



BEST OF SLOVAKIA TOUR 2023 (5 DAYS)

NEW ITINERARY with AMAZING SIGHTS.



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ABOUT THIS TRIP

5 DAYS / 1 COUNTRY / 5 UNESCO SIGHTS / LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: EASY

Enjoy the Best of Slovakia Tour – the country explorer. Stroll the Old town of the Beauty of the Danube river, – our lovely Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Admire the green and untouched countryside full of national parks. Discover 4 UNESCO World Heritage sights. Enjoy gastronomical delights in Koliba restaurants full of traditional Slovak meals, drinks and desserts. Try excellent Slovak wine. Get familiar with Slovak customs, arts and local crafts.

Our top priority is the exclusive customer care. From the very first email, through the entire booking process, during your lovely tour and up to your departure – we will always care about your highest comfort, the attention to details, your safety, your special requests and of course that your tour is enjoyable and memorable.

As it is essential to have a top tour guide while you are enjoying your lovely holiday, our guide-drivers are native Slovaks, highly qualified, licensed experts with vast knowledge of history of Slovakia with excellent English skills, driving skills, strong personal touch with sense of humor. They are friendly and always ready to help you and make your stay a lovely and unique experience.

Our vehicles are new, fully equipped luxury vans Mercedes Benz V class, for up to 7 travelers, they offer the highest possible comfort. Enjoy our luxury suits on the wheels. For larger groups, our partner agency offers Setra 30 seaters and 50 seaters.



Peter & Jane Blazicek / Best Slovakia Tours – Travel Team

YOUR TOUR ITINERARY

Route:

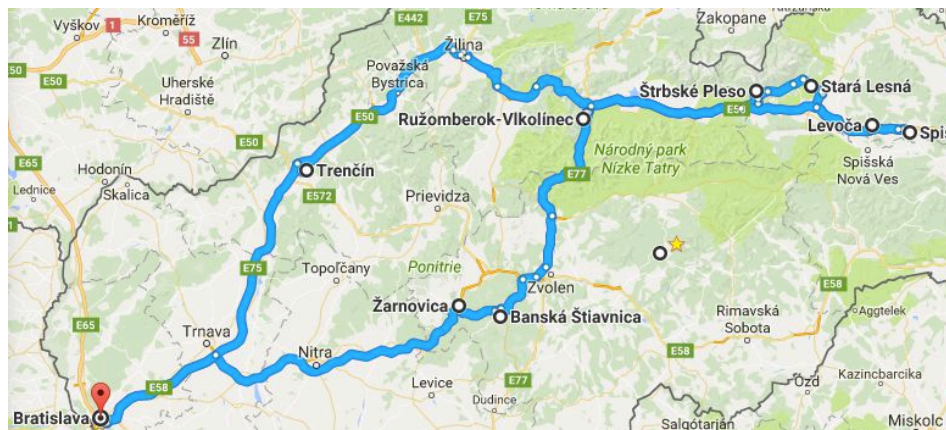
Tour starts in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia

Fly in: Vienna Schwechat airport / Austria (recommended)

Tour ends in Bratislava

Fly out from Vienna Schwechat airport / Austria (recommended)

ROUTE / TOTAL of 860km / 535miles



DAY 1

WELCOME TO BRATISLAVA – BEAUTY ON THE DANUBE RIVER

Welcome drink and itinerary introduction. Your lovely holiday starts today.

Book with us an airport pick up service from Bratislava, Vienna, Prague, Budapest and get the best possible price, travel in style with the highest comfort.

How do we provide this service? We will wait for you at the airport's arrival hall holding a sign with your name, help you with your luggage, drive you safely and comfortably to Bratislava and help with the check in. Maximum comfort, mineral water on board and a pleasant drive.

Morning – We'll drive to **Devin Castle** (15min drive) - situated at the confluence of the Danube & Morava rivers. Its owners could control the important trade route along the Danube as well as one branch of the Amber Road. After admiring the beautiful castle ruin and enjoying views on Austria, we show you where once the "Iron curtain" – the former border between the West and the East used to stand. An overview of the communist history (1948-1989). Devin area is also famous for its currant wine. Have you ever tried it? Try now, It's a regional specialty. On the way back to Bratislava's old town, we'll visit **Slavin** World War2 memorial and **Bratislava Castle**, - symbol of the city. Enjoy stunning views of the Danube river and know more about its rich history.

