



# GRAND TOUR OF SLOVAKIA 2025

NEW ITINERARY. PREMIUM LUXURY EXPERIENCE.





## ABOUT THIS TRIP

11 DAYS / 1 COUNTRY / 6 UNESCO SIGHTS / LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: EASY

Enjoy the Premium Grand Tour of Slovakia – the luxury way of traveling. Stroll the Old town of lovely Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Admire the green and untouched countryside full of national parks. Visit with us all the highlights and discover out-of-the-beaten-tracks, medieval towns with fortification walls, majestic castles and their stories and legends, wooden churches, UNESCO sights, see local craftsmen and learn from them. Enjoy gastronomical delights in Koliba traditional restaurants full of genuine tasty Slovak meals, drinks and desserts. Try excellent Slovak wine. Let us pamper you, plunge into the wellness sphere and enjoy undisturbed moments. Fall in love with our lovely, peaceful, friendly and yet not crowded Slovakia.

**All entrances to the top sights are already included in the tour price.**

**Overnights are in 4-star lovely hotels (in the heart of the cities and High Tatra mountains)**

**Our top priority is 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 take care of your highest comfort, the attention to detail, your safety, your special requests and that your tour is enjoyable and memorable.

**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 the history of Slovakia with excellent English skills, driving skills, a strong personal touch with a 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 personal cars Skoda Superb** (1-3 travelers), **luxury vans Mercedes Benz V class** (4-7 travelers). They offer the highest possible comfort and safety. Enjoy our luxury suites on the wheels. For larger groups, our partner agency offers Setra buses (30 and 50 seaters).

**All our vehicles are non-smoking, without any car perfumes and hand washed by our team to guarantee you the most enjoyable ride.**



Peter & Janka 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)

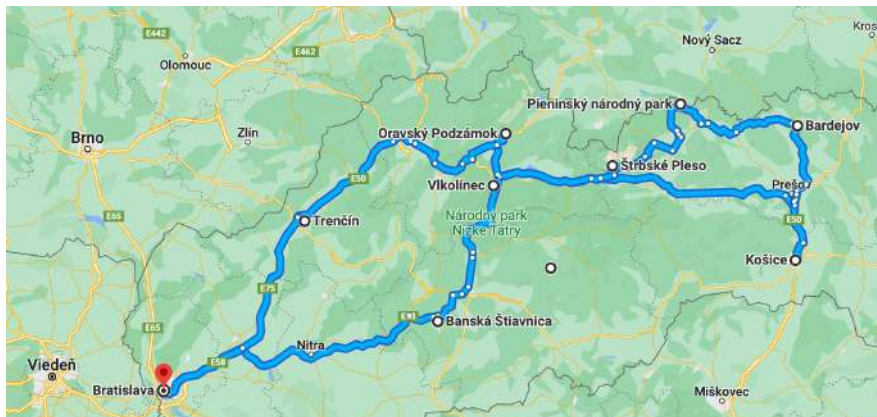
Tour ends in Bratislava

Fly out from Vienna Schwechat airport / Austria (recommended)

(in case you would prefer a different airport (Prague or Budapest), we will drive you comfortably to the airport / destination you request)

## ROUTE / TOTAL of 1385km / 860miles

Start and end of the tour: Bratislava – the capital of Slovakia



### 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.

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

### DISCOVER PICTURESQUE BANSKA STIAVNICA



After 2 hours of scenic drive crossing the rolling Danube plains, we'll enter one of the most beautiful Slovak towns – **Banska Stiavnica**. It is like stepping into 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, the heart of the Old town and 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. Tasty lunch

break at the restaurant Monarchia (home-made specialties) or enjoy lunch and famous beer at the restaurant ERB (microbrewery and fine dining). A short stop to see a hidden jewel, the wooden

articular church **Hronsek**, listed on UNESCO World Heritage). We'll continue to **Banska Bystrica** – the 6<sup>th</sup> largest Slovak city and geographical centre of Slovakia. A short introduction tour around the main square to see the highlights. There is a saying "while alive in Banska Bystrica, after death in heaven".

