



# PREMIUM PRIVATE GRAND SLOVAKIA & CZECHIA TOUR 2024

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## ABOUT THIS TRIP

14 DAYS / 2 COUNTRIES / 10 UNESCO SIGHTS / 11 CITIES / EASY TOUR

Enjoy the Premium Private Grand Slovakia & Czechia Tour – the luxury way of traveling and discovering. We will show you Slovakia’s highlights and out-of-the-beaten-tracks, medieval towns, majestic castles, wooden churches, UNESCO sights, see local craftsmen and learn from them. Then, we’ll move to Czechia to see Czech’s UNESCO highlights such as glorious Prague, lively Brno, well-preserved gems such as Cesky Krumlov, fairy-tale little medieval town Telc, world famous SPA Karlovy Vary and many more interesting sights. Delightful Slovak and Czech cuisine, wine and beer, interesting museums, galleries, evening concerts. Tickets to all Top sights are already included in this package.



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**Our top priority is the exclusive, exceptional 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, meaningful 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, you will 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 Prague

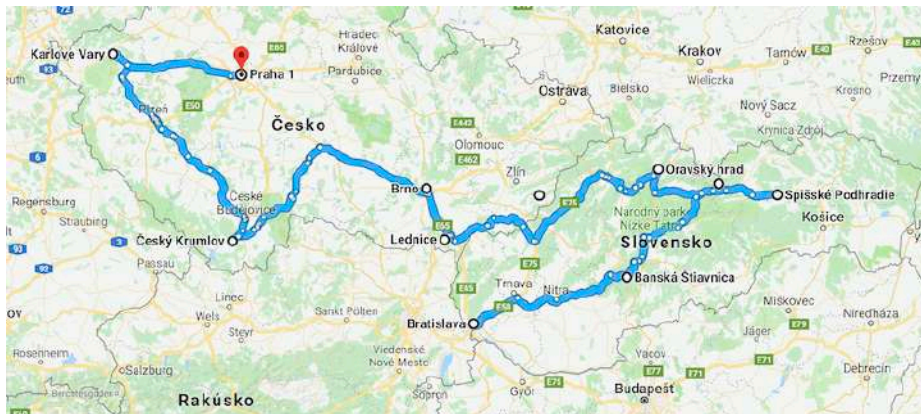
Fly out from Prague - Vaclav Havel airport (recommended)

(in case you would like to use the same airport for fly in/out, it is ok and we will drive you comfortably to the airport you request)

## ROUTE / TOTAL of 1840km / 1143miles

Start of the tour: Bratislava – the capital of Slovakia

End of the tour: Prague – the capital of Czechia



### 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 pickup 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 process. Maximum comfort, mineral water on board and a pleasant drive.

At leisure.

Overnight in Bratislava



## DAY 2

### BRATISLAVA QUALITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR



We'll drive to Devin Castle, 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 exploring the well-preserved castle ruins and enjoying views of Austria, we'll show you where the "Iron Curtain" – the former border between the West and the East used to

stand and tell the story of life under communism (1948-89). 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 learn more about its rich history.

After lunch break, we'll continue with a charming city walking tour to see the highlights of the Old Town. We start at Hviezdoslav square, a prominent 18<sup>th</sup> century square surrounded by stunning palaces, the Slovak National Theatre and the Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra, visit 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, and admire the only preserved town entrance – St. Michael's Gate. Walking through the main square, admire the beautiful former Old Town Hall and Maximilian Fountain, the Primate's Palace (outside) - the largest in Bratislava. Enough free time for taking pictures and enjoying the atmosphere.

Home-made Welcome Dinner & Wine Tasting at Peter & Jane's house.

Overnight in Bratislava

Total driving distance: 70km/43mi, total driving time: 1hrs 15min, walking: 2miles

## DAY 3

### BANSKA STIAVNICA and VLKOLINEC / UNESCO

A scenic drive east. After 2hrs of driving we'll see one of the most beautiful and most romantic towns - 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, 16<sup>th</sup> century **New castle** and the heart of the Old town – the **Holy Trinity square** with beautiful sights such as the gothic 15<sup>th</sup> century **St. Catherine church**, admire Renaissance buildings and the baroque Holy Trinity column. 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?

