



SLOVAK ANCESTRY TOUR 2025

Travel dates: May 13 – 20, 2025



Welcome to Slovakia! Vitajte na Slovensku!
*Come and discover with us fascinating history,
cultural heritage and beauty of nature on a guided tour
with Michal and Peter, native Slovak, professional tour guides*

ABOUT THIS TOUR

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

Enjoy the unique tour around Slovakia with 2 professional, native Slovak tour guides they will be with you on the entire tour.

Michal Razus, professional genealogist and tour guide who lives and works in Eastern Slovakia's city of Presov, and **Peter Blazicek**, expert tour guide who was born and grew up in Bratislava, now lives just few steps away in a small village Limbach in the Little Carpathians.

We both have more than 17 years of travel experiences, welcomed and guided thousands of travelers around Slovakia.

We'll introduce you the entire Slovakia, its regions, together we'll discover the highlights as well as out-of-the-beaten-tracks, medieval towns with fortification walls, majestic castles and their stories and legends, wooden churches, and various UNESCO sights.

As the Slovak Ancestry Tour is focused on Slovak-Americans with their roots in Slovakia, especially worth is a visit of the unique **Museum of Emigration** (from Slovakia to Northern America) nicknamed as Kasigarda, where we'll meet the founder & owner, Mr. Martin Javor, a historian and professor at the University of Presov.

Eastern Slovakia has many jewels, and we visit **Bardejov** town (Unesco World Heritage), the 500-year old wooden **Church Saint Francis of Assisi**, **Tokaj wine Region** and its dessert wines

Enjoy gastronomical delights in **Koliba traditional restaurant** full of genuine tasty Slovak meals, drinks and desserts.

Fall in love with Slovakia. The lovely, peaceful, friendly and yet not crowded country of your ancestors.

We both are responsible for the exceptional quality of the tour and our goal is to make your tour meaningful, lovely with life-long memories.

YOUR TOUR ITINERARY

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)

DAY 1, Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Bratislava – Modra - Trnava - Banská Štiavnica



We'll start our journey with a visit of an old vineyard town Modra, located in lovely Little Carpathias. A short history overview and visit of Modra's ceramic factory (**Modranska majolika**) where you'll see the process of making hand-made, hand-painted precious ceramics with folks motives. You can stop by the gift shop to buy some unique, Made in Slovakia souvenirs.

Drive to **Trnava**, city nicknamed as a „Little Rome“ for many churches and a rich history. A short walking tour to see the highlights, visit the **Cathedral** and continue through the rolling Danube plains to the 14th century mining town of **Banská Štiavnica**, nestled in a richly-forested valley. After the lunch break, we'll start with a walking tour to see the highlights, such as **Old Castle**, the **Holy Trinity** square surrounded by spectacular renaissance houses.

Welcome dinner at beautiful 4 Sochy restaurant, fine dining with home-made specialties (**included**).

Overnight in Banska Stiavnica

AY 2, Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Orava castle – Open air museum – High Tatra Mountains



In the morning, we'll travel through the beautiful landscapes of the NP Mala Fatra, stopping to visit the majestic fortress - **Orava Castle**. Orava folk music and dance will entertain us during lunch (**included**) at a typical Koliba, shepherd's restaurant. In the afternoon, we'll stroll through the 19th century **Museum of Orava Village** to see what village life was like when many of our ancestors left Slovakia. Driving through the picturesque Liptovska Mara lake region.

We'll arrive at the Hotel Lomnica in the heart of the Tatry Mountains to relax and watch the sun set on the mountains.

Overnight in Tatranska Lomnica, High Tatra Mountains

DAY 3, Thursday, May 15, 2025

High Tatra Mountains – Pieniny national park – Bardejov / UNESCO



Enjoy the beauty of the Tatra Mountains by taking a cable car (tickets not included) from Tatranska Lomnica to Skalnaté Pleso. The views are magnificent.

We'll drive to **National Park Pieniny**, where you'll start rafting on wooden logs on the calm Dunajec river. You'll relax, listen to interesting stories and legends and enjoy the spectacular views of the canyons. Drive to **Bardejov**, a UNESCO World Heritage town.

Let's go for an afternoon walking tour in this best-preserved medieval town.

Overnight in Bardejov

DAY 4, Friday, May 16, 2025

Wooden Church St. Francis of Assisi - Košice



Our first stop is in a little village Hervartov, to see a unique, 500-year-old wooden **Roman-Catholic Church of St. Francis of Assisi**.

