



# PRIVATE HIKING TOUR IN HIGH TATRAS

## 2024

National Park of Tatras





## ABOUT THIS TRIP

8 DAYS / 1 NATIONAL PARK / LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

Come and enjoy excellent hiking tours in the oldest national park (located in the North Central Slovakia) with the highest peaks of Slovakia. Numerous marked tourist trails offer excellent hiking for beginners, more advanced hikers and professional mountain climbers.

The main attractions in High Tatras (Vysoké Tatry in Slovak language) are tours to the peaks, while enjoying truly spectacular views, deep valleys, dwarf pines, more than 100 mountain lakes and several waterfalls.

There are almost 30 peaks over 2500 m. The highest peak is Gerlachovský štít, 2,654 m (8,707 ft), the second highest is Lomnický štít, 2,634 m (8,641 ft), it is possible to visit the top of the peak by cable car.

As the symbol of Slovak mountains is considered a spectacular Mt. Kriváň, 2,494 m (8,182 ft). National Park of Tatras (TANAP) is home to the mountain goat (chamois), golden eagle, brown bear, lynx, fox, wolf and alpine marmot. Our guide will have a binocular, so with little bit of luck we might spot some of these animals in the distance.

Group size is 2 to 7 people, larger groups on request with an extra discount.

Our Base Camp will be in Strbske Pleso - the highest located mountain resort with a mountain lake and breathtaking views. You will stay all overnights in the heart of the mountains.

Equipment required: hiking boots, waterproof clothing, raincoat, backpack  
Some hiking trails might be closed. Alternative trails available.

Tour guides have been personally chosen by Peter Blazicek, CEO & founder. They are experienced, professional, knowledgeable and passionate.



Peter & Jane Blazicek / Best Slovakia Tours – Travel Team

# YOUR TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

### WELCOME TO SLOVAKIA



We'll pick you up from the airport and comfortable drive you to impressive High Tatra Mountains.

Drive takes 4 hours from Vienna Schwechat airport, Austria, 3 hours from Bratislava, Slovakia and 2 hours 15min from Krakow, Poland.

Relaxing walk around Strbske Pleso lake, welcome dinner and drink, itinerary introduction and start of your lovely hiking holiday.

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## DAY 2

### STRBSKE PLESO > POPRADSKE PLESO



We'll start with a 'a warm-up hike' from Strbske Pleso to Popradske pleso, a glacial morrain lake (1,494m) where a mountain chalet Chata Pri Popradskom Plese is located.

\*) It is possible to extend the hiking tour and hike up to Sedlo pod Ostrvou (it will add 3 hours)



**Total hiking time:** 3 hours

**Total length:** 10,2 km (6,3 mi)

**Level of difficulty:** Easy

Welcome to the world of Slovak traditional meals offered in the traditional restaurants called Koliba. Cabbage soup, potato dumplings with sheep cheese and bacon, trout from our rivers and many more. And also up in the mountain huts. Yummy!

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## DAY 3

### ZELENE PLESO – GREEN LAKE



Breakfast at 8am, briefing, departure at 8:45am, check out and drive to Stary Smokovec town. We'll hike up to a mountain chalet Green Lake, located in the valley and surrounded by the Green Lake. The colour of the water is emerald green and it is a paradise for landscape photographers.

**Route:** Biela voda, car park - Salviový prameň - Chalet Green Lake

**Total hiking time:** 6 hours

**Total length:** 15,4 km (9,56 mi)

**Level of difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

**Lowest altitude:** 910 m (2,985 ft)

**Highest altitude:** 1,550 m (5,085 ft)

**Gained elevation:** 640 m (2,099 ft)

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## DAY 4

### TERYHO CHATA – TERY'S MOUNTAIN CHALET



Breakfast at 8am, briefing, departure at 8:45am and let's hike up to Teryho chata, located in the upper part of the Small Cold Valley and surrounded by rocky peaks. We'll start from Stary Smokovec to Hrebienok, passing by Rainer's cottage and Zamkovského cottage through beautiful valley up to Teryho cottage. Enjoy the mountains and its views of the peaks and valleys.

**Route:** Stary Smokovec - Hrebienok - Rainer's cottage - Zamkovského cottage - follow green mark - Teryho cottage and back

**Total hiking time:** 7 hours

**Total length:** 17,6 km (10,9 mi)

**Level of difficulty:** Moderate

**Highest altitude:** 2,015 m (6,610 ft)

**Lowest altitude:** 1,010 m (3,313 ft)

**Gained elevation:** 1,005 m (3,297 ft)

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## DAY 5

### CHATY POD RYSMI – RYSY MOUNTAIN CHALET - RYSY PEAK 2503 m



Early breakfast at 5:00am, briefing, departure at 5:45am. We'll start hiking to the top of Rysy peak at 6am. Our first stop will be at Chata pod Rysmi, the highest mountain chalet in the High Tatras, and then hike to Rysy, the most visited peak in the High Tatras, located on the border with Poland.

