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10 Days & 9 Nights

Winter Wonderland: Hiking the High & Low Tatras

The Overview

Embark on a spectacular 10-day winter adventure across southern Poland and northern Slovakia, combining Kraków's historic atmosphere with the snow-covered landscapes of the High and Low Tatras. After an arrival night in Kraków, travel into the mountains for a week of guided walks through pine forests, frozen alpine valleys and dramatic granite scenery. The programme balances active days with warm hotel evenings, local dinners, mountain-hut lunches, thermal pools, a treetop pathway, a cave experience and a scenic lift journey where operating conditions permit. Designed for experienced, physically active travellers, this moderate-plus journey rewards steady pacing, winter preparedness and a genuine appetite for mountain discovery.



Duration

10D/9N



Grade

Moderate



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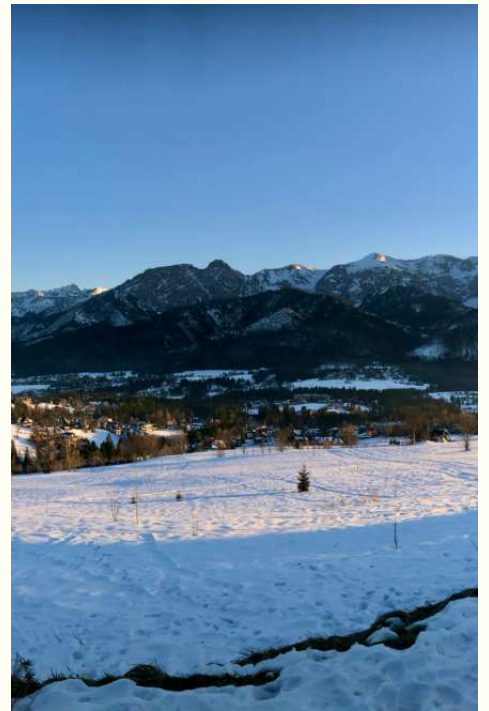
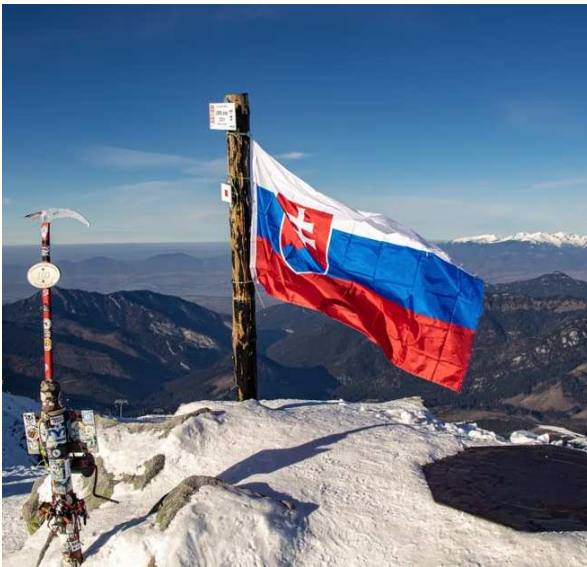
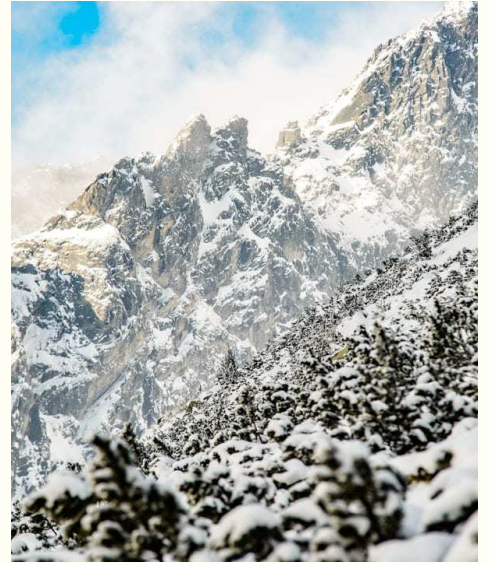
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Dates Available

February 2027

18th to 27th

Highlights



Day-wise Itinerary

◆ Day 1 | THU, 18TH FEB

Kraków



Arrive in Kraków and settle into the city after your international journey. The evening is intentionally relaxed, allowing time to recover, meet the tour leader and prepare for the mountain section. Depending on arrival time, enjoy a gentle introduction to Kraków's atmospheric streets or rest at the hotel before the early transfer into Slovakia.

- Arrival at Kraków Airport
- Transfer to Kraków hotel
- Tour briefing and equipment check
- Overnight in Kraków



Private Transfer

Approximately 20 km | 30–45 minutes, traffic dependent

Day 2 | FRI, 19TH FEB

Kraków → Štrbské Pleso (1346m)



After breakfast, leave Kraków for the Slovak mountains. The cross-border road journey follows changing countryside and foothill scenery before reaching Štrbské Pleso, where the group checks into its mountain base and prepares for the first snowy walking day.

- Breakfast at Kraków hotel
- Cross-border transfer to Slovakia
- Check-in at Štrbské Pleso
- Winter route briefing
- Dinner at hotel



Private Coach

Approximately 137 km | 3–4 hours, border and winter conditions dependent

Day 3 | SAT, 20TH FEB ★ Hike

Štrbské Pleso (1346m) → Popradské Pleso (1494m)



Begin the mountain programme with a steady winter walk towards Popradské Pleso. Snow-covered forest paths provide shelter from the wind, while clearings reveal the granite massifs of the High Tatras. The round trip is paced for acclimatisation, with time for warm drinks and a relaxed return to the hotel.

- Breakfast
- Guided winter hike towards Popradské Pleso
- Mountain refreshment stop, subject to access
- Return to Štrbské Pleso
- Dinner



Walking

Approximately 11 km round trip | 5–6 hours including breaks

Day 4 | SUN, 21ST FEB ★ Hike

Štrbské Pleso (1346m) → Velické Pleso (1665m)



Today's route explores the dramatic surroundings of Velické Pleso, blending forest movement with wide alpine views. Snow and ice may make the pace deliberate, and the guide will use traction equipment where appropriate. Return to the hotel for a warm evening and a locally inspired dinner.

