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# Active Slovakia

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A Multi-Activity holiday in Bratislava and the Tatras.

**Holiday code:** ASK

**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 action-packed, week-long adventure includes the best of Slovakia, capital Bratislava and ticks off the most popular activities in the High Tatras, Slovakia's oldest national park. This unique territory with a true Alpine atmosphere and breath-taking fauna and flora is a paradise for the lovers of outdoor activities. If you visit Slovakia for the first time and don't want to miss the top cultural and natural highlight of Slovakia, this tour is the right choice for you.

Over eight days, you'll experience:

- **Bratislava** - Slovakia's capital
- **High Tatras** - Slovakia's oldest and biggest national park
- **Outdoor activities** walking, cycling, rafting



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- **Cable car** to Skalnaté Pleso
- **Bike ride** with stunning views of Tatra Mountains
- **Rafting** in one of the longest canyons in Central Europe in Pieninski National Park
- **UNESCO sites** Spišsky Castle and Levoca

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Arrival in Bratislava.

Beautiful Bratislava needs no introduction – this ancient city set along the Danube River has a fantastic atmosphere, particularly in summer when the whole place feels even more magical.

On your arrival, you'll meet your tour leader at your hotel to run through the plan for the week. Depending on your arrival time, there might be a time for a short stroll in the old town.

#### Meals included

no meals included

#### Accommodation

Bratislava – Hotel Devin (or similar)

### Day 2: Explore Bratislava, then take the train to Tatra Mountains.

This morning we'll explore the best of Bratislava. We've mapped out a walking route that covers Bratislava's top sights, from Bratislava castle to the 18th-century Primate's Palace, as well as the old town hall and Michalska gate. After lunch, we'll take a train to Poprad, the gateway to the High Tatra mountains.

#### Meals included

Breakfast

#### Accommodation

Smokovec – Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

### Day 3: 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 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: 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 ones 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 6: Go rafting in one of Europe's longest canyons, then take an afternoon transfer to Smokovec.**

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 back to the High Tatras.

#### **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: Train back to Bratislava.**

This morning we'll take a train back to Bratislava, where your 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**

- Seven nights in two three-star hotels
- Seven breakfasts, one packed lunch
- 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: 115 EUR

## Max group size

Normally 14 max.

## Start point

This tour starts in Bratislava.

## End point

This tour ends in Bratislava.

## 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 Bratislava:

Bratislava Airport – 14 km / 20 min

Vienna Airport – 64 km / 45min

## 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 Bratislava city 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!

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