We'll stop and visit a hidden jewel - a **wooden articular church Hronsek**, listed on UNESCO World Heritage), then, continue to visit 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. 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).

Overnight in Strbske Pleso, High Tatra mountains

Total driving distance: 350km/217mi, total driving time: 4hrs 30min, walking: 1-2 miles

## DAY 4

### UNCOVER THE BEAUTY OF OUR MOUNTAINS



It's easy to fall in love with the High Tatras - mountains with its picturesque valleys, brooks, waterfalls, colorful meadows, tarns with crystal clear water.

We are excited to show you our lovely mountains. We'll to drive to **Stary Smokovec** to take a funicular railway (tickets not included) to get to Hrebienok and walk to the waterfalls. An easy, enjoyable walking tour in the nature. Then, we'll travel to **Tatranska Lomnica** (15min by car) to take a cable car (tickets not included) to Skalnaté pleso station to see the High Tatra mountains from above. We'll enjoy a little walk at the top with views of the Lomnický peak and the expansive valley plains below.

Alternatives: 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)

Overnight in Strbske Pleso, High Tatra mountains

Total driving distance: 45km/27mi, total driving time: 1hr 15min, walking: 1-2 miles

## DAY 5

### SPISS CASTLE, CHAPTER & ZEHRA CHURCH / UNESCO

We'll travel further to the east to visit **Spiss castle** (45min drive). It is not just evidence of architectural development from the 12th to 18th centuries, 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. History enthusiasts will admire the charming medieval town of **Levoca**, a cultural and historic jewel among Slovak towns. Visit of the 14<sup>th</sup> century Roman-Catholic basilica of St. James with its tallest, wooden wing, late gothic altar in the world - a masterpiece by Master Paul of Levoca. Get more details about this amazing woodcrafter in a museum where he lived and worked.

Overnight in Strbske Pleso, High Tatra mountains

Total driving distance: 130km/80mi, total driving time: 1hrs 30min, walking: 1mile

## DAY 6

### ZUBEREC OPEN AIR MUSEUM & ORAVA CASTLE



We'll drive to **Zuberec** village where is a spectacular open-air **Museum of Orava village** - let's see the rural life from the past centuries. It is located in incredibly nice region, walk through and admire peasant houses, craftsman's houses, sacral buildings (a wooden church) and more.

Drive to see mighty **Orava castle**, much like others in Slovakia, stands on the site of old wooden fort and it was constructed after the Tartar invasion in 1241. Originally, it was built in the Romanesque and Gothic styles and later reconstructed in the Renaissance and Neo-Gothic styles. It consists of several buildings copying the shape of the castle rock. Lunch break in **Terchova** village, trying Slovak specialties. Comfortable drive to Trencin. At leisure.

Overnight in Trencin

Total driving distance: 280km/173mi, total driving time: 3hrs 45min, walking: 1-2miles

## DAY 7

### WELCOME TO CZECHIA — LEDNICE-VALTICE - BRNO



tasty Czech cuisine, famous beers and wines.

We'll leave Slovakia behind and head towards the Czech Republic (Czechia). History joined us twice as CSR (we celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Oct 28, 2018) and CSSR (during the communist times), now, since 1993, 2 independent countries with great relationships. Get an overview of Czech history, what we (Slovaks) have in common, what is different. Try

Drive to **Lednice Chateau** - Europe's most beautiful example of the English Neo-Gothic style. Guided tour through the chateau and walking in the gardens.

