Wrocław dwarfs coming from? Who was the first dwarf in Wrocław? How many dwarfs are in Wrocław? Do dwarfs travels outside of Wrocław? Investigate it!

The centuries-old history of more than 100 bridges will be brought to the public by an array of artists. Bending under the weight of love, Tumski Bridge is a hallmark of the city and one of its most romantic sites. The NEW legend says, however, that locking your love in the padlock won't give you the happiness.



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The Dumpling Gate is a stone archway situated to the north of the cathedral, which appears completely normal until you notice the strange stone shape sitting in the middle of it. According to [legend](#), this is a dumpling.



3

A statue of St Vincent was made by a young boy who once saved the city's master sculptor, who fainted. It turned that the cripple boy was very handicapped while given the chance to sculp. He most very patient and carved the most beautiful legs in the statue. [Guess, what happened next.](#)

About 15 meters above the ground, there is a strange stone head, frozen in a silent scream. The head is notable because, as you can see in the picture, it doesn't look as though it should be there or was part of the cathedral's original design. According to legend, this is the head of a young man who fell in love with the daughter of a wealthy goldsmith. [Check, how it ended for them.](#)