

POLAND

KRAKOW - ZAKOPANE -
TATRA MOUNTAINS
NORTH OF SLOVAKIA

VISIT KRAKOW - AUSCHWITZ - SKI MOBILE
SKIING - TATRA LANDIA - MORSKIE OKO



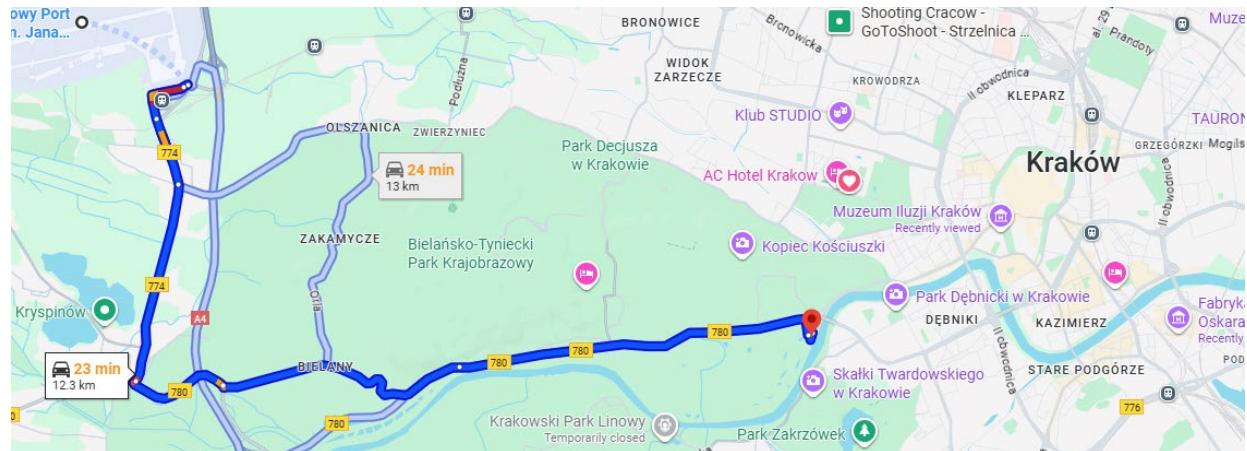
DAY 1 (26th) – Start - Arrival Krakow

Departure From Malta @19:00 – Ryan Air FR7142 :Arrive Krakow Airport @21:40

Actions: Pick Car; Travel to Hotel (estimated 25 minutes)

>Hotel 1: Hotel Vistula – 2 nights

Free Parking; Breakfast to Pay Extra

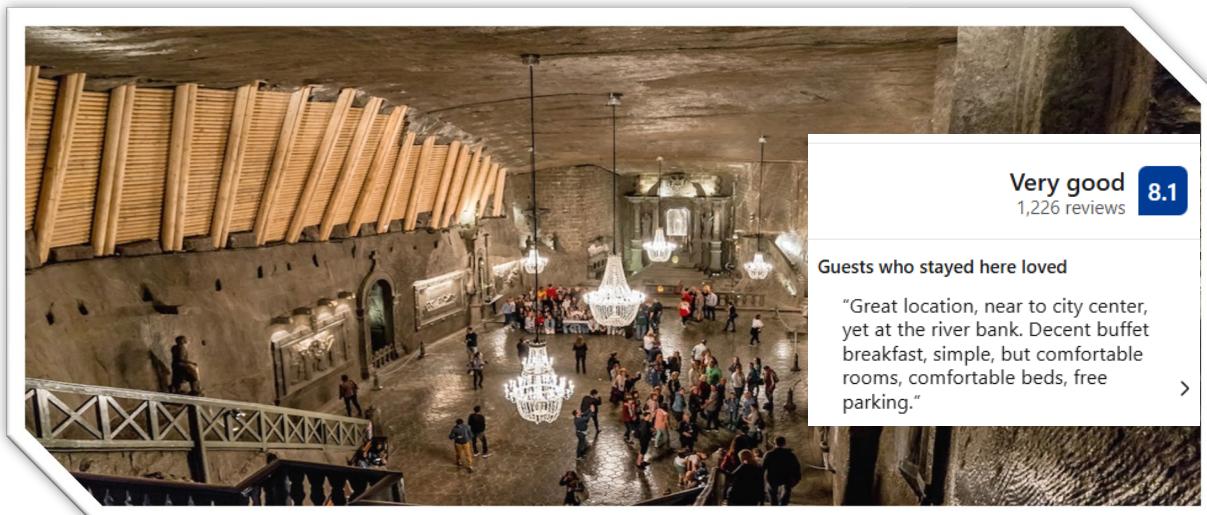


DAY 2 (27th) – Salt Mines and Auschwitz

Visiting: Wieliczka Salt Mines, Auschwitz, Bikernaue (Optional Katowice), Krakow Christmas Party

>Wieliczka Salt Mines (booked)

Booked at 09:00: Estimated Duration 3hrs



Very good
1,226 reviews
8.1

Guests who stayed here loved

"Great location, near to city center, yet at the river bank. Decent buffet breakfast, simple, but comfortable rooms, comfortable beds, free parking."

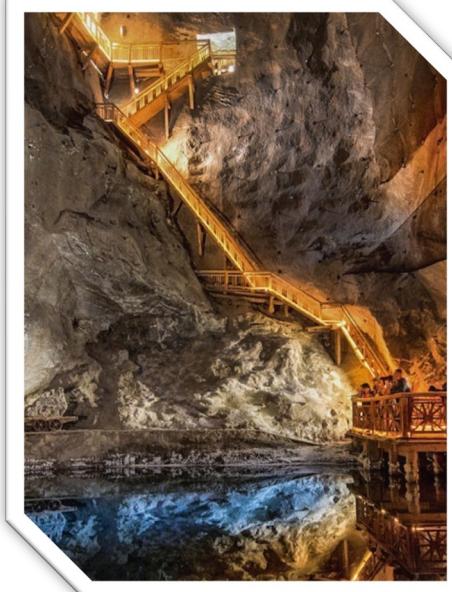
Travel: Estimated 30 Minutes to Arrive from Hotel

Overview

The Wieliczka Salt Mine is one of Poland's most distinguished heritage sites, located approximately 10 km from Kraków. As a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it offers a unique combination of geological significance, engineering mastery, and cultural heritage. Its extensive subterranean network spans over 300 km of tunnels, with only a curated route accessible to visitors.

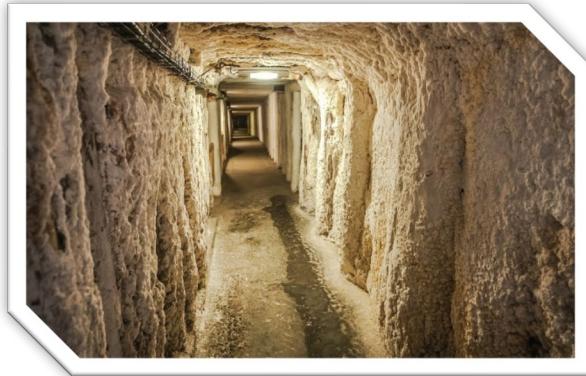
Key Highlights

- Historic Depth:** Operational since the 13th century, it stands among the world's oldest salt mines still preserved in original condition.
- Artistry in Salt:** Visitors encounter chapels, sculptures, and chambers carved entirely from rock salt, including the renowned Chapel of St Kinga.



- **Health and Wellness:** The mine's microclimate is noted for its purity, providing therapeutic benefits, particularly for respiratory conditions.
- **Engineering Achievement:** The underground lakes, timber structures, and reinforced shafts demonstrate centuries of refined mining techniques.

Booked Tourist Route: A curated journey of approximately 3 km through key chambers, salt sculptures, and the chapel. Suitable for general visitors.



