

Nowa Huta History Playground

Brochure on Nowa Huta as an open-air museum in the year 2050

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Visit historic Nowa Huta, where George Orwell's dark vision of a perfect industrial metropolis was executed with stunning precision. Until, that is, the workers rose up and overthrew Big Brother.

It's all up to you which era you want to be exposed to in Nowa Huta! Here life is a playground, free from historical restraints – a unique tourist attraction! In the "Nowa Huta History Playground" you can experience and re-enact social destinies from very different segments of time. All year long, historical incidents will be permanently revived in the preserved city of your choice. These relay a lively and vivid picture of life and anguish at a location that socialism once celebrated as an ideal city.



Nowa Huta is a surreal look at the false dawn of socialist vision. The effects of capitalism are seeping through.

At the 1950s Stalinist Center a shiver will run down your spine: flag-waving young girls with red neckerchiefs march through Lenin Street alongside of workers dressed gray-in-gray. Nowa Huta represents Poland's hopeful socialist future, in which a new type of person, "socialist man", is to be created. Meanwhile, with every breath you inhale poisonous air, pumped into the atmosphere from the Lenin works – the reverse side to the city planned as a paradise for its workers.

