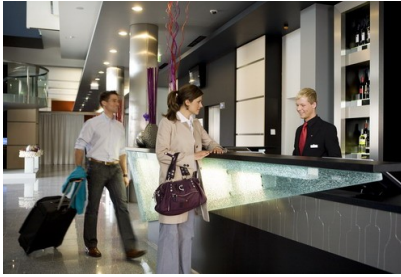


NEW HOSTELS OPEN IN WARSAW



Getting ready for the celebrations of the Year of Fryderyk Chopin and the football championship Euro 2012, Warsaw builds new budget hotels.

New hostels are planned to increase the accommodation capacity of Warsaw. One of the new hostels that should open its gates soon is Yellow Hostel. For several months designers have been diligently working on the interior that will offer comfortable yet budget friendly accommodation. When opened the hostel will be able to accommodate 29 guests and in the summer season the number of beds will increase to 60. The cost for one night will be from 40 to 70 zloty (€10-17), reported Zw.com.pl.

Today, the Polish capital offers 30,000 hotel beds. However, only 1,500 of them are in hostels that grow in popularity especially among young travelers. In the increasingly competitive environment, each hostel owner tries to make the facility as unique and attractive to the tourists as possible.

One of the examples is Wilson Hostel that opened in autumn. It is the first eco-hostel in Poland. Thus, water is heated by solar batteries located on the roof. Similarly the heating of the building relies on green energy. However, this is not the only attraction that lures guests to the hostel. Besides regular rooms the visitors can also opt for the so called capsules - the enclosed, sound proof beds designed according to the popular Japanese model. The price for a bed is 15 euro per day or 1 euro per hour of rest.

Another facility highly popular among foreign tourists is the Oki Doki Hostel. Voted one of the 10 best hostels in the world (Hoscar by Hostelworld.com), the hostel attracts visitors with rooms decorated in different styles.

According to the Warsaw tourism board the number of hostels is still not sufficient. The city expects greater numbers of visitors in the coming years especially thanks to the coming Euro 2012 championship. The tourism board thus works on increasing the capacities of available accommodation facilities by supporting hostels but also planning to open new camping sites.

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