

New PKP timetable for WYD effective 20 July

Swift railway service during World Youth Day will be ensured by over 12 thousand people. The new timetable prepared for World Youth Day will be effective from 20 July and is publically available.

“For the pilgrims to arrive and come back from celebrations swiftly, PKP (Polish State Railways, Inc.) has ensured maximal railway capacity. Some routes, such as Kraków-Tunel, Częstochowa-Opole, and Centralna Magistrala Kolejowa , have been modernized. Special rules for rail traffic are being prepared and corrections to the timetable are being made. Railway stations and stabling tracks for about 1,000 cars have been prepared in the area surrounding Krakow,” says Andrzej Pawłowski, vice-president of PLK (Polskie Linie Kolejowe) in charge of preparations for WYD.

Passengers arriving for WYD will be able to use both the brand-new and newly-repaired platforms, among them Kraków Płaszów, Kraków Bieżanów, Kraków Krzemionki, Kraków Mydlniki, Kraków Swoszowice, Krzeszowice, and the following stops: Węgrzce Wielkie Kokotów and Baranówka. The facilities are equipped with shelters, new information boards, and signs.

Trains for WYD

WYD participants will be able to travel by both public trains and those run by special request of certain dioceses. On the basis of the organisers' request, the carriers have prepared over 500 additional trains that will take pilgrims to the places of WYD celebrations.

The trains carrying the pilgrims travelling to Błonia for the Opening Mass will be directed to the following stations: Kraków Swoszowice, Kraków Mydliniki, and Kraków Płaszów. In turn, those taking pilgrims to the Vigil on Campus Misericordiae on 30 July 2016 will arrive at the following stations: Kraków Swoszowice, Kraków Bieżanów, Kraków Płaszów, and Podłęże.

Enhanced information

Special signs will appear at those railway stations that are significant for the reasons of servicing pilgrims. There will also be LED displays in Krakow. Travellers will have at their disposal about 200 mobile informers providing railway timetables in Polish and English. In Krakow, there will also be volunteers from the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and in Warsaw, there will be volunteers from the Warsaw City Council. Broadband Wi-Fi access will be provided at nearly 120 railway stations, including Warszawa Centralna and Kraków Główny. An online sign language interpreter called MIGAM will be available in InfoDworzec points at 10 of the largest stations.

Service and information in English will be provided at the stations. There will be additional staff at the ticket counters and ticket inspectors at Kraków Główny will be equipped with

mobile terminals.

The railway infoline can be reached by calling 19 757 (for international calls, use +48 22 39 19 757). By calling these numbers, you can obtain information concerning timetables.

Security

Key stations will be secured by an increased number of Railroad Guards (SOK) patrols in close cooperation with police and other services, having state-of-the-art equipment and means of transportation at their disposal. Additional railway crossings and areas surrounding railways located near places of celebration will be under special supervision. Special monitoring systems have been installed at over 150 stations. Additional security guards will be monitoring for safety, as well.

In order to ensure safety during railway travel, the railway will be working in close cooperation with other services, such as the Military Gendarmerie, police, ABW (Internal Security Agency), Border Patrol, and Customs Service. Altogether, there will be about 3 thousand officers of various services at railway areas.

You can communicate in English by calling the special 24/7 security phone number: 22 474 00 00.

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