- Breakfast
- Guided hike towards Velické Pleso
- Winter photography and viewpoint pauses
- Return to hotel
- Dinner



Walking

Approximately 11 km | 4–5 hours including breaks

Day 5 | MON, 22ND FEB

Low Tatras → Chopok (2024m) → Slovak Karst



Travel towards the Low Tatras for a mountain experience combining a lift-assisted ascent, snowy viewpoints and an underground cave visit. The day's exact summit access depends on lift operation and weather. Later, descend into the karst landscape for a contrasting subterranean experience before returning to the mountain base.

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the Low Tatras
- Lift-assisted mountain experience, subject to operation
- Karst cave visit, subject to opening and access
- Return transfer
- Dinner

Private Coach



Approximately 100–160 km combined local touring | Full-day excursion with driving and activity stops

Day 6 | TUE, 23RD FEB ★ Hike

Štrbské Pleso (1346m) → Zamkovského Chata (1475m)



Walk through the High Tatras towards Zamkovského Chata on a longer mountain day. Forest trails, frozen streams and rocky viewpoints create a varied winter setting, while the hut offers a memorable pause. Expect approximately five to six hours outdoors, followed by restorative time at the thermal pools.

- Breakfast
- Guided hike to Zamkovského Chata
- Mountain-hut lunch, subject to hut operation
- Thermal-pool visit
- Dinner

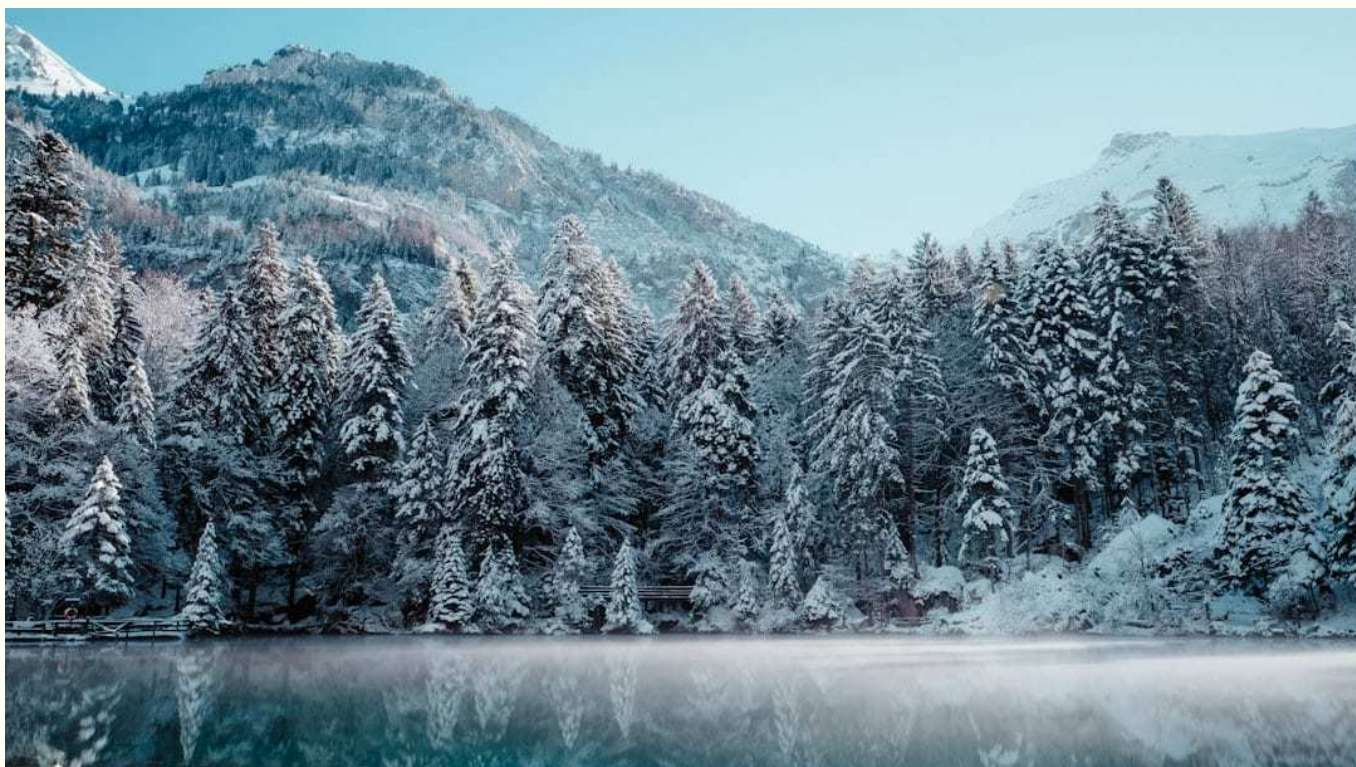


Walking

Approximately 11 km | 5–6 hours including breaks

Day 7 | WED, 24TH FEB ★ Hike

Zelené Pleso (1551m) → Belianske Tatras



Take on the programme's longest walking day with a route towards Zelené Pleso. The distance and winter terrain call for strong pacing, warm layers and careful footing. Alpine scenery unfolds around the lake and the Belianske Tatras before the group returns to the hotel for a well-earned dinner.

