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# High Tatras Family Winter Adventure

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Action-packed family winter holiday in the High Tatras.

**Holiday code:** FWT

**Countries included:** Slovakia, Poland

**Activity level:** 2

**Themes:** Family, Winter

**Tour type:** Guided Groups

**Minimum age:** 7

**Duration:** 8 days

**Available in:** Jan, Feb, Dec

## Overview

This exclusive winter holiday is a fantastic opportunity for families to explore Slovakia's largest mountains, the High Tatras. Over eight days, you'll visit famous Tatra villages like Štrbské Pleso, Tatranská Lomnica, and Smokovec while discovering quieter, hidden spots.

In just one week, you'll experience:

- **Winter Walking** – Embark on a family-friendly winter walk to a frozen waterfall in Mlynická Valley.
- **Snowshoeing** – Strap on snowshoes and follow former smugglers' paths with stunning views of snow-capped peaks in the Belianske Tatras and Pieniny National Park.
- **Dog Sledding & Thermal Pools** – Enjoy the thrill of a dog sledge ride, then relax together in warm outdoor thermal pools with mountain views.
- **Mountain Huts & Waterfalls** – Discover the beauty of mountain huts and frozen waterfalls in this magical winter landscape.
- **Skiing & Sledding** – Hit the longest slopes of the High Tatras for family-friendly skiing and sledding fun.

This winter adventure offers a perfect blend of family activities, creating special memories in Slovakia's snowy mountain wonderland.



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# Itinerary

## Day 1: Fly to Krakow, then transfer to Slovakia!

Upon arrival at Krakow airport, your friendly guide will greet you and ensure a smooth transfer to your hotel in Smokovec, a cozy village at the foot of Gerlachovsky Peak in the High Tatras. After check-in, relax and enjoy the surroundings. Later, join your group for a warm welcome and a preview of the exciting days ahead.

## Day 2: Take the Tatra tram to Strbske Pleso, then go on a winter walk to Skok – a frozen waterfall

Hop on the Tatra tram to Strbske Pleso, travelling through charming spa villages along the way. From there, hike to Skok Waterfall, a family-friendly destination nestled in nature. Look for Tatra chamois in the wilderness and enjoy a scenic picnic. Afterwards, return to Strbske Pleso and ride the tram back.

## Day 3: Go dog sledding and relax in outdoor thermal pools

This day is a hit with children! We'll head to the Tatra meadows for an exciting dog sledding adventure. After learning from a professional musher, you'll try driving the sledge yourself. Then, enjoy lunch at a traditional cottage and a relaxing soak in the Besenova Aqua Park's hot thermal springs. Finally, we'll return to Smokovec in the late afternoon.

## Day 4: Go snowshoeing along the smuggler's path

After breakfast, we'll head to Bachledova Valley for a fun, family-friendly snowshoe hike. We'll explore a former smuggler's trail along the ridge, with stunning views of Pieniny National Park and the Belianske Tatras. After a relaxing lunch, we'll make our way down to the charming Goral village of Zdiar before returning to the hotel.

## Day 5: Take a cable car ride to ice sculptures, winter walk to Rainerova hut and transfer to Zdiar for down-hill sledding and visit to outdoor museum.

Start your day with a cable car ride up to Hrebienok (1285m) to explore the Tatra Ice Dome, marveling at beautiful ice sculptures. Enjoy a gentle winter walk to Rainerova Hut, the oldest hut in the Tatras, where you can warm up and take in the views. Later, we'll transfer to the charming village of Zdiar for some exciting downhill sledding and a fun visit to an outdoor museum that showcases local Goral culture. This family-friendly day combines adventure, culture, and winter magic for all ages to enjoy!

## Day 6: Go downhill skiing or snowboarding in Tatranska Lomnica

Today, we'll hit the slopes of Tatranska Lomnica for a fun-filled day of downhill skiing or snowboarding! First, we'll visit a local rental shop to gear up with skis or a snowboard—your choice. Then, we'll head to the ski lifts, where your guide will assist you with purchasing a ski pass (not included in the tour price). From there, it's all about enjoying the sunny slopes of the Tatras, with trails suited for both beginners and experienced skiers alike. Perfect for families, this day offers a taste of real Tatra skiing in a friendly, scenic setting.

