

TOUR 6

ZAKOPANE & THE TASTE OF THE TATRAS:



9.30 – 11.30

Meeting with the guide. Drive to Zakopane

11.30 – 16.30

Sightseeing of Zakopane

Zakopane - Poland's winter capital and the centre for skiing, mountain hiking, sports enthusiasts, lovers of folk culture and music. Nested in a picturesque valley at the base of the Tatra range, Zakopane has developed into a wonderful resort with many touches of the past the strongest of which is the preserved folk culture. Most residents can trace their family background to the original settlers of the 1500's. This is also a big factor in the preservation of the **highlanders unique folk culture** which is displayed in the **colourful costumes, architecture, arts and crafts, music, regional cooking and everyday life**. Its roots as grazing and farming land to the many artistic, cultural and sports events which helped shape modern Zakopane into one of Poland's most valued and popular destinations.

One of the most rugged and spectacular ranges in Europe, part of the granite Carpathian range, rising to almost 2500m. Their dramatic vistas, steep peaks, sharp rocks, deep glens and crystal lakes, along with a sophisticated network of footpaths, make them a popular walking destination.

Our guide will take us on a fascinating tour around Poland's winter capital, we will visit, among others, **Kościeliska street** - where **the most beautiful examples of Zakopane style in architecture** can be admired, as well as the Church of the Holy Virgin of Częstochowa and the cemetery at **Pęksowy Brzyzek**, whose unusual graves tell the fascinating history of Zakopane and Tatra Mountains as well as **ski-jumps** (one of the training places of multiple world champion i- Adam Malysz) . The tour will end with the **funicular ride** up to a top of Gubalówka for a panoramic view over the town.



* A truly exhilarating alternative would be the a cable railway ride to Kasprowy Wierch (1985 m a.s.l) which offers one of the most breathtaking views of the Tatras, Podhale region and Slovakian mountain ranges (Velka Fatra, Mala Fatra, Low Tatras etc.)

16.30 – 18.30

Return drive to Krakow

COST/person – 175 PLN, includes:

- Service of a professional guide
 - Entrance fees to open-air museum, funiculaire and others
- Transport in a comfortable, luxury, air-conditioned bus