- Breakfast
- Longest guided winter hike of the itinerary
- Zelené Pleso viewpoint, subject to access
- Packed or hut lunch, subject to route conditions
- Return to hotel
- Dinner

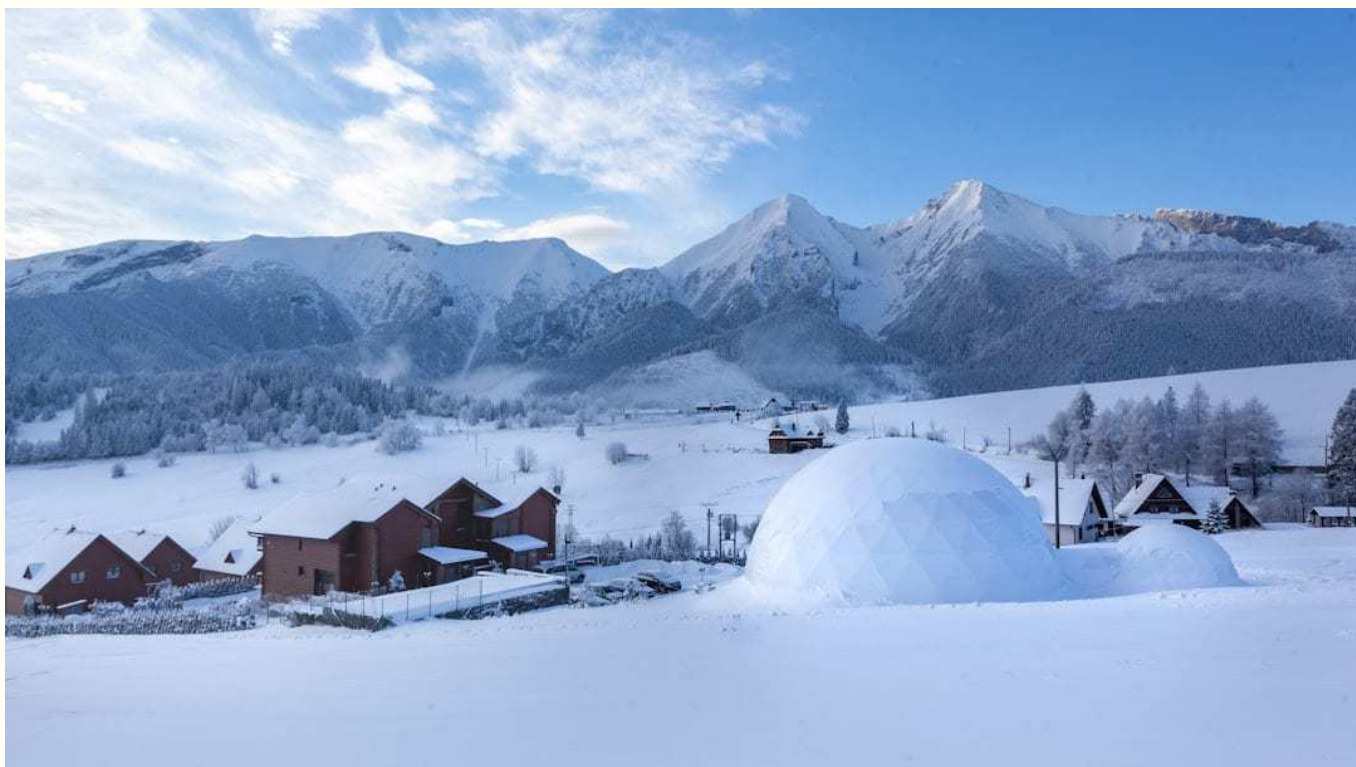


Walking

Approximately 17 km | 6–7 hours including breaks

Day 8 | THU, 25TH FEB ★ Walk

Bachledka (approximately 1090m) → Ždiar (896m)



Enjoy a lighter mountain day at the treetop pathway near Bachledka, followed by a gentle walk towards Ždiar. The elevated wooden route offers a different perspective on the forest, while the traditional village reveals the cultural character of the Tatra foothills.

- Breakfast
- Treetop pathway visit, subject to operation
- Picnic lunch
- Easy walk towards Ždiar
- Return to Štrbské Pleso
- Dinner



Private Coach

Approximately 35–50 km local touring | 1–1.5 hours combined driving



Walking

Approximately 5–6 km | 2–3 hours

◆ Day 9 | FRI, 26TH FEB

Štrbské Pleso (1346m) → Kraków



After breakfast, leave the Slovak mountains and drive back to Kraków. The afternoon is free for independent exploration, from the medieval Old Town to atmospheric cafés and cultural quarters. Stay near the airport for a convenient final night before departure.

- Breakfast
- Check out from Štrbské Pleso
- Transfer to Kraków
- Afternoon free for exploration
- Check-in near Kraków Airport



Private Coach

Approximately 137 km | 3–4 hours, border and winter conditions dependent

◆ Day 10 | SAT, 27TH FEB

Kraków



Enjoy breakfast before the scheduled transfer to Kraków Airport for your onward flight. The timing will be coordinated around the group's departure schedule, allowing a smooth conclusion to the winter adventure across Poland and Slovakia.

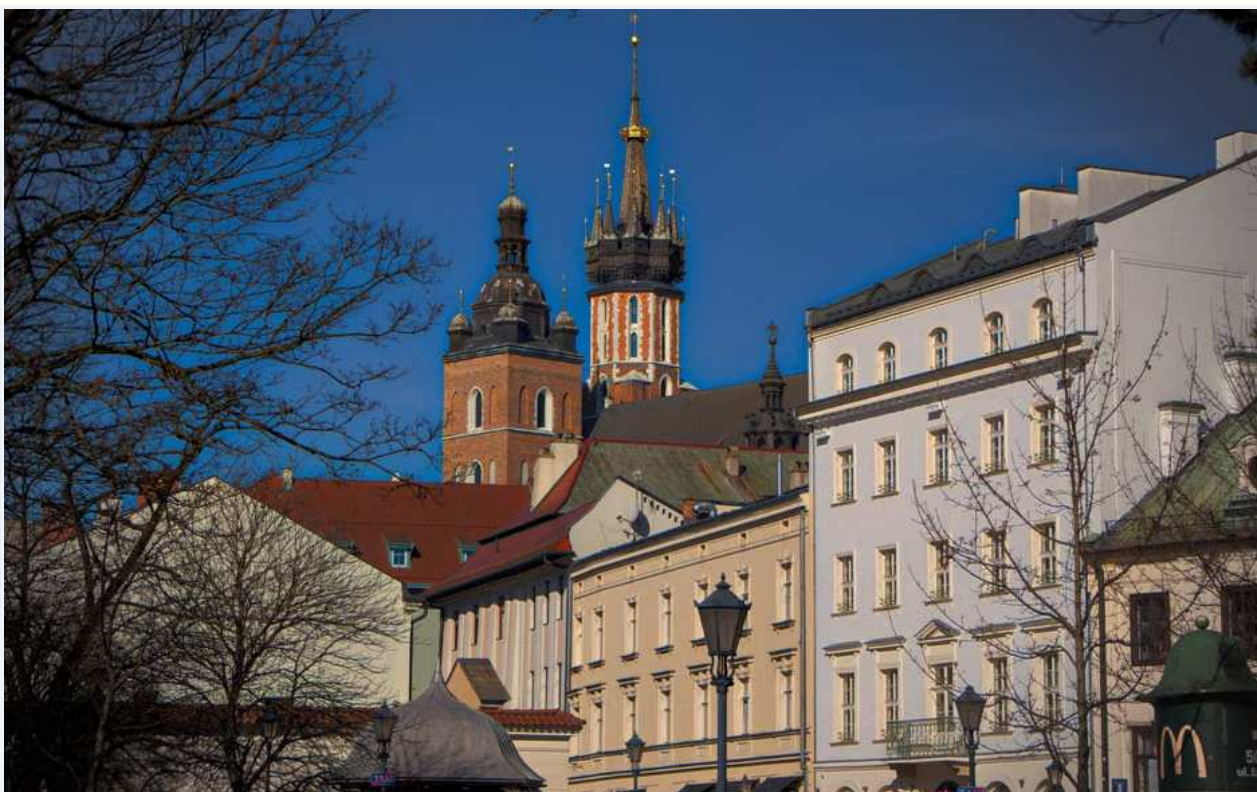
- Breakfast
- Hotel check-out
- Transfer to Kraków Airport
- Final departure



