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Slovak Paradise: 4-Day Hiking Adventure in Slovakia - Self-Guided

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Adventurous hiking through the Slovak Paradise National Park.

Holiday code: TSP-SG

Countries included: Slovakia

Activity level: 3

Themes: Walking and Trekking

Tour type: Self-Guided

Minimum age: 16

Duration: 4 days

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

Overview

Slovak Paradise National Park sets the stage for a hiking holiday, where **deep gorges**, hidden **caves**, and roaring **waterfalls** create the **ultimate adventure**. Embark on a thrilling journey through Slovakia, traversing **metal bridges**, climbing towering **ladders**, and crossing **suspended footbridges** like a Via Ferrata route.

With wildflower **meadows**, rugged **canyons**, and **wildlife-rich** forests, every step is an adrenaline-fueled journey through one of Europe's most breathtaking landscapes.

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

- **Traverse epic trails** through deep gorges, past cascading waterfalls, and across thrilling ladders. Bridges, and cat walks.
- **Immerse yourself in untouched nature**, from wildflower meadows to rugged canyons teeming with wildlife.
- **Experience an adventure like no other**, with routes reminiscent of Via Ferrata, offering both challenge and exhilaration.
- **The Slovak Paradise** is home to up to 74 different rare flowers, orchids and lilies per square meter.



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Ready for an unforgettable adventure? Discover Slovak Paradise on this incredible hiking escape!

Itinerary

Day 1: Start in Poprad or Krakow, then transfer to your hotel in Levoca, Slovakia!

Meet our driver at your **preferred airport** and enjoy **hassle-free transport** directly to your hotel in Levoča. Medieval **Levoča**, a former **royal town** and a gem of the Spiš region, is one of Slovakia's top destinations. Nestled at the foothills of **Slovak Paradise National Park**, its historic main square draws visitors **worldwide**. It features grand burgher mansions, the Gothic **Church of St. Jacob** with the world's largest wooden altar, and well-preserved city walls.

Later, meet our representative for an introductory briefing, where you'll get an overview of the exciting plans for the days ahead.

Meals included: no meals included on this day

Overnight: Levoča

Day 2: Hiking Adventure through the Prielom Hornádu Canyon

This morning you transfer 20 min to the heart of **Slovak Paradise National Park**, where you start your self-guided hiking adventure with a hike through the 13km **Prielom Hornádu canyon**. A 13km-long section of the river cuts through a **gorge**, and **ladders**, **bridges** and **cat walks** take you along and up it. The most visited part is the **'Tomasovsky Vyhlad'** rock gallery, where a 200m limestone rock rises up from the **Hornád River** and provides stunning views of the park. In the late afternoon you return back to your hotel.

Walking: 6 hours, 13km/8mi, 419m up, 412m down

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Levoča

Day 3: Hike through the Suchá Belá Canyon via the ruins of the Carthusian Monastery

Today's walk is a fairly adventurous circular route. Starting in a popular tourist centre, **Podlesok**, you'll go through the most romantic gorge in Slovakia, **Suchá Belá** – a world of **cascades**, **waterfalls** and **gorges**. Walking through the canyon involves crossing exposed sections of the **gorge** on **ladders**, steps, **bridges** and chains. The descent back to Podlesok will be on relatively easy terrain on comfortable forest roads and paths, and you will stop at the ruins of a **Courtesan monastery**, hidden in the heart of the **Slovak Paradise National Park**.

Walking: 6 hours, 13km/8mi, 428m up, 428m down

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Levoča

Day 4: Transfer back to airport

Enjoy a smooth transfer back to your preferred airport, where your adventure comes to an end.

Meals included: Breakfast

Essential Holiday Information

Start point

Poprad or Kraków.

End point

Poprad or Kraków.

Getting there

Flights & Airport Options

Poprad or Krakow: Which One to Choose?

Poprad-Tatry International Airport, Slovakia

For the most convenient journey, we recommend flying from London Luton or London Stansted to Poprad-Tatry, nestled in the stunning foothills of the High Tatras. This route includes a quick and hassle-free transfer of just 20 minutes to your hotel, making it the ideal choice for those travelling from the UK.

