

SLOVAKIA HERITAGE TOUR 2026





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A NOTE FROM THE CEO & FOUNDER OF BEST SLOVAKIA TOURS – TRAVEL COMPANY

My name is Peter and I was born and grew up in Czechoslovakia (1973). After the fall of communism (1989), I started traveling with my parents, one of my first western European countries were Switzerland, France and Austria. I found traveling as fascinating.

Slovakia was always for me a country where I spent my summer and winter holidays, especially in the spectacular Tatra mountains.

In 2006, I was on a tour with friends and was happy to organize a holiday around Slovakia for small group. And here an idea was born, how to put together my love to my homeland Slovakia, traveling, fascination of learning foreign languages (I do tours in English, German, Spanish, Italian), being with people and sharing vast history knowledge with new people from different countries.

Year later (2007), I established an incoming travel agency based in Bratislava – the capital of Slovakia and started offering private tours around Slovakia and later – around the neighboring countries. From the very beginning, I wanted to focus on the highest quality with attention to details. We created a team of 10 top guide-drivers and we offer day trips, multi-day trips as well as very long tours (14+ days) in Central Europe.

In 2014, my wife Jane joined us and she works full time as an office manager. She also loves Slovakia, traveling and discovering new destinations. She joins us on some tours in Slovakia and other destinations such as Berlin, Krakow, Florence, Milano, Slovenia & Croatia, Romania.

After a longer break caused by travel restrictions, 2020-2021 and partly also in 2022, we are fully back in the travel business. In 2022, we celebrated 15 years of our travel agency. We are proud that our travelers describe working with us as fabulous with 5*star services.

We are getting excited and ready for Travel Season 2026.



We offer you the opportunity to see, taste and experience this hidden gem of Europe – Slovakia.

We believe you will fall in love with Slovakia

Peter Blazicek & Jane Blazicek
CEO and founder Office manager

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)

ROUTE / TOTAL of 1350km / 838miles

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



DAY 1, Fri, September 11, 2026

Bratislava – Banská Štiavnica – Banská Bystrica

Our Slovakia Heritage adventure begins at the Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel (meeting) for our morning drive through the rolling Danube plains to the 14th century mining town of Banská Štiavnica, nestled in a richly-forested valley. We'll walk through the lovely Old Town, visit the Old castle and have a tasty lunch. In the late afternoon, we'll settle into the Hotel Kuria, in the quaint city of Banská Bystrica. In the evening, we'll gather for our Welcome Dinner (included) which will feature a special fujara performance. A uniquely Slovak shepherd's flute, the fujara has been named to the UNESCO cultural heritage list.

Overnight in Banska Bystrica

DAY 2, Sat, September 12, 2026

Spania Dolina – Banská Bystrica – Harvest Market Festival

In the morning, we'll step back in time in the ancient mining and lacemaking village of Špania Dolina, in the hills just outside of Banská Bystrica. We'll walk the village and forested lanes (at your pace) and visit the mining and lacemaking museums. The afternoon will be yours to enjoy the 400-year old Harvest Market Festival which fills the Banská Bystrica's beautiful center square with booths to browse and performances to watch...both traditional and contemporary. You can also delve into World War II history from a Central European perspective at the Museum of the Slovak

National Uprising, shop, or relax.

In the late afternoon we'll gather for a Wine & Cheese reception(included) to go over the tour itinerary, answer questions and practice every day expressions with an introductory Slovak lesson.

Overnight in Banska Bystrica

DAY 3, Sun, September 13, 2026

Banská Bystrica – Orava region – Zuberec – High Tatra Mountains

In the morning, we'll travel through the beautiful landscapes of the Mala Fatra Mountains, stopping to visit the dramatic 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 Zuberec museum village to see what village life was like when many of our ancestors left Slovakia. Driving through the picturesque Liptovsky lake region.

We'll arrive at the classic Grand Hotel Smokovec in the heart of the Tatra Mountains to relax and watch the sun set on the mountains.

Overnight in Stary Smokovec, High Tatra Mountains

DAY 4, Mon, September 14, 2026

High Tatra Mountains

You can enjoy the beauty of the Tatra Mountains at your own pace. There are several options for a day of out-door, scenic adventure in this dramatic small alpine range or relaxing in the resort towns, including taking a gondola to the top of the range, traveling the light rail train through the resorts, shopping, visiting the excellent Tatra National Park Museum, and taking short or long hikes in the mountains. In the evening, we'll stroll the shore of a glacial lake in Strbske Pleso and enjoy dinner at a typical mountain chalet restaurant. *Optional personal family and village visits can be arranged.*

Overnight in Stary Smokovec, High Tatra Mountains

DAY 5, Tue, September 15, 2026

Bardejov – Šariš Outdoor Museum and Thermal Spa

We'll travel from the High Tatra Mountains to Bardejov with a surprise stop along the way. After checking into the Hotel Pod Branou in the heart of the city and lunch, we'll explore Bardejov from the classic 19th century spa and Šariš out door folk museum to it's exquisite medieval center, visiting the Basilica of St. Egidius with it's many carved altars, and the Icon Museum if you wish. You can relax in a cafe and take in the atmosphere of the central square before dinner. *Optional personal family and village visits can be arranged.*

Overnight in Bardejov

DAY 6, Wed, September 16, 2026

Šariš Region – Small Village Visit – Medieval Levoča

In the morning, we'll travel through the lovely stream valleys ringed by high pasture fields and farm land of the Šariš region to visit a small village. Later will cross the low scenic hills to the medieval, pilgrimage town of Levoča. After lunch we'll visit the largest, exquisitely-carved altar in the world in Basilica of St. James by 15th century master woodcarver Master Pavol; the museum of his work; and other important Levoča historic sites. In the evening, we'll walk the beautiful central square of Košice before settling into the Hotel Double tree by Hilton.