Private Transfer

Approximately 20 km from airport-area hotel | 30–45 minutes, traffic dependent

Day-wise Experiences

**Day 1** | THU, 18TH FEB

Kraków

On arrival at Kraków Airport, meet the Countryside representative and transfer to the city hotel. This additional night creates a comfortable start rather than combining arrival formalities with the long mountain transfer. After check-in, there may be time for an easy walk around the Old Town, subject to arrival timing and weather. The tour leader will brief the group on the week ahead, including winter clothing, footwear, trail etiquette and daily walking expectations. Dinner is at leisure unless separately arranged. Overnight in Kraków.

**Day 2** | FRI, 19TH FEB**Kraków → Štrbské Pleso (1346m)**

Enjoy breakfast before a scenic road transfer from Kraków towards Štrbské Pleso. Border formalities and winter road conditions can affect the timing, so the day is kept primarily as a relocation day. On arrival, check into the 4★ mountain hotel and settle into the resort environment beside the High Tatras. The leader will review the next day's route, confirm clothing and traction requirements, and make any weather-related adjustments. The evening includes dinner at the hotel and an early rest ahead of the first guided walk.

**Day 3** | SAT, 20TH FEB**Štrbské Pleso (1346m) → Popradské Pleso (1494m)**

After breakfast, set out on a guided winter route towards Popradské Pleso. The trail climbs gradually through spruce and pine forest, with changing views as the landscape opens towards the surrounding peaks. Depending on snow, ice and official trail conditions, the guide may select an approved alternative route while retaining the same mountain character and walking objective. Allow approximately 11 km and 5–6 hours including pauses. A mountain-hut stop or packed refreshment break provides a welcome opportunity to warm up before returning to Štrbské Pleso for dinner and recovery.

**Day 4** | SUN, 21ST FEB**Štrbské Pleso (1346m) → Velické Pleso (1665m)**

Set out after breakfast for a winter hike in the direction of Velické Pleso. The day's approximately 11 km route typically combines sheltered woodland, open viewpoints and striking views towards the High Tatras' rocky skyline. In February, conditions can vary considerably between packed snow, ice and fresh snowfall, so the local guide will confirm the safest accessible route on the day. Plan for 4–5 hours of walking with regular warm-up pauses. Return to Štrbské Pleso in the afternoon, leaving time to relax before dinner.



Day 5 | MON, 22ND FEB

Low Tatras → Chopok (2024m) → Slovak Karst

Today broadens the journey beyond the immediate High Tatras. After breakfast, transfer towards the Low Tatras and, where operating, use a cable car or chair lift to gain height efficiently. The summit area offers expansive winter panoramas but can be exposed to wind, low visibility and icy surfaces; the guide will adapt the walking section accordingly. Continue to a Slovak Karst cave attraction for a guided underground visit if open and accessible. Timings, cave selection and ascent arrangements remain weather and operating-status dependent. Return to Štrbské Pleso for dinner.

**Day 6** | TUE, 23RD FEB**Štrbské Pleso (1346m) → Zamkovského Chata (1475m)**

Following breakfast, begin the route towards Zamkovského Chata, one of the most atmospheric hut destinations in the area. The approximately 11 km walk follows a varied mountain trail where snow depth, ice and visibility determine the final line of travel. The hut stop provides a chance to enjoy a warm drink or simple meal, subject to opening and supply conditions. After the walk, visit the thermal pools for a relaxing contrast to the active day. Return to the hotel for dinner and an unhurried evening.



Day 7 | WED, 24TH FEB

Zelené Pleso (1551m) → Belianske Tatras

Today is the most demanding hike by distance and duration. After breakfast, travel to the trailhead and begin the approximately 17 km route towards Zelené Pleso. The trail passes through snowy forest and more open terrain, with views towards the distinctive Belianske Tatras. The guide will monitor daylight, snow stability, group pace and energy levels throughout the day. Allow 6–7 hours including rest stops, and expect the route to be shortened or altered if official warnings or conditions require it. Return to Štrbské Pleso for dinner.



Day 8 | THU, 25TH FEB

Bachledka (approximately 1090m) → Ždiar (896m)

After breakfast, transfer towards Bachledka for the treetop pathway experience. The elevated wooden walkway provides an accessible route through the forest canopy and broad views across the surrounding mountain landscape when visibility is favourable. Continue with an easy approximately 5–6 km walk towards Ždiar, a village known for its distinctive architecture and highland traditions. A picnic lunch is included, weather permitting. The shorter walking day allows the group to recover after the longer route while still enjoying an active outdoor experience.



