Bratislava and the High Tatras - Walking and Culture

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Explore the lakes and peaks of the High Tatra Mountains and the charming capital of Bratislava.

Holiday code: DBT
Countries included: Slovakia
Activity level: 1
Themes: Cultural discovery, Walking & Trekking

Tour type: Self-Guided
Minimum age: 6
Duration: 8 days
Available in: Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

Overview

This is a fantastic opportunity to explore the cultural and scenic highlights of Slovakia on a week-long city and mountain adventure.

Enjoy the best of both worlds by wandering the cobbled streets of Bratislava’s old town, and then heading up into the High Tatra mountains to walk amidst scenic lakes and traditional huts.

You’ll start your self-guided journey in Bratislava. Soak up the relaxed atmosphere of Slovakia’s capital with a stroll along the Danube, and get your culture fix with a visit to the Museum of History at Bratislava Castle, and the 18th Century pink and white Primate’s Palace.

Jump on the train and head for the hills to spend three full days exploring the High Tatras. Your first
adventure takes you by cable car to the top of Slovakia's second highest peak, Lomnicky (2634m), for panoramic views, before a scenic walk to waterfalls, Strbske Pleso Lake and the mountains’ oldest hut.

Two UNESCO World Heritage Sites are next on the list; visit spectacular Spissky Castle and the medieval town of Levoca.

All of this comes at your own pace – a self-guided trip means you’re your own boss. We provide detailed descriptions of the activities, plus maps, so you can spend as much time in each place as you fancy.

Escape the work hullabaloo and join us for a tasty pastry at one of Bratislava’s charming cafes and endless fresh air in the midst of the High Tatra Mountains – what better way to spend your time?!

**Itinerary**

**Day 1: Arrival in Bratislava, Slovakia’s capital.**

Bratislava, Slovakia’s capital, is a charming city with an intriguing history, and the perfect place to start your Slovakian journey.

Upon arrival you’ll receive a comprehensive ‘self-guided pack’, which contains detailed descriptions of each day’s activities, as well as information on the local area.

Depending on your arrival time, the rest of the day is free to explore.

Hotel – Bratislava

**Day 2: Sightseeing in charming Bratislava. Explore the old town and enjoy the view from the castle over the Danube river.**

Today is free for you to explore Bratislava. Have a stroll through the narrow streets of the Old Town and a wander along the Danube with its many cafes and restaurants.

There are numerous fascinating historical buildings in Slovakia’s capital. Some of our favourites are Bratislava Castle, which houses the Museum of History and a 47-metre high tower with commanding city views, the old town hall and the 18th century Primate’s Palace, which has a beautiful pink and white façade and an amazing Hall of Mirrors (entrance fees for your own account).

We’ll provide you with a recommended walking route to follow so you can take-in all of Bratislava’s main sights – we wouldn’t want you to miss anything!

Meals included: Breakfast

Hotel – Bratislava

**Day 3: Train to the High Tatras, Slovakia’s greatest mountains and the oldest national park.**

Today you head out of the city and into the heart of the Tatra Mountains. Travelling by train in Slovakia is a comfortable experience and, in a little over three and a half hours, you will arrive at Poprad Tatry, gateway to the mountains.

The High Tatras are an area of phenomenal natural beauty. The mountains are home to lakes, waterfalls, flowers, valleys, craggy peaks, ridges, and much more. All of this is the perfect habitat for mammals and
birds, and over the next few days you’ll explore this beautiful area and its attractions.

Meals included: Breakfast
Hotel – Tatranska Lomnica

**Day 4: Cable car to Lomnicky Peak - the top of Slovakia, then to Smokovec, and Cold Creek Waterfalls.**

Today is a full day of exploring in the mountains, starting with a cable car ride to Skalnate Pleso (1751m), where you will find a glacial lake and astronomical observatory. Continuing to Lomnicky Peak (2634m), you will arrive at one of the country’s most scenic spots. Take time to enjoy the panoramic views from the top of Slovakia’s second highest mountain.