Enjoy the most spectacular panoramic views.

Route: Strbske Pleso - Popradske Pleso - Zabie lakes - (chains!) – Chata pod Rysmi – up to Rysy peak

**Total hiking time:** 7hr 30min

**Total length:** 20,4 km (12,67 mi)

**Level of difficulty:** difficult

**Highest altitude:** 2,503 m (8,198 ft)

**Lowest altitude:** 978 m (3,208 ft)

**Gained elevation:** 1525 m (3,753 ft)

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## DAY 6

### RELAXING DAY – LEVOCA TOWN and SPISS CASTLE / UNESCO SIGHTS



Today, well-deserved relaxing day. Meeting at 9am, we'll drive to Spisske Podhradie to visit the Spiss Castle located on a dolomite rock. It is one of the most precious cultural monuments in the Spis region and one of the largest castle ruins in Central Europe. We'll drive to charming medieval town Levoca, a cultural and historic jewel among Slovak towns. The highlight of Levoca is the Roman

Catholic church of St. James from the 14th century with its largest wooden wing, late gothic altar in the world - a masterpiece from Master Paul of Levoca. Lunch break and drive back to the High Tatras.

On request, we can drive you to Vrbove thermal park or Aquacity Poprad for swimming and massage treatments.

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## DAY 7

### Mt. KRIVAN – SYMBOL OF SLOVAKS and SLOVAK MOUNTAINS



Early breakfast at 5:00am, briefing and departure at 5:45am. We'll start hiking to the top of Krivan peak at 6am. Krivan is the symbol of Slovak mountains and a dominant peak of the High Tatras.

Did you know that there were gold mines under its top in the past?

Most probably we will not find gold any more, but no doubts, it's one of the best hiking tours in Tatras.

Farewell dinner - we'll book a table in a lovely Koliba restaurant and enjoy the specialties.

**Route:** Strbske pleso - Razcestie pod Furkotskou dolinou - Jamske pleso - pod Krivanom - Krivan peak

**Total hiking time:** 7hrs 30min

**Total length:** 19.2 km (11,9 mi)

**Level of difficulty:** difficult

**Highest altitude:** 2,494 m (8,182 ft)

**Lowest altitude:** 1,350 m (4,429 ft)

**Gained elevation:** 1,140 m (3,740 ft)



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## DAY 8

### FAREWELL TO OUR TRAVEL FRIENDS

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

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

Hiking in the National Park of Tatras (TANAP)  
Warm-up hike from Strbske Pleso to Popradske Pleso  
Mt Krivan – symbol of Slovaks and Slovak mountains  
Rysy peak – one of the most popular hikes – over 2500 meters  
Chata Rysy / mountain chalet – the highest located mountain chalet  
Teryho chata / mountain chalet – one of the best hiking trails and cottages  
Chata pri zelenom plese / mountain chalet  
Green lake – amazingly green lake and lovely surrounded area  
Spiss castle and Levoca – both UNESCO sights  
Enjoying gastronomical delights in Koliba restaurants and enjoying Slovak meals, drinks, desserts and of course plum brandy Slivovica or Tatra tea

## LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

On this hiking tour you'll experience 1 easy tour, 2 moderate tours and 2 difficult tours (7hrs 30min hiking time) on the rocky trails. All tours are on the marked trails.

## WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED

- ✓ **Meals:** 7x Breakfast, 1x Welcome drink, 1x Welcome dinner, 1x Farewell dinner
- ✓ **Overnights:** 7x in cosy pensions, Including VAT (Value Added Tax), City Tax
- ✓ **Tour guides:** Specially trained professional mountain guides from our team
- ✓ **Insurance:** Mountain rescue insurance for 6 days
- ✓ **Transportation:** For 2-3 travelers - personal car with A/C, for 4-7 travelers - our new model Van Mercedes Benz V-class, equipped with adjustable seats and A/C in all zones
- ✓ Map of High Tatras and Slovakia, Information material, Brochures, Photos of Your Holiday (link)

## WHAT IS EXCLUDED

Flights to/from Slovakia, Return airport transfers - ask and get the special rate  
Travel insurance, Personal expenses, Meals and drinks for clients (except of Welcome and Farewell dinner)  
Entrance tickets, Cable car tickets, Gratuities to Guide-driver (optional)  
Anything not mentioned in included

## AVAILABILITY AND PRICES - TRAVEL SEASON 2024

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

Price is per person with minimum of 2 travelers

**Group of 2 travelers: € 1850.00 per person**

**Group of 4 travelers: € 1550.00 per person**

**Group of 6 travelers: € 1350.00 per person**

## **IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

\*Hiking up to Rysy peak and Krivan peak is only possible between 15 June until 31 October (due to winter closure of the trails).

\*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

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