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# Poland and Slovakia Family Adventure

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Explore the highlights of Poland and Slovakia – Krakow & the High Tatras – on a Family Summer Adventure!

**Holiday code:** FPS

**Countries included:** Poland, Slovakia

**Activity level:** 2

**Themes:** Family, Multi Activity

**Tour type:** Guided Groups

**Minimum age:** 7

**Duration:** 8 days

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

## Overview

Begin your family adventure in **Krakow**, where you'll discover some of Poland's most iconic attractions. Then, cross into Slovakia for an unforgettable journey through the **High Tatras**, a stunning mountain range known as **Slovakia's Alps**. Packed with fun, family-friendly activities and breathtaking sights, this trip offers the perfect balance of **adventure, nature, and culture**, making it an ideal experience for families to bond and explore together.

**Why we think this trip is fantastic, and you'll love it!**

- **Krakow** is a truly charming and beautiful city, perfect for family exploration.
- **UNESCO sites** - Wieliczka Salt Mines and concentration camp Auschwitz
- **Rafting and Cycling** in Pieniny National Park – Navigate the dramatic Dunajec Gorge, a natural border between Slovakia and Poland.
- **Cable Car to Skalná Pleso** (1,754m) – Enjoy breathtaking views of Lomnický Peak (2,634m).
- **Hiking in the High Tatras** – Discover the region's most famous mountain huts, lakes, and waterfalls, perfect for family adventures.
- **Spiš Castle** – Explore the largest UNESCO castle complex in Central-Eastern Europe, a great historical spot for families to enjoy.
- **UNESCO Town of Levoča** – Visit this medieval gem, home to the world's largest wooden altar, offering a unique cultural experience for families.



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This adventure blends outdoor thrills with cultural treasures, making it an ideal family trip. Ready to explore Poland and Slovakia? Let's go!

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Welcome to Krakow, Poland!

After arriving at Krakow Airport, your family will enjoy a 20-minute transfer to your hotel in the heart of Krakow - Old Town. Once you've checked in and settled in, take some time to relax and get ready for the exciting adventures ahead!

**Meals included:** No meals are included on this day.

**Overnight:** Krakow

### Day 2: Explore Krakow, then optional trips to Wieliczka Salt Mines and Auschwitz

**Krakow** is a fantastic destination for a family day out! Begin your adventure at **Wawel Castle**, where you can enjoy stunning views, open spaces, and fascinating exhibits. Then, stroll through the Old Town, with its cobblestone streets, vibrant buildings, and hidden courtyards. After a delicious lunch at a traditional restaurant, spend the rest of the afternoon exploring Krakow's many attractions at your own pace.

After lunch, you can also take an additional trip to either the **Wieliczka Salt Mines** or the **Auschwitz Concentration Camp**.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Overnight:** Krakow

### Day 3: Raft, Hike & Bike: Explore Pieniny National Park

In the morning we transfer to **Pieninsky National Park**. Start your day with an exhilarating **9 km rafting trip** through the stunning 23km **Dunajec Gorge**, surrounded by towering cliffs and lush forests, making the natural border line between Slovakia and Poland. After a tasty lunch at a traditional restaurant, **cycle** along the scenic **Dunajec River** to the legendary **Red Monastery**. Discover its fascinating stories, including the tale of **monk Cyprian**, before transferring to your hotel in **Smokovec** in the **High Tatras**. After checking in, take a relaxing family stroll to explore Smokovec and soak in the fresh alpine air. Your Tatras adventure starts here!

**Walking:** 20 minutes, 1km/0,6mi, 0m up, 22m down

**Cycling:** 1 hour, 8km/4,9mi, 73m up, 67m down

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Overnight:** Smokovec

### Day 4: Cable car to Skalnaté Pleso, then walk to mountain huts and waterfalls.

This morning, take a scenic tram to **Tatranská Lomnica** and a **cable car to Skalnaté Pleso** (1,751m), a crystal-clear mountain lake beneath **Lomnický Peak** (2,634m). Hike a family-friendly trail through the Tatras, passing mountain huts and waterfalls. Enjoy lunch at **Zamkovského hut**, visit **Cold Creek waterfalls**, and explore **Rainerova hut**, the oldest in the Tatras. End the day with a funicular ride to Smokovec.

**Walking:** 4,5hrs, 11km/6,8mi, 400m up, 400m down.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Packed Lunch

**Overnight:** Smokovec

### Day 5: Explore UNESCO sites: Spišský Castle & Levoca, then relax in

## therma pools

Today, we explore two of Slovakia's most remarkable UNESCO sites: Spiš Castle and Levoča.

Our adventure begins at **Spiš Castle**, Central-Eastern Europe's largest castle complex. With breathtaking views and sprawling ruins, it's the perfect place for kids to roam and imagine medieval life.

Next, we visit **Levoča**, a beautifully preserved medieval town at the foothills of **Slovak Paradise National Park**. Surrounded by historic city walls, it boasts the **Basilica of St. James**, home to the world's tallest wooden altar, and the elegant Town Hall. After exploring, we'll enjoy lunch at a traditional medieval-style restaurant.

