

## DAY 1

From Kraków we travel into breathtaking Tatra National Park | Climb through dense forest and open meadows, pausing to enjoy panoramic vistas of surrounding mountains and valleys | Bustling Zakopane has long been a popular resort for alpine enthusiasts and the highlands' fascinating gateway city | Sample local flavors at the first of many exceptional dinners.

### Accommodations

Nosalowy Park Hotel

Zakopane

A stylish retreat in downtown Zakopane's Villa Marilor, restored to its historic splendor with tasteful updates. (pool, spa)

## DAYS 2-3

Journey into Slovakia by chairlift | Hike a craggy canyon to a roaring waterfall | Enjoy the views at our splendid hotel nestled between Strbské Lake and the Slovakian High Tatras | Discover a panorama of craggy massifs, pristine lakes and wildflower-strewn meadows | Savor a hot lunch on the trail at a rustic mountain hut | Up for a challenge? Hike to Vel'ké Hincovo Pleso, the area's largest and deepest glacial lake, tucked high amid rocky peaks | Hiking through a spectacular alpine refuge for myriad flora and fauna, see for yourself why Tatra National Park is recognized by UNESCO as a Biosphere Reserve.

### Accommodations

Kempinski High Tatra Mountains

Štrbské Pleso

Consisting of three buildings constructed during various eras, this stately property sits on the shore of Štrbské Lake and beneath the craggy peaks of the Slovakian High Tatras. (pool, spa)

## DAYS 4-6

Hike across a dramatic ridgeline back into Poland, passing grazing sheep and traditional wooden boats that float along the Dunajec River | Get to know Szczawnica, a mountainside spa town made famous nearly two centuries ago by the curative properties of its thermal mineral springs | Pass through tiny mountain hamlets where local ethnic communities proudly display their distinctive dress, customs and language | Venture into Pieniny National Park, stopping to greet local shepherds and sample their

goods—care for some oscypek (smoked sheep milk cheese)? | Joined by a local mountain guide, we gain insight into the region's varied landscapes, as well as the traditional highland culture | Take a last jaunt to a hut for some homemade apple tart before traveling on to Kraków.

#### Accommodations

Modrzewie Park Hotel

Szczawnica

With art deco-inspired interior spaces, this boutique hotel is set alongside a wooded park. (pool, spa)