Kazimierz Dolny

Kazimierz Dolny, situated on the bank of the Vistula River, is one of the most charming quaint towns in Poland. Once a royal town and one of the major trade ports during the Golden Age, today the town a real treasure chest filled with such pearls as the impressive renaissance architecture, picturesque wooden villas, archways, and porches.

The unique landscape of the Lesser Poland Gorge of the Vistula adds even more appeal to the place. The hills alongside the Vistula valley intersected by a dense loess ravine network and covered with woods and orchards are to be found nowhere else. The atmosphere of the past, the time which has fossilized in the white ivy-grown stones, traces of the Jewish “sztetl Kuzmir”, traditions of the artists’ colony all add magic and mystery to the place, which has the power to attract and enthrall its visitors. Kazimierz Dolny has the status of the monument of history granted by the President of the Republic of Poland.

Its beautiful location, however, and natural resources have turned Kazimierz into an increasingly popular summer resort whose beginnings date back to the end of the 19th century. At the beginning of the 20th century, a new epoch began for the town. Kazimierz entered the age of art then, becoming a favourite painting resort, home to the artists’ colony associated mainly with professor Pruszkowski who gathered young painter artists around him. After the war, the town revived mainly as an art and tourist centre. Landscape painters would come back, and Maria and Jerzy Kunczewicz permanently settled here. National festivals were first held at that time, such as the National Festival of Folk Bands and Singers, film festival, organ summer concerts, festival of Jewish culture, continuing to the present day.

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