We'll move to **Valtice** to see the Baroque chateau, the former residence of the Lichtenstein family. Situated in the centre of a tradition wine region, the chateau was built in stages by thirteen princes and in the 18th century the residence, with its furnishings, collections and rich inventory competed with the Imperial court in Vienna itself. Lunch break and drive to **Brno**, 2nd largest city and a capital of Moravia. As the Czechs say, this city has rhythm and drive. A great opportunity to have dinner in the Old Town. Wine bar or beer pub afterwards? Brno has it all and we know the best places.

Overnight in Brno

Total driving distance: 185km/114mi, total driving time: 2hrs 45min, walking: 1-2miles

## DAY 8

### TELC, CESKE BUDEJOVICE and CESKY KRUMLOV / 2x UNESCO sights



We'll explore a fairytale-like little town – **Telc**. It is the most perfect example of the Italian Renaissance north of the Alps and its square belongs to the most beautiful in Europe. Continue to **Ceske Budejovice** - visit of a famous brewery, uncover the brewing secrets of the world-known and unique Budweiser Budvar Premium Lager.

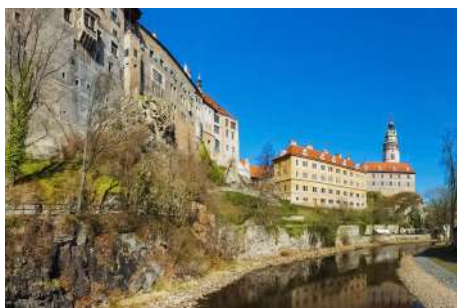
Lunch at a beerhouse restaurant. Continue to **Cesky Krumlov**. Our recommendation is to take an evening walk through the mysterious streets and enjoy the well-lid-up castle.

Overnight in Cesky Krumlov

Total driving distance: 240km/150mi, total driving time: 3hrs, walking: 1-2miles

## DAY 9

### CESKY KRUMLOV – GEM AMONG THE CZECH UNESCO SIGHTS



This morning, we'll start with a **Quality Sightseeing Walking Tour** through narrow historical streets full of late gothic, renaissance and baroque well preserved houses. The town grew up within a meander of the Vltava river, which provides a natural setting of exceptional beauty. Have you ever heard about the stone you can't find elsewhere in the world? Discover

the mystery and beauty of the jewels from space – the light green to olive brown stones called the **Moldavites**.

Walk up to the symbol of this town – castle built on the rocky cliff, take a guided tour, later walk over the bridge, take pictures from the best view points.

Optional: Museum of Egon Schiele, Museum of Moldavites,

Overnight in Cesky Krumlov

No driving, walking: 1-2miles

## DAY 10

### KARLOVY VARY – WORLD FAMOUS SPA - a city of healing springs



We'll continue with another jewel – **Karlovy Vary**, morning drive and lunch break.

Start with a **Quality Sightseeing Walking Tour** along the Promenade of Karlovy Vary, the incarnation of spa elegance, imposing colonnades, exclusive spa buildings and a wonderful layout in the heart of a forested valley.

Thanks to its unique architecture, it is one of Europe's most beautiful spas.

Did you know that Karlovy Vary has the largest concentration of hot mineral springs in the world? 15 local mineral springs are used for drinking cures.

We try different types of mineral water and, of course, we can't miss the famous chocolate, vanilla or hazel nut wafers.

Introduction of the **Grand Hotel Pupp (where you will stay overnight)**, a world-famous hotel with 3 centuries of history. The list of famous guests is never-ending; empress Maria Theresa, J.W. Goethe, Beethoven, Chopin, Paganini, famous show business people, famous movie Casino Royale with James Bond was partly filmed here. We'll visit the Museum of History of Karlovy Vary, an interesting journey back in time. Possible, to go up to observation tower Diana – enjoy breathtaking views of the spa town (possible to take a funicular).