Day 9 | FRI, 26TH FEB

Štrbské Pleso (1346m) → Kraków

Check out after breakfast and begin the return transfer to Kraków. The journey retraces the cross-border route through the Polish countryside and is dependent on road, border and winter traffic conditions. After checking into the Kraków airport-area hotel, spend the afternoon at leisure. Travellers may choose a relaxed Old Town walk, local shopping or a final Polish meal, depending on arrival time. Keep the evening easy and prepare luggage for the next morning's airport transfer.

Day-wise Experiences



Day 10 | SAT, 27TH FEB

Kraków

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Kraków Airport. The departure transfer time will be confirmed once flight details are available, with an appropriate buffer for winter traffic and airport procedures. This marks the end of the guided itinerary. Travellers should keep passports, travel documents, valuables and any medication accessible during the transfer, and allow the tour leader to confirm the meeting point and vehicle loading sequence.

Destinations



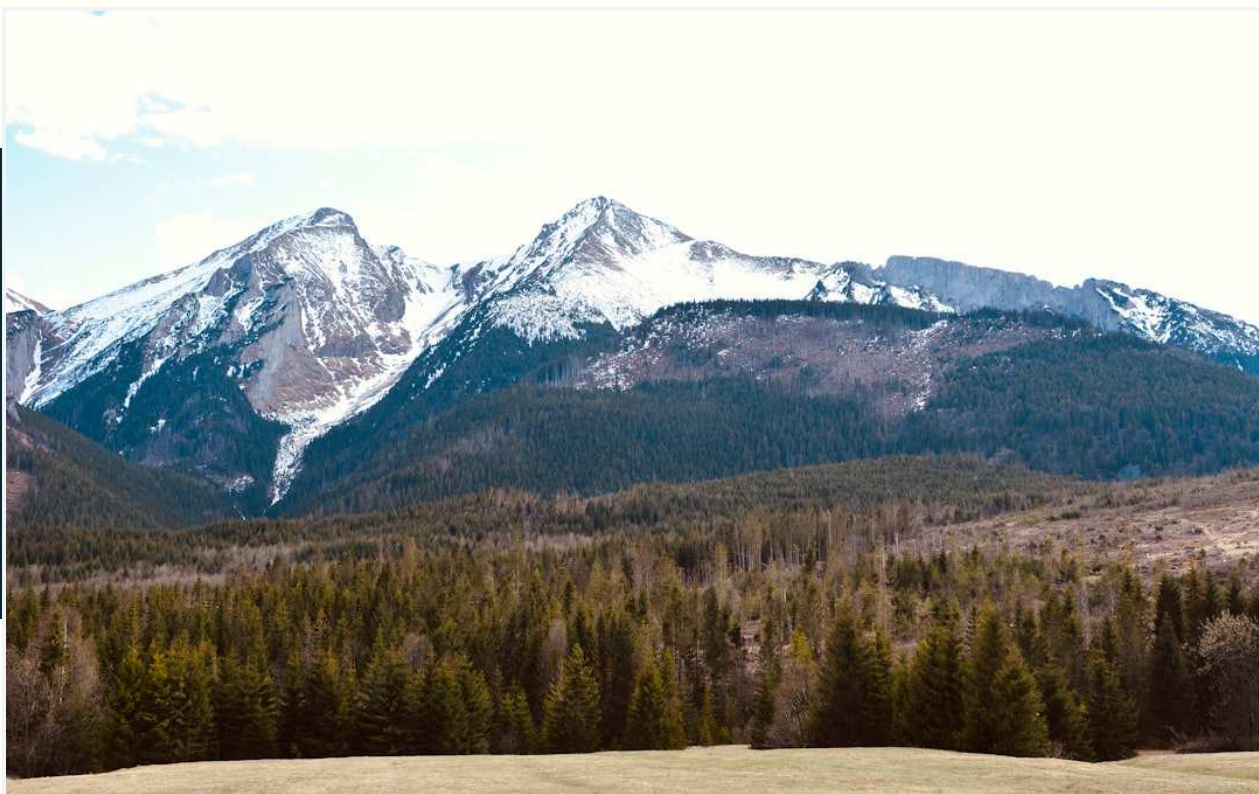
Kraków

Kraków provides a graceful cultural beginning and ending to the mountain journey. Its medieval Old Town, historic market square, atmospheric lanes and celebrated culinary scene create an inviting contrast to the snowy Tatras. The added arrival night gives travellers time to recover from their journey, meet the group and enjoy a gentle first impression of Poland without rushing directly into the cross-border transfer. On the return, a free afternoon allows independent exploration at an easy pace. Kraków is therefore more than a transport gateway: it frames the adventure with heritage, warmth and a lively urban atmosphere.



