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Architectural Guide Wrocław / Breslau

Breslau (Wrocław in Polish) is one of the oldest cities in Poland, with an eventful history and thus many changes to its cityscape. This city on the Oder River has always been reinvented, and today has many architectural monuments: it is in some ways a showcase of architectural development, a blend of Gothic, Baroque, Modern, Soviet, Postmodern and Contemporary architecture.

In the *Architectural Guide Wrocław / Breslau*, the Polish architectural critic and curator, Marcin Szczelina, presents 150 selected buildings from the Middle Ages to the present. The volume is chronologically divided into four chapters, that follow the city's long history, from the early Middle Ages to 1850, from the Industrialisation to the end of World War II, the Soviet period after 1945, and finally from 1989 to the present. Like many cities in Poland, Breslau has a medieval city centre, characterised by trade. In the Napoleonic period, elegant parks and spacious squares were built around the old town. During the Industrialisation, in the late nineteenth century, Breslau expanded tenfold. Hundreds of streets and blocks – large urban ensembles – emerged. Much of this formerly progressive, cosmopolitan and multicultural city was destroyed during the last months of World War II, followed by the expulsion of the German population and the settlement of the Polish refugees, which also affected the development of the post-war city. The less destroyed pre-war Breslau is found mainly north of the Oder River, while southern Wrocław became an experimentation field for new architecture, as the co-author Kuba Snopek explains vividly in his introduction. Further introductory chapters on incisive themes such as the founding of the city, the legacy of Modernity, or the churches built during the Soviet period round off the picture.

After Danzig and Warsaw, this is now DOM publishers' third Architectural Guide to present a Polish metropolis.



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