Optional - not included in the package. Booking in advance is necessary:

1, Moser Museum of Glass (luxury bohemian traditional crystal glass with more than 150 years of history), tour through the factory to see the process of glass making

2, Jan Becher Museum – try traditional Czech high-quality herbal liquor with 200 years of history

Overnight in Karlovy Vary

Total driving distance: 240km/150mi, total driving time: 3hrs 45min, walking: 1-2miles



## DAY 11

### PRAGUE – THE CAPITAL OF CZECHIA



We'll continue to **Prague** - Mother of the cities, City of Hundred spires, Golden City or the City of Legends and Ghost stories? Which of the nicknames do you like the most? We start our journey through the history of this fascinating city with a **Quality Sightseeing Walking** tour with our local expert guide. You will get the history overview of this former imperial and royal city. Nowadays, a modern and attractive capital city. We explore the ancient streets lined with historic buildings, pass through magnificent squares such as Old town square and, of course, **the Astronomical Clock** and see the old bridge – the famous **Charles Bridge**. We'll learn about the people and of the events that have shaped the city over the past one thousand years.

Lunch break. Which of these two Czech traditional meals do you like more?  
Svíčková na smetaně – tenderloin in cream sauce with dumplings, whipped cream and cranberries or Vepřo, knedlo, zelo – roast pork, dumplings and sauerkraut?  
Continue with a sightseeing tour and free time.

Overnight in Prague

Total driving distance: 130km/80mi, total driving time: 2hrs, walking: 1-2miles

## DAY 12

### PRAGUE – PRAGUE CASTLE - the largest castle complex in the world

Stroll up to **Prague castle** along the former royal route through historical streets, cross the Charles Bridge, one of Europe's oldest stone bridges, and reach Lesser Town. Short stop to admire the most beautiful baroque church of Prague – St. Nicholas church, then, continue along the former Royal Route we come up to the Prague Castle complex to discover the major sights within.

Admire the architectural style from the medieval times up to 20<sup>th</sup> century.  
Once a seat of the Bohemian kings, nowadays a seat of the Czech president.  
Your guide brings the magnificent castle buildings to life by explaining their oft turbulent history, and their royal and presidential connections.

See the changing of the guards. We admire and visit the largest and most important church - **Saint Vitus Cathedral**, it is the dominant of Prague castle complex, many Czech rulers and important saints have their resting place here.

The beautifully decorated interior created by medieval masters is lit to perfection by the rays of sunlight which stream through the beautiful stained-glass windows. Above all make sure to view the stained-glass windows by the Czech Art Nouveau

artist Alfons Mucha. From outside, look at the imposing mosaic of the Last Judgement above the Golden Gate. We'll tell you the story.

Our ticket will allow you to visit the ancient architecture of the **Old Royal Palace** and the romanesque **Basilica of St. George** and **Golden Lane** – the tiny lane will amaze you. Legend has it that the colourful houses were inhabited by alchemists working for the emperor Rudolf II, who wanted to discover the legendary Elixir of Youth and the Philosopher's Stone. True or not, it is a special street where also world-famous Prague writer Franz Kafka worked. After enjoying stunning views of Prague, we walk down to **Lesser Town**, full of baroque-style buildings, home to government offices, embassies and foreign diplomats. Lunch break. Another great opportunity to try delicious Czech meals.

Have you seen the narrowest street with a traffic light? What about the controversial Czech artist David Cerny and his famous statues? And of course, the John Lennon wall, the graffiti covered wall, with a special history representing global ideals such as love and peace. Actually, the only place in the city where graffiti is legal

Walking back to the Old town via Manesov Bridge and visiting the Jewish Quarter (outside only). Optional (not included in the package)

Overnight in Prague  
No driving, walking: 1-2miles

## **DAY 13**

### **BONE CHURCH & KUTNA HORA / UNESCO**

We'll take a day trip to **Kutna Hora** and visit of **Sedlec Ossuary**, a small Roman-Catholic chapel located beneath the Cemetery Church of All Saints. It definitely belongs among the most unique churches in the world. From more than 40 000 human skeletons, you can admire the big chandelier of bones containing almost all human bones. Candle holders, vases, even walls are made from bones and skulls.

