PRIVATE TOUR OF THE WOODEN CHURCHES OF SLOVAKIA 2027





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ABOUT THIS TRIP

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

Discover a hidden treasure of Slovakia on this special private tour, dedicated to the remarkable wooden churches of central and eastern Slovakia.

Dive into the fascinating history of these unique churches, built by local craftsmen centuries ago, and listen to the stories shared by local guides. Step inside to admire their beautifully painted interiors, capture unforgettable photos, and, of course, enjoy the beauty of Slovakia along the way.

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

My name is Peter. I was born in 1973 and grew up in Czechoslovakia. After the fall of communism in 1989, I began traveling with my parents, and some of my first trips to Western Europe were to Switzerland, France and Austria. I found traveling absolutely fascinating.

Slovakia, though, was always the country of my summer and winter holidays, especially in the spectacular Tatra Mountains.

In 2006, I organized a holiday around Slovakia for a small group of friends, and that's when an idea was born: to bring together everything I love. My homeland, traveling, learning foreign languages (I guide tours in English, German, Spanish and Italian), meeting people, and sharing the history of my country with travelers from all over the world. I discovered my passion and profession.

A year later, in 2007, I founded our travel agency in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. We started with private tours around Slovakia and later expanded to the neighboring countries. From the very beginning, my goal was to offer the highest quality services and attention to every detail. Today, our team of 10 top guide-drivers offers day trips, multi-day tours and longer journeys of 14+ days across Central Europe.

In 2014, my wife Janka joined the agency, and she works full-time as our office manager. She shares my love of Slovakia, travel and discovering new places, and she sometimes joins our tours, in Slovakia and in destinations such as Berlin, Kraków, Florence, Milan, Slovenia, Croatia and Romania.

We're proud that our guests describe traveling with us as "fabulous," with five-star service.

In 2027, we will celebrate 20 years of Best Slovakia Tours!





Peter & Jane Blazicek / Best Slovakia Tours – Travel Team

Reference # 2027

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Group size:	

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YOUR TOUR ITINERARY

Slovakia has unique wooden churches, located mostly in the eastern part of the country. On this tour we'll see not only the must-to-see (such as Hronsek, Hervartov), but also the „out-of-the-beaten track", the hidden churches in the remote villages.

Eight wooden churches of the Slovak part of Carpathian Mountain Area were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2008. On the list, there are two **Roman Catholic**, three **Protestant** and three **Greek Catholic** churches built between the 16th and 18th centuries. Enjoy!

DAY 1
BANSKA STIAVNICA

We'll pick you up from Bratislava (airport, port or train station) or Vienna Schwechat, Austria and drive to Banska Stiavnica (2 hours drive), - one of the most beautiful and most romantic towns. 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, 16th century New castle and the heart of the Old town – the Holy Trinity square with beautiful sights such as the gothic 15th century St. Catherine church, admire Renaissance buildings and the baroque Holy Trinity column.

Overnight in Banska Stiavnica

DAY 2
WOODEN CHURCH HRONSEK and LESTINY



The first wooden church we'll visit today is the 18th century **Hronsek Articled Church** located in a small village near Banska Bystrica (30min drive), the church is on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

It is a unique articular church with Scandinavian architecture elements. In 1681, the emperor allowed to built also churches other than Roman-Catholic, but according to the article 25 (therefore „articular church") the evangelicals could build a church, but, under certain conditions.



The church had to be built within 1 year, made completely of wood and without using metal elements, built outside of the village, built with no tower, the entrance could not be directly from the street and built on the marshes. The inhabitants fulfilled all of these conditions and could build the church. We'll enter the church, take a short tour and Relax.

We'll continue to village Lestiny to see **Lestiny Articled Church**. The main attraction is the altar from the beginning of the 18th century, church pews with coats of arms and a Renaissance baptisptery. We'll stay an overnight in a picturesque Orava region.

Overnight in Zuberec

DAY 3
WOODEN CHURCH ALL SAINTS and CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY



We'll visit a spectacular **open-air Museum of Orava village** to see the day life from 19th-20th century. On a relatively small area, you can find peasants as well as farmer's houses, mills, barns, churches.

We'll drive to Tvrdosin and its oldest preserved building – **the Gothic wooden Roman-Catholic All Saints church** situated in the local cemetery. Visitor's attention is drawn by the paintings of the Apostles, the Late Renaissance pulpit with figures of the Evangelists from 1654, and a painting of St George mounted on a horse fighting a dragon (a distemper painting on wood from 1653).



We'll visit one of the best-preserved Slovak wooden sacral buildings – **the articled Evangelical Church of the Holy Trinity** in Kezmarok built-in 1717 next to an older sacral stone building from 1593, which today is a sacristy. This unique wooden building made of yew and red spruce wood was built without using a single metal.