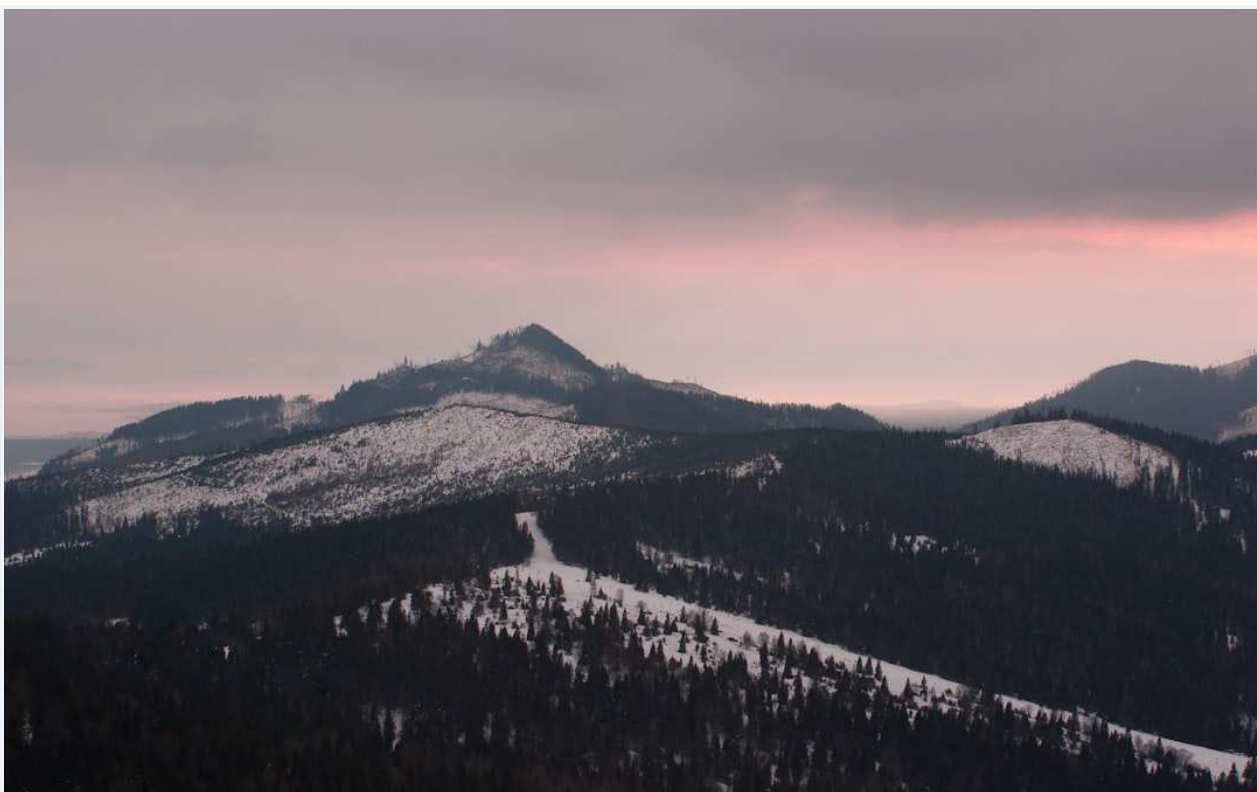
Štrbské Pleso

Štrbské Pleso is the principal mountain base for this itinerary, set beside a celebrated alpine lake and surrounded by the High Tatras. In winter, the resort takes on a quiet, snowbound character, with spruce forests, mountain hotels and dramatic ridgelines shaping the daily experience. Its position makes it a practical launch point for guided walks towards Popradské Pleso, Velické Pleso and other approved routes. Evenings return travellers to comfort, warm meals and recovery after demanding outdoor days. The combination of scenery, accessibility and mountain infrastructure makes Štrbské Pleso especially well suited to a supported winter adventure.



High and Low Tatras

The High and Low Tatras together provide a varied winter stage of forests, frozen valleys, rocky summits, mountain huts, lift-accessed viewpoints and protected karst landscapes. The High Tatras bring concentrated alpine drama, while the Low Tatras broaden the route with a different mountain character and the possibility of a lift-assisted ascent. Across the week, travellers experience the region through active movement rather than sightseeing alone, with long guided walks balanced by thermal bathing, a cave visit and a treetop pathway. Snow, ice and weather are integral to the experience, requiring flexibility and responsible route decisions.



Ždiar and Bachledka

Ždiar and Bachledka reveal the cultural and forested foothills of the Tatras at a gentler pace. Ždiar is known for its distinctive highland character, traditional buildings and strong connection with regional mountain life. Nearby Bachledka offers an elevated treetop pathway through the forest, creating a memorable perspective over the winter landscape without the sustained effort of the longer hikes. Together, they make an ideal later-trip pairing: visually rewarding, culturally interesting and physically lighter after the demanding Zelené Pleso day. A picnic and relaxed walking rhythm allow travellers to enjoy the surroundings rather than hurry between stops.

Activities and Excursion



Day 5 | MON, 22ND FEB

Low Tatras lift-assisted mountain experience

Ride into the snowy heights of the Low Tatras, where forests fall away to broad winter panoramas and rugged ridgelines. The lift-assisted approach makes it possible to enjoy a high mountain environment without committing the group to a full ascent from the valley. At the top, pause for photographs, breathe in the crisp alpine air and follow the guide's safety instructions on exposed or icy ground. Operation and access depend on wind, visibility, snow conditions and the day's official status.