What to bring

- Wear comfortable shoes suitable for walking.
- Bring warm clothing, the underground temperature stays between 14°C and 16°C.

>Auschwitz & Birkenau (Booked)

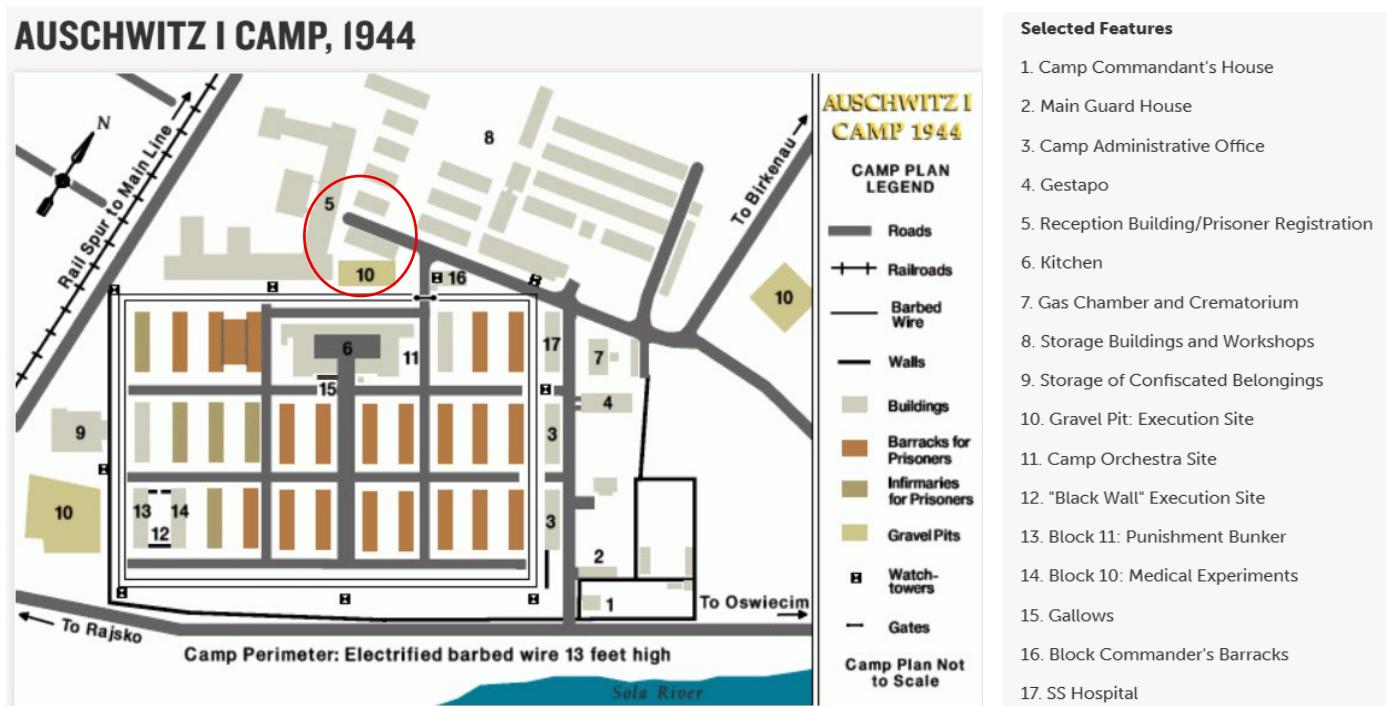
Booked: @ 13:50

Travel: Estimated 1.5 hrs from Salt Mines

Overview

Auschwitz I and Auschwitz-Birkenau form the most significant memorial complex related to the Holocaust. Located in Oświęcim, approximately 70 km west of Kraków, the sites stand as critical historical testimonies to the atrocities of the Second World War. They operate today as the **Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum**, preserving evidence of crimes against humanity and enabling informed reflection.

Auschwitz I (Main Camp):

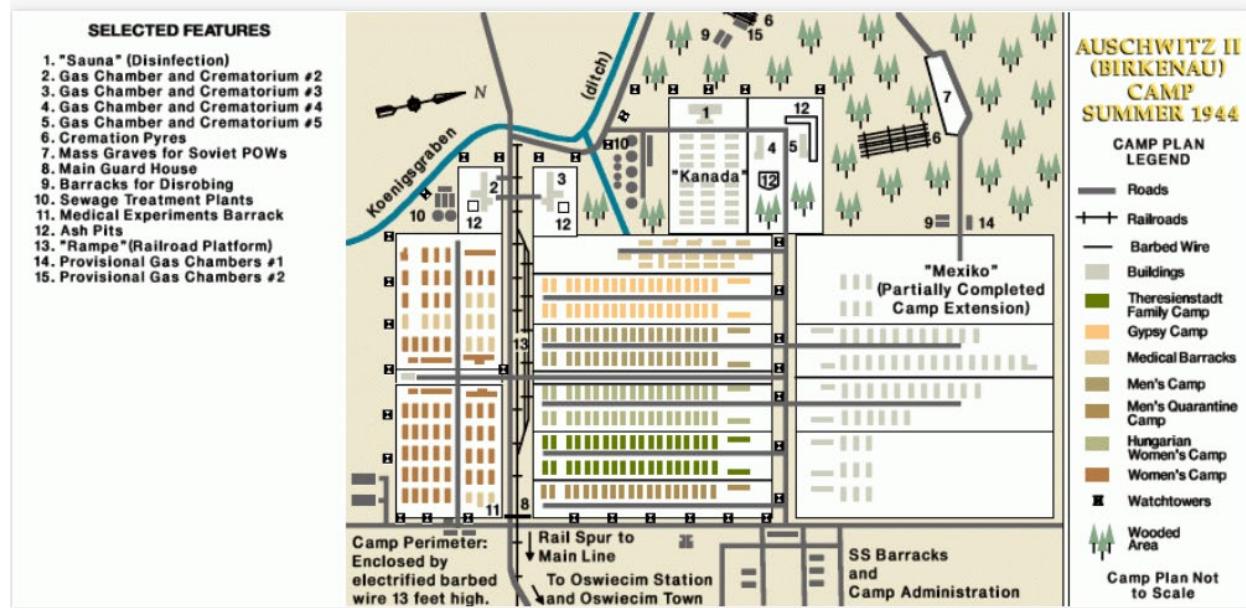


The administrative center of the camp system, containing brick barracks, exhibitions, preserved artefacts, and the original gas chamber and crematorium. Key Stops:

1. **Main Gate ("Arbeit Macht Frei"):** Primary entrance to the former main camp; historically emblematic.
2. **Block 4 – Extermination Exhibits:** Foundational historical overview, including evidence of the extermination process.
3. **Block 5 – Personal Belongings of Victims:** Displays of confiscated items, illustrating the scale of deportations.
4. **Block 6 – Daily Life of Prisoners:** Documentation of living conditions, registration, and camp routines.
5. **Block 7 – Sanitation and Accommodation:** Preserved barracks showing overcrowding and facilities used by prisoners.
6. **MARK 13: Block 11 – "Death Block":** Interrogation site, holding cells, and execution courtyard
7. **Courtyard between Blocks 10 and 11:** Execution site with preserved firing post structures.
8. **Crematorium I and Gas Chamber:** Original facility maintained in its near-authentic state.
9. **Roll-Call Square:** Central area used for daily prisoner assemblies.

Auschwitz-Birkenau (Auschwitz II):

AUSCHWITZ II (BIRKENAU) CAMP, SUMMER 1944



The largest camp in the complex, purpose-built for mass extermination. The site includes the iconic railway entrance, extensive wooden barracks, ruins of gas chambers and crematoria, and expansive grounds illustrating the camp's industrial scale.

