

GATES, EMBLEMS, PORTALS



We would like to invite you for a walk around the Old Town of Krakow, during which we will try to familiarize you with the history of the city and its inhabitants.

Our walk will be inspired by gates, portals and emblems, silent testimonies of bygone eras. What do Latin inscriptions mean? Whether they relate to the house or its inhabitants, or perhaps they are directed to the passer-by who looks at it? What is the symbolism of the animals, saints or human heads depicted?

Destroyed, demolished or modernized Krakow tenement houses lost their characteristic elements forever, fortunately not all of them!

Starting our journey at Floriańska Street we will be led into the world of old times through the gate of the Hotel pod Różą. The magnificent Renaissance portal is decorated with columns and sculptures and crowned with a Latin inscription:

STET DOMUS HAEC, DONEC FLUCTUS FORMICA
MARINOS EBIBET ET TOTUM TESTUDO PERAMBULET
ORBEM which reads:

‘May this building stand so far until an ant drinks the ocean,
and a tortoise circles the Earth’

Duration of tour: approx. 3 h

Not included: tickets,
meals, photo permits if
required, transportation