Creepy? Maybe, but definitely worth visiting. We move to Kutna Hora historical centre, known as the city of silver. The symbol of Kutna Hora is the unique late gothic **Cathedral of St. Barbara**, founded as a miner's church, dedicated to patron saints of miners. Lunch break and drive back to Prague.

Overnight in Prague  
Total driving distance: 170km/105mi, total driving time: 2hrs 15min, walking: 1-2miles

## **DAY 14**

### **FAREWELL and DEPARTURE**

Your memorable holiday comes to an end today.  
We are ready to arrange for you an airport transfer for discounted rates.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

SLOVAKIA - 5 UNESCO World Heritage sights

- ✓ Admire the charming hilly town of Banska Stiavnica
- ✓ Hronsek wooden church
- ✓ Vlkolinec mountain village – a unique colorful village
- ✓ Levoca town and Spiss castle including Spiss chapter and Zehra church
- ✓ Orava castle, Orava open air museum
- ✓ Bratislava – the beauty on the Danube river
- ✓ The High Tatra National Parks – national pride with highest peaks
- ✓ Enjoying gastronomical delights in Koliba restaurants
- ✓ drinks desserts and of course plum brandy Slivovica or Tatra tea
- ✓ Watching local craftsmen & artists

CZECH REPUBLIC – 5x UNESCO World Heritage sights

- ✓ Prague – an absolute gem
- ✓ Telc town – a gem among the Czech towns
- ✓ Cesky Krumlov – another magnificent town
- ✓ Karlovy Vary Spa town,
- ✓ Lednice-Valtice complex
- ✓ Trying the healing water in Karlove Vary
- ✓ Sedlec Ossuary, little chapel known as a Bone church
- ✓ Enjoying Czech gastronomical specialties, Beer or Wine what do you prefer?

## WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED

**Meals:** 13x Breakfast, 1x Welcome drink

1x Home-made welcome dinner at Peter & Jane's house (including wine tasting)

**Overnights:** 4star carefully selected first class hotels (2x 5star hotels – Grandezza in Brno and legendary Grand Pupp in Karlove Vary)

VAT tax (Value Added Tax), local city tax

**Top Local Tour guides:** 1x Prague, 1x Bratislava

**Guide-driver** - full time, professional & passionate team member from Best Slovakia Tours – Travel Company)

**Transportation:** luxury van Mercedes Benz Vclass (1-7 travelers), Mercedes Benz Sprinter (8-18 travelers), Setra 30 or 50 seaters (from our partner bus agency)

**Entrances to the top sights in Slovakia:**

Devin castle

Old & New castle in Banska Stiavnica

Hronsek wooden church

Vlkolinec village

St. James church and Museum in Levoca

Spiss castle, Zehra, Spiss Chapter

Orava castle

Museum of Orava village

### Entrances to the top sights in Czechia:

Valtice-Lednice complex

Ceske Budejovice Beer tour, Cesky Krumlov castle

Karlove Vary – Museum

Prague – St. Vitus cathedral, Old royal palace, St. George church, Golden lane entry

Kutna Hora – Ossuary Sedlec (bone church)

Map of Slovakia and Czechia, Information material, Brochures, Photos of Your Holiday

## 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 drink & welcome dinner), cable car tickets, souvenirs, gratuities to Guide-driver (optional), Anything not mentioned in included

## EXPERIENCE MORE

Would you like to upgrade to 5star category?

Bratislava – boutique Hotel Marrols



Strbske Pleso – Grand Kempinski



Prague – Four Seasons





## AVAILABILITY AND PRICES - TRAVEL SEASON 2024

Our prices are fair, attractive with high value to our clients

Group of 2 travelers:	€ 4650.00 per person
Group of 4 travelers:	€ 3550.00 per person
Group of 6 travelers:	€ 2950.00 per person

## IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- \* 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 €650.00
- \* Generally, this tour is available for travelers on wheelchair (and with other physical limitations), however, some sights might not be accessible (castles)

## TOUR REVIEWS

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