- Main Gate and Railway Tracks:** Iconic entrance and arrival platform where selection occurred.
- Selection Ramp ("Judenrampe"):** Area where deportees were assigned to labour or extermination.
- Wooden Barracks (Various Sections):** Representative female and male prisoner barracks showing actual living conditions.
- Ruins of Gas Chambers II and III:** Demolished by retreating SS forces; critical to understanding the extermination infrastructure.
- Crematorium Ruins IV and V:** Further remnants of the industrialised killing facilities.
- International Monument to the Victims:** Central commemorative structure honouring all who perished.
- Guard Towers and Perimeter Fencing:** Preserved elements illustrating the scale and control mechanisms of the camp.
- Pond Areas (Ash Disposal Sites):** Locations where human ashes were discarded, integral to understanding the full process.

>Optional KATOWICE

Market Square (Rynek) (Christmas Market)

A regenerated urban space featuring modern architecture, cafés, and public art. Acts as an orientation point and gateway to nearby cultural institutions.

The city's Market Square transforms into a lively Christmas Market, full of Silesian crafts, local treats, and seasonal cheer. Perfect for a stroll, a bite of festive food, and soaking up the industrial vibes.



Spodek Arena

A landmark structure recognised for its iconic UFO-like design. It serves as a multi-functional arena hosting concerts, sporting events, and conferences.



Nikiszowiec Historic Workers' District

A well-preserved early 20th-century red-brick settlement built for miners. The district showcases distinctive Silesian architecture and community planning. Notable for its atmospheric courtyards and St Anne's Church.

Katowice Cathedral (Cathedral of Christ the King)

One of Poland's largest cathedrals, designed in monumental classical style. Serves as a key religious and architectural landmark.



Three Ponds Valley (Dolina Trzech Stawów)

A green recreational area near the city centre, suitable for walking, cycling, and outdoor leisure. Represents Katowice's integration of nature within the urban environment.



>Krakow City (Evening – Christmas Market)

Travel: Estimated 1 hour from Bikeranue

Recommended: Go to Hotel / Out around 19:00



Christmas Market

Kraków's Christmas Market, centred on the **Rynek Główny** (Main Market Square), is one of Poland's most distinguished festive events. The market blends historic surroundings with curated seasonal stalls, traditional crafts, and regional cuisine. The evening setting enhances ambience and provides optimal conditions for a relaxed yet structured introduction to the city.

Key Stops:

A. St Mary's Basilica (Exterior)

Commence with a brief orientation at the façade. The basilica's illuminated towers and hourly trumpet call (Hejnał) provide immediate context and atmosphere.

St Mary's Basilica stands as one of Kraków's most recognisable landmarks and a principal example of Polish Gothic architecture. Located on the northeast corner of the Main Market Square, it has served as a civic and spiritual anchor since the 14th century. Its asymmetrical brick towers, richly decorated interiors and continuous liturgical presence underline its importance within Kraków's historical landscape.

The basilica is best known for the Veit Stoss Altar, a late-Gothic carved masterpiece considered one of Europe's foremost wooden altarpieces. The interior presents a cohesive display of medieval craftsmanship, including stained glass, vaulted ceilings and polychrome decoration by leading 19th-century artists. Each element reinforces the basilica's cultural and artistic heritage.

A defining feature is the Hejnał Mariacki, a trumpet call performed every hour from the taller tower. The unfinished tune commemorates a legendary medieval sentry and has become a national auditory symbol. Visitors may also access the towers during scheduled hours for elevated views across the Market Square.



B. Cloth Hall (Sukiennice) Perimeter Walk

Proceed along the arcades surrounding the Cloth Hall. This offers direct exposure to the central square's architecture and provides a clear visual map of the market layout.

C. Main Christmas Market Zone

Navigate the central cluster of stalls. Focus areas include:

- **Handcrafted ornaments** from regional artisans
- **Woodwork and traditional Silesian and Podhale crafts**
- **Local confectionery and gingerbread stands**

D. Culinary Sampling Points

Select concise, high-quality tastings:

- **Oscypek (smoked cheese) with cranberry**
- **Pierogi or grilled Polish sausages**
- **Mulled wine (Grzaniec Galicyjski)**, a market signature



E. Town Hall Tower Perspective

Position yourself near the Town Hall Tower to view the full market in its entirety. This vantage point enables unobstructed photographs and a clear understanding of the square's scale.



F. Optional Indoor Stops

If weather conditions are severe, transition to:

- **Café Noworolski (inside Cloth Hall)** – heritage interior, suitable for a short break
- **Wierzynek Restaurant** – for visitors seeking a premium historic dining option



TRAVEL DAY 2 SUMMARY

Visit 1: Hotel to Salt Mines: Estimated 25 Minutes

Visit 2: Salt Mines To Auschwitz: Estimated 1:20 Minutes

Auschwitz – Hotel 1 :10 Minutes

Hotel - Krakow City : 15 Minutes (TO FIND PARKING)



PARKING: The central districts (Old Town, historic centre, major tourist areas) are covered by a regulated paid-parking scheme.

Charges apply Monday through Saturday, from 10:00 to 20:00. Outside those hours, parking is often free (but always verify local signage).

Rate depends on parking sub-zone:

- Sub-zone A (closest to Old Town core): about **PLN 6/hour.**[Kraków Travel+1](#)
 - Sub-zones B and C (less central): slightly cheaper, but walking distance increases.

Street-side parking spaces are limited and often busy; driving into narrow historic streets hunting for a spot can be stressful and counterproductive.

DAY 3 (28th) POPE BIRTHPLACE & ENERGYLANDIA

Visting: Wadowice, EnergyLandia

>>**CHECKOUT** – CHECKIN at HOTEL CONVICTUS (KRAKOW)

>Wadowice (John Paul II Birthplace)

Travel: Estimated 1 hour to arrive (@9.00)

Estimated duration: between 1 to 1.5 hrs (max up to @11:00)

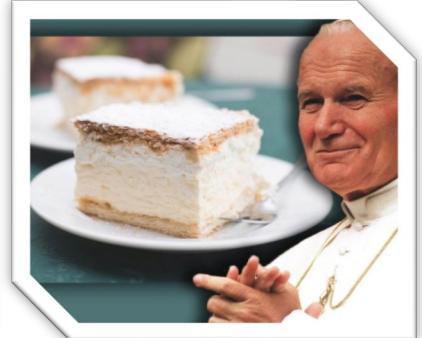
Overview

Wadowice, located approximately 50 km southwest of Kraków, is best known as the birthplace of **Pope John Paul II**. The town offers a focused cultural and historical experience, centred on his early life, local traditions, and the architectural character of a classic Lesser Poland settlement. Its compact layout enables an efficient half-day visit.



Proposed Itinerary

1. Arrival at John Paul II Square
2. Walk **Family Home Museum**
3. Walk to the **Basilica**
4. Explore the square and nearby streets
5. Follow the **John Paul II Trail (40 minute @10:00)**
6. Conclude with a café stop for kremówka (*taste Papal Delicacy – Wadowice Cream Cake*)



>EnergyLandia

Travel: Estimated 20 Minutes:

Opens 11:30 (Cost Circa Euro35/person)

Overview

Energylandia, located in Zator, is Poland's largest theme park. Winter operations focus on selected zones and rides that remain functional in lower temperatures, complemented by festive décor and family-oriented activities. High-intensity coasters operate subject to weather compliance, particularly wind and temperature thresholds.

A winter visit to Energylandia offers reduced crowd levels and a festive atmosphere. The experience is most valuable when approached with flexibility - prioritising all-weather attractions and treating high-intensity coaster openings as opportunistic bonuses dependent on conditions.



Priority Winter Attractions

A. Hyperion (Mega Coaster) – Weather Permitting

Europe's tallest and fastest mega coaster is often operational during mild winter conditions.

