



**Karpacz** is a charming tourist town situated at the foot of the Karkonosze mountains and their highest peak - Śnieżka (1603 m above sea level). Outstanding values, numerous tourist attractions and proper management attract almost a million of tourists every year.

The town offers very good conditions for leisure. In the vicinity, almost 100 km of labelled tourist trails run, allowing for discovering one of the most valuable areas of our country in terms of nature. In the winter, skiing enthusiasts may take advantage of numerous slopes and ski lifts as well as routes for cross-country skiing and ski touring.

The accommodation base of the town comprises approximately 15 thousand bed places in facilities of various type and standard. In the town, quiet boarding houses for family trips, resorts for organised groups as well as luxury hotels for demanding tourists and business guests are available.

## TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

### 1. WANG STAVE CHURCH



A 12th century unique monument of the Scandinavian sacral architecture. Originally, the church stood in the Norwegian village called Vang by the Vangsmjøsen lake, from which its name originates. It was brought to Karkonosze in 1842 on the initiative of the King of Prussia Frederick Wilhelm IV. During the reconstruction, the church was slightly changed and a stone tower was added to protect it against strong winds. **Visiting:** daily (15.04 - 31.10) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., (1.11 - 14.04) 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### 2. MILL OF LOVE

A place commemorating a story of great love between a miller's daughter and a knight. As the folk legend says: "it was only here where the waterwheel changed grain into flour and turned around people's fate, and made the miller's daughter equal to the princess". The Mill has a miraculous power of making a feeling of love reciprocated.

### 3. GRAVITATIONAL DISORDER PLACE

Gravitation is a common force, however, there are places on the Earth where its rights do not operate. This rare phenomenon may be observed at a certain section of Strażacka street. It seems that in this place the road declines mildly towards the river, however, car with an engine switched off go back uphill. According to the conducted research, a zone of anomalies exists here, where gravitation is smaller by 4%.

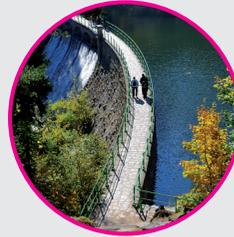
### 4. WILD WATERFALL

A waterfall created as a result of damming of Łomnica river waters using the anti-rubble dam. Its name refers to the nature of this mountain river which demonstrates a significant level of falling water, especially in its upper stream. In case of pouring rains and spring snow-melt it frequently caused dangerous floods.



### 5. "ORLINEK" SKI JUMP

Ski jump with K-85 construction point, named after Stanisław Maruszak. The record of the ski jump belongs to Adam Małysz who set it during the Polish Ski Jump Championships for Seniors in 2004, jumping at a distance of 94.5 m. At present the facility is used as a centre of extreme sports and an observation tower.



### 6. DAM ON ŁOMNICA RIVER

The dam constructed in 1910-1915 under the flood prevention programme created a small dam pool from which water excess falls down creating picturesque cascades. The crest of the dam is 105 m long, with the red tourist trail running across.

### 7. KARPATKA

Karpotka is a granite hill, overgrown by a primary pine forest, attracting the sight of tourists from a large distance. Its peak and slopes are covered by granite rocky blocks. In the 18th century silver mines had been created here, however, they turned out unprofitable. The red tourist trail runs along the hill.

### 8. HOUSE OF ADOPTED DOLL

A magic place created by a woman living in Karpacz. Dolls offered by family and friends as gifts live here, as well as those abandoned and unwanted. They found a common home in Karpacz and their owner makes original clothes for them.

### 9. PRIVATE MUSEUM OF TECHNIQUE AND CONSTRUCTION FROM LEGO BLOCKS

The museum is not only an exhibition but also a large playing ground for the small and big ones. It is equipped with buttons, joysticks and remote controllers which enable to put models into motion. At the exhibition it is possible, inter alia, to see a robot made of Lego blocks solving the Rubik's cube.

### 10. MYSTERIES OF KARKONOSZE

An interactive Kingdom of Mountain Ghost where visitors have a possibility to get acquainted with legends and stories associated with Karkonosze. Interiors were arranged by world famous artists and the exhibition itself is interactive. Owing to the achievements of contemporary technologies, at this place it is possible to experience the magic and power dormant in Karkonosze with all senses.

### 11. KOLOROWA CENTRE OF RECREATION AND SPORTS

Sledging all over the year. On the Pohulanka slope two sledging tracks are awaiting, including one open all over the year. A longer track allows for enjoying a slide of over one kilometre at a maximum speed of 30 km/hour. One or two persons may go down with a cart.

### 12. EXPLORERS' FOOTPRINTS SQUARE

The square is located in the centre of Karpacz at the Town Hall. The Mountaineers have their place here and prints of expedition boots cast in bronze will remind of Polish Himalayan mountaineers' achievements for decades.

### 13. COURT LINDEN

A monumental, small-leaved linden, over 200 years old and with circumference of 5 metres under which, according to the legend, the village court convened its meetings. Next to the tree a symbolic stone table is located as well as a pranger to punish prosecuted villains.

### 14. SPORT AND TOURISM MUSEUM

The Museum is located in a historical pillar house. The exhibition consists of three departments and presents the genesis of tourism in Karkonosze, development of winter sports and the natural environment. It is recommended to start sightseeing in Karpacz from this place in order to visit other attractions with better awareness. **Visiting:** Tuesday-Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (closed on Mondays).



### 15. INTERACTIVE EXHIBITION OF MODELS FROM LEGO BLOCKS

The exhibition comprises over 200 unique models built of approximately 500,000 blocks. Each of them is a unique design for exhibition creators. It is possible to find models referring to Karpacz and the region, inter alia, Wang Stave Church or almost 2-metre figure of Mountain Ghost.

### 16. TOY MUSEUM

A place where adults go back to the world of their childhood owing to their memories. The collection shows an overview of toy manufacturing comprising approximately 200 years, from the 18th century crib statues, through 19th century dolls, up to toys typical for the 20th century. The museum was created based on a private collection of Henryk Tomaszewski - the founder of the Polish mime theatre. **Visiting:** Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 04:30 p.m., Saturday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 05:30 p.m.

### 17. JUNA TREASURES OF THE EARTH

The exhibition comprises a rich collection of minerals and precious stones from Poland and all over the world. The exhibition presents specimen saved from the fire of JUNA Museum of the Earth in Szklarska Poręba and top quality exhibits leased by friendly geologists and collectors. It is possible to find amethysts, mountain crystals, malachites as well as diamonds, sapphires and gold here.

### 18. RAVEN ROCKS



A rock formation in the form of pillars reaching up to 25 m height, on Krucza Kopa slopes in the Płomnica valley. Large clusters of pegmatite with crystals of precious minerals are found in the rocks. According to the legends the oldest mines were presumably drilled here already in the Middle Ages by seekers of gold and precious stones. At present, Raven Rocks make a climbing centre comprising routes with various levels of difficulty.

### 19. PARK OF FAIRY TALES

The way to move to the world of fairy tales and spend time actively outdoors. Among forest paths, cottages are hidden, each of them representing other fairy tale. It is possible to meet here, among others, the Snow Queen, Thumbelina, the Sleeping Beauty and Cinderella.

### 20. KPN INFORMATION CENTRE

CI KPN is located in one of few houses with the typical Karkonosze design preserved in the region. Inside a geological and geomorphological exhibition is located, including a geological map made in the form of stone mosaic and a touch model. The garden of Karkonosze Herbs and Bushes and the House of Laboratory Technician are adjacent to the building.

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