



A popular tourist
destination in
Poland

Wawel Dragon

- The Wawel Dragon - the legendary dragon whose hiding place was to be a cave called the Dragon's Lair at the foot of the Wawel Hill in Krakow. This is one of the most characteristic places in Krakow.





Wawel Castle

- Wawel - the royal castle in Krakow, after the annexation of Lesser Poland to the Piast state, became one of the main centers of power. The castle was built at the turn of the 11th and 12th centuries, when Krakow became the main seat of Polish rulers.

Legend

The Wawel Dragon - a creature living in a cave under the Wawel hill - was supposed to terrorize the inhabitants of the city of Krak. They had to provide the beast with cattle sacrifices, and according to some accounts, the dragon ate only virgins. None of the knights managed to defeat him - only the shoemaker Skuba did it. He stuffed the ram with sulfur and placed it in front of the dragon's den. A hungry monster devoured the lamb and thus fell into a trap set by Skuba. The sulfur made him feel great pain and a burning sensation in his throat. To quench his thirst, he drank the Vistula water until it burst. There was great joy in the town, and the heroic shoemaker was well rewarded. The sculpture standing by the river at the foot of the Wawel Castle, at the entrance to the Dragon's Den, reminds us of defeating the dragon.



Movies where the dragon appeared

- In the series of animated films "Abduction of Baltazar Gąbka" and "Expedition of Professor Gąbka", inspired by the novels of Stanisław Pagaczewski,
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- In the 2015 film "Dragon", from the series "Polish Legends" by Tomasz Bagiński,