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A Taste of Slovakia

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Slovakia's top destinations in four days.

Holiday code: DTS

Countries included: Slovakia

Activity level: 1

Themes: Cultural discovery

Tour type: Guided Groups

Minimum age: 16

Duration: 4 days

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

Overview

On this circular tour, you'll have the opportunity to "taste" the best of Slovakia in just four days. This short but treasure-packed discovery tour starts in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. You'll travel across Slovakia with stops full of Slovakia's most popular attractions on the way, including fairy-tale castles, medieval mining towns, mountain villages, national parks, breathtaking mountains, and of course Slovakia's spectacular UNESCO sites.

In just four days, you'll experience:

- **Banska Stiavnica** UNESCO mining town in spectacular scenery in the heart of Slovakia.
- **Spissky Castle** the biggest castle in Central-Eastern Europe.
- **Levoca** a medieval town with the biggest wooden altar in the world.



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- **Tatra Mountains** Slovakia's oldest and biggest national park.
- **Terchova** the birthplace of Juraj Janosik, Slovakia's Robin Hood.
- **Vlkolinec** UNESCO mountain village with beautifully decorated log houses.
- **Slovakia's folklore** in the wine region of Skalica in western Slovakia.

Itinerary

Day 1: Visit Bojnicky Castle, Slovakia's most romantic castle, then transfer to Banska Stiavnica.

This morning we'll travel to Bojnice. The jewel of town, Bojnice is fairy-tale-like Bojnicky Castle, which belongs to the most visited and most beautiful castles in Central Europe. After a guided tour of the castle, our trip continues toward the ancient town of Banska Stiavnica. It lies in the middle of Stiavnicke Mountains and is included in the UNESCO list. This former mining town is one of the most beautiful and extremely valuable historical towns in Slovakia.

Meals included

Breakfast

Accommodation

Banska Stiavnica, Hotel Salamander (or similar)

Day 2: Explore the UNESCO sites, Spisky Castle and Levoca, and then transfer to the High Tatra Mountains.

This morning we'll travel 2.5 hours across the stunning scenery of two national parks, Muranska Planina and Slovak Paradise, to our destination in the Spisky region in eastern Slovakia.

The first UNESCO site will be the Spisky or Spis Castle. With an area of more than 4 hectares, Spis Castle is one of the largest castle-ruin complexes in Europe. In 1993, it was included on the UNESCO list.

Our adventure then continues in the nearby UNESCO ancient town of Levoca—once a royal town with massive city walls—which is a cultural and historical treasure with a number of architectural monuments.

The wooden altar in the basilica of St. Jacob is 18.6 m high. It is the highest altar of its kind in the world. Levoca is also one of the biggest and oldest pilgrim sites in Slovakia.

This brilliant day is then concluded with a 25-minute trip to Smokovec, the oldest settlement in the High Tatras mountains, the natural border with Poland, and our home for the next two nights.

Meals included

Breakfast

Accommodation

Smokovec, Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

Day 3: Visit the UNESCO mountain village of Vlkolinec, stop in Terchova, then

travel to the wine region of Skalica in western Slovakia.

The first stop on our journey from east to west will be the mountain village of Vlkolinec (Wolves' Place). This UNESCO settlement is hidden in the mountains of Velka Fatra with beautifully preserved coloured log houses is a must when visiting Slovakia.

Our next stop will be the mountain village of Terchova. Terchova, the birthplace of Juraj Janosik, Slovakia's very own Robin Hood, is probably the most famous village in Slovakia. After lunch in this beautiful village, we'll continue to the royal town of Skalica.

In the 17th century, it was one of the most important towns in Slovakia, flourished by wine production, which remains. Here, an authentic wine-tasting with a local wine dresser will be prepared for us.

At a local wine cellar, you'll have the opportunity to taste a number of locally produced Slovakian wines, including the red wine Skalický Rubín (Skalica's Ruby), which refers to its specific colour.

With other locally made specialities, while listening to local music and learning about the rich folklore traditions, this is an excellent ending to a spectacular discovery circular tour across Slovakia.

Meals included

Breakfast, Dinner (buffet)

Accommodation

Skalica, Hotel Sv. Michal (or similar)

Day 4: Travel to Bratislava, tour ends.

This morning we'll travel 1 hour to Bratislava, where your tour ends.

On request, we can arrange onward transfer to Vienna, Budapest, or Prague.

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 cultural discovery holidays. This trip is classified as easy with no demanding walks, so it can be managed by people with an average level of fitness.

What's included

- Three nights in three-star hotels
- Four breakfasts, one dinner
- All activities as per itinerary
- All transfers to/from activities as per itinerary
- English-speaking local tour guide 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: 50 EUR

Max group size

Normally 16 max.

End point

This tour ends in Bratislava.

Flights and 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 and 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 suitcase or backpack that are easy 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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