Afternoon - After lunch break, we'll continue with the **Quality Sightseeing Walking Tour** to see the highlights of the Old town. We'll start on a **Hviezdoslav square**, a prominent 18th century square surrounded by stunning palaces, the **Slovak National Theatre** and the **Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra**. Visit of the **St. Martin's Cathedral** - the coronation place of 18 rulers including famous Austria-Hungarian empress Maria Theresa, we stroll on medieval streets such as Panska and Venturska where famous music composers studied or gave concerts, such as W.A.Mozart, F. Liszt, L. Beethoven. Admire the only preserved town entrance – **St. Michael's Gate**. Walking through the main square, admire a beautiful former **Old Town Hall** and **Maximilian Fountain**, the **Primate's Palace** (outside) - the largest in Bratislava where the Treaty of Pressburg was signed in the Hall of Mirrors. Enough time for taking pictures and enjoying the atmosphere.

You'll get tips which museum and gallery is worth to see, where to enjoy coffee & cake, a glass of excellent Slovak wine, where to buy good quality souvenirs. Your guide is ready to help you.

Evening - Dinner on your own

Overnight in Bratislava

DAY 2

BANSKA STIAVNICA and VLKOLINEC / UNESCO World Heritage

Morning – A scenic drive east. After 2hrs of driving we'll be in one of the most beautiful and most romantic - a picturesque **Banska Stiavnica**. It is like to step in the past centuries. Get an overview of the rich history of this town connected with the mining of copper, silver and gold. Visit the Old castle – a majestic fortress, 16th century New castle and the heart of the Old town – the Holy Trinity square with beautiful sights such as the gothic 15th century St. Catherine church, admire Renaissance buildings and the baroque Holy Trinity column.

Afternoon - Lunch break at restaurant Monarchia is about home-made specialties and great atmosphere. Do you like beer? Then, ERB restaurant will satisfy you with its high-quality microbrewery and a delicious cuisine. Which of these special beers from Slovak ingredients will be your favorite? Will it be Erb Pale lager 10 or 12, Erb Weizen 12, Erb Dark special 13 with balanced bitter and sweet tastes? Free time for souvenirs, coffee & cake break.

We'll continue to see a unique, 18th century articular wooden church **Hronsek**, then, we'll drive to an exceptional mountain village **Vlkolinec** (UNESCO sight since 1993), hidden in hills of National Park Velka Fatra. Enjoy breathtaking panorama views and colorful 45 wooden log houses. It is the best-preserved oasis of folk architecture. We continue to High Tatra mountains – the heart of Slovakia.

Evening - Dinner on your own or we can book the tables at Koliba restaurant – a traditional wooden chalet with traditional tasty Slovak dishes, waiters in folk costumes and Slovak folk music. Start with a shot of “Slivovica” – a plum brandy. Garlic soup, cabbage or lentil soup? Enjoy our national meal Bryndzove halusky (Potato dumplings with melted sheep cheese and pieces of bacon). What about dessert? Apple strudel is highly recommended to try.

Overnight in High Tatras / Strbske pleso or Stry Smokovec or Tatranska Lomnica

DAY 3

THE HIGH TATRA MOUNTAINS – THE HEART OF SLOVAKIA

Morning - It's easy to fall in love with High Tatras - mountains with its picturesque valleys, brooks, waterfalls, colorful meadows, tarns with crystal clear water. We are very excited to show you our lovely mountains, firstly, drive to Stry Smokovec town to take a funicular railway (tickets not included) to get Hrebienok and walk to the waterfalls. An easy walking tour in the nature.

Afternoon - We move to Tatranska Lomnica town (15min by car) to take a cable car (tickets not included) to Skalnaté pleso station to see the High Tatra mountains from above. We enjoy a little walk around Skalnaté pleso, views of the Lomnický peak and valley views.

Please note, if you would like to go up to the top of Lomnický peak (2nd highest peak in High Tatras), it is necessary an advance booking with a full payment for the tickets in advance. Please let us know.

