# KONZENTRATIONSLAGER GROSS-ROSEN

The Nazi KL Gross-Rosen was one of the most terrible of Germany's World War II concentration camps. Established in the summer of 1940, it provided cheap labour force for a local granite quarry purchased by the economic organisation of the SS.

The KL Gross-Rosen complex received transports of prisoners from 23 European countries, with Jews, Poles and citizens of the Soviet Union being the largest groups.



Set up in 1983, the Gross-Rosen Museum serves today as a Memorial Site dedicated to the victims of German Nazism, a place for thought, education and reflection about the most terrifying chapter in the history of World War II.

The Museum stretches over and area of 44 hectare divided into the prisoners area, the so-called Auschwitz area, the SS area, and the quarry, the place where the inmates labored as slaves.

The Museum operations are supported by the Polish-American Enterprise Fund and its established Gross-Rosen Quarries Foundation.

## STONE HELL



## STONE HELL II

Design of the Extermination Memorial at the historic granite quarry Author:

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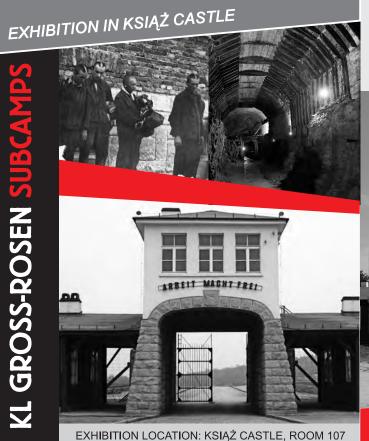
As a Lower Silesian institution of culture, the Gross-Rosen Museum pursues the STONE HELL project, the aim of which is to create a modern facility for historic and social education.

Completed in 2012, the first stage of the project involved maintenance, construction, reconstruction and archaeological work, e.g. renovating post-camp buildings inscribed to the State Register of Historic Monuments, removing bushes and self-sown plants from over 11 ha of the museum site, incl. the so-called Auschwitz part, reconstructing the prisoners' barrack and the watchtower.

That time marked the death of human conscience and the collapse of a grand edifice of civilization, constructed with such much effort for thousands of years.

Death... the death spread its wings over the world.

Abraham Kajzer prisoner of KL Gross-Rosen



Konzentrationslager Gross-Rosen consisted of the "main camp" and almost 100 subcamps operating 1940-1945 in Lower Silesia, Lubusz Land, Czech Republic and Germany.

Typical of all these places were inhuman living conditions: hard labour, famine and brutality of the German staff contributed to prisoners' exhaustion and their high death rate.

Over 120,000 inmates passed through the Gross-Rosen concentration camp and its subcamps, estimated number of victims is 40 000 people.

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In the rush of everyday life in the 21st century, one should stand and reflect on where the pursuit of power, dominance and wealth can lead.(...) May our reflections on the perversion of mankind in pursuit of all this stay with us always.

From the Museum's book of remembrance





on the territory of the former Nazi concentration camp Gross-Rosen

**Memorial Site** 

Ministerstwo Kultury i Dziedzictwa Narodowego.





"30n anniversary of Gross-Rosen Museum: temporary exhibition in Książ Castle", a project co-financed by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage and the Lower Silesia Province budget

## **EDUCATION AT MEMORIAL SITE**

# GROSS-ROSEN MUSEUM IN ROGOŹNICA

## Informations for visitors

The Museum **Education Department** conducts history classes, and workshops for organised groups with the aim to broaden the knowledge of everyday life of KL Gross-Rosen inmates.





## **EXHIBITIONS**

The history of the camp and tragic prisoners' life have been presented in exhibitions located in the Museum facilities:



- "KL Gross-Rosen 1941-1945" - main Museum building
- "Lost humanity"
- building of the former entrance gate
- "AL Riese KL Gross-Rosen subcamps in the Owl Mountains" - building of the former entrance gate
- Fittings in the prisoners' barrack - French barrack
- "The things, the remembrances, the sorrow that remains" - old camp weaving mill
- Temporary exhibitions - prisoners' barrack no. 7 (reconstructed)



Visiting the site of the former Gross-Rosen concentration camp, historic guarry and exhibitions in the Museum takes approx. 2.5 hours.

assure both the quality of the Museum experience and the safety of visitors, groups of 10 or more may visit the camp only under the supervision of a Gross-Rosen Museum tour guide.

Because of the graphic nature of the exibition, it is advised that children and younger students only visit the Museum under adult supervison.

Numerous publications on KL Gross-Rosen may be purchased at the entrance hall of the main Museum building.

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Admission to the Museum is free of charge to individual visitors, but to

## Museum exhibition is opened daily:

- 1 May to 30 September: 8:00-19:00
- 1 October to 30 April: 8:00-16:00
- · closed: 1 January, 25 December, Easter Sunday

## Tour guide charges:

- in Polish: group up to 15 visitors 30 PLN, group up to 40 visitors - 60 PLN
- in a foreign language: group up to 15 visitors 70 PLN, group up to 40 visitors - 120 PLN

Museum offers tour quiding in German, English and French – please schedule a visit.

## Visit programme includes paid movie showing:

- 30 minutes version: group 25 PLN; individually 3 PLN
- 60 minutes version: group 50 PLN; individually 5 PLN

#### Parking fees:

• bus - 10 PLN, car - 3 PLN