- Key features: steep drop, high-speed airtime, large banking curves.
- Weather restrictions apply; temperatures and wind conditions determine availability.



B. Zadra (Hybrid Coaster) – Weather Permitting

One of the world's premier hybrid wooden-steel coasters.

- Known for speed, inversion profile, and smooth RMC track technology.
- Operational subject to temperature thresholds.



C. Abyssus (Shockwave Double Launch Coaster) – Weather Permitting

Launch coaster with an immersive design theme (Aqualantis zone).

- Double-launch system and extended layout.
- Typically operates if weather conditions are stable.

D. Family Zone – Indoor and All-weather Attractions

These remain consistently available during winter and form the core of the visit:

- **Dragon Adventure** – family coaster with extensive theming.
- **Frida** – spinning family coaster.
- **Mars Coaster** – suitable for younger visitors.
- **Formula Autodrom** – kart-style ride (indoors or sheltered).
- **4D Cinema** – themed short films suitable for all ages.



*****Note: if Weather Not Permitting – Krakow City Tour probably Better**

Genius

Hotel Convictus Cracovia for business & travellers

Profesora Stanisława Łojasiewicza 2, Debniki, 30-348 Kraków, Poland – [Great location - show map](#)



Very good
8.5
6,045 reviews

Guests who stayed here loved

"It's quite there is a supermarket behind the hotel and a lake"



CHECK_IN HOTEL#2 HOTEL CONVICTUS CRACOVIA

Breakfast to Pay Extra

>Krakow – Evening Christmas Market/ Dining

Travel Day 3 Summary:

Hotel (Check_out) to Wadowice - estimated 1hr 10Min

Wadowice to EnergyLandia (30 Min)

EnergyLandia to Hotel (Check-In) 1 hr

Hotel to Krakow

DAY 4 (29th) – SHOPPING and KRAKOW CITY

Visting: Sosnowiec Designer Village and Krakow City Tour

>Sosnowiec Designer Village

Travel@ Estimated 1.15 hrs // Opens at 09:00 to 21:00

Allocated Time 4 hrs



>Krakow City Tour



Main Attractions

Main Market Square
Rynek Underground
Cloth Hall
St Mary's Church
Royal Castle and Wawel Hill
Kazimierz Jewish Quarter
Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCAK)
Oskar Schindler's Factory
Wieliczka Salt Mines

The history of Kraków

Kraków's origins are linked to the legend of Krakus, who founded a fortified settlement on Wawel Hill. Its strategic position on major trade routes enabled early growth, and by AD 965 it was already recognised as a significant European town, as recorded by the merchant Ibrahim ibn Jakub. The diocese was established in 1000, and Kraków became Poland's capital in 1040. After destruction during the Tartar invasion of 1241, the city was rebuilt and later flourished under the Jagiellonian dynasty from 1386 to 1572.

In 1939 the Nazis made Kraków the administrative centre of the General Government, occupying the Royal Palace and persecuting the Jewish community and Polish intelligentsia. Although the city was prepared for demolition in 1945, it survived intact when the Nazis retreated before the Red Army's advance, leaving Kraków largely undamaged.

Today, Kraków is Poland's second-largest city, with a population of roughly 800,000, supported by extensive post-war industrial development across its suburbs.

Wawel Castle & Cathedral (1hr)

Begin at Kraków's most important historical complex. (**Entrance Euro7/person**)

Key components:

- **Wawel Cathedral:** Royal tombs, Sigismund Bell Tower, and coronation site of Polish monarchs.
- **Castle Courtyards:** Renaissance architecture and panoramic views.



2. Kraków Old Town

Walk into the historic centre

Priority highlights:

- **Main Market Square (Rynek Główny)** – Europe's largest medieval square.
- **St Mary's Basilica (Exterior)** – Hourly trumpet call (Hejnał) from the tower.
- **Cloth Hall (Sukiennice)** – Iconic Renaissance trading hall.



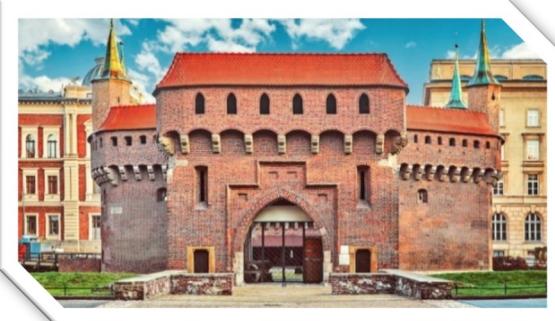
The Main Market Square (Rynek Główny) is Kraków's central hub and one of Europe's largest medieval squares, measuring 200 metres per side. It remains active throughout the day and into the night, hosting cafés, restaurants, flower stalls, artists and street performers. The square is lined with historic townhouses and palaces representing varied architectural styles, with many courtyards functioning as outdoor dining areas. A notable dining institution is Wierzynek, a historic restaurant occupying three Renaissance houses, traditionally linked to the 1364 royal wedding banquet hosted for European monarchs.

At the centre of the square stands the Cloth Hall (Sukiennice), originally a medieval trading hall. Its current Renaissance façade, created between 1556 and 1560, was designed by Giovanni Maria Padovano and decorated with mascarons sculpted by Santi Gucci, modelled on prominent local citizens.

Northern Old Town Fortifications: St Florian's Gate and the Barbican

These form part of Kraków's medieval defensive system.

- **Barbican:** Circular brick fortification, one of the best preserved in Europe.
- **St Florian's Gate:** Key entrance to the Old Town.



Modern Exhibitions: Wax Museum or Museum of Illusions (45 minutes)

Select one depending on preference and group composition.

- **Museum of Illusions:** Interactive perception-based exhibits; suitable for families and varied age groups.
- **Wax Museum:** Focus on visual entertainment and sculptural displays.



Kazimierz and Oskar Schindler's Factory

Transfer to Kraków's Jewish Quarter.

A. Jewish Quarter (Kazimierz) - 45 min

A district rich in heritage, synagogues, and cultural narratives. Highlights:

- **Szeroka Street and synagogues** (e.g., Old Synagogue – exterior).
- **Historic courtyards and artisan streets.**

B. Oskar Schindler's Factory Museum (1.5 hrs)

Located in the adjacent Podgórze district, this museum focuses on Kraków during the Second World War, with immersive exhibitions explaining Schindler's activities and the city's wartime transformation.

OSKAR SCHINDLER AND PŁASZÓW

Oskar Schindler was a German industrialist living and working in Kraków during World War II, who is credited with saving hundreds of Jews by employing them in his factory. Although his motives remain controversial and were not altogether altruistic – he was a businessman at heart and the Jews were effectively slave labour – the number of lives saved cannot be disputed. Schindler has now reached hero status to many, immortalised first in the award-winning book *Schindler's Ark* by Thomas Keneally and later in the Academy Award-winning film *Schindler's List*, directed by Steven Spielberg, much of which was filmed in and around Kraków. Schindler's Emalia factory is still standing on Lipowa street and now houses a branch of Krakow's Historical Museum.

Also immortalised in Spielberg's film is the Płaszów concentration camp, just south of Kazimierz, which was overseen by the cold-blooded Nazi commander Amon Goeth. Many of Kraków's Jews were imprisoned and murdered here. Although the Nazis blew up much of the camp as they retreated in 1945, leaving behind little more than a deserted wilderness, parts of the gate remain and on the hill is a 1960s monument to the victims of the camp. Goeth's villa is now a private residence.

