

# THE TATRAS TOUR

9 May - 20 May

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The Tatras are the highest range of the Carpathian Mountains and lie along the Polish/Slovakian border. The Tatras are the biggest mountains in the entire northern half of Europe – in excess of 8500 ft in parts. Brown bears are amongst the wildlife!

The highlights of this trip are:

- **Krakow – Former Capital of Poland**
- **Royal Castle at Wavel**
- **Gothic St Mary's Basilica Largest medieval square in Europe,**
- **Ancient Jewish quarter – location for 'Schindlers List'**
- **Auschwitz – The infamous Nazi Concentration Camp.**

A short coach trip from Krakow. Must be seen to truly appreciate the horrors we have so often seen on T.V. or read about. A sobering but necessary visit.

- **Zakopane** – The biggest mountain resort in Europe north of the Alps. Situated on the verge of both the High Tatras and the Western Tatras the town abounds with restaurants and cafes, shops and art galleries
- **Marianbad** – The second largest spa town in the Czech Republic. Full of grand buildings and parks. Not too far from Prague if you fancy a day there.

This tour takes us through Germany with overnight stops in Bad Sooden-Allendorf and Seiffen and then to Krakow in Poland for a two night stop before riding the short distance to Zakopane in the heart of the Tatra mountains.

After our two night stop in Zakopane we enter Slovakia for an overnight stop in Hradec Kralove before moving on for a two night stop in Marianbad ( Marianske Lazne ) a beautiful spa town in the Czech Republic not far from the German border.



The trip completes with two overnight stops in Germany at Erfurt and Hurtgenwald and breaks up the morning of 20<sup>th</sup> May.

The overnight stops in Germany are in a combination of our old friends Landidyll Hotels and one Best Western. Our two night stops in Krakow, Zakopane and Marianbad are in hotels that look quite splendid. The Krakow hotel is over 300 years old and the Marianbad hotel is a nominee for the World Travel Award 2009. A full range of spa treatments is available at the Marianbad hotel. I will e-mail the details to everyone who books.

I have included for dinner only on the first nights in Krakow and Zakopane to enable us to sample local restaurants on the second night. Dinner is included on all nights at other locations.

The approximate mileages between locations are as follows:

Europort to Bad Sooden-Allendorf - 306 ( Calais 411 ) Bad Sooden to Seiffen - 250  
Seiffen to Krakow - 350 Krakow to Zakopane - 65 Zakopane to Hradec Kralove – 287  
Hradec Kralove to Marianbad ( Marianske Lazne ) – 179 Marianbad to Erfurt – 146  
Erfurt to Hurtgenwald – 266 Hurtgenwald is approx. 227 miles from Calais and 172 from Europort.

**COST SHARING - £788 COST SINGLE - £1114**  
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