✓ Included in the plan

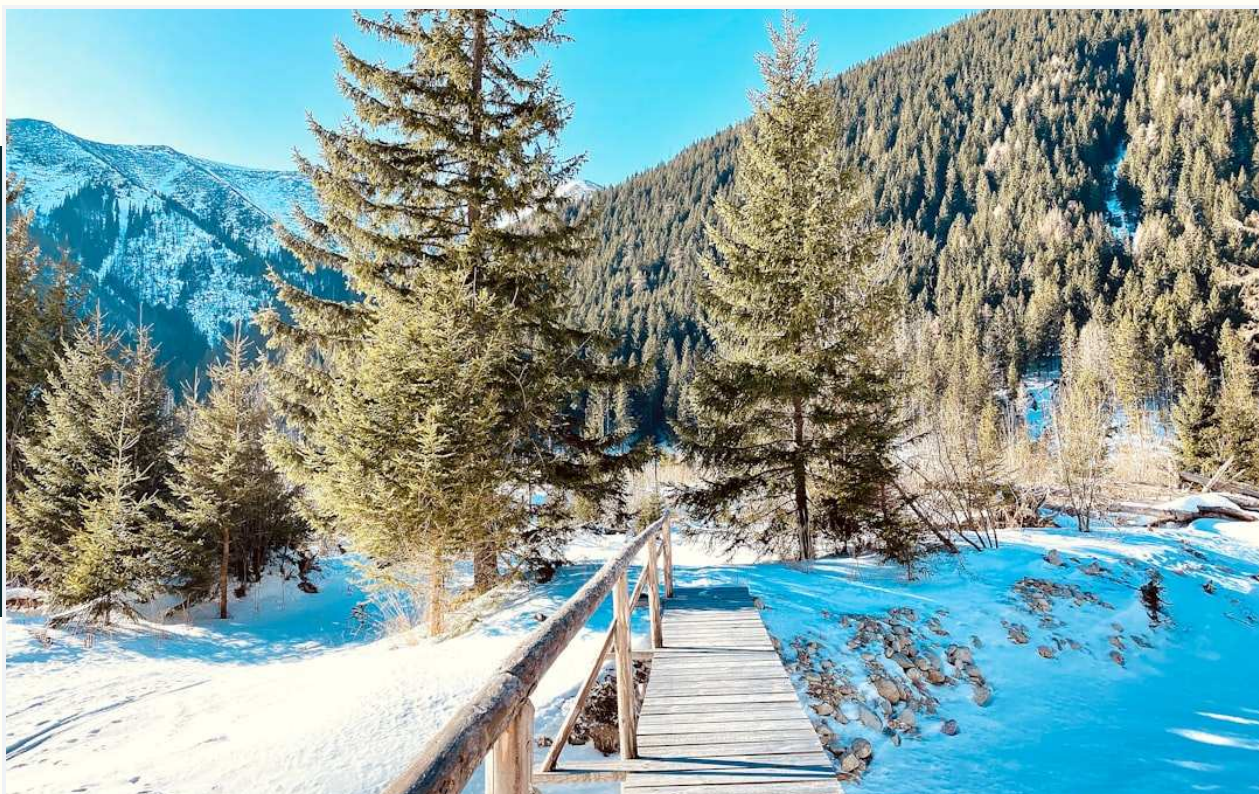


Day 5 | MON, 22ND FEB

Slovak Karst cave visit

Descend below the snowy landscape into one of Slovakia's remarkable karst cave environments. The guided underground experience reveals sculpted passages, dramatic chambers and the quiet atmosphere of a world shaped by water and limestone over immense periods of time. It creates a striking contrast with the exposed mountain viewpoints earlier in the day. Cave selection, opening status and visit timing depend on the final operating schedule, road conditions and the group's adjusted mountain programme.

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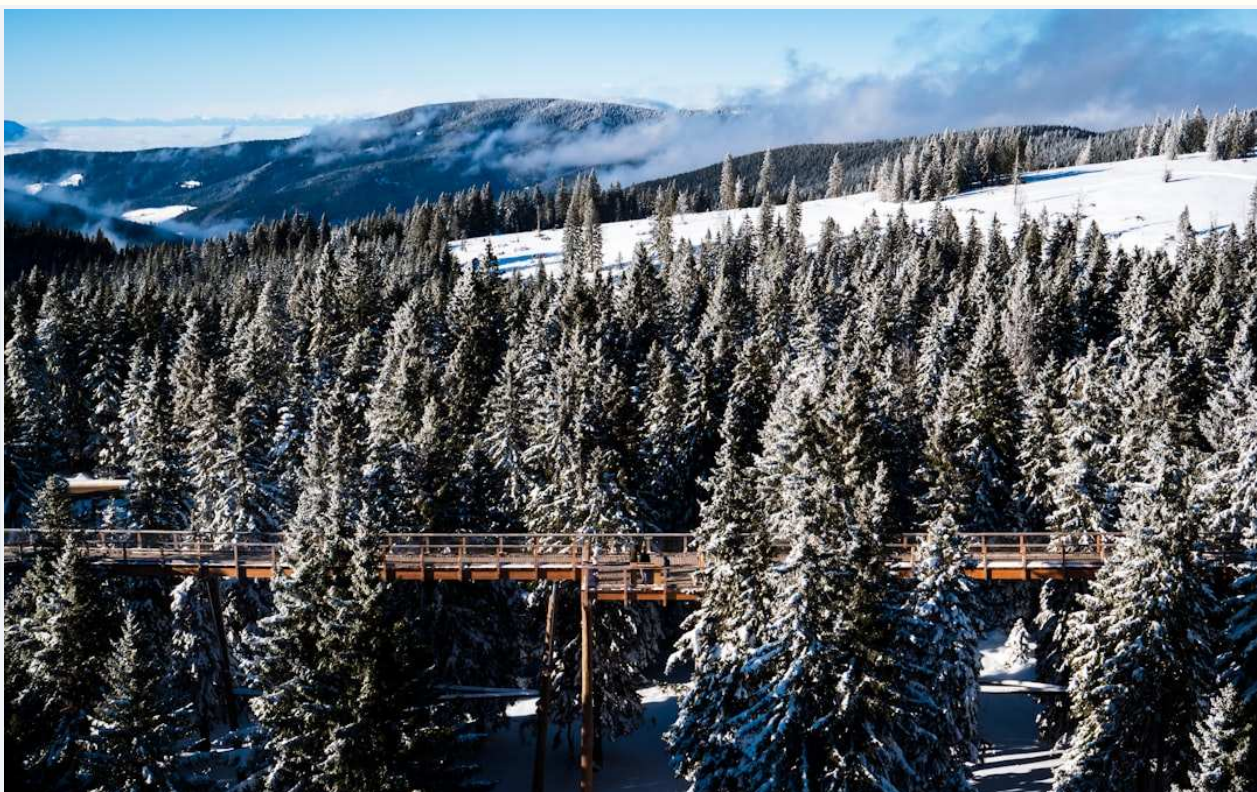


Day 6 | TUE, 23RD FEB

Thermal-pool visit

Relax in warm thermal waters after a demanding winter walk through the Tatras. The experience offers a welcome change of rhythm: muscles loosen, cold-weather tension fades and the group can enjoy an easy conversation while surrounded by mountain scenery. Bring swimwear, a towel and personal toiletries, and follow the venue's hygiene and safety rules. The visit is scheduled after the hike but may be adjusted if trail timing or operating conditions change.

✔ Included in the plan



Day 8 | THU, 25TH FEB

Bachledka treetop pathway

Walk above the forest floor on Bachledka's elevated wooden pathway, gaining a fresh perspective on the winter woodland and surrounding Tatra foothills. The route combines gentle movement with interpretive viewpoints and a sense of spaciousness above the snow-covered canopy. On a clear day, the higher sections provide memorable mountain vistas; in mist or snowfall, the forest atmosphere becomes the main attraction. Access, opening status and route conditions remain subject to the operator and weather.

