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# 4-Day Hiking Adventure in Slovakia's High Tatras

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Explore the High Tatras on our four-day hiking tour in Slovakia.

**Holiday code:** THB

**Countries included:** Slovakia, Poland

**Activity level:** 2

**Themes:** Walking and Trekking

**Tour type:** Guided Groups

**Minimum age:** 14

**Duration:** 4 days

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

## Overview

Explore Slovakia's High Tatras on a 4-day hiking tour featuring mountain lakes, waterfalls, and charming villages. Hike through unique flora and fauna, stay three nights at a cosy hotel near Stary Smokovec, and enjoy meals at traditional mountain huts. Highlights include a cable car ride to Skalnaté Pleso, unique alpine wildlife, and a visit to Strbské Pleso, Slovakia's highest village. With seamless transport and expert guidance, this adventure offers a stress-free exploration of the Tatras.

## 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.



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## Day 2: Cable car to Skalnaté Pleso; trek to Velká Svistovka (2038m) and descend to Zelené Pleso Hut.

After a hearty breakfast, take a cable car to Skalnaté Pleso (1,751 m) with its observatories. Hike to Veľká Svišťovka (2,037 m) for Tatra chamois sightings. Descend to Zelené Pleso Hut by a secured trail with chains in more difficult sections. Continue to Biela Voda and catch a bus to Tatranská Lomnica.

## Day 3: Walk to Sliezsky Dom, Velické Pleso lake and Velický waterfall.

Hike to Velická Valley under Gerlachovský Peak (2,655 m). Start from Hrebienok and trek through forests, waterfalls, and rugged trails to Sliezsky Dom, Slovakia's highest hotel. Enjoy lunch with stunning views. Return by a pristine mountain stream, soaking in the High Tatras' serene beauty.

## Day 4: Walk to Popradské Pleso, then transfer to Krakow.

After breakfast, transfer (20 min.) to Štrbské Pleso, Slovakia's highest village, and admire its picturesque lake. Walk to Popradské Pleso hut at 1,494m, featuring another stunning lake. Return to Štrbské Pleso and then transfer to Krakow airport for your flight home.

# 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 top operators like **Exodus Travels** and **Responsible Travel**, we combine local insight with world-class standards.

### ?? 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

This trip involves moderate walking. You will walk on mountain trails, forest tracks and footpaths, sometimes on uneven terrain. There will be ascent and descent, and walks on higher ground so you need to be comfortable with heights. This trip is suitable for most regular walkers who have a reasonable level of fitness.

## ? Inclusions

### What's Included

- All hiking in the High Tatras
- Three nights at a three-star Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)



- 3 hearty breakfasts
- Expert, English-speaking local guides
- Transfers from / to Krakow airport and all transfers in between
- All permits and entry fees

? Sustainable Slovak Gift to Remember Your Journey: As a thank you, you'll receive sustainable, locally-made Slovak products, including natural bee products crafted by Petr Ivanek, CEO and beekeeper at Slovakia Explorer.

### 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 **80 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.

**Smokovec:** Hotel Villa Siesta

### What is the accommodation like?

We've chosen Hotel Villa Siesta for its welcoming atmosphere, good value, and a prime location within walking distance to the heart of Stary Smokovec, the oldest spa village in the High Tatras. Cosy rooms, an on-site restaurant, and basic wellness facilities offer comfort close to nature, with easy access to nearby trails, restaurants, and bars.

## ?? Food

### Meals included

**Day 1:** None

**Day 2:** Breakfast

**Day 3:** Breakfast

**Day 4:** Breakfast

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

#### Breakfasts

Mornings begin with a hearty buffet featuring a selection of fresh, local ingredients, including bread, cheeses, meats, and seasonal produce. You'll also find various warm options like eggs and sausages, alongside lighter choices such as yoghurt, cereals, and fresh fruit.

#### Lunches

Hotel Villa Siesta offers a convenient packed lunch with a sandwich or baguette, fruit, and biscuits for energy during your hike. Alternatively, create your lunch with regional ingredients from a local shop. For a more immersive experience, stop at mountain huts along the trails to enjoy traditional Slovak dishes.

#### Dinners

For dinners in **Stary Smokovec**, you can dine at **Hotel Villa Siesta** or explore one of the charming local restaurants nearby. The hotel offers a cosy, convenient option, while restaurants serve traditional Slovak dishes like Bryndzové Halušky (potato dumplings with sheep cheese) alongside international favourites.

Many places focus on fresh, locally sourced ingredients, offering an authentic taste of the region's flavours. Whether you choose a relaxed meal at the hotel or an evening out, you'll enjoy the warmth and hospitality of High Tatras dining.

### 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 Journey

On this High Tatras hiking tour, our guide and local staff will turn every step into a journey of discovery.

With personal roots in Slovakia, they know the trails, hidden views, and unique wildlife like no one else.

They'll share local legends, cultural traditions, and natural wonders that make the Tatras shine as they lead you through breathtaking landscapes.

Their love for these mountains ensures that your adventure goes beyond hiking; it becomes an unforgettable experience in the heart of Slovakia's beauty.

## ? Kit list

### Essentials for a Bright and 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

## ? 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

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.