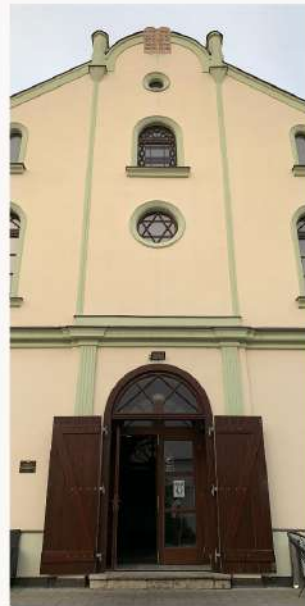


# PRIVATE SLOVAKIA JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR

## 2024

### NEW ITINERARY





## ABOUT THIS TRIP

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

Enjoy the Private Jewish Heritage Tour of Slovakia – this tour specializes on Jewish Heritage in Slovakia. We'll pre-arrange the visits of synagogues with local specialists and will be ready to give you a comprehensive tour focused on Jewish Heritage in Slovakia.

Fall in love with our lovely, peaceful, friendly and yet not crowded Slovakia.



### **Tripadvisor's Certificate of Excellence Awards**

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, 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 and ends in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia  
Fly to/from Vienna Schwechat airport / Austria (recommended)

## DAY 1

### WELCOME TO SLOVAKIA



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.

Overnight in Bratislava at the Boutique Hotel Arcadia\*\*\*\*

## DAY 2

### JEWISH HERITAGE IN BRATISLAVA



We'll start your private tour with a professional local guide specialized in Jewish Heritage and visit the Memorial of Chatam Sofer (Rabbi Moshe Schreiber) who was a renowned rabbi and scholar. The memorial is often visited by Orthodox pilgrims from around the world. We'll visit with the Museum of Jewish Culture, then, we'll continue with the walking on Zidovska ulica (Jewish street). Then, we'll continue with a walking tour down the Zidovska ulica (Jewish street) and learn more about the Neolog Synagogue.

Lunch break and Quality Walking Tour to see the highlights of the Old Town such as the **Hviezdoslav Square**, a prominent 18<sup>th</sup> century square surrounded by stunning palaces, **the Slovak National Theatre** and **the Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra**, **the St. Martin's Cathedral** - the coronation place of 18 rulers, including famous Austro-Hungarian empress Maria Theresa. We'll 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.

Overnight in Bratislava at the Boutique Hotel Arcadia\*\*\*\*



## DAY 3

### JEWISH HERITAGE IN TRNAVA AND NITRA



We'll drive to Trnava town, in the medieval times, a significant centre of a Jewish life and visit the 19th century Status Quo Ante Synagogue, built in the Moorish-Byzantine style. The synagogue was heavily devastated in WW II. It has been beautifully reconstructed. The synagogue is no longer active and today it is a center of contemporary art and hosts a number of exhibitions and concerts.

We'll also visit a former Orthodox synagogue called „small synagogue“, its reconstruction to a new socio-cultural use, despite not serving its original function, is still a quite unique achievement, especially considering the marginal number of restorations of Jewish monuments in Slovakia. In 2010, it received an award for the most beautiful sacral building in Slovakia.



On the way to Nitra town, we'll stop in Museum of Holocaust in Sered, created on the site of the former labour and

concentration camp, represents an authentic location that is linked to the tragic era of the *solution of the Jewish question in Slovakia* during World War II.

The museum exhibits period documents, photographs, and items related to the persecution of Jews in Slovakia. Then, we'll continue to Nitra synagogue, built between 1910 – 1911 according to the project of L. Baumhorn, designer of many other monumental synagogues across the former Hungarian Kingdom. Nitra town for centuries belonged to the most significant centres of Jewish life in Slovakia. The very first mention of the Jews in this territory is from the 12th century.

Today, the synagogue is no longer an active synagogue, but it serves as a concert and exhibition hall in Nitra town. Drive to Trencin.

