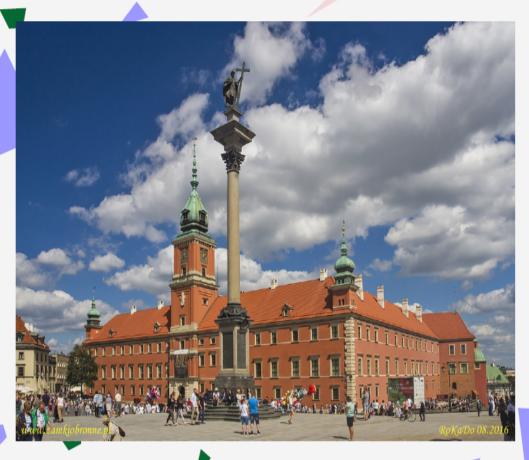
## THE ROYAL CASTLE IN WARSZAWA

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The Royal Castle in Warszawa is one of the most famous and important sights in the capital of Poland. Tourists from all over the world visit it every day. The most unusual fact about it is that it is not really an original building - it was completely destroyed during World War II and was reconstructed after the war.

- In the place where the castle stands today, there was a fortified wooden settlement in the Middle Ages.
   A Masovian duke, Bolesław II, is the one who initiated the construction of the first fortress in 1294-1313.
- During the period of the Swedish invasion of 1655-1660 (called "the Deluge"), the castle was plundered multiple times by the Swedish troops stationing in Warszawa.

Between 8 and 13 September 1944, during the Warsaw
Uprising, the German army managed to successfully destroy
most parts of the castle. The end of the war saw the castle,
along with the rest of the Capital, in ruins...