Other possibilities what to do today (in case of bad weather or you do not like cable cars)

- 1, easy walking tour to Popradské pleso lake (on the smooth road, total of 2-3 hours of walking)
- 2, longer hiking tour, total of 6-7 hours (e.g. up to cottage by Green lake or Teryho cottage)
- 3, visit the only accessible cave in High Tatras – Belianska cave (tickets not included)
- 4, museum about the National park of High Tatras (tickets not included)
- 5, Aquapark Poprad – swimming, saunas, SPA treatments (tickets not included)

Evening - On your own

Overnight in High Tatras / Strbske pleso or Stry Smokovec or Tatranska Lomnica

DAY 4

LEVOCA and SPISS CASTLE / UNESCO

Morning – We'll travel further to the east to visit the **Spiss Castle** (45min drive). It is not just an evidence of architectural development from the 12th to 18th century, but it is one of the largest castle ruins in Central Europe. Mighty and impressive fortress in a stunning location. Get more information about the former owners - famous dynasties such as Zapolsky, Thurzo and Csaky. Visit the castle kitchen, chapel, torture chamber and enjoy the views from the upper terraces.

Afternoon - History enthusiasts will admire charming medieval town **Levoca**, cultural & historic jewel among Slovak towns. Visit of the 14th century Roman Catholic basilica of St. James with its tallest wooden wing gothic altar in the world - a masterpiece from Master Paul of Levoca. Get more details about this amazing wood crafter in a museum where he lived and worked.

Lunch break and comfortable drive to Bratislava via the northern way, enjoy spectacular views of the Slovak longest river Vah, several castle ruins such as Strecno, Beckov, winding roads and green scenery. Back to Bratislava and at leisure.

Evening - On your own

Overnight in Bratislava

DAY 5

FAREWELL and DEPARTURE

Your memorable holiday comes to an end today. We are ready to arrange for you an airport transfer, a comfortable door-to-door service for discounted rates.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

5 UNESCO World Heritage sights

- ✓ Admire the charming hilly town of Banska Stiavnica
- ✓ Visit a unique articular wooden church Hronsek
- ✓ Enjoy breath-taking views in this unique mountain village, Vikolinec
- ✓ Admire the highest, wooden wing, gothic altar of the world in Levoca town
- ✓ Discover the Spiss castle, Spiss chapter and Zehra church
- ✓ Stroll around Bratislava's charming old town, - the Beauty on the Danube river
- ✓ Walk, hike, and enjoy the High Tatra National Parks and its highest peaks
- ✓ Taste all gastronomical delights in traditional Slovak Koliba restaurants
- ✓ Enjoy first class Guide-driver services

WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED

- ✓ Meals: 4x breakfast
- ✓ Accommodation: 2x overnight in 4star Hotel in Bratislava, 2x overnight in cosy 3star Villa
- ✓ Including VAT (value added tax)
- ✓ City tax (mandatory local tax charged per person per night)
- ✓ Tour guide: professional, licensed Guide-driver-translator
- ✓ Transportation: for 1-7 travelers, a new model 2019 luxury van Mercedes Benz V-class, fully equipped with adjustable, comfortable leather seats and A/C in all zones, fridge on board, for 8-18 travelers we use from our partner agency Mercedes Benz Sprinter, groups of 19+ will enjoy spacious buses Setra 30 or 50 seaters
- ✓ Refreshment on board - mineral water sparkling and still, fuel, parking, motorway fees, map of Bratislava, information material, brochures, photos of Your Holiday
- ✓ Entrances to the top sights:
 - Devin castle
 - Old castle
 - New castle
 - Hronsek wooden church
 - Vlkolinec village
 - St. James church and museum in Levoca
 - Spiss castle

WHAT IS EXCLUDED

Flights to/from Slovakia
Return airport transfers (ask to get the special rate)
Travel insurance
Personal expenses
Meals and drinks for clients (unless stated otherwise)
Cable car tickets, souvenirs, gratuities to Guide-driver (optional)
Anything not mentioned in included

AVAILABILITY AND PRICES - TRAVEL SEASON 2023

Our price policy is to offer fair and attractive prices for high quality travel services.

Group of 2 travelers:	€ 1049.00 per person
Group of 3-4 travelers:	€ 959.00 per person
Group of 5-6 travelers:	€ 849.00 per person

Price is per person with minimum of 2 travelers / groups 7+ get special discount

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- * During the winter season from November to March on request
- * Minimum of 2 travelers
- * Some tourist attractions might be temporarily closed due to reconstructions or due to bad weather (cable cars), alternative program will be offered

- * All prices are per person sharing twin/double room
- * Extra bed possible for a surcharge
- * Single supplement for a surcharge of €325.00
- * Generally, this tour is available for travelers on wheelchair (and with other physical limitations), however, some sights might not be accessible (castles)

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