

Local Life Zakopane - PDF Guide

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Best rated **restaurants** in Zakopane



Karczma Szymaszkowa

ul. Szymaszkowa 1c



Stek Chalupa

ul. Krupowki 33



Karczma Zapiecek

ul. Krupowki 43



Restaurant Gazdówka

ul. Jagielonska 18



Dwor Slobody

Skibowki 32



Karczma Po Zboju

ul. Krupowki 22



Gazdowo Kuznia

ul. Krupowki 1



Lechalet Ristorante e Pizzeria

ul. Sadelska 86 b

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Most popular **pubs & clubs** in Zakopane



Anemon

ul. Krupowki 38



Gentlemen's Club

ul. Krupowki 40



Va Va Voom

ul. Kosciuszki 10



Legenda Nietoperza

ul. Krupowki 53



Prestige

ul. Krupówki 81b



Dworzec Tatrzański

ul. Krupowki 12



Cafe Piano

ul. Krupowki 63



La Playa

ul. Chalubinskiego 38

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Best **hotels** in Zakopane



Hotel Sabala
📍 ul. Krupowki 11



Hotel Skalny
📍 ul. Pardalowka 3b



Villa Marilor
📍 ul. Kosciuski 18



Pensjonat Tuberoza
📍 ul. Pilsudskiego 31



Hotel Stamary
📍 ul. Kosciuszki 19



Nosalowy Dwor
📍 ul. Balzera 21d



Zakopane Hotels
📍 Town Centre



Hotel Wersal
📍 ul. Tetmajera 14A

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Essential **services** in Zakopane



Zakopane Bus Station
📍 ul. Kosciuszki



Zakopane Train Station
📍 ul. Kosciuszki



Apteka na Krupowkach
📍 ul. Krupowki 11



Podhale Travel
📍 Kościuszki 12



Property in Poland
📍 United Kingdom



Zakopane Hospital
📍 ul. Kamieniec 10



Bogner
📍 Ul. Krupowki 29/9



Budget Car Rental
📍 Balice Airport, Krakow

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Need some **culture**?



The Witkacy Theatre
📍 ul. Chramcowki 15



The Tatra Museum
📍 ul. Krupowki 10



Karol Szymanowski Museum
📍 ul. Kasprusie 19



Kornel Makuszyński Museum
📍 ul. Tetmajera 15



Jan Kasprowicz Museum
📍 Harena 12a



Zakopane Style Museum
📍 ul. Koscieliska 18



The Wladyslaw Hasior Gallery
📍 ul. Jagiellonska 18b



Tatra National Park Museum
📍 ul. Chalubinskiego 42a

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Travel tips

Here are a few things to remember during your time in Zakopane:

Strange people standing on the side of the road holding cardboard signs written "noclegi" or "pokoje" are not looking for a lift - they're offering cheap [accommodation!](#)

Avoid changing your [money](#) at Bureaux de Change in Zakopane town centre unless you want to hand a complete stranger an early Christmas present - the rates can be awful.

Don't hail your [taxis](#) from the rank - ask someone to phone for one - it's 30 percent cheaper. Better still, walk - nothing is that far away.

Coin-operated phone boxes are almost non-existent. You'll need to buy a telephone card (karta telefoniczna) from a Post Office or kiosk.

Tipping is not expected. No self-respecting waiter will turn away a few extra zloty, but you won't get the customary grimace if you don't. You're not guaranteed a smile if you do either.

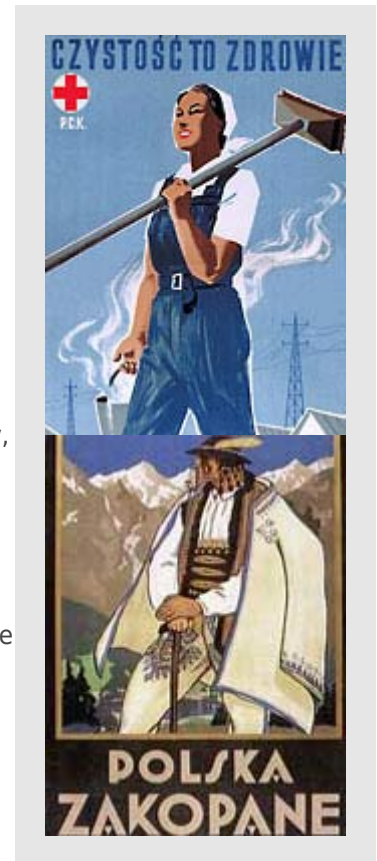
Try the local smoked sheeps' cheeses - oscypki - sold at stands on the street and in the main market in Zakopane.

Unlike in the UK, pubs don't close at 11. Most just about get going then. Zakopane has embraced the apres-ski culture with a passion - even when there's no snow around.

Bring warm clothes and a hat. Even at the height of the summer, it can be pretty chilly in the [mountains](#), and rain can arrive without warning.

Poles are passionate about their food. Throw away your preconceptions about miserable eastern bloc stews, and be prepared for a great surprise.

Poland has adopted its own uniquely confusing symbols for differentiating public toilets for men and women (see adjacent) - Remember, too, that in Zakopane you will almost certainly have to pay. Oh, and by the way, the circle is for women, the triangle for men! Or is it the other way around?



Getting around

By taxi

Zakopane is a small town, so its best to try and walk around, as far as possible. If you do need to get a taxi, phone for one - its 30 percent cheaper than grabbing one from a taxi rank.

By car

You can hire a car to get around, but if you plan to spend most of your time in the town centre, think carefully. It is probably not a bad idea to have a car during the summer season, but in the winter, the roads are often blocked, and you'll need chains for your tyres to get anywhere.



Above: Ride the river

Left: Horse around

Below: Or risk a run in with Jaws on the cablecar



By public transport

Sleighs in the winter and carriages in the summer for the tourists make Zakopane picture postcard pretty, but for all practical purposes, go for the state bus service (PKS) or for the burgeoning number of small minibus operators who can ferry you to the popular setting-out points at the bottom of the [The Tatra Mountains](#). Pick them up from Zakopane's Central Bus Station (Dworzec Autobusowy), ten minutes' walk from the town centre. **By cable car and train**

Most visitors at some stage try to take the cable car to Kasprowy. Book your ticket early, unless standing in a queue for a few hours is your idea of a holiday. The cable train to Gubalowka is not usually quite so oversubscribed, however. Take it to the top, then walk back down again - it only takes 20 minutes or so back to Zakopane's town centre.