Overnight in Banska Bystrica

Total driving distance: 225km/139mi, total driving time: 2hrs 30min, walking: 1mile

## DAY 4

### ADMIRE 3 UNESCO JEWELS - VLKOLINEC, MEDIEVAL LEVOCA & SPISS CASTLE



Visit the **Museum of the Slovak National Uprising** (open-air museum and a permanent exhibition of WW2), then we'll drive to **Vlkolinec** mountain village (UNESCO), famous for its colourful wooden houses. Go back in time and see how people used to live two centuries ago. Enjoy the stunning views of the National Park Velka Fatra.



Lunch break in a charming medieval town **Levoca**. It is undoubtedly a cultural and historical jewel among Slovak towns. Enter the Roman-Catholic **Church of St. James** from the 14th century and admire its tallest wooden wing gothic altar in the world, a masterpiece by Master Paul of Levoca.

On our way to **Kosice** we'll admire the mighty **Spiss Castle**, built on a dolomite rock. It is one of the largest castle ruins in Central Europe.

Drive through **Spisska Kapitula**, also known as "Slovak Vatikan" (outside). Continue to Kosice.

Overnight in Kosice

Total driving distance: 250km/155mi, total driving time: 3hrs 15min, walking: 1-2miles

## DAY 5, EXPERIENCE KOSICE CITY - CULTURAL CAPITAL OF 2013



We'll bring you the rich history of **Kosice** to life on our quality sightseeing walking tour around the spectacular Old Town. Enter **St. Elizabeth's Cathedral**, considered to be one of the most beautiful gothic structures in the world, admire **St. Michael's Chapel**, the State Theatre, the St. Urbain's Tower and visit the Lane of Arts and Crafts. Relax in a park with the famous singing fountain. Enjoy a free afternoon.

**Optional trip (not included):** Dinner & wine tasting in Tokaj wine region (1hr 15min drive), roasted duck, dumplings, red cabbage followed by the wine tasting of 6 different wines, price: EUR 100 pp

Overnight in Kosice

## DAY 6 KOSICE > HERVARTOV WOODEN CHURCH & BARDEJOV / UNESCO



Time to discover the fabulous **Saris region**, we'll drive to the village **Hervartov** to see the unique wooden Roman-Catholic church of **St. Francis of Assisi** from the 15th century.

Drive to **Bardejov Spa**, trying the healing water. It was a place where prominent European rulers and personalities spent some time, among the most famous belong the empress Elisabeth, known as Sissi. Try the healing water from eight springs; Main, Medical, Claire, Elisabeth, Napoleon, Francis, Hercules and Alexander.

Next to the Spa resort there is **the oldest open-air museum in Slovakia**. Let's go back to the life of the 19th-20<sup>th</sup> century of the Slovaks and Rusyns. Walk into the houses of peasants, middle class, mayor's house, then we'll come back to Bardejov. We'll start with **Quality Sightseeing Tour in the heart of Bardejov town** to see the highlights - **Town Hall's square**, gothic **St. Egidius Church**, climb the church tower with its fantastic view of the former fortification walls around the city.

Optional visits: Museum of History of Bardejov, Museum of Icons, Jewish Suburbia visit

Overnight in Bardejov

Total driving distance: 95km/59mi, total driving time: 1hrs 30min, walking: 1 -2miles



## DAY 7, JOURNEY TO PIENINY NATIONAL PARK



Today, we'll discover the **Pieniny National Park** and do calm-water rafting on wooden boats\* It is an incredibly charming, green area where the river Dunajec creates a natural border between Poland and Slovakia. The ride takes 1 hour 15min on a calm river. Lunch in the Goral region, trying Goral meals and drinks. Stop in the former **Red Monastery** where two different types of monks used to live. \*) The alternative program is a walking tour to 3 Crown hill.

Drive to the majestic High Tatra mountains.

Overnight in Strbske Pleso

Total driving distance: 160km/99mi, total driving time: 2hrs 30min, walking: 1-2miles

## DAY 8, UNCOVER THE BEAUTY OF OUR HIGH TATRA 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.



Dinner at the traditional Slovak Koliba style restaurant where you can try all tasty Slovak meals and drinks.

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 – the Belianska cave (tickets not included)

Overnight in Strbske Pleso

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

## DAY 9 SPECTACULAR ORAVA REGION



We'll discover another wonderful region of Slovakia – the **Orava region**. A visit of open-air Museum of Orava village will give you a picture of how people used to live in the past. It is a wonderfully located "skanzen" in the western part of the Tatra mountains.