Travel Day 4 Summary

Hotel to Sosnowiec - Estimated 1 Hour

Sosnowiec to Hotel – 1 Hr

Hotel Krakow City

DAY 5 (30th) – ZAKOPANE

Visting: Zakopane – Mountains and Skiing option ; Thermal Baths;

Check Out – CheckIn Pokoje Goscinne U Moniki (To meet owner)

>Zakopane

Travel to Zakopane: Estimated 1.5 hrs

Arrive @10:30 ** Check at 14:00 or later**

Zakopane is the principal gateway to Poland's Tatra Mountains and a leading winter and summer destination known for its distinct Highlander culture, wooden architecture, and alpine scenery. Situated at the country's southern border, it combines mountain access with a structured tourism infrastructure, making it suitable for short recreational stays and extended exploration.

The town's identity is shaped by its close proximity to the Tatra National Park, offering direct access to valleys, peaks, and ridge walks. Through winter, Zakopane converts into a seasonal resort with snow-based activities, thermal baths, and vibrant festive elements along Krupówki, the main pedestrian street. Its mixed heritage—folk music, regional cuisine, and the signature carved-wood style—supports a strong cultural dimension alongside outdoor pursuits.

Visitors typically use Zakopane as a base for cable-car ascents, winter sports, guided mountain walks, and access to regional attractions such as Gubałówka Hill and Kasprowy Wierch.



Activities OPTIONS *details below*

- SKIING (LESSONS)
- SKI MOBILING
- Dog Sledding
- Snow Rafting & Snow Banana Rides
- Winter Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides (Kulig).
- Snowshoeing
- Ice Skating
- Sleigh Parks & Family Snow Zones



>Thermal Baths (Afternoon)(not booked)

Travel: 30 Minutes from Zakopane

Another Option 4th January
(afternoon)

[Chochołowskie Termy](#) is the largest thermal bath complex in Poland, situated in the village of Chochołów at the base of the Tatra Mountains. It provides various options for relaxation, active leisure, and wellness.



>Zakopane – Evening

Overview

Between 30 December and 1 January, Zakopane delivers a concentrated festive experience centred on the Christmas Market at *Plac Niepodległości*, adjacent to Krupówki Street. The area combines seasonal stalls, Highlander culture, and continuous winter activity, remaining fully operational throughout New Year.

Market Focus

The market features carved-wood crafts, wool goods, regional ornaments, and food stalls serving oscypek, grilled specialities, and mulled drinks. Activity peaks from late afternoon into the evening, supported by live folk elements and a strong holiday atmosphere. Expect high footfall on 30–31 December.



Key Attractions During This Period

- **Krupówka Street:** Main pedestrian route for dining and shopping; ideal for extending a visit beyond the market.



**Activities Guide:

SKIING OPTIONS FOR BEGINNERS AT

Harenda (north side - 6 minutes), Nosal (South Side): Each of these stations has rental points next to the lifts, so you can fit boots and equipment right at the slope and swap sizes easily if needed.



NUMBER OF PEOPLE	1	2	3	4
Price in PLN	1500	1800	2100	2400

Ski Lessons: Go SKI ZAKOPAN: 3 Persons –2 hours per day – 2100 PLN (euro175/person)

Ideal 30th / 31st/ 1st)

SKI MOBILING

- **Gubałówka Hill (Kościelisko side and Nowe Bystre)** Major operators run guided snowmobile tours, including night rides with panoramic views of Zakopane.
- **Gubałówka–Butorowy Wierch Plateau:** Wide open terrain suitable for longer, safer routes.
- **Poronin / Białka Tatrzanska:** Ideal for forest and open-field routes with fewer crowds.



[location] BUTORÓW 5, KOŚCIELISKO

Dog Sledding

- **Kościelisko Valley:** The most established area for husky experiences, including short and extended rides.
- **Gubałówka Plateau:** Seasonal rides depending on snow conditions.
- **Chochołów / Witów region:** Less crowded, with longer forest trails.



Snow Rafting & Snow Banana Rides

- **Gubałówka Hill:** Snowmobile-towed raft or banana rides; short but high-adrenaline.
- **Harenda (Zakopane):** Smaller-scale operators offering similar activities.



Winter Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides (Kulig)

- **Chochołowska Valley:** Scenic, traditional sleigh rides under Tatra peaks. One of the most popular routes.
- **Kościeliska Valley:** Forest setting with controlled entry; highly atmospheric.
- **Biały Kocioł Tatrzański & Bukowina Tatrzańska:** Strong tourism infrastructure; sleigh rides often paired with bonfires.



Notes:

Evening sleigh rides with torches are particularly in demand.

Snowshoeing

- **Rusinowa Polana:** Gentle route, exceptional winter vistas.
- **Dolina Strążyska (Strążyska Valley):** Easy access; excellent introduction to winter trekking.
- **Gubałówka Ridge:** Low-risk snowshoe trails with Zakopane panorama.
- **Dolina Kościeliska & Dolina Chochołowska:** Longer routes suited for half-day hikes.

Ice Skating

- **Tatra Ice Rink (Lodowisko pod Gubałówką)**
Central, outdoor rink near Gubałówka base.
- **COS Zakopane Rink**
Larger indoor rink; consistent ice quality.

Sleigh Parks & Family Snow Zones

- **Snow Zabawa Park (Gubałówka)**
Tubing lanes, snow slides, and family activities.
- **Harenda Snow Fun Area**
Similar offering with easier access from Zakopane.



CHECK_IN HOTEL #3 POKOJE GOŚCINNE U MONIKI (3 NIGHTS)

Pokoje Gościnne U Moniki [Reserve now](#)



9.7 Exceptional
47 reviews

"Great, very well-kept and comfortable place, and very nice owners!"
Translated by Google - Show original
 Łukasz • Poland >

"Parking, cleanliness, silence, peace, access to the annex"
Translated by Google - Show original
 Dawid • Poland >

"Mother how clean!!!! Everything is new, the mattress is more
new"

Parking : On Site FREE //Breakfast (not available)

Site (10 Minutes by Car from Zakopane Central)

DAY 6 (31st) – MOUNTAINS, SNOW & NEW YEAR EVE

Visting: Kasprowt Wierch Mountain or Gubolwka / Skiing ** New Years Eve Celebration

>**Kasprowt Wierch Mountain or (Gubolowka Mountain)**

(Cable Car) @ 08:30

Overview

Kasprowy Wierch offers one of the most elevated and scenic mountain experiences in the Tatras. Accessed by cable car from Kuźnice, it is suitable for both non-ski visitors seeking panoramic views and teenagers undertaking structured ski lessons. The mountain environment is alpine, with rapidly changing conditions; appropriate winter clothing is essential.

>**Option 1 (NON SKIERS); Mountain View and Activities**

Morning: Ascent & Summit Exploration

- Board the *Kasprowy Wierch Cable Car* from Kuźnice. The ascent provides immediate mountain vistas.
- Summit Viewpoints: Designated viewing terraces offering alpine panoramas across the High Tatras and Zakopane. Excellent for photography and short observation stops.
- At the upper station, walk the designated viewing areas for ridge-line panoramas towards Giewont, Świnica and the High Tatras.
- Visit the summit café for a controlled indoor space with full-range views.



Late Morning: Guided Winter Walk (Easy Terrain)

Take a short walk around marked paths near the upper station (conditions permitting). These routes offer safe, compact exploration without technical demands.

- Photography points along the ridge deliver high-quality landscape views.



Early Afternoon: Observatorium & Relaxation

- Inspect the exterior of the meteorological observatory, an iconic structure at the summit.

- Return to Kuźnice by cable car and transfer to a thermal bath (Chochołowskie / Bukovina) for recovery after cold-weather exposure.

Option 2: SKIING Option

Morning: Arrival & Equipment

- Reach Kuźnice early and rent equipment at the base or through a pre-arranged provider. [Meet instructor at @@@@](#)
- Take the cable car to the summit; proceed to the ski-school meeting point near the upper station.



