

A photograph of the Salt Mine 'Wieliczka' in Poland. The main building is a long, single-story structure with a red-tiled roof and light-colored walls. A prominent feature is a tall, industrial-looking tower with a wooden cage at the top, which is part of the mine's infrastructure. The building is surrounded by a paved area and a green lawn. In the background, there are trees and another building with a similar roof. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The text 'SALT MINE „WIELICZKA”' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a bold, dark font.

# SALT MINE „WIELICZKA”

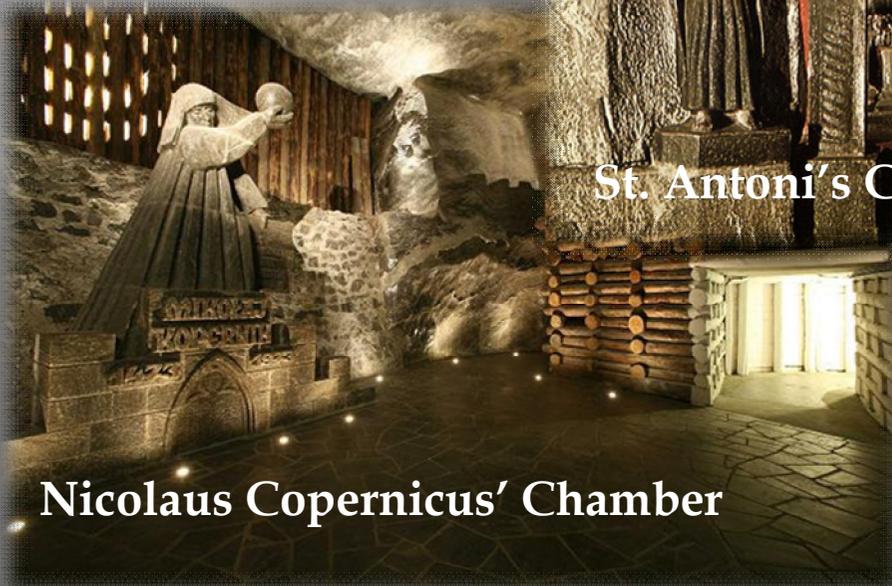


# Chambers

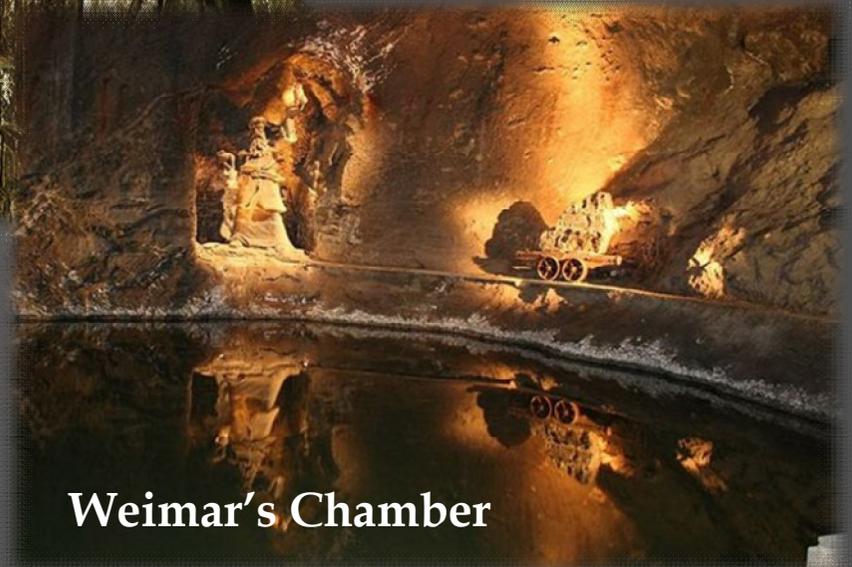
The salt mine „Wieliczka” is divided into twenty chambers. Some of them are:



St. Antoni's Chapel



Nicolaus Copernicus' Chamber



Weimar's Chamber

# ➤ The Chapel of St. Kinga

The Chapel of St. Kinga is the crown jewel of the “Wieliczka” Salt Mine and the miners' pride.

The Chapel of St. Kinga is located 101 meters underground, its dimensions are of 31 x 15 m, and its floor area is of 465 m<sup>2</sup>. It's splendours make it the dreamland location for a Holy Mass, a wedding, a classical or religious music concert for groups of up to 400 people.



# The legend of St. Kinga

The Hungarian princess Kinga was about to be married to Bolesław V the Chaste, the Prince of Kraków. As part of her dowry, she asked her father for a lump of salt, since salt was prizeworthy in Poland. Her father King Béla took her to a salt mine in Máramaros. She threw her engagement ring from Bolesław in one of the shafts before leaving for Poland. On arriving in Kraków, she asked the miners to dig a deep pit until they come upon a rock. The people found a lump of salt in there and when they split it in two, discovered the princess's ring. Kinga had thus become the patron saint of salt miners in and around the Polish capital.



# As one of seven Polish miracles

The Wieliczka mine is often referred to as "the Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland."

In 1978 it was placed on the original UNESCO list of the World Heritage Sites.

Wieliczka Salt Mine has recently been recognized as one of the seven wonders of Polish, winning the largest number of votes.



# Not only a piece of history...

The "Wieliczka" Salt Mine offers treatment services in the underground mining chambers with the use of a unique micro-climate:



➤ Trips on a salt lake by a ferry;



➤ The concerts of the oldest mining orchestra in Europe;



➤ Rehabilitation activities including subterranotherapy;



➤ Residence in the  
Grand Sal \*\*\*\* Hotel;



➤ Sculpture and cuisine  
workshops;



➤ Making business conferences  
or gorgeous weddings;

# Salt mine „Wieliczka”





Thank you  
for watching!

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