

Quiz about monuments in Chełm

1. Where is Chełm situated?
 - A. in the east of Poland
 - B. in the north of Poland
 - C. in the west of Poland
2. How many inhabitants live in Chełm?
 - A. five thousand
 - B. sixty three thousand
 - C. forty thousand
3. What monument is situated on the Chełm hill?
 - A. Basilica of the Birth of the Virgin Mary
 - B. Orthodox Church of St. John the Teologian
 - C. Parish Church of Apostoles the Messengers
4. What is the biggest tourist attraction in Chełm?
 - A. Borek forest
 - B. Zorza Cinema
 - C. Chalk Underground
5. Is there water in old town well?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
6. When was built the magistrate in Chełm?
 - A. in years 1980 – 1981
 - B. in years 2000 – 2001
 - C. in years 1926 – 1927
7. Bieluch is..
 - A. a clown
 - B. a ghost
 - C. a bear

Monuments in Chełm



Basilica of the birth of the virgin Mary. – It was built in the years 1735- 1756, on the site of the orthodox church of the virgin Mary founded in the 13th century by prince Daniel Romanovich. After the brest-litovsk union had been dissolved by the tsarist government in 1875, the church was thoroughly remodeled and changed into an Orthodox cathedral . In the interwar period it was handed over to the Catholics and in 1931. St. Mary's parish was established . the basilica is also an old St. Mary's sanctuary which has had its origin in the worship of the painting of our lady of Chełm.



ORTHODOX CHURCH OF st. John the Theologian

The temple was built in the years 1846-1852 from the funds of the Russian government, as a military church. In 1864, because of the increase in the number of Orthodox residents of the city the church changed its function and became a parish church. The building represents the eclectic style with elements of neoclassical style and the official Byzantine-Russian. It was written with a bell tower to the register of monuments on 13. February, 1967 .



On the Łuczkowski square in the old town stands reconstructed **city well**. In the past there was in this place a well which stands here from the Middle Ages to the late eighteenth century. During digging up underground corridors linking sides of the chalk mine people encountered a shaft of the medieval monument. Today the Well stands at the foundations of the former town hall.



Magistrate in Chełm

Architecture

The building was designed in the Neo-Renaissance style. The plan of the building is based on an L-shaped corner portion is topped with a decorative gable on which the oculus, and bas-relief with the emblem of the city. Style of the building is no longer so visible today because of the numerous reconstruction, but still characteristic feature is a parapet with pinnacles.



Parish church of Apostles the messengers – it was built in place of a 15th century church founded by king Władysław II Jagiello in remembrance of the victory at Grunewald, to which knights from the Chełm land significantly contributed. After the church burnt down in 1585, another church was founded by the Head of the Chełm Land Jan Łaszcz. The present church was constructed in the years 1753-1763 and it is one of the most beautiful old buildings in Lublin province. Deputy Commander of the Polish Army Wacław Rzewuski and Andrzej Wolski with his wife Marianna Wolska were the founders of the church. The design of the church was created by Paweł Fontana and it is one of his most prominent works.



Belfry

Chełm Hill is also a perfect viewing point presenting a picturesque panorama of the city.



CHEŁM CHALK UNDERGROUND



CHEŁM CHALK UNDERGROUNDS – AN OLD CHALK MINE. A LABYRINTH OF MYSTERIOUS GALLERIES WAS CUT IN THE SOLID CHALK DEPOSITS LYING UNDER THE SURFACE OF

THE CITY. CHALK MINING FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES WAS DONE AS EARLY AS THE MIDDLE AGES. THE INHABITANTS OF CHEŁM USED TO OBTAIN CONSIDERABLE PROFITS ON THAT BUSINESS. THE EXTRACTION WAS TERMINATED IN THE 19TH CENTURY WHEN THE HOLLOW GALLERIES BEGAN TO ENDANGER THE SAFETY OF THE INHABITANTS. AFTER SELECTED SECTIONS OF THE CORRIDORS WERE ADAPTED FOR TOURIST PURPOSES IN THE 1970S, THE UNDERGROUNDS BECAME THE BIGGEST TOURIST ATTRACTION OF THE CITY DRAWING A LOT OF POLISH AND FOREIGN TOURISTS. WE CAN MEET HERE NOW THE BIELUCH GHOST.