Structured Ski Lesson (2–3 Hours)

- Teenagers receive supervised instruction on slopes suited to developing skills, typically the Gasienicowa or Goryczkowa areas depending on weather and lift operations: - to balance, controlled turns, safety protocols and terrain awareness.

Practice – To meet with other Group for activities

Back to Hotel by around 4.30pm – To prepare for Evening

>Christmas Even Dinner @ STEK CHALUPA



50% paid – Balance on the day

DAY 7 (1st) – ZAKOPANE MOUNTAINS & SNOW ACTIVITIES

Visting: Morskie Oko (Morning) .. Afternoon Zakopane Village Shopping or Gubalowka Mount. [SKIING Lesson 3]

>Mountain Trail to Morskie Oko

- ❖ Allocate 4 Hrs - START: **Palenica Białczańska** MORNING (TICKETS CASH)
- ❖ Travel 30 Min from Hotel (Can start 07:30 morning)
- ❖ Minibuses from Zakopane bus station run to Polana Palenica (depart when full; 45min), the start of the walk to Morskie Oko

Encircled by spectacular sheer cliff faces and alpine forest, the large glacial lake of Morskie Oko ("Eye of the Sea"; 1399m) is one of the Tatras' big attractions, and one of the most popular day - trip destinations for tourists staying in Zakopane. It's frequently deluged by trippers, although the crowds thin out the further beyond Morskie Oko you go. Starting point for the gentle ascent to the lake is Polana

Palenica , east of Zakopane, where there's a large car park surrounded by snack huts. A fairly obvious track leads past a national park booth (charging the 5zŁ entrance fee to the park) and climbs slowly through the trees towards Morskie Oko, which is some 9km (1hr 45min) uphill. Horse - drawn carts (65zŁ per person) are on hand to ferry those tourists who can't face the walk.

The Morskie Oko hut, a lovely Zakopane - style villa situated by the side of the lake, serves up decent grilled - sausage - type fare, and provides a convenient base for the ascent of Rysy (2499m), the highest peak in the Polish Tatras. Closer to hand, on the same red - marked route is Czarny Staw (1580m), a lake that, if anything, appears even chillier than Morskie Oko.



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AFTERNOON: MOUNTAINS CLOSE AT 16:00 (depend on Weather)

>Option 1 (Non Skiers) – Zakopane Village shopping

OR

Option 2 (Non Skiers) Gubalowka Mountain (Funicular railway) 2hrs

Overview

Gubałówka Mountain is one of Zakopane's most accessible viewpoints, offering clear panoramas of the Tatra range and the town below. Its summit is reached in minutes via the Gubałówka Funicular Railway, departing from the base station adjacent to Krupówki's northern end.

Funicular Railway

The funicular provides a quick, reliable ascent throughout the year, operating on a fixed timetable with frequent departures. The short ride delivers a controlled, efficient route to the upper ridge without the need for winter technical gear or extended walking. Tickets are available at the station or online, with return fares recommended for structured itineraries.



At the Summit

The ridge hosts cafés, seasonal market stalls and designated viewpoints overlooking Zakopane and the Tatras. The area offers level walking routes suitable for most visitors, providing a straightforward way to experience the mountain setting. During winter, snow attractions, tubing zones and small family activity areas operate depending on conditions.



KEY ACTIVITIES

1. Viewpoints & Panoramic Walks

- Multiple designated viewpoints overlooking Zakopane and the Tatra Mountains.
- Easy ridge walk with level terrain.

2. Snow Tubing / Snow Slides / Tobogun Run

- Seasonal tubing lanes operating near the summit area.

- Suitable for adults and families.

3. Market Stalls & Craft Shops

- Traditional wooden stalls selling regional products, snacks and souvenirs.

4. Cafés & Outdoor Terraces

- Numerous food kiosks and cafés with mountain views.

5. Short Leisure Walks

- Ridge paths that connect various viewpoints and small attractions.

>Option 3 (For Non Skiers) Kasprowt Wierch Mountain

(Day 2 Skiing)

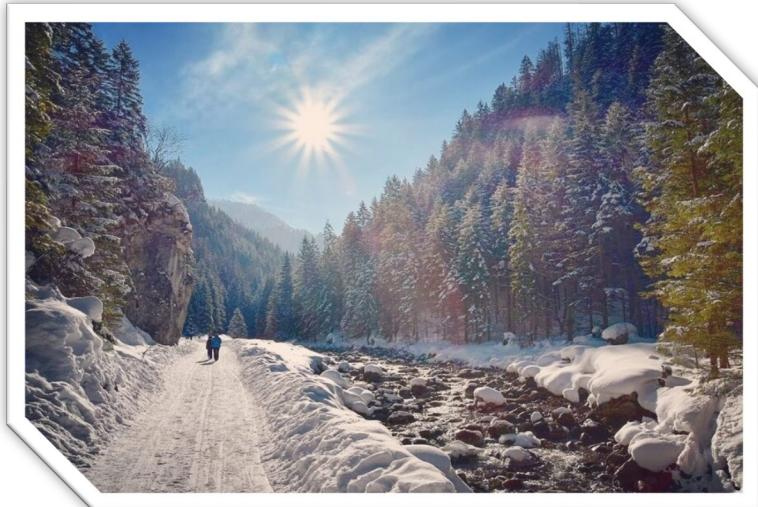
>Other Options ---

Dolina Kościeliska---

Minibuses from Zakopane to Chochołów and Czarny Dunajec pass the entrances to the Dolina Kościeliska valley (12 daily; 25min)

Six kilometres west from Zakopane on the Czarny Dunajec road, the hamlet of KIRY marks the entrance to the Dolina Kościeliska , a deep verdant valley much in evidence on postcards of the region. **For around 120zł a horse - drawn cart will run you down the first section** of the valley to a

point known as Polana Pisana , but from here on it's walkers only. A distinctive feature of Kościeliska is the caves in its limestone cliffs – once the haunts of robbers and bandits, legend has it. Take a detour off to the left from Polana Pisana – marked jaskinia (caves) – and you can visit various examples, including Jaskinia Mroźna , where the walls are permanently encased in ice. Beyond Polana Pisana, the narrow upper valley is a beautiful stretch of crags, gushing water, caves and greenery. The awe - inducing scenery so inspired Witkacy's fiancée Jadwiga Jaczewska that she chose this as the venue for her suicide.



TRAVEL Day 7

Travel to Morskie Oko (Palenica Białczańska)

DAY 8 (2nd) – ZAKOPANE to SLOVAKIA

Visting: SnowLandia Winter WonderLand (@10:00), TREETOP WALK at BACHLEDOVA VALLEY (close at 16:00)

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Snowlandia Winter WonderLand Park (Opens at 10:00) – Allocate Minimum 2 hrs

Travel – 10 Minutes from Hotel

Snowlandia consists of the following attractions:

- Largest Snow Maze in Poland (3000 m²)
- Snow Castle with towers reaching 15 mtrs
- Ice Palace – admire Ice Sculptures
- Sled Hill – Sleds Rental, Ski Lift / Slope for Beginners



TICKET TYPE	NORMAL (ADULT)	REDUCED*	2 ADULTS + 1 CHILD	2 ADULTS + 2 KIDS	NEXT KID FOR 2+2 TICKET
MAZE	35,00 zł	30,00 zł	90,00 zł	117,00 zł	26,00 zł
IGLOO WITH SCULPTURES	35,00 zł	30,00 zł	90,00 zł	117,00 zł	26,00 zł
THE TATRA EDUCATIONAL PARK	30,00 zł	25,00 zł	77,00 zł	99,00 zł	21,00 zł
MAZE + IGLOO WITH SCULPTURES	63,00 zł	54,00 zł	170,00 zł	221,00 zł	48,00 zł
IGLOO WITH SCULPTURES + THE TATRA EDUCATIONAL PARK	59,00 zł	50,00 zł	157,00 zł	204,00 zł	44,00 zł
MAZE + THE TATRA EDUCATIONAL PARK	59,00 zł	50,00 zł	157,00 zł	204,00 zł	44,00 zł
MAZE + IGLOO WITH SCULPTURES + THE TATRA EDUCATIONAL PARK	80,00 zł	68,00 zł	214,00 zł	278,00 zł	60,00 zł