We'll continue to visit the famous, mighty fortress – **the Orava Castle**, situated high on the rock above the river Orava. It definitely belongs to one of the greatest attractions of northern Slovakia. Get an interesting history overview, myths and legends.



Drive to **Trencin**. Enjoy a short walking tour around the recently reconstructed city centre and the Trencin castle situated right above the Old town.

Overnight in Trencin

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

## DAY 10, FAIRY-TALE CICMANY VILLAGE and BOJNICE CHATEAU



Driving back to Bratislava through scenic countryside with a stop in a fairy-tale **Cicmany village**, famous for wooden houses painted with white ornaments.

We'll continue to **Bojnice** town to admire the most romantic **Chateau Bojnice**, rated in 2017 as one of the 10 most beautiful castles in the world according to the National Geographic magazine. Guided tour through the fully furnished rooms, the Golden Hall, the Chapel, the Grand Hall, the Blue and Green saloon and more.



Which room is your favorite? Lunch and comfortable drive to Bratislava.

Overnight in Bratislava

Total driving distance: 260km/161mi, total driving time: 3hrs 45min, walking: 1-2miles



## DAY 11

### FAREWELL and DEPARTURE

Your memorable private Slovakia Tour comes to an end today. We'll pick you up from your hotel and drive you to the airport (**included**)



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

6 UNESCO World Heritage sights

- ✓ Admire the charming hilly town of Banska Stiavnica
- ✓ Enjoy breath-taking views of Vlkolinec village
- ✓ Admire Levoca's highest, wooden wing, gothic altar of the world
- ✓ Discover the Spiss castle, Spiss chapter and Zehra church
- ✓ Immerse yourself into Bardejov, the best preserved medieval town
- ✓ Try the healing water in Bardejov SPA and visit the open-air museum
- ✓ Uncover the Hervartov wooden church
- ✓ Stroll around Bratislava's charming old town
- ✓ Experience the mighty Orava castle with its stories and legends
- ✓ Explore Cicmany fairy-tale village and its painted wooden houses
- ✓ Feel like a count in the most romantic chateau Bojnice
- ✓ Enjoy the High Tatra National Park
- ✓ Taste all gastronomical delights in traditional Slovak Koliba restaurants
- ✓ Enjoy first class Guide-driver services

## WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED

**Meals:** 10x Breakfast, 1x Welcome drink, 1x Welcome dinner by Peter & Jane's house

**Accommodation:** first class 4star carefully selected hotels

Including VAT (value added tax)

City tax (mandatory local tax charged per person per night)

**Tour guides:** professional, licensed tour guide/driver-translator

**Transportation:** 1-3 travelers – new, luxury personal car Skoda Superb (A/C, comfortable seats), 4-7 travelers - new 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 Banska Stiavnica, Hronsek articular wooden church, Museum of SNP

St. James church in Levoca  
Spiss castle  
Vlkolinec mountain village  
Hervartov wooden church  
Open air museum Bardejov  
Cicmany museum  
Bojnice chateau  
Refreshment on board (sparkling and still mineral water)  
Map of Bratislava and Slovakia, information material, brochures

Transfer from Hotel to the airport

## WHAT IS EXCLUDED

Flights to/from Slovakia  
Airport to Hotel transfer (please let us know where you fly to and we'll pick you up)  
Meals and drinks  
Travel insurance, personal expenses, cable car tickets, souvenirs  
Gratuities to Guide-driver (optional), any services not listed above as "Included"



## EXPERIENCE MORE

Ask for an upgrade to 5\* hotels

BRATISLAVA - Hotel Marrols



STRBSKE PLESO Grand Hotel Kempinski



## AVAILABILITY AND PRICES - TRAVEL SEASON 2025

All season. 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: € 3850.00 per person**

**Group of 4 travelers: € 2690.00 per person**

**Group of 6 travelers: € 2550.00 per person**

**Group of 7 travelers: € 2490.00 per person**

**Group of 8 travelers: € 2450.00 per person**

\*) we'll use a large van Mercedes Benz Sprinter 9-seater

## 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 €590.00

\* 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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