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Summary**

The official list of Polish exonyms of buildings and other urban objects was published in December 2024 and can be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Commission on Standardization of Geographical Names Outside the Republic of Poland.¹ The list comprises 1,691 objects, located in 133 countries and territories, for which the use of Polish names is recommended. The primary criteria for inclusion are popularity and cultural significance from a Polish perspective, hence the dominance of objects located in Europe.

The list is categorized by type of object: streets, squares, bridges, tunnels, airports, railway stations, other transport facilities, dams, temples, monasteries, places of worship, cemeteries, necropolises, tombs, mausoleums, forts, fortresses, castles, other historic monuments or sites, parks, gardens, monuments, statues, and other anthropogenic objects. Each entry includes the Polish name, its declension (genitive and locative forms) and the adjective derived from it. Subsequently, the original name in the local official language (endonym) is provided; for non-Roman writing systems, the original spelling of the name and its romanized form are included. In addition, the geographical coordinates of the object are specified. Entries end with supplementary information and comments, such as the town in which the object is located, additional characteristics of the object or its location, and selected historical names. At the end of the publication, an index is provided of all Polish names in the list, along with historical names.

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¹ See www.gov.pl/web/ksng-en/official-list-of-polish-geographical-names-of-the-world-supplement-list-of-names-of-buildings-and-other-urban-objects3.

