



Winter Wonders of Poland

3rd -8th January, 2027

Itinerary Overview: Day 1 – Departure – Wadowice – Zakopane

We will meet at Malta International Airport at 4:00 am to join our tour leader and complete check in formalities for our 06:15 am flight to Krakow. Upon arrival in Krakow, we will travel to Wadowice, the birthplace of Pope John Paul II. It was here, at 7 Koscielna Street, that Karol Wojtyła was born on May 18, 1920, and spent his early years until 1938, when he moved to Krakow for his university studies.

We will visit his family home, now a museum that houses a collection of personal belongings and memorabilia offering insight into the Pope's early life. After the visit, there will be time to browse for a meaningful keepsake in remembrance of this beloved Saint.

We then continue our journey to Zakopane, where we will check in at our hotel. Once we settle into our rooms, we will join our tour leader for an orientation walk and later unwind after a day filled with travel and discovery.

Itinerary Overview: Day 2 – Tatra National Park – Morskie Oko

After breakfast, we set off for a memorable excursion to Tatra National Park. Our journey begins with a scenic horse-drawn carriage ride through the magnificent Tatra Mountains, taking us along forested trails and winding alpine paths that showcase the region's natural beauty.

At the end of the ride, we will enjoy a short walk to reach the stunning Morskie Oko — a pristine, crystal-clear lake nestled deep within the mountains. While there are two lakes in the vicinity, our focus will be

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on the larger one, celebrated for its peaceful and picturesque surroundings. There will be ample time to take in the tranquillity of this enchanting location.

Following this serene experience, we will return by carriage to rejoin our coach and make our way back to the hotel for some relaxation.

After enjoying our time there, we will return to the hotel to rest after a full day of exploration and relaxation.

Itinerary Overview: Day 3 – Krupowki Street – Gubałówka – Sleigh ride

After breakfast, we begin the day with a pleasant walk along Krupowki Street, Zakopane's vibrant pedestrian thoroughfare lined with charming shops and local eateries. From there, we continue to Gubałówka funivia (*optional to purchase onsite*), a popular hilltop offering scenic views of the surrounding Tatra Mountains.

Later, we head for an *optional* traditional highlander sleigh ride experience through the snowy landscapes of the picturesque Chochołowska Valley — a magical way to enjoy the region's winter beauty. First, participants will be welcomed with traditional highlander refreshments before departing for a one-hour horse-drawn sleigh ride through scenic forest trails and breathtaking mountain scenery, wrapped in warm blankets. Then, enjoy lively entertainment with the highlanders, featuring traditional music, a bonfire, and unlimited regional food and drinks making this enchanting winter evening one of the most memorable highlights of your Zakopane experience.

After this delightful experience, we will return to the hotel to rest and relax after a day of discovery and scenic beauty.

Itinerary Overview: Day 4 – Krakow – Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial

After breakfast at the hotel, we will check out, head to Krakow and visit one of the most significant and moving historical sites in the world — the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps. Accompanied by an experienced guide, we will gain a deeper understanding of the tragic events that took place here during World War II.

As we walk through the barracks and preserved grounds, we will witness the stark conditions in which thousands of men, women, and children were imprisoned. The visit includes the gas chambers and crematorium — a solemn reminder of the countless innocent lives lost.

This deeply emotional and educational experience serves as a powerful tribute to the memory of those who suffered and a reminder of the importance of remembrance.

After the visit, we will continue to Krakow city centre, where we will check in at our hotel. Once everyone has settled into their rooms, we will meet with our tour leader for a short orientation walk to get acquainted with the surroundings.

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Itinerary Overview: Day 5 - Krakow City Tour – Shopping

After breakfast, our tour leader will take us on a guided walking tour through the historic streets of Krakow, revealing its rich heritage and architectural charm. On the way back to the hotel, our tour leader will accompany us to Galleria Krakowska — the city's largest shopping mall.

Itinerary Overview: Day 6 – Krakow – Wieliczka Salt Mines – Departure

After breakfast at the hotel, we will check out and prepare for our return journey. Before we will make a remarkable stop at one of Poland's most iconic sites — the Wieliczka Salt Mines, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site.

Here, we will descend underground to discover a fascinating world carved entirely out of salt. Over the centuries, miners have transformed this space into a labyrinth of chambers and tunnels filled with extraordinary salt sculptures, chapels, and monuments. We will explore three levels and 20 halls that showcase the artistry and history of this unique site.

Once everyone has gathered, we will transfer to the airport to check in for our flight, which is scheduled to depart at 20:25 hrs.

Tour Pricing and Inclusions

Adult in a single room	€1320
Adult in a twin/double room	€1120

Price includes:

- Ryan Air flight – Malta-Krakow-Malta
- Luggage 20kgs and a small backpack
- Accommodation:
 - Belvedere Hotel 4* hotel or similar in Zakopane
 - Hotel Mercure 3* or similar in Krakow
- Daily breakfast
- All excursions as mentioned in the itinerary
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- Entrance fees to:
 - Pope John Paul II's Family Home Museum
 - Tatra Park including carriage ride
 - Wieliczka Salt Mines

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- Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum
- Service of a Maltese speaking Kercem A' Tours tour leader
- Insolvency Fund Certificate

Price does not include:

- City Tax (*to be settled at the hotel*)
- Sleigh ride – Adults €85, child (4-16yrs) €50

NB. The itinerary may be subject to slight adjustments due to unforeseen circumstances that may occur.

The booking is confirmed upon payment of €350 deposit per person.

Payments can be made with a cheque made payable to Kercem A' Tours, via bank transfer or by cash. Card payments are also accepted over the phone.

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