## Day 7: Enjoy a free day

Today is yours to explore with plenty of family-friendly activities! Go skiing, gently hike to a cosy mountain hut, try cross-country skiing at Štrbské Pleso, or enjoy a magical horse-drawn carriage ride. Visit the fascinating Belianska Cave or splash at AquaCity Poprad for a relaxed day. History lovers can explore the UNESCO town of Levoča or visit the High Tatras National Park museum. Your guide is here to help you plan the perfect day for everyone!

## Day 8: Transfer back to your airport

After a fantastic week of family winter adventures, it's time to say goodbye to the High Tatras. After a

relaxing lunch, we'll begin our scenic journey back to Krakow Airport. Your airport transfer will ensure you arrive in time for your flight home, taking with you unforgettable memories of snowy mountains, cosy huts, and time together as a family. Safe travels and we hope to welcome you back for more mountain fun soon!

## Essential Holiday Information

### ? Why Travel with Us

#### Your Journey our Promise

##### ? Local Expertise & Global Standards

With 20 years in adventure travel, our **Slovakia Explorer** team knows the country inside and out, making every journey shine. As trusted partners of some of the world's largest tour operators, we combine local insight with world-class standards to create unforgettable experiences.

##### ??Certified & Reliable

We're a fully certified tour operator, following all regulations to ensure your travel experience is safe and professional. With complete financial protection, your booking is secure, and you can plan your trip with total peace of mind.

##### ?Commitment to Quality

Our motto, "Shine with Every Journey," reflects our dedication to making every adventure memorable. We take care of every detail, so you can relax, explore, and truly enjoy your experience.

##### ? Join Our Community

Connect with fellow travellers before you even leave home! We'll invite you to a private WhatsApp group with others booked on the same trip, so you can share tips, ask questions, and build excitement together.

##### ? Seamless Experience

From logistics to local insights, our experienced team has you covered. We arrange everything—transfers, guides, and accommodations—so your journey is smooth and enjoyable from start to finish.

### ? Is This Your Perfect Adventure

#### What to Know to Shine on Your Journey

##### Level Two

These family trips are designed to make winter activities like skiing, dog sledging, snowshoeing, winter walking, and soaking in hot thermal springs fun and accessible for all ages. Each adventure is planned to suit different abilities so everyone can join in. No special fitness is required—bring your family's spirit of adventure!

### ? Inclusions

#### What's Included

- **Seven Nights:** Relax in a cosy, family-friendly three-star hotel for the perfect winter getaway.
- **Meals:** Enjoy seven hearty breakfasts and two delicious lunches to keep you fueled for fun!
- **All Activities:** Every adventure listed in the itinerary is included, from snowshoeing to skiing!
- **Transfers:** Airport pick-ups and all transfers during your trip make travel easy and stress-free.
- **Local Guide:** Our friendly, English-speaking guide will be with you every step of the way.
- ? A Sustainable Slovak Gift to Remember: As a thank you, each family will receive a special, sustainable gift featuring locally-made Slovak products, including natural bee products crafted by our CEO, Petr Ivanek, who is also a beekeeper.

#### What's Not Included

- Travel Insurance
- Ski pass
- Flights
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary

## ?? Extras

### Single Room Supplement: Enjoy Extra Privacy

For a bit more privacy, opt for a single room supplement at 140 EUR and enjoy your own space on the journey!

## ? Accommodation

### Stay & Shine: Our Selected Hotels

For this trip, we've hand-picked a hotel for its convenient location and good value for money.

Novy Smokovec: Hotel Villa Siesta

### What is the accommodation like?

Hotel Villa Siesta

We've selected **Hotel Villa Siesta** for its warm and welcoming atmosphere, great value, and perfect location within walking distance of Stary Smokovec, the oldest spa village in the High Tatras. With cosy rooms, an on-site restaurant, and basic wellness facilities, it's the ideal spot for families to relax close to nature, with easy access to nearby trails, charming restaurants, and local places to explore.

