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Slovakia Mountain Adventure

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Summer activity holiday in the stunning Slovakian mountains.

Holiday code: AHT

Countries included: Slovakia

Activity level: 3

Themes: Multi Activity

Tour type: Guided Groups

Minimum age: 16

Duration: 8 days

Available in: May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

Overview

This multi-activity holiday combines beautiful scenery with active adventures in the Slovakian Carpathian Mountains. You'll cycle, raft and walk through three of Slovakia's most popular National Parks, including the Tatra Mountains, Slovak Paradise and Pieniny, as well as UNESCO World Heritage Sites and lofty peaks. Come and explore Slovakia's natural beauty in the most exciting way possible on an active, European adventure.

Over eight days, you'll experience:

- **Rafting** one of the longest canyons in Central Europe in Pieninski National Park.
- **Walking trails** in the High Tatras with spectacular panoramic views.
- **Cable car** to Mountain huts and lakes.



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- **Medieval towns** UNESCO Levoca and Kezmarok.
- **Spissky Castle**, one of the biggest UNESCO castles in Central Europe.
- **Bike ride** with stunning views of the Tatra Mountains.
- **Adventurous canyon walk** in the Slovak Paradise national park using ladders and benches.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Smokovec, Tatra Mountains.

Welcome to Smokovec, located in the shadow of the beautiful High Tatra Mountains. This will be your base for the next six nights. Your tour leader will meet you at the hotel for an introductory briefing. Depending on your arrival time, the rest of the day is free to explore.

Meals included

none

Accommodation

Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

Day 2: Ride a cable car to Skalnaté Pleso for spectacular views, and hike to Hrebienok via waterfalls and mountain huts.

This morning we'll take a mountain tram to Tatranská Lomnica, one of the youngest and biggest settlements in the High Tatras. From here, we'll take a cable car to Skalnaté Pleso (1751m). Look out for Tatra chamois bouncing around on the rocks below!

Skalnaté Pleso is home to one of the most important observatories in Slovakia and a small mountain lake. We'll follow a circular route around the lake before heading to Hrebienok.

On the way to Hrebienok, you'll visit some of the legendary mountain huts in the area with countless spectacular viewpoints. That includes Rainerova hut, the oldest hut in the Tatras, and the cascading waterfalls of Studený Potok (Cold Creek).

In the late afternoon, we'll head back to our hotel.

Meals included

Breakfast, packed lunch

Accommodation

Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

Day 3: Go rafting in the national park of Pieniny and visit the Červený Kláštor (Red Monastery).

After breakfast, we'll drive to the national park of Pieniny, which forms a natural border with Poland. Here we'll visit one of the most magical sites in Slovakia - Červený Kláštor (the Red Monastery), which was home to the Cistercian monks. We'll learn about the most famous monk, Cyprian, the inventor of a hang-glider and author of the oldest pharmacy in Central Europe.

The Pieninsky national park is also home to Dunajec Gorge. At 23km, it's one of the longest gorges in Europe. A spectacular way to see it is from the water, so take to your rafts, grab an oar and head along the river surrounded by towering, forested peaks.

After our rafting adventure, it's time for lunch in a traditional restaurant. Here we'll meet our driver, who will drive us back to the High Tatras.

Meals included

Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

Day 4: Explore UNESCO sites like Spissky Castle and the medieval town of Levoca, then cycle to Kezmarok.

A short drive takes us to one of the biggest castles in Central-Eastern Europe, 12th-Century Spissky Castle. It used to be the political, administrative, economic, and cultural centre of this region, and a local guide will walk you through all of the site's interesting stories.

We'll then take a 10-minute transfer to medieval Levoca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with the world's highest wooden altar.

After a cultural morning and tasty lunch in medieval Levoca, it's time again for something more active – a bike ride to the ancient town of Kezmarok. This is a modest 9km ride with spectacular views of the Tatras.

After returning our bikes to the rental shop, we'll then transfer back to our hotel.

Meals included

Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

Day 5: Go canyon walking in the Slovak Paradise National Park.

This morning we'll transfer half an hour to the heart of the Slovak Paradise National Park, where you'll start your guided walking adventure with a hike through the 13km Prielom Hornádu canyon. A 13km-long section of the river cuts through a gorge, and ladders and bridges take you along and up it. The most visited part is the 'Tomasovsky Vyhľad' rock gallery, where a 200m limestone rock rises from the Hornád River and provides stunning views of the park. In the late afternoon, you'll head back to your hotel.