Next you travel by mountain tram to Stary Smokovec, the oldest settlement in the Tatra Mountains, before taking a cable car to Hrebienok. From here you will enjoy an easy trek to the oldest mountain hut in the Tatra Mountains, Rainerova, and the cascading waterfalls of Cold Creek.

Meals included: Breakfast
Hotel – Tatranska Lomnica

**Day 5: Trip to Strbske Pleso, Slovakia’s highest village; optional walks to waterfalls and mountain lakes.**

A day trip to Strbske Pleso, Slovakia’s highest village. Here admire the beauty of the lake, visit the outdoor stadium of winter sports and enjoy more optional walks to waterfalls and glacial lakes. In the late afternoon return back to Tatranska Lomnica.

Meals included: Breakfast
Hotel – Tatranska Lomnica

**Day 6: Free day for optional activities and day trips to cultural and natural gems of the High Tatras.**

Today is a free day – and there’s plenty to do!

Choose from caves and castles, hot springs in the foothills of the Tatra Mountains, or indoor and outdoor thermal pools. You could also don your walking boots once more and head up into the mountains to explore more of these lofty peaks.

Meals included: Breakfast
Hotel - Tatranska Lomnica

**Day 7: A scenic train journey back to Slovakia’s capital with more time for further exploration in and beyond Bratislava.**

Today you take the train from Poprad back to Bratislava, where you will have a free afternoon to explore more of Slovakia’s charming capital, or experience one of our half day tours from Bratislava. Wine tasting in the royal town of Skalica with a local wine dresser is just one excursion we can arrange for you!
Meals included: Breakfast
Hotel – Bratislava

Day 8: Tour ends.
Your adventure comes to an end today.
Meals included: Breakfast

Essential Holiday Information

What is Included
Seven nights in a three-star hotels on twin-share basis
Seven breakfasts
Activities as per itinerary
Transfers to/from activities as per itinerary
Maps and detailed activity descriptions
24/7 local support

What’s not Included
International flights
Arrival and departure airport transfers
Travel insurance
Any optional activities mentioned in the itinerary

Supplements
Single room supplement: 150 EUR
Solo traveller supplement (including single room): 180 EUR

Accommodation
During this trip you’ll stay in comfortable three-star hotels.
Bratislava: Hotel Ibis (or similar)
Tatranska Lomnica: Hotel Slalom (or similar)

Meal Plan
Hot and cold buffet breakfast.

Tour staff
This trip is self-guided, which means we provide all of the written information you need to follow the itinerary yourself.
But we’re always there to help – Slovakia Explorer provides 24/7 support in case you have any questions
during your holiday.

**Group size**

Min one, max 16.

Please contact us if you'd like to arrange a private group for just you and your friends.

**Start point**

Bratislava

**End point**

Bratislava

**Flights**

Our holidays do not include flights. This gives you the freedom to choose a local airport that works for you and shop for the best deal.

We recommend booking your flight to Bratislava or neighbouring Vienna.

**Getting There**

You can reach your Bratislava hotel by public transport or book your private airport transfers directly with us. Our fast, reliable and affordable private transfers are the best way to reach your starting hotel quickly and comfortably.

If you prefer travelling by public transport, we can help you to find the best route.

**Extra Nights**

If you want to stay longer in Bratislava, let us know, and we’d be more than happy to arrange extra pre or post tour accommodation for you. We can book hotels in other towns and cities, too, if you want to explore the region further – Vienna, maybe?!

**Ready to go? Signing up is quick and easy!**

1. Check availability online or contact us by email or phone
2. Secure your place/s online by clicking the BOOK NOW button and following the three easy steps or contact us by email/phone
3. You'll need a non-refundable deposit of 100 Euros per person, and can pay by debit or credit card (no fees apply) or by bank transfer (fees apply)
4. A confirmation email will be sent to your email automatically
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