✔ Included in the plan

Package Details

Pickup Details

Pickup Location



Kraków Airport - Approximately
20 km to Kraków hotel

Landmark



Kraków Old Town -
Approximately 3–5 km



Vehicle

Private group coach

Drop Details

Drop Location



Kraków Airport - Approximately
20 km from airport-area hotel

Landmark



Kraków city centre -
Approximately 10–15 km



Vehicle

Private group coach

Accommodations



Day 1 | 18TH FEB, 2027

1 Night

Hotel Puro, Ogrodowa Street, Kraków



Day 2 To 8 | 19TH FEB TO 25TH FEB, 2027

7 Nights

Hotel Panorama, Štrbské Pleso, Slovakia

◆ Day 9 | 26TH FEB, 2027

1 Night

Hotel Puro, Ogrodowa Street, Kraków

Day 1 | 18TH FEB, 2027

Hotel Puro, Ogrodowa Street, Kraków

Comfortable 3★ Kraków accommodation for the arrival night, selected for convenient access, reliable group services and an easy start before the transfer to Slovakia.

 Hotel |  Twin Or Double Sharing |  Bed and breakfast

Package Details • Accommodation

Day 2 - 8 | 19TH FEB TO 25TH FEB, 2027

Hotel Panorama, Štrbské Pleso, Slovakia

Mountain-base accommodation in Štrbské Pleso for seven nights, providing a practical and comfortable base for guided winter walks, recovery and group briefings.

 Hotel |  Twin Or Double Sharing |  Breakfast and dinner included

Package Details • Accommodation

Day 9 | 26TH FEB, 2027

Hotel Puro, Ogrodowa Street, Kraków

Airport-area Kraków accommodation for the final night, providing a convenient base for the next morning's departure transfer.

 Hotel |  Twin Or Double Sharing |  Bed and breakfast

Gear & Equipment

- Traction microspikes
- Adjustable trekking poles

- Waterproof hiking gaiters

Permits

- Applicable protected-area access or route permissions, if required by the final winter route

First Aid Kit

- Blister prevention and treatment kit
- Assorted adhesive bandages
- Antiseptic travel wipes
- Emergency thermal blanket

Inclusions

- 09 nights' accommodation: 02 nights in Kraków and 07 nights in Štrbské Pleso.
- Seven nights in a 4★ mountain hotel on breakfast and dinner basis in Štrbské Pleso.
- Two nights in a 3★ Kraków hotel on bed-and-breakfast basis.
- 09 breakfasts, 07 dinners and 02 picnic or route lunches, subject to final meal planning.
- All transfers and excursions stated in the itinerary by private group coach.
- Professional local English-speaking guide and Countryside tour leader.
- Guided winter walks as described, subject to official access, weather, snow and avalanche conditions.
- Sightseeing and entrance fees stated in the itinerary, including applicable cave, treetop pathway, thermal-pool and lift tickets where operating.
- Winter traction equipment listed as rentable equipment, subject to availability.

Exclusions

- International and domestic airfares unless specifically added.
- Passport, visa and consular charges.
- GST and TCS as applicable.
- Vehicle at disposal beyond the stated itinerary transfers.
- Travel, medical, accident, theft, evacuation and other insurance.
- Tips for hotel staff, drivers and guides.
- Personal expenses including drinks, laundry, minibar purchases and additional meals.
- Any costs caused by flight delays, roadblocks, severe weather, trail closures, natural calamities, vehicle breakdowns or other circumstances beyond the operator's control.
- Items not specifically listed under inclusions.
- Single-room supplement, which remains subject to confirmation.

Important winter travel notes

- **Winter route flexibility:** The itinerary is designed around guided winter walking. Trail access, lift operation, cave visits and treetop pathway access may change because of closures, avalanche risk, snow, wind, visibility or operator decisions. The local guide will select safe, approved alternatives.
- **Fitness and preparation:** Travellers should be comfortable walking for 5–7 hours and covering up to approximately 17 km on snow or ice. Good waterproof footwear, layered clothing and personal travel insurance are essential.
- **Group configuration:** The proposal is structured for 8+1 tour leader to 12+1 tour leader. Rooming, vehicle allocation, final single supplements and operating costs should be reconfirmed for the final group size.

Location & Access

Nearest Airport



Kraków John Paul II International Airport - Approximately 137 km by road to Štrbské Pleso

Nearest City



Poprad - Approximately 25 km from Štrbské Pleso

Nearest Railway Station



Štrbské Pleso railway and cog railway station - Within the resort area

Nearest Bus Stand



Štrbské Pleso bus station - Within the resort area

Weather

February

Kraków

Low -5°C



Precipitation 45%

High 4°C

Štrbské Pleso

Low -10°C



Precipitation 70%

High 1°C

Low Tatras

Low -12°C



Precipitation 75%

High 0°C

Ždiar

Low -10°C



Precipitation 70%

High 1°C

Packing List

- Thermal base-layer set
- Warm winter hat and gloves
- Insulated travel thermos
- Waterproof insulated shell jacket
- Headlamp
- Compact winter hiking daypack

Policies



Leave No Trace Principles



FAQ

What meals are included?

The revised plan includes 09 breakfasts, 07 dinners in Štrbské Pleso and 02 picnic or route lunches, subject to final arrangements and venue operation.

What group size is planned?

The proposal is designed for a group of 8+1 tour leader to 12+1 tour leader.

Who is this trip suitable for?

It is suitable for physically active travellers comfortable with 5–7 hours of winter walking, snow, ice, uneven terrain and changing mountain weather.

Are flights and visas included?

Flights, passport and visa charges are excluded. Travellers should confirm current Schengen entry requirements for their nationality before booking and carry suitable travel insurance.

What equipment should travellers bring?

Bring waterproof hiking footwear, thermal layers, an insulated waterproof shell, warm hat and gloves, headlamp, daypack and personal medication. Microspikes, poles and gaiters are listed as rentable equipment subject to availability.

Are all winter trails guaranteed to operate?

No. High Tatra access can be affected by seasonal closures, snow, avalanche risk, wind and visibility. The local guide will use approved routes and adjust the programme when necessary.

What dates does this revised itinerary cover?

The itinerary runs from 18 to 27 February 2027 and includes 09 nights and 10 days.

Cost

Total Cost Per Person

€2,549

(Including Taxes)

Conversion rate: 1 EUR = 1 EUR

Base Fare

€2,549

Booking Note

Starting price carried forward from the supplied document. Based on 1 EUR = INR 101 in the source document; exchange rate on the booking date will apply. Final pricing and single supplement remain subject to confirmation for the stated group range.

Advance Amount

€1,000

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