Overnight in Kosice

DAY 7, Thu, September 17, 2026

Košice

We'll enjoy morning guided walking tours of Košice's well-preserved historic center. 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 8, Fri, September 18, 2026

Return to Bratislava – Spiš Castle

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 Spiš Castle, one of the largest castle ruins in Europe. On the trip home, 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.

Overnight in Bratislava

DAY 9, Sat, September 19, 2026

Bratislava – the Beauty on the Danube river

Fall in love with Slovakia's modest but elegant small capital 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 Soviet-era Iron Curtain. 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. In the evening, a farewell dinner (included) in lovely restaurant in the Old Town.

Overnight in Bratislava

DAY 10, Sun, September 20, 2026

Farewell to our Slovakia Heritage Tour Travel Friends

At the close of the tour after breakfast, some people will fly out of Vienna, and others will continue to travel on for a few more days to: Vienna, Austria; Krakow, Poland; Prague, Czech Republic; or Budapest, Hungary on an extension tour arranged through Best Slovakia Tours.

Please see details on the Extension Tours page, and contact Judy at 978-544-5144 or slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com to discuss your personal plans.



HIGHLIGHTS OF SLOVAKIA HERITAGE TOUR

5 UNESCO World Heritage sights

- ✓ Admire the charming hilly town of Banska Stiavnica
- ✓ Wooden church Hronsek
- ✓ Admire Levoca's highest, wooden wing, gothic altar of the world and Museum of Master Paul
- ✓ Discover the Spiss castle
- ✓ Immerse yourself into Bardejov, the best preserved medieval town
- ✓ Try the healing water in Bardejov SPA and visit the open-air museum
- ✓ Stroll around Bratislava's charming old town, Bratislava and Devin castle
- ✓ Experience the mighty Orava castle with its stories and legends
- ✓ Enjoy the High Tatra National Park
- ✓ Taste all gastronomical delights in traditional Slovak Koliba restaurants
- ✓ Enjoy first class Tour guide and Bus Driver

WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED

Meals: 9x Breakfast, 1x Welcome dinner (3 courses), 1x lunch, 1x Wine and Cheese, 1x Farewell dinner (3 courses)

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

Tour guide: professional, passionate, native Slovak tour guide

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:

Old castle Banska Stiavnica, Hronsek wooden church

Spania dolina mining museum, Orava castle, Museum of Orava village

Museum in Levoca and Church of St. James, Open air museum Bardejov, Spiss castle

Music Entertainment – Fujara flute, Folk Dance Entertainment
 Refreshment on board (sparkling and still mineral water)
 Map of Bratislava and Slovakia, information material, brochures

WHAT IS EXCLUDED

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”

ACCOMMODATION FOR CLIENTS

Single room = 1x single bed in a room (or double bed with single use)
 Double room = 1x king size bed in a room, Twin room = 2x single beds in a room

All accommodations include breakfast, city tax and VAT (value added tax)

Banska Bystrica	Check in	Check out	Room type	# Rooms	# Nights	Availability checked
Hotel Kuria***	Fri, 11 Sept 2026	Sun, 13 Sept 2026	Double/twin	1	2	

[Hotel Kuria](#), Address: Bakossova 4, 974 01, Banska Bystrica, Tel.: +421 48 412 32 55

Stry Smokovec	Check in	Check out	Room type	# Rooms	# Nights	Availability checked
Grand Hotel Stry Smokovec	Sun, 13 Sept 2026	Tue, 15 Sept 2026	Double/twin	1	2	

[Grand Hotel Stry Smokovec](#), Address: Stry Smokovec 38, 062 01 Vysoke Tatry, Tel: +421 52 47 80 000

Bardejov	Check in	Check out	Room type	# Rooms	# Nights	Availability checked
Hotel Pod Branou	Tue, 15 Sept 2026	Wed, 16 Sept 2026	Double/twin	1	1	

[Hotel Pod Branou](#), Address: Hviezdoslavova 1, 085 01 Bardejov, Tel: +421 54 472 23 48

Kosice	Check in	Check out	Room type	# Rooms	# Nights	Availability checked
Double Tree Hilton	Wed, 16 Sept 2026	Fri, 18 Sept 2026	Double/twin	1	2	

[Double Tree Hilton](#), Address: Hlavna 1, 040 01 Kosice, Tel: +421 55 3251 100

Bratislava	Check in	Check out	Room type	# Rooms	# Nights	Availability checked
Hotel Radisson Blu	Fri, 18 Sept 2026	Sun, 20 Sept 2026	Double/twin	1	2	

[Hotel Radisson Blu](#), Address: Hviezdoslavovo nam 3, 81102 Bratislava, Tel: +421 2 5939 0000

TRAVEL DATES & TOUR PRICE 2026

Travel dates: September 11-20, 2026 with guaranteed departure
Price per person sharing double/twin room: \$3,450

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All prices are per person sharing twin/double room
Extra bed possible for a surcharge, single supplement for a surcharge of \$650

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: \$2,950 due to 60 days prior to departure (latest until July 11, 2026) via bank wire, or PayPal with 5.5% fee, Stripe with 3.5% fee, Wise transfer

BANK DETAILS

Bank name: [Tatra Banka, a.s.](#)
Bank address: Hodzovo namestie 3, 811 06 Bratislava, Slovakia

Account name: **Best Slovakia Tours, s.r.o.**
Account number (IBAN): **SK18 1100 0000 0026 2286 2720**
SWIFT / BIC: **TATR SK BX**

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
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