Krakow International Airport, Poland

If flying to Poprad-Tatry isn't convenient, you can also fly to **Krakow**, which offers a wide range of international flights. For an additional fee, you can **book a private transfer** from Krakow Airport directly to your hotel. The journey takes about 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Prices:

1-3 passengers: € 125 per vehicle / one way.

4-7 passengers: € 155 per vehicle / one way.

On **day one**, the transfer **departs Krakow Airport at 17:00**.

On your final day, the transfer leaves Levoča after lunch and drops you off at Krakow Airport by 16:00. Plan your flights accordingly.

***Prices of private transfers are informative. The exact price will be confirmed at the time of booking.**

What's Included

- **Accommodation:** Three nights at a three-star Hotel
- **Meals:** 3 hearty breakfasts, two packed lunches
- **Self-Guided Package:** Includes everything you need, from maps to detailed daily routes.
- **Transfers:** From and to the airport and everything in-between
- **Permits:** All permits and entry fees

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Flights
- Everything not mentioned in the itinerary

Extras

Single Room Supplement: Enjoy Extra Privacy

For a bit more privacy, opt for a single room supplement at 70 EUR and enjoy your own space on the journey!

Solo Supplement: Traveling alone at your own pace? For an additional €195, you can enjoy this adventure independently.

Accommodation

Our Selected Hotels

During this trip you will stay at a three-star hotel.

Levoča: Hotel U Leva (or similar)

What is the accommodation like?

Hotel U Leva is a luxurious boutique hotel in the heart of Levoča, housed within two meticulously renovated historical buildings, the oldest dating back to the 14th century. Each room boasts a unique character and colour scheme, blending historical charm with modern comfort. Guests can enjoy breathtaking views of Levoča's medieval town square, featuring landmarks such as the Renaissance town hall, the Cage of Shame, and the Gothic Church of Saint James, home to the world's highest wooden Gothic altar crafted by Master Paul of Levoča. The hotel's restaurant offers a diverse menu inspired by Mediterranean and local culinary traditions, ensuring a delightful dining experience.

Food

Meals included

Day 1: none

Day 2: Breakfast, Packed Lunch

Day 3: Breakfast, Packed Lunch

Day 4: Breakfast

What is the food like?

Breakfasts

Start your morning with a hearty buffet featuring fresh, local ingredients, including bread, cheeses, meats, and seasonal produce. Enjoy warm options like eggs and sausages, as well as lighter choices such as yogurt, cereals, and fresh fruit.

Lunches

During the tour, we'll have two picnic lunches in the heart of Slovak Paradise National Park. These packed lunches typically include a sandwich or baguette, fruit, and biscuits—perfect for keeping your energy up while hiking.

Dinners

Savor your dinners at your hotel or one of the nearby restaurants in Levoča's historic center, where you can enjoy a variety of local and international cuisine.

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.

Self-Guided Package

On this hiking holiday in Slovak Paradise, you'll follow our carefully crafted daily route descriptions. Our Self-Guided walking, hiking & trekking holidays are among the best on the market and we have been operating them since 2003. Following our detailed itinerary, our self-guided tours offer greater independence than that of a guided holiday, but safe in the knowledge that should you need any further assistance or help there is always someone who speaks English just a phone call away!

Kit list

Essentials for a Safe Journey

We recommend you pack as light as possible, with a backpack for your main luggage and daypack for each day's trekking. Below you will find a recommended packing list. It is by no means exhaustive, so if you're in any doubt, please contact us. There is no specialist walking or climbing equipment, such as harnesses etc., needed for this trip.

- Walking boots
- Trainers
- Shorts and t-shirts
- Walking trousers and tops
- Fleece or warm jumper
- Waterproofs
- Water bottle
- Small first-aid kit
- Sun cream, sunglasses and sunhat

How to Book Your Adventure

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

Let's start planning 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.