About The Bratniak

Address: D.A. “Bratniak”
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31-114 Krakow, Poland

Bratniak Reception Phone: 011-48-12-422-6100 from US
0-12-422-6100 (in Poland, outside Cracow)

Hotel suites consist of two double rooms and a shared suite bathroom. Roommates are assigned randomly unless you have chosen a roommate, and of course all rooms are assigned on a same-sex basis. Within each suite, there is a private full bathroom. The dormitory rooms are double or triple-occupancy with a shared hallway bathroom.

Each room is furnished with beds, tables, chairs, and a wardrobe for your clothes (type of wardrobe varies with each room). The wardrobes can be locked. You are provided with sheets, pillows, comforter, and towels. The towels and linens are changed on a bi-weekly basis and your room is cleaned once a week. You may want to bring extra towels with you.

The Bratniak front desk is run by the guard on duty. This person answers the phone, distributes mail, keys, etc. There is ONE key given to each suite that must be shared among the suitemates. The last person who leaves the suite MUST leave the key at the front desk. This may make you uneasy at first, but the system works well and is rather secure. However, the system is not foolproof and one must actively participate in their safety and security. The phone number we give you is for the front desk. It is recommended that incoming calls be limited, due to the staff’s linguistic difficulties. We STRONGLY SUGGEST that you take an international calling card with you or buy a calling card in Poland and use the pay phones. Many students have purchased cell phones, for use in Poland and then sold them to the Polish students at the end of the summer. They are quite reasonably priced. Also there are only a few phone lines out of the building, and the students with phones in their rooms will be expected to share them with others.

In the basement of the building, two washing machines are available to program participants, but there are no dryers. Clotheslines are available on which to dry your clothes. You might, however, want to bring clothespins or a clothesline for your room. You may, of course, purchase these items as well as detergent in Cracow. There is also a laundry facility located at another dormitory a short/cheap cab ride away. They will wash and dry your clothes for a small fee.

During the week, Program participants gather for breakfast and daily announcements on the ground floor. Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. and usually consists of pastries, cereal, fruits, meat, cheese, breads, coffee, tea and other beverages. Everyone is encouraged to attend and it is included in your housing charge.