Poland costs about 30% less than the EU average

Warsaw comes in at about €1,900 a month for one person and Krakow at €1,700, by our estimate. English ranks 15th in the world on the EF index.



70

price level in 2024, with the EU average at 100

Capital	**Warsaw**
Languages	**Polish**
Currency	**Polish zloty (PLN)**
Population	**36,497,495 (2025)**
Price level 2024 (EU = 100)	**70**
Minimum wage	**€1,097 a month**
Tax	**32% top income tax, 23% VAT**
Years to	**PR 5, citizenship 8**
English (EF index 2025)	**#15 in the world**

★ Capital ● City we cover ● Other city

WAYS TO MOVE

Work Permit and Single Residence-and-Work Permit	**case by case**

Income or funds asked for one person

COST FOR ONE, A MONTH

Warsaw	**€1,900**
Krakow	**€1,700**

Our estimate for a comfortable life

EAT LIKE A LOCAL

Pierogi
Bigos
Kotlet schabowy

EMERGENCY
112

PLUGS
C, E

EU AND SCHENGEN
EU, Schengen

WORK-DAY OVERLAP
2 hours with New York

Visas, costs, taxes and cities for Poland: **livingineurope.net/countries/poland**

Sources: Population, price level and minimum wage: Eurostat. English: EF English Proficiency Index 2025. Peace: Global Peace Index. Visas and tax: official government pages, as listed on each of our guides. Europe-wide comparisons: Tax Foundation 2026 and Eurostat. City costs are our estimates. Dishes: Wikipedia, National dish. Map: Natural Earth. Rules change, so confirm with the immigration office. Checked 7 October 2026.