



POST-CONGRESS TOUR

18-19th September 2010

The Tatra and the Pieniny Mountains

Selected Hydrogeological Problems of the Tatra and the Pieniny Mountains Region

DAY 1

Route: Kraków – Dębno Podhalańskie – Niedzica – Szczawnica – Bukowina Tatrzańska

- Kraków - Dębno Podhalańskie – regional groundwater monitoring
- Water dam at Niedzica
- Thermal water of Bukowina Tatrzańska

Accommodation: hotel in the vicinity of Bukowina Tatrzańska.

Lunch with regional specialties in the vicinity of Niedzica



Dinner

Social programme:

St. Michael the Archangel Church (included in the UNESCO's World Heritage List).



It is the wooden church of highlander style from the 15-th century, one of the most valuable example of regional wooden architecture. Its unique and unusual main altar, beautiful medieval sculptures and colorful wall paintings made in Gothic style with 33 colours and 77 different patterns will help you feel the spirit of the past.

The Niedzica water dam



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The history of the Niedzica water dam dates back to the beginning of 20th century when the idea of Czorsztyn reservoir construction firstly appeared. In mid 1990s works on the water dam structure were completed and the entire facility was considered as operational. Nowadays the water dam is open to tourists who may visit internal viewing balcony and see the engines room, generators hall, control and measuring gallery.

The tour also includes a movie in English presenting: dam construction, environmental issues, bird's eye view, episodes of the flood in 1997 and 3-D animations of how the water-power station works.

The Niedzica Castle



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The Niedzica Castle was originally built in the 14th century by the Hungarians high on the the cliffs as a strategic stronghold. It is situated on limestone hill with the view of the Niedzica water dam and a large water reservoir. You can learn some thrilling stories related to the place.

Dunajec River Gorge – 15 km raft trip to Szczawnica down the Dunajec river

The raft trip down the Dunajec river through the Pieniny Gorge and along the Polish-Slovak border is one of the greatest tourist attractions in Poland.



The towering cliffs and the limestone rock formations of the gorge itself besides the picturesque mountain scenery and the surrounding national forest make for a wonderful day in a pristine and wild environment.

The Terma Bukowina Tatrzńska - a thermal centre of entertainment, baths in swimming pool with thermal waters.



In the beginning of 1990s a borehole made in the Klin area allowed for an access to rich geothermal waters. Ten years later a private company was formed in order to realize the idea of creating the thermal complex in Bukowina Tarzńska.

The Terma Bukowina Tatrzńska is modern and of the highest European standard entertainment center in the Tatra Mountains. The complex is located 15 km from Zakopane in tranquil area surrounded with forest and with beautiful view of mountains. Its facilities include 12 internal or external thermal pools with the temperature of water remaining within the limits of 28-36 degrees Celsius. Facilities such as: sauna, gym and jacuzzi are also available.

DAY 2

Route: Bukowina Tatrzańska – Zakopane – Biały Dunajec – Kraków

- Biały Dunajec – hydrogeology of the Podhale Trough, regional geothermal waters

Lunch at the regional restaurant serving local specialties

Arrival to Krakow – evening hours

Social programme:

Cabin aerial ropeway trip to the Kasprowy Wierch

The Kasprowy Wierch (1.987 m. above sea level) is the most popular ski mountain in Poland.



The summit can be reached on foot or in a modern, comfortable cable car. Cabin aerial ropeway (one of the oldest in Europe) was originally built in 1930s and completely modernized in 2007. The trip takes several minutes, during which one can admire the beauty of nature. At the top station there are: restaurant (with an observation deck with a breathtaking panorama of the mountains), meteo station and astronomical observatory.

Guided walking tour on the Krupowki Street in Zakopane



Zakopane is nestled at the foot of the Tatra mountains and boasting breathtaking view of Polish countryside and peaks of the Tatra Mountains. Zakopane thanks to its splendid natural scenery, its pistes and hiking trails, and a rich folk culture is called "the winter capital of Poland". Krupówki is high street of Zakopane with many shops, regional souvenir stands, restaurants and tourist attractions. In the oldest part of the town, you will visit the charming wooden old parish church and the most unique cemetery in Poland.

You will also have a chance of visiting the village of Chochołów (famous for its 150-year-old wooden log cabins and a serene atmosphere).

PLEASE NOTE

This excursion will only be organized if the number of participants is minimum 20. The maximum limit is 40 persons.

The cost per person is EUR 180- the price includes:

- accommodation (1 night) in a hotel (shared double room, breakfast included),
- English speaking guide,
- transportation,
- entrance fees (except for Terma Bukowina Tatrzańska),
- 2 lunches,
- 1 dinner according to the programme.

Single Supplement: EUR 35

The deadline of registration – 31.07.2010



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