In the afternoon, relax in outdoor thermal pools with stunning views of the High Tatras.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Overnight:** Smokovec

## Day 6: Tatra Tram to Strbske Pleso & Hike to Skok Waterfall

Hop on the **Tatra tram** to **Štrbské Pleso**, the highest village in Slovakia, passing through charming spa villages and enjoying stunning mountain views. From there, set off on a scenic hike to **Skok Waterfall**, a perfect family-friendly adventure surrounded by lush alpine meadows. Keep an eye out for **Tatra chamois** and other wildlife as you explore. Enjoy a picnic with breathtaking views before returning to Štrbské Pleso, where you can relax by the glacial lake before taking the tram.

**Walking:** 3 Hours, 11km/7mi, 462m up, 462m down

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Packed Lunch

**Overnight:** Smokovec

## Day 7: Free day

Today is free for you to enjoy as a family or spend time with your new-found friends from the tour. You can explore the local caves and castles, relax in hot springs nestled in the foothills of the Tatra Mountains, or take a scenic hike to one of the many mountain huts or picturesque lakes. We can also help arrange a fun-filled day trip for the kids to Aqua City in nearby Poprad. This water park has thermal pools, water slides, and twisting, turning water features that will surely excite you! Or visit **Zakopane**, the heart of the **Polish Tatras**!

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Overnight:** Smokovec

## Day 8: Transfer to airport

After breakfast transfer back to Krakow international airport to take your flight back home.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

## Essential Holiday Information

### Start point

Krakow Airport - John Paul II International Airport Kraków-Balice, Poland

### End point

Krakow Airport - John Paul II International Airport Kraków-Balice, Poland

### Getting there

#### Flights & Airport Options

#### Flights to Krakow

For the most convenient journey, we recommend flying to Krakow Airport with just a 20-minute transfer



to your hotel.

### Included Transfers

Upon arrival at Krakow Airport, we'll be there to welcome you and take you to your hotel in Krakow.

On your **final day**, the transfer leaves the High Tatras **after breakfast** and drops you off at Krakow Airport **by 12:00**. Please **plan your flights accordingly**.

## Inclusions

### What's Included

- Accommodation: 7 nights in 3-star hotels
- Meals: 7 breakfasts, 2 packed lunches
- Activities: All experiences and excursions listed in the itinerary
- Transfers: Airport transfers and all transportation throughout the trip

### What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Flights
- Optional activities

## Extras

### Single Room Supplement: Enjoy Extra Privacy

For a bit more privacy, opt for a single room supplement at 220 EUR and enjoy your own space on the journey!

## Accommodation

### Our Selected Hotels

During this trip you will stay in two comfortable 3-star hotels with private facilities.

**Krakow:** Hotel Campanile Krakow Old Town (or similar)

**Smokovec:** Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

### What is the accommodation like?

#### Hotel Campanile

Campanile Krakow Old Town is a family-friendly hotel just a short walk from Krakow's historical center. With comfortable and modern rooms, and a welcoming atmosphere, it's an excellent choice for families exploring the city. Guests love its convenient location and delicious breakfast options.

#### Hotel Villa Siesta

Villa Siesta is a charming family run hotel located in Nový Smokovec, within the High Tatras region of Slovakia. The hotel offers comfortable accommodations, including double rooms and spacious apartments, catering to both couples and families. Guests can indulge in the on-site wellness center, which features saunas and massage services, perfect for relaxation after a day of mountain activities. The hotel's restaurant serves a variety of local and international dishes, ensuring a delightful culinary experience. Its prime location provides easy access to numerous hiking trails and ski areas, making it an ideal choice for nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers.

## Food

### Meals included

**Day 1:** no meals included

**Day 2:** breakfast

**Day 3:** breakfast

**Day 4:** breakfast, packed lunch

**Day 5:** breakfast

**Day 6:** breakfast, packed lunch

**Day 7:** breakfast

**Day 8:** breakfast

### Breakfasts

Each hotel provides a hearty breakfast with a variety of fresh bread, salami, eggs, sausages, beans,

fruit, vegetables, and cheese, ensuring there is something for everyone in the family.

### **Packed lunches**

Packed lunches include a sandwich or baguette, fruit, and biscuits for energy during your hike.

### **Special Dietary Requirements**

We're committed to ensuring everyone, including those with special dietary needs, enjoys their meals. Whether you're gluten-free, vegetarian, or have other dietary preferences, we'll work with the hotel and local restaurants to accommodate your requirements. Let us know in advance, and we'll ensure delicious options are available so you can relax and enjoy every meal with peace of mind.

### **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.

### **Guides and Local Staff**

On this family holiday in Poland and Slovakia, our friendly guide and local team will transform each day into a journey of discovery for everyone.

With deep roots in this region, they know the best spots for winter fun, from scenic views to unique wildlife sightings.

They'll bring the Tatras to life with fascinating local legends, cultural traditions, and hidden wonders, making every moment magical.

Their love for these mountains ensures that your family's winter adventure goes beyond activities – it's an unforgettable experience, perfect for creating warm memories together in the heart of Slovakia's snowy beauty.

### **Kit list**

#### **Essentials for a Safe Journey**

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

### **How to Book Your Adventure**

Email us at [sales@slovakia-explorer.com](mailto:sales@slovakia-explorer.com) or click **ENQUIRE OR BOOK** button in the **Dates and Prices** section to let us know you're interested.

We'll share the itinerary and payment options—let's plan your adventure!

### **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

Experience Slovakia like a local with Slovakia Explorer.

Our expert, in-country Slovak team is dedicated to crafting a unique, tailored holiday just for you. With 24/7 support and deep local knowledge, we ensure an unforgettable experience. Book with us and enjoy exceptional value while fully discovering the authentic charm of Slovakia.