We'll enjoy a guided walking tour of Košice's well-preserved historic center and spectacular sights such as **Saint Elisabeth Cathedral**, **Saint Michael Chapel**, **City Park with a Singing fountain**, **Lane of Arts**. Afternoon free to shop and explore the thriving downtown of Slovakia's second-largest city. Since many of our Slovak American ancestors came from Eastern Slovakia, this is a day we help travelers arrange for guides to visit their families or family villages.

Optional personal family and village visits can be arranged.

Overnight in Kosice

DAY 5, Saturday, May 17, 2025

Eastern Slovakia – Museum Kassigarda – Tokaj wine region



We'll drive to the **Museum of Emigration** where we'll be welcomed by the founder and owner, Mr. Martin Javor who will share an interesting history of this museum.

The name of the Museum – Kasigarda is a Slovak crumb of the English Castle Garden, the main gate of the immigration office in New York, which every immigrant had to go through. "Kasigarda" accurately reflects the phenomenon of

emigration. Illiteracy, ignorance of language, hardship, stress, disappointment, but above all, the hope that Kasigard represented for many of our ancestors.

We'll move to the famous **Tokaj Wine Region** where we start with a tasty lunch – roasted duck breasts, red cabbage and dumplings followed by a wine tasting in the wine cellar (tasty lunch and 10 samples of Tokaj wines are **included**). French King Louis XIV did a remark about Tokaj wine varieties - "Vinum Regum, Rex Vinorum", Wine of Kings, King of Wines. Drive back to Kosice and on your own.

Overnight in Kosice

DAY 6, Sunday, May 18, 2025

Spiss castle - Levoca - Bratislava



Leaving Košice, we'll start the trip back to Bratislava through the rolling hills and valleys of the Spiš region with stops along the way. We'll explore the ruins of the majestic **Spiss Castle**, one of the largest castle ruins in Europe. Short stop in medieval **Levoca town** to see the tallest wooden wing gothic altar in the world. We'll have lunch at a Salas, a traditional shepherd's farm. We'll arrive in Slovakia's capital city on the Danube in time to enjoy the charm of the Old City by night and settle into the old world

elegance of the Hotel Radisson Blu Carlton, in the center of the Old City.

Overnight in Bratislava

DAY 7, Monday, May 19, 2025

Bratislava – the Beauty on the Danube river



Fall in love with Slovakia's capital Bratislava with a morning guided walking tour. We'll also travel by bus for panoramic views of the majestic Danube from medieval **Devin Castle** where we'll learn about the Communist Czechoslovakia, 'Iron Curtain' and daily life under the Communism.

Our last stop will be the **Bratislava Castle** scenic overview for views of the city and Bratislava's long history. The afternoon will be free time to explore Bratislava's narrow central streets and lovely plazas for shopping or people-watching, and stroll the Danube promenade to watch the ships and barges along this busy waterway.

Farewell Dinner in the Old town (**included**)

Overnight in Bratislava

DAY 8, Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Farewell to our Slovak Ancestry - Travel Friends

Dovidenia priatelia a ďakujeme za návštevu Slovenska! Good bye friends and thank you for coming to Slovakia.

We'll organize for you an airport transfer. Please let us know your departure flight details.



HIGHLIGHTS OF SLOVAK ANCESTRY TOUR

UNESCO World Heritage sights

- ✓ Admire the charming hilly town of Banska Stiavnica
- ✓ Admire Levoca's highest, wooden wing, gothic altar of the world and Museum of Master Paul
- ✓ Discover the Spiss castle
- ✓ Immerse yourself in Bardejov's rich history as it is the best preserved medieval town
- ✓ Stroll around Bratislava's charming old town, Bratislava and Devin castle
- ✓ Experience the mighty Orava castle with its stories and legends
- ✓ Kassigarda - Museum of Emigration
- ✓ Tokaj wine region – dinner & wine tasting in the Tokaj wine cellars
- ✓ Enjoy the High Tatra National Park
- ✓ Taste all gastronomical delights in traditional Slovak Koliba restaurants
- ✓ Enjoy first class Tour guides Michal, Peter and Bus Driver

WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED

Meals: Breakfast, Welcome dinner, Tokaj wine tasting & dinner, 1x Lunch and 1x Farewell dinner

Accommodation: first class 4star carefully selected hotels, VAT tax (value added tax), local city tax
5star hotel in Banska Stiavnica and 5star hotel in the Tatras

Tour guide: professional, native Slovak tour guides Michal and Peter

Transportation: Setra 50 seaters (from our partner bus agency) or smaller Mercedes Benz Sprinter 20-seater (if there will be a group of 10-14)

Entrances to the top sights:

