Wieliczka Salt Mine

Located in the town of Wieliczka just over 9 miles outside of Krakow, the Wieliczka Salt Mine was built back in the 13th century and has produced table salt continuously until 2007.

One of the biggest tourists draws of Poland, this underground salt city has evolved from a series of dark caves to a complex labyrinth now comprising over 185 impressive miles of galleries, about 3000 chambers and nine floors, with the first three open to the public.

Once you descend the 378 steps wooden staircase, you'll be greeted with a vast variety of guided tour options: If you're interested in the history of the salt mine, take the Miners' Tour and get insights into the difficult profession of a salt miner. Alternatively, if you want to learn more about the religious aspects, join the Pilgrims' Tour that includes a visit to the salt statue of John Paul II and a Holy Mass upon the end of the tour.

A. Read the text and write true or false.

1. The mines are in a city of Poland. _____
2. It has been used until 2009. _____
3. There are nine floors in the mine with four floors open to the public. _____
4. You can find different tours that you learn many things about the mines. _____
5. There are more than 400 stairs to go to the mines. _____

B. Answer the questions according to the text.

1. Which century was the mine built? _____
2. How long has it produced salt? _____
3. What can you find in the mines today? _____
4. How many stairs do people need to descend? _____
5. Which tour would you choose and why? _____

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