Overnight in Trencin at the Hotel Elisabeth\*\*\*\*

## DAY 4

### JEWISH HERITAGE IN TRENCIN and LIPTOVSKY MIKULAS



We'll visit the Trenčín Synagogue, which belongs to the most exquisite and interesting works of its type in Slovakia. It was built close to an earlier synagogue. In 1913, a Trenčín construction firm, Fuchs and Niegreis, based on the blueprints of a Berlin architect, Dr. Richard Scheibner, carried out the construction, then, a short walking tour to see the city highlights. Drive to Liptovsky Mikulas town, where we'll visit a synagogue built in 1842–46, and it assumed its present form

after extensive reconstruction in 1906 under the project of architect Lipót Baumhorn from Budapest. The reconstruction resulted in an interesting combination of the original classicistic

exterior and a lavishly decorated secession interior. It does not fulfill its original purposes anymore. Drive to Bardejov.

Overnight in Bardejov at the Hotel pod Branou\*\*\*\*

## DAY 5

### JEWISH HERITAGE IN BARDEJOV, PRESOV and KOSICE



We'll start with the visit of **Jewish Suburbium** – the most prominent site of Jewish heritage in Bardejov, served as the spiritual and communal center of the once-vibrant Jewish community of Bardejov from the turn of 18th century until the early 1900s.

Then, we'll do the short walking tour in the heart of Bardejov town to see the highlights of this unique medieval town.

Drive to Presov, Slovakia's 3rd biggest city. We'll enter the

Orthodox synagogue, built in 1898 by the building firm Kollacsek and Wirth. The richly decorated interiors with a fully preserved inventory are among the most attractive. The synagogue in Presov is one of the best-preserved buildings of its kind in Slovakia. Nowadays it's a museum of Jewish culture. Drive to Kosice.

Overnight in Kosice

## DAY 6

### JEWISH HERITAGE IN LUCENEC > DRIVE TO BRATISLAVA



We'll leave Eastern Slovakia and head towards Bratislava with a stop in Lucenec town where we'll visit an impressive neolog synagogue (by Hungarian architect Leopold Baumhorn).

There are 4 exactly the same looking synagogues in the world, in Amsterdam, in Brusell and Tel Avive. Today, it does not serve as a synagogue anymore, and it is used for exhibitions.

Drive to Bratislava and free late-afternoon.

\*) Leopold Baumhorn was a Hungarian architect of Jewish heritage, the most influential Hungarian synagogue architect in the first half of the 20th century.

Overnight in Bratislava

## DAY 7

### 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

- ✓ Synagogues and Jewish Heritage sights in Slovakia
- ✓ Taste all gastronomical delights in traditional Slovak Koliba restaurants
- ✓ Local specialists in Jewish Heritage in Slovakia
- ✓ Enjoy first class Guide-driver services and local tour experts on Jewish Heritage

## WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED

**Meals:** 6x Breakfast

**Accommodation:** 4star carefully selected hotels, VAT tax (value added tax), local city tax

**Tour guides:** Top Guide-driver

**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:**

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Refreshment on board (sparkling and still mineral water)  
information material, brochures

## WHAT IS EXCLUDED

Flights to/from Slovakia

Return airport transfers (ask and get the special rate), Meals and drinks

Travel insurance, personal expenses, cable car tickets, souvenirs

Gratuities to Guide-driver (optional), any services not listed above as "Included"

## AVAILABILITY AND PRICES - TRAVEL SEASON 2024

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

**Group of 2 travelers: € 2850.00 per person**

**Group of 4 travelers: € 2250.00 per person**

**Group of 6 travelers: € 1950.00 per person**

Price is per person with minimum of 2 travelers

## IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

\* During the low season, 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 €550.00

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

## TOUR REVIEWS

Read about us on the world's largest travel site – on Tripadvisor. Best Slovakia Tours is dedicated to the best service quality and this is reflected year after year when TripAdvisor awards us with their Certificate of Excellence.



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