Old castle Banska Stiavnica

Orava castle, Museum of Orava village

Museum in Levoca and Church of St. James

Spiss castle, Bardejov – St. Egidius, Hervartov Wooden Church, Kosice – St. Elisabeth Cathedral

Kassigarda museum, Wine Tasting in Tokaj wine region (wine & cheese plates)

Rafting on Dunajec river

Refreshment on board (sparkling and still mineral water)

Map of Bratislava and Slovakia, information material, brochures

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

Flights to/from Slovakia

Return airport transfers (we can arrange it for the best possible rate)

Meals and drinks (unless stated otherwise)

Medical and Travel insurance, personal expenses, cable car tickets, souvenirs

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

BANSKA STIAVNICA	Check in	Check out	Room type	# Rooms	# Nights	
Hotel ERB****	Tue, 13 May 2025	Wed, 14 May 2025	double	10	1	

[Boutique Hotel Erb](#), Radnicne nam 14/A, 969 01 Banska Stiavnica, Slovakia

Score on Booking.com: 9.7 (exceptional), room size: 25m2 (ft), location in the heart of the Old town

HIGH TATRAS	Check in	Check out	Room type	# Rooms	# Nights	
Hotel Lomnica*****	Wed, 14 May 2025	Thu, 15 May 2025	double	10	1	

[Hotel Lomnica](#), Tatranska Lomnica 92, 059 60, High Tatras, Slovakia

Score on Booking.com: 9.5 (exceptional), room size: 25m2 (ft), location in the heart of the Tatra mountains

BARDEJOV	Check in	Check out	Room type	# Rooms	# Nights	
Hotel Pod Branou***	Thu, 15 May 2025	Fri, 16 May 2025	double	10	1	

[Hotel pod Branou](#), Hviezdoslavova 1, 085 01 Bardejov, Slovakia

Score on Booking.com: 8.9 (excellent), room size: 22m2 (ft), location in the heart of the Old town

KOSICE	Check in	Check out	Room type	# Rooms	# Nights	
Double Tree Hilton****	Fri, 16 May 2025	Sun, 18 May 2025	double	10	2	

[Double Tree Hilton](#), Hlavna 1, Kosice, 040 01, Slovakia

Score on Booking.com: 8.9 (excellent), room size: 21m2 (ft), location in the heart of the Old town

BRATISLAVA	Check in	Check out	Room type	# Rooms	# Nights	
Hotel Radisson****	Sun, 18 May 2025	Tue, 20 May 2025	double	10	2	

[Hotel Radisson Blu Bratislava](#), Hviezdoslavovo nam 3, 811 02 Bratislava, Slovakia

Score on Booking.com: 9.0 (wonderful), room size: 29m2 (ft), location in the heart of the Old town

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All prices are per person sharing twin/double room

Extra bed possible for a surcharge, single supplement for a surcharge of \$625

PRICE INFORMATION

TOTAL BOOKING PRICE

Price per person	USD 3150
Total price	USD 3150

METHOD OF PAYMENT

To secure the reservation we require \$500 as an advance payment.

Deposit: \$500

Bank wire transfer to our company's account

Online payment via PayPal (we'll send you a PayPal link to execute the payment). PayPal fee is 5.5% or Stripe with 3.5% fee, Wise transfer

Balance: \$2,650

Due to 60 days prior to departure (latest until March 13, 2025) via bank wire, or PayPal with 5.5% fee, Stripe with 3.5% fee, Wise transfer

BANK DETAILS

Bank name:	Tatra Banka, a.s. (official website of Tatra Bank: here)
Bank address:	Hodzovo square 3, 850 05 Bratislava, Slovakia
Account name:	Best Slovakia Tours, s.r.o.
Account number (IBAN):	SK1811000000002622862720
SWIFT (BIC) code:	TATRSKBX

Bank charges pays PAYER

CANCELLATION POLICY

25% of the total tour price – if the contract is cancelled more than 35 days before the tour begins

30% of the total tour price – if the contract is cancelled btw 34 - 31 days before the tour begins

50% of the total tour price – if the contract is cancelled btw 30-21 days before the tour begins

80% of the total tour price – if the contract is cancelled btw 20-16 days before the tour begins

100% of the total tour price if the contract is cancelled less than 15 days before the tour begins

[read terms & conditions](#)

INCOMING TRAVEL AGENCY & TOUR OPERATOR

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VEHICLES

We'll use luxury Setra bus 50 seater from our partner's agency equipped with comfortable & adjustable seats, lots of space for all passengers, mineral water (carbonated and still) daily on board.

