



**SLOVAKIA  
EXPLORER**



# Prague to Krakow Adventure

Last updated: 02/05/2023

A multi-activity holiday in Prague, Tatras and Krakow.

**Holiday code:** APK

**Countries included:** Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland. **Tour type:** Guided Groups

**Activity level:** 3

**Minimum age:** 16

**Themes:** Multi Activity

**Duration:** 8 days

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

## Overview

This itinerary gives you a great opportunity to actively explore three of the most varied countries in Eastern Europe; the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland. The itinerary starts in "Golden" Prague, the city of a hundred towers in the Czech Republic, then moves to the stunning and still very wild and untouched Tatra Mountains in Slovakia, where lynx, wolves, brown bears and eagles still live in their natural environment and end in charming Krakow, Polish former capital.

In just one week, you will experience:

- **Prague** – the capital of the Czech Republic.
- **Sleeper train** – heading to the Tatra Mountains in Slovakia is a unique adventure.
- **The High Tatra Mountains** – Slovakia's oldest national park and home to an unbelievably rich fauna and flora, including brown bears, lynx and wolves.
- **Outdoor activities** – things like walking, rafting and cycling in the wild Carpathians make this trip great fun.
- **Spooky castles and medieval towns** – discover Spissky castle, Eastern Europe's biggest castle, and the town of Levoca.
- **Krakow** – the Polish former capital, with the biggest ancient market square in the world.



**SLOVAKIA  
EXPLORER**

Slovakia Explorer, Skalica, 90865, Slovakia  
00421 908 021 469 • [www.slovakia-explorer.com](http://www.slovakia-explorer.com) • [booking@slovakia-explorer.com](mailto:booking@slovakia-explorer.com)

# Itinerary

## Day 1: Arrive in Prague and start exploring.

Welcome to Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic.

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 Prague's attractions.

### Accommodation

Prague - Hotel Lunik (or similar)

## Day 2: Sightseeing in Prague and take a sleeper train to the Tatra Mountains.

Today you'll enjoy sightseeing in Prague, considered one of the prettiest towns in the world. Your local guide will walk you around the historic centre, set to Prague Castle's backdrop – the largest castle complex in the world.

Follow in the footsteps of Czech kings to Charles Bridge and walk through the narrow streets, medieval squares, and dark passages. Here you'll see the Orloj astronomical clock.

Late evening, you'll head to the station to catch the sleeper train to Poprad in the heart of the High Tatras.

A sleeper train is a unique experience and a fun way to travel to your next country – wild Slovakia.

### Meals include

Breakfast

### Accommodation

Sleeper train

## Day 3: Arrive in Slovakia and set off on a walking adventure.

After an early arrival in Poprad, you'll transfer to your hotel for breakfast and fuel up for your first walking adventure.

It's up into the hills with a cable car ride to Skalnaté Pleso (1,751m), home to a crystal-clear mountain lake. Located in the foothills of Lomnický peak at 2634m., there'll be time to soak up the views.

From here, you'll hike along a popular walking trail, exploring mountain huts and cascading waterfalls on a scenic trek that has views over the villages and settlements below. Your walk ends in Smokovec.

### Meals included

Breakfast

### Accommodation

Smokovec – Villa Siesta (or similar)

## Day 4: Visit UNESCO sites Spišský Castle and Levoca, then enjoy easy cycling to Kežmarok.

A short drive takes you to one of the biggest castles in Central-Eastern Europe, 12th-Century Spišský Castle. A local guide will walk you through the site's interesting stories.

You'll take a tour of medieval Levoca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with the highest wooden altar in the world, before cycling to the ancient town of Kežmarok with a superb view of the peaks of the High Tatras.

An early evening transfer takes you back to the hotel for a well-earned dinner and a glass of wine.

### Meals included

Breakfast

### **Accommodation**

Smokovec – Villa Siesta (or similar)

## **Day 5: Ride a mountain tram to Strbske Pleso, Slovakia's highest village, then walk to Skok Waterfall.**

This morning we start with a tram journey through the Tatras' most famous settlements to Strbske Pleso (1,347m), Slovakia's highest village and home to a beautiful glacial lake.

The village is one of the most popular destinations in Slovakia as it provides many kilometres of hiking routes and the chance to admire the lake itself. From here, we'll follow a trail to Skok waterfall. The hiking trail is waymarked and leads you along a road to the peace and tranquillity of the pine-forested Mlynicka Valley.

From here, a stony path squeezes you through a hairpin turns to the foot of the waterfall, which drops 25m from the rocky ledge above. It's easy to see why these are one of the High Tatras' top ten attractions – the cascading waters are beautiful as they tumble down the mountain into the pools below.

With a chance to see rare Tatra chamois on rocky peaks around you, this is the perfect spot for our packed lunch. After a well-deserved break, we'll hike back to Strbske Pleso and return to Smokovec by the mountain tram.

### **Meals included**

Breakfast, packed lunch

### **Accommodation**

Smokovec – Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

## **Day 6: Go rafting in the national park of Pieniny and visit the Cerveny Klastor (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 - Cerveny Klastor (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 to our final destination, the ancient town of Krakow and Poland's former capital.

### **Meals included**

Breakfast

### **Accommodation**

Krakow - Hotel Benefis (or similar)

## **Day 7: Explore beautiful Krakow.**

Krakow is a UNESCO World Heritage City, famous for its beautifully preserved Old Town. Explore three kilometres of city walls, 46 spires, countless historic buildings, narrow streets, churches and Europe's biggest medieval market square.

We've included a guided tour before a free afternoon to enjoy more of Krakow or visit Wieliczka Salt Mines or the Auschwitz concentration camp if you would like to (this is optional).

### **Meals included**

Breakfast

### **Accommodation**

Smokovec - Hotel Benefis

## Day 8: Your tour ends.

Today you'll transfer to Krakow's airport, which is where this tour ends.

### 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

- 7 nights in three-star hotels
- Seven breakfasts, two lunches
- All activities as per itinerary
- Sleeper train from Prague to the Tatras
- All transfers to/from activities as per itinerary
- English-speaking tour leader from start to finish

### What's not Included

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

### Optional

Single room supplement: 120 EUR

### Max group size

Normally 16 max.

### Start point

This tour starts in Prague, Czech Republic.

### End point

This tour ends in Krakow, Poland.

### 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.

Prague Airport is only about 30min, 19 km transfer to your starting hotel.

### Getting there & Airport transfers

To reach the starting hotel there are two options:

#### Public transport

You can reach your hotel 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 three star hotels.

## 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 a 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.

## 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 or contact us by email/phone.
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

This holiday is operated by our expert, in-country team at Slovakia Explorer. By booking with us, you'll benefit from our unrivalled local knowledge, and have 24/7 support during your trip.

Our holidays offer unique experiences, which give you an unparalleled insight into the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland. During the planning and booking process, we pay attention to every detail of your holiday to ensure your trip is perfect.

Slovakia Explorer offers great value, high quality holidays