**Old Town**
The centre of Kraków life since the Tatar invasions of the 13th century, the Old Town, with its graceful Main Market Square (Rynek Główny), is filled with historical buildings and monuments.

**Wawel Hill & Around**
Wawel Hill, south of the Old Town, is the silent guardian of a millennium of Polish history. The hilltop castle was the seat of kings and queens from the earliest days of the Polish state.

**Western Kraków**
Western Kraków is the prim and prosperous side of town, filled with tidy streets that are lined with well-maintained 19th- and early-20th-century townhouses.

**Eastern Kraków**
Eastern Kraków is where the city pulses to a different beat. Here, Kraków loses its aura of medieval magic and holiday haven and takes on the rhythms of the workaday world.

**Kazimierz**
An independent town for 700 years, Kazimierz does double-duty as home to many of the city’s most important Jewish-heritage sites as well as its most popular cafes, clubs and restaurants.

**Podgórze**
Podgórze played a notorious role during WWII; it was here the Germans herded 16,000 Jews into a ghetto before sending them off to concentration camps.