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- TICKET VALID ONLY ON THE DAY OF PURCHASE
- ADMISSION IS ONCE ONCE
- NO RETURN OF AN UNUSED TICKET
- * CHILDREN, STUDENTS UNDER 26, PENSIONERS:

THE PRICES INCLUDING THE DISCOUNT



10%
15%
20%
25%
30%

>Option 1: TREETOP WALK – BACHLEDOVA VALLEY

Travel 55 minutes: Allocate 2.5 hrs (Close at 16:00)

1. Overview

The **Treetop Walk** in **Bachledova Dolina** (near Ždiar, Slovakia) is a flagship nature attraction in the Pieniny region, offering elevated views of forests and mountain ranges. The route is positioned on the ridge of the **Spišská Magura**, providing panoramic scenery of the **High Tatras**, **Belianske Tatras**, and surrounding valleys.

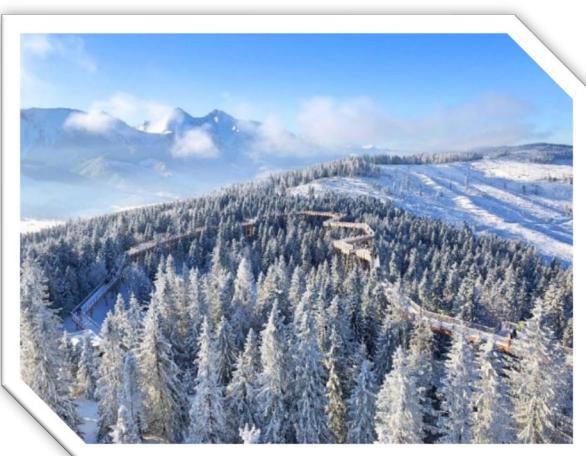
It is designed for safe, all-ages access, with a fully barrier-free path.



Access to the Attraction

A. Base Location: Bachledova Valley (Bachledova Dolina)

- Parking available below the resort.
- Facilities include ticket office, rental shops, and dining options.



B. Ascent to the Treetop Walk Entrance

1. **Gondola Cable Car (Recommended):**
 - Modern 10-person cabin.
Approx. **7 minutes** to reach the ridge.



A. Elevated Pathway

- Total length: **~1.2 km** (including tower).
Height above ground: up to **24 metres**.
- Wooden and steel construction with informational boards explaining local ecology.

B. Observation Tower

- Height: **32 metres**. Spiral walkway with panoramic platform.
- Views across High Tatras, Pieniny National Park, Belianske Tatras, and valley landscapes.

C. Special Features : Adrenaline net at the tower platform (optional).

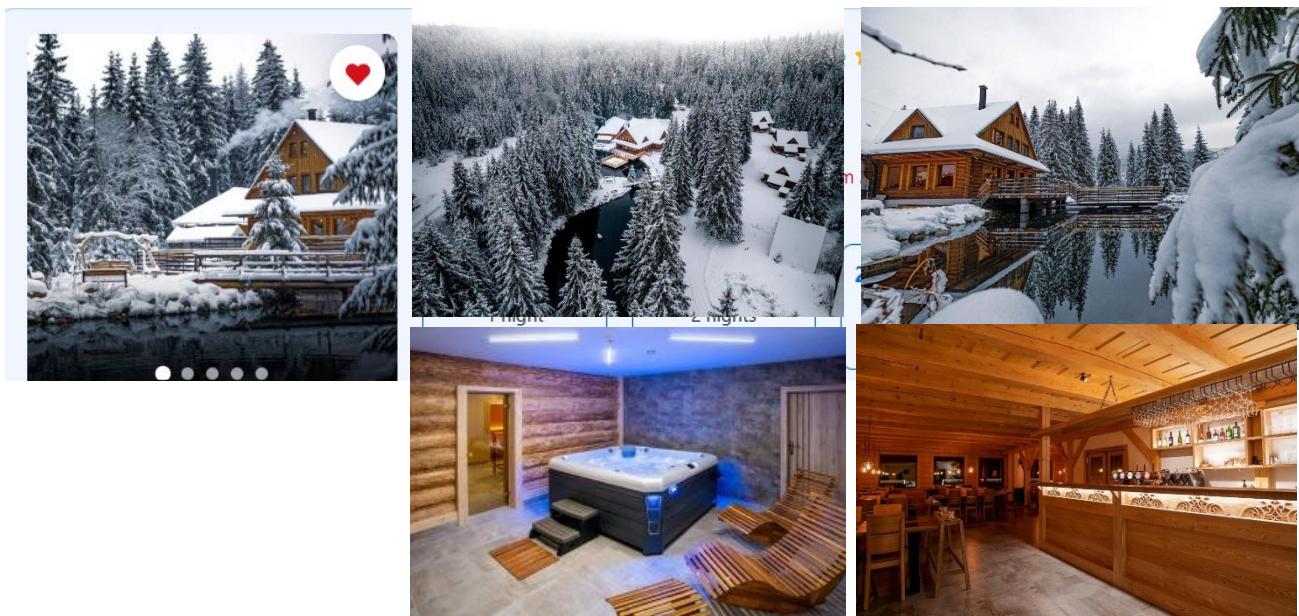
- **Location:** The net is spread in the center of the panoramic terrace of the main viewing tower.
- **Experience:** It offers an optional, thrilling experience for "adrenaline seekers" to stand and look down into a 32-meter (105 feet) gap.
- **Safety:** The attraction is described as totally safe, with a high carrying capacity.
- **Availability:** It is generally available year-round as part of the Treetop Walk experience.
- **Cost:** Access to the net is typically included in the standard Treetop Walk entry ticket, not a separate optional purchase like the spiral slide.

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Parking Free / Dinner to Book

Check-in for the stay is between 14:00 and 17:00. If you expect to arrive after 17:00., please call +421 947 901 202.

Any fishing included in the price of the stay is subject to suitable weather conditions and the operation of the restaurant



Relax Wellness (To book Before) / Explore the surrounding Area

BOOK DINNER *****

DAY 9 (3rd) – SLOVAKIA

Visting: Lomnický Peak, TatraLandia, Rezort Wellness

LOMNICKÝ PEAK (9:40 -- Latest entry 14:00)

Overview

Lomnický Peak (Lomnický štít) is one of the highest and most iconic summits in the High Tatras, located in Slovakia. It is renowned for its panoramic alpine views, efficient cable car system, and year-round accessibility. The peak rises to 2,634 metres, offering one of the most striking observation points in Central Europe.

Starting Point: **Tatranská Lomnica – Base Station** (*Online booking strongly recommended due to limited summit capacity.*) **GOPASS TRAVEL**



1.Tatranská Lomnica → Štart Station

- Transport type: Large gondola.
Duration: ~8 minutes.
- Purpose: First elevation gain and transition to upper lines.



2.Štart → Skalnaté Pleso

- Transport type: Modern gondola with panoramic views.
Duration: ~10 minutes.
- Arrival at Skalnaté Pleso (Lake) at 1,751 m.
- Facilities: café, restaurant, toilets, observatory viewpoint.

This is where you wait for your scheduled summit ascent. Your exact time slot is assigned at booking.