## ?? Food

### Meals included

**Day 1:** none

**Day 2:** Breakfast, Packed Lunch

**Day 3:** Breakfast

**Day 4:** Breakfast, Packed Lunch

**Day 5:** Breakfast

**Day 6:** Breakfast

**Day 7:** Breakfast

**Day 8:** Breakfast

### ??? What is the food like?

#### Breakfasts

Start your morning with a hearty buffet featuring fresh, local goodies like bread, cheese, meats, and seasonal fruits. Kids and adults alike will enjoy the warm options like eggs and sausages, plus lighter choices such as yogurt, cereals, and fresh fruit – plenty to fuel your family's day of adventure!

#### Lunches

On days two and four, enjoy a packed lunch with a fresh sandwich or baguette, fruit, and biscuits—perfect for a picnic on your winter walks.

On the other days, we'll explore local restaurants in the Tatras. Here, you can savour traditional Slovak specialities and various international dishes, ensuring there's something for every taste.

#### Dinners

Dinner in Stary Smokovec offers something for everyone! Dine at the hotel for a cozy and convenient meal, or head out to explore local restaurants that serve Slovak favorites like Bryndzové Halušky (potato dumplings with sheep cheese) along with international options. Many places focus on fresh, locally sourced ingredients, so whether you stay in or venture out, your family will enjoy a warm, welcoming taste of the High Tatras.

#### 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.

## ? Tour Transport and Transfers

### Getting there - Smooth Transfers for a Journey that Shines

**Start:** Krakow John Paul II International Airport, Poland, 17:00

**End:** Krakow John Paul II International Airport, Poland, 17:30

### Transfer Details



Upon arrival at Krakow airport, we'll welcome you and take you to your hotel in Smokovec, in the stunning High Tatras. Our group transfer departs at 17:00, setting your trip off smoothly.

On your final day, we'll depart the High Tatras after lunch and drop you at Krakow Airport by 17:30.

Krakow is well-connected with regular flights from the UK and Europe. The 150 km group transfer takes about 2.5 hours, including a border crossing. We recommend our group transfer for convenience and affordability, though private transfers are available.

Due to traffic, we don't provide pick-up or drop-off at Krakow city hotels, but frequent trains connect the airport to the city in just 17 minutes for an easy, budget-friendly option.

## ?? Guides and Local Staff

### Local Knowledge to Brighten Your Family's Winter Adventure

On this family winter adventure in the High Tatras, our friendly guide and local team will transform each day into a journey of discovery for everyone.

With deep roots in Slovakia, 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 Bright and Safe Journey

We recommend you pack as light as possible, with suitcases or backpacks 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.

- A thick coat or ski jacket
- Thermals
- Waterproof trousers
- Fleeces and warm jumpers
- Gloves, hat and scarf
- Walking boots
- Strong trainers
- Water bottle
- Small first-aid kit
- Sun cream and sunglasses
- Swimwear, beach towels and flip flops for thermal pools

## ? Booking Details and Payment

### Reserve Your Spot with Confidence in Just 3 Steps

1. **? Get in Touch**  
Click the "ENQUIRE OR BOOK" button of your chosen date, contact us via email [sales@slovakia-explorer.com](mailto:sales@slovakia-explorer.com) or send us a WhatsApp message at +421 908 021 469 to let us know you're interested.
2. **?? Plan Your Journey**  
Once we hear from you, we'll swap emails to arrange all the details and ensure your trip is perfectly tailored to your needs.
3. **? Choose Your Payment Options**  
After confirming the details, you can secure your spot with flexible payment options:

- **5% Discount for Full Payment:** Start your journey with ease and enjoy a 5% discount when you pay in full at booking. (Note: This option is non-refundable in case of cancellation.)
- **25% Deposit:** reserve your place with a 25% deposit, and settle the balance 10 weeks before departure.

#### **Payment Methods**

We offer secure and convenient ways to complete your booking:

? **Bank Transfer:** we'll send you an invoice with our company bank details. To complete your booking, transfer the amount to our IBAN provided on the invoice.

? **Credit Card:** we'll send a secure PayPal payment link directly to your email for an easy credit card payment—no PayPal account required.

Pick your payment method, and we'll handle the rest—get ready for the adventure ahead!

## **Why book with Slovakia Explorer**

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