Meals included

Breakfast, packed lunch

Accommodation

Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

Day 6: Tatra tram to Strbske Pleso, Slovakia's highest village, then walk to Popradske Pleso.

This morning we'll take a mountain tram to Strbske Pleso, Slovakia's highest village. Famous for its

beautiful tarn, or a mountain lake, the village is a popular destination for skiers during the winter season, while in the summer, it is a much sought-after stop for walkers and hikers. There is a wide range of trips and walks on offer to suit all tastes, from easy to demanding treks.

For today, we've picked an easy hike to Popradske Pleso hut, with one of the biggest mountain lakes in the Tatras right next to it. Here we'll enjoy a lunch on the hut's terrace with views of the lake and surrounding peaks before returning to Strbske Pleso, followed by a tram back to Smokovec.

Meals included

Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

Day 7: Free day for optional activities.

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. Walk to mountain huts, waterfalls and more.

This evening your tour leader will arrange a farewell dinner, so you can regale in tales of your trip before heading home.

Meals included

Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

Day 8: Tour ends.

Your adventure comes to an end today. If you'd like to extend your trip with a city break, just let us know and we can help you to find good-value accommodation in many great destinations like Kosice, Krakow, Bratislava or Vienna.

Meals included

Breakfast

Essential Holiday Information

Is this trip right for you?

This well-thought-out trip is a great choice for people who like active holidays or would like to try something new. In general this summer multi-activity trip is designed so that it can be managed by active people with an average level of fitness.

What's Included

- Seven nights in a three star hotel
- Seven breakfasts, two packed lunches

- All activities as per itinerary
- All transfers to/from activities

What's not Included

- Flights
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Travel insurance
- Any optional activities mentioned in the itinerary

Optional

Single room supplement: 95 EUR

Max group size

Normally 16 max.

Start point

This holiday starts in Smokovec.

End point

This holiday ends in Smokovec.

Flights & Airports

To enhance flexibility 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.

List of airports with distances to the first hotel in Smokovec:

- Poprad Airport – 17 km / 20 min
- Kosice Airport – 134 km / 1h:30min
- Krakow Airport – 144 km / 2h:30min
- Bratislava Airport – 329 km / 3h:40min
- Vienna Airport – 394 km / 4h:20min

Getting there & Airport transfers

Once you have decided which airport works for you best you will need to choose the way how to get to the starting hotel / joining point. There are two options:

Public transport

You can reach Smokovec by public transport (bus, train). Using the public transport is another way of experiencing your destination, which puts you right in the centre of the action. If you prefer to travel by public transport we can help you find the best option.

Private transfers (door to door service)

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. For up-to-date prices of Airport private

transfers [click here](#).

Accommodation

During this tour you'll stay in a three star hotel.

Extra Nights

If you need to arrive or leave on a different date, please contact us and we'd be more than happy to arrange extra pre or post tour accommodation for you.

Packing

We recommend you pack as light as possible, with suitcases or backpacks that are easy for parents to lift and carry. A daypack for activities is also useful. Below you will find a recommended packing list. It is by no means exhaustive, so if you're in any doubt, please contact us.

- T-shirts and shorts
- Long-sleeved tops and trousers
- Jacket/coat/fleece
- Swimwear
- Walking boots
- Strong trainers
- Water bottle
- Small first-aid kit
- Sun cream, sunhat and sunglasses

Itinerary disclaimer

Please note, we want to run this trip following the day-to-day itinerary on the trip notes. However, sometimes operational circumstances may sometimes prevent us from doing this. Your tour leader will keep you fully informed of any alternative plans that are necessary on-the-ground. Also, based on feedbacks from past travellers, occasionally our itineraries are amended. Final version of your trip notes will be emailed to you prior to travel.

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3. Your place is secured with a 99 EUR deposit per person and can pay by bank transfer. Once the deposit is received a confirmation email will be sent to your email automatically, and your place/s will be officially confirmed.

Need more information?

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions at all. Our knowledgeable and helpful team is here to help, and we look forward to welcoming you to our spectacular country soon!

Why book with Slovakia Explorer

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