3. (Final): Skalnaté Pleso → Lomnický Peak Summit

- Transport type: Small red cable cabin (max 15 people). Duration: ~8 minutes.

- Very steep ascent with exceptional alpine scenery.
- This segment is strictly controlled due to weather and cabin capacity.

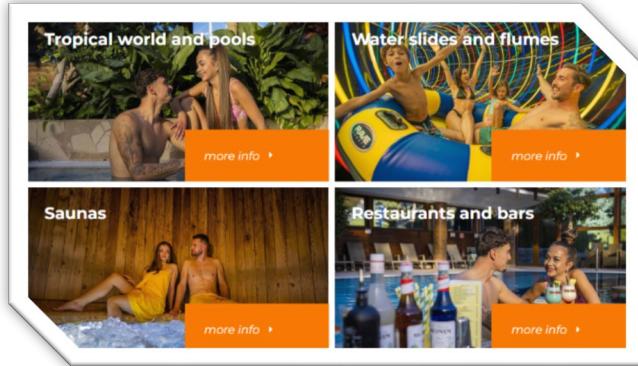
Upon arrival, you are on one of the highest accessible platforms in Central Europe.

>TatraLandia

Overview (10:00 – 21:00) / Sauna :13:00-21:00)

Tatralandia is Central Europe's largest year-round aquapark complex, located near Liptovský Mikuláš. In winter, it serves as a premier indoor-outdoor thermal and entertainment resort, offering pools, slides, wellness zones, and family attractions. Winter is one of its peak seasons due to the strong contrast between heated pools and snowy mountain surroundings.

Ideal for families, couples, or travellers seeking a weather-proof, relaxing activity near the Low and High Tatras.



Indoor Tropical Paradise

- Wave pools, hydromassage areas, and children's zones.
- Constant warm temperature with palm decorations and island-themed ambiance.
- Suitable for all ages; ideal during poor weather.

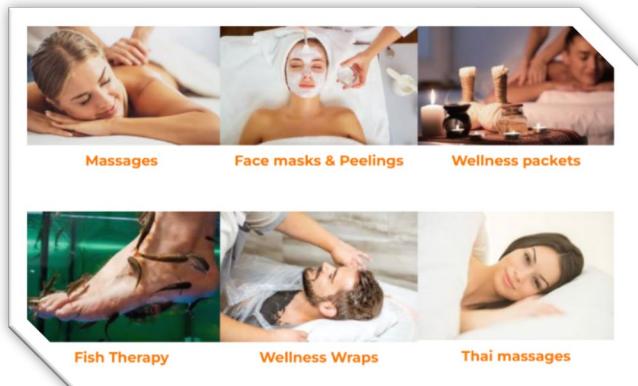


Thermal Outdoor Pools

- Pools fed by mineral-rich geothermal water (~36–40°C).
- Exceptional winter experience: warm bathing with snow-covered mountains around.
- Popular during sunrise and late afternoon.

Wellness & Saunaworld

- Multiple saunas: Finnish, steam, herbal, infrared.
- Relaxation rooms, ice-cold pools, and kneipp therapy zone.
- Additional premium access may apply.



Toboggan & Slide Zone (Indoor)

- A mix of family-friendly and adrenaline slides.
- Operating hours may vary slightly in winter.

Massage & Spa Services

- Bookable massages, wraps, and relaxation treatments.

OTHER OPTIONS

>Chopok Chuti - Tatra Mountain

Overview

Chopok (2,024 m) is the central peak of the Jasná Nízke Tatry resort, one of Slovakia's largest alpine destinations. Known for year-round accessibility, panoramic ridge views, structured infrastructure, and multiple mountain restaurants, Chopok offers a high-quality summit experience without the need for strenuous climbing.

Key Highlights at Chopok

Panoramic Summit Platform

- Views over Low Tatras ridge, High Tatras, Poland, Liptov Basin, and Horehronie.
- Well-designed platform enabling safe movement and photography.



Rotunda Panorama Complex (Summit Building)

- Modern glass-and-steel structure.

- Houses Rotunda Restaurant, accommodation (limited), and observation areas.

Kosodrevina Mid-Station (South Side)

- Popular terrace restaurants with panoramic seating.
- Serves as an ideal stop if combining ascent with dining.

Priehyba / Brhliská Mid-Stations (North Side)

- Access to mountain gastronomy and indoor dining spaces.

DAY 10 (4th) – RETURN TO KRAKOW

Visting: ICE DOME, ZDIAR Strednica, (Optional Thermal Baths), Krakow

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ICE DOME

35 Minutes from SLOVAKIA HOTEL (CLOSE TO LOMNISKY PEAK – OPPOSITE)

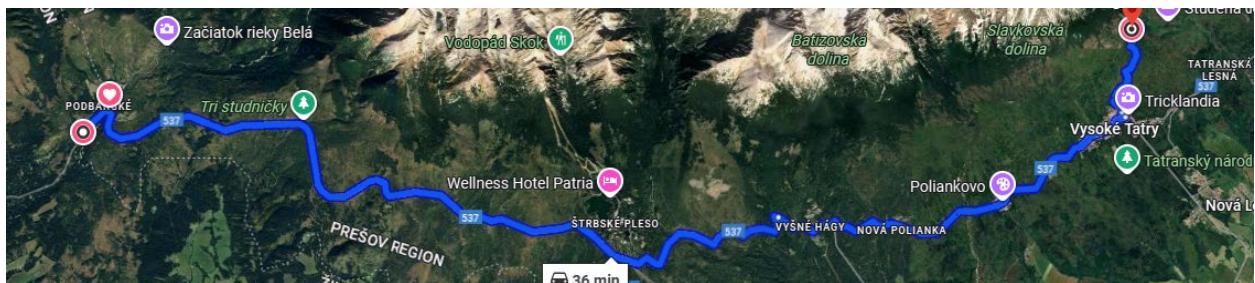
Tatra Ice Dome – Overview

- The Tatra Ice Dome is a seasonal ice-sculpture exhibition and installation located on Hrebienok (in the High Tatras, Slovakia), showcasing intricate ice architecture, art, and thematic sculptures.
- Every winter the “ice temple” is rebuilt with a new theme, making each year’s Dome unique.
- The 2025/2026 edition, for example, recreates the façade of the Basilica of St. John Lateran (Rome), complete with a “Holy Door,” papal throne, portraits, and decorative details crafted from ice.
- The dome measures approximately 10.7 metres high and spans a diameter of about 25 metres. Building it required around 225 tonnes of ice and roughly 1,800 ice blocks.
- The ice sculptures and installations are illuminated, giving the site a special atmosphere — particularly striking in the evening.



Access & Logistics

- Location & Access: **The Ice Dome sits at Hrebienok.** Visitors reach it via funicular from the village of Starý Smokovec which offers frequent connections or by foot via a hiking trail if conditions and fitness permit.
- Admission: Entry to the Ice Dome is free of charge.



ZDIAR STREDNICA – PHOTO STOP

35 Minutes from ICE Dome

Strednica is a well-known panoramic meadow area located on the eastern edge of Ždiar. It offers one of the clearest, widest, and most symmetrical views of the Belianske Tatras, making it a premier location for photography. The open landscape, alpine backdrop, and traditional village setting make it suitable for quick stops or extended photo sessions.

Consider Thermal Baths Chocolow (1 Hour Travel)

Travel to Krakow 2 Hour

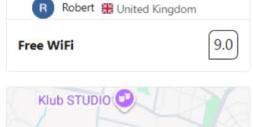
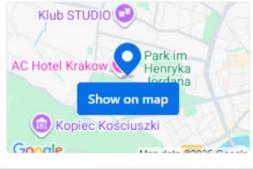
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DAY 11 (5th) – Back Home

Check_Out --- Morning Krakow // Airport 12:30 Return Cars

(Flight@15:25)