Overnight in Kezmarok

DAY 4
WOODEN CHURCH – ROMAN CATHOLIC - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



We'll drive through Eastern Slovakia's beautiful landscape until we reach **the Roman Catholic wooden church of St Francis of Assisi**, in a village Hervartov. It is the oldest and best-preserved wooden church in Slovakia dated back to 1500. The Gothic pictures and wall paintings from 1655 and 1805 are the most valuable parts of its interior. We'll give you the history overview and details

We'll continue to Bardejov, one of the most beautiful medieval towns, still surrounded by fortification walls, bastions and gates. We'll visit **Basilica St. Egidius**, and relax in this

Overnight in Bardejov

DAY 5
WOODEN CHURCH - MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL and ST. NICOLAS



Drive to see another gem – **the Greek Catholic wooden church of St Michael the Archangel** in a village Ladomirova, built in 1742 without a single metal nail. Continue to see another – **the Greek Catholic wooden church of St Nicolas in Bodruzal**, built in 1658. The log building consists of three parts with three little towers.

Drive to Snina - a gate to the originally volcanic Vihorlat protected landscape area and the National Park of Poloniny.

Overnight in NP Poloniny

DAY 6
WOODEN CHURCHES - GREEK-CATHOLIC



On the way to Kosice we'll stop in to see these churches: **St. Michael Archangel church** (village Topola), **the Greek-Catholic church of St. Michael Archangel** (Rusky Potok), **Greek-Catholic church of St. Michael Archangel** (Ulicske Krive) and **Greek-Catholic church of the relics of St. Nicholas** (Ruska Bystra).

Time to relax in Kosice, one of the most beautiful cities located in the Eastern Slovakia. A must-to-see is **St. Elizabeth's Cathedral**, considered to be one of the most beautiful Gothic structures in the world. Enjoy the magical atmosphere on the square, it's green, peacuful and relaxing.

Overnight in Kosice

DAY 7
DRIVE TO BRATISLAVA & FAREWELL

We'll drive you to Bratislava airport (included in price) or on request to Vienna Schwechat, Krakow or Budapest airport).

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

UNESCO World Heritage sights

- ✓ Articular wooden churches in villages Hronsek and Lestiny
- ✓ Greek-catholic wooden churches
- ✓ Roman-catholic wooden churches
- ✓ Kosice city
- ✓ Banska Stiavnica town and Bardejov town / UNESCO
- ✓ Taste all gastronomical delights in traditional Slovak Koliba restaurants
- ✓ Enjoy first class Guide-driver services

WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED

- ✓ Meals: 6x breakfast
- ✓ Accommodation: 3x overnight in 3 star cosy pensions, 3x overnight in 4star hotels
- ✓ Including VAT (value added tax)
- ✓ City tax (mandatory local tax charged per person per night)
- ✓ Tour guide: professional, licensed Guide-driver-translator
- ✓ Transportation: for 1-7 travelers, a 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:
  All wooden churches, Museum of Orava village, Bardejov – St. Egidius church, Kosice – St. Elisabeth Cathedral, Old and New Castle in Banska Stiavnica

WHAT IS EXCLUDED

Flights to/from Slovakia, Return airport transfers (ask to get the special rate)
Travel insurance, Personal expenses, Meals and drinks for clients (unless stated otherwise)
Cable car tickets, souvenirs, gratuities to Guide-driver (optional), Anything not mentioned in included

AVAILABILITY AND PRICES - TRAVEL SEASON 2027

Our price policy is to offer fair and attractive prices for high-quality travel services.

Group of 2 travelers:	€ 2890.00 per person
Group of 4 travelers:	€ 1990.00 per person
Group of 6 travelers:	€ 1790.00 per person

Price is per person with minimum of 2 travelers / groups 7+ get special discount

PRICE INFORMATION

TOTAL BOOKING PRICE

Price per person based on travelers	EUR
Total price (all fixed costs + all variable costs)	**EUR**
Deposit 25 % (advanced payment via bank wire or PayPal, Stripe or Wise)	EUR
Balance 75 % (advanced payment via bank wire or PayPal, Stripe or Wise)	EUR

This price offer has been done by Peter Blazicek
EUR is the currency in use in Slovakia. All prices in the itinerary are stated in EUR currency.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

To secure the reservation we require 25% as an advance payment.

25% deposit
Bank wire transfer to our company's account (see bank details)
Online payment via PayPal with 5.5% fee, Stripe with 3.5% fee, WISE or Revolut
Individual travelers up to a group of 3

75% balance - the payment will be executed 21 days (3 weeks) prior the tour start
Bank wire transfer to our company's account
Online payment via PayPal with 5.5% fee, Stripe with 3.5% fee, WISE or Revolut

Group of 4 and more
75% balance - the payment will be executed 42 days (6 weeks) prior the tour start
Bank wire transfer to our company's account
Online payment via PayPal with 5.5% fee, Stripe with 3.5% fee, Wise or Revolut

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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 between 34 - 31 days before the tour begins
50% of the total tour price – if the contract is cancelled between 30-21 days before the tour begins
80% of the total tour price – if the contract is cancelled between 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

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Low season: some attractions may be temporarily closed for renovation, and cable cars may not run in bad weather. In these cases, we will gladly offer an alternative program.
- Prices: all prices are per person, based on two people sharing a twin or double room in carefully selected 4-star hotels.
- Extra bed and single rooms: an extra bed is available for a surcharge. The single room supplement is €680.
- Accessibility: this tour is generally suitable for wheelchair users. Please let us know in advance, and we'll plan the most comfortable, step-free route possible for you.



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