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## High Tatras Walk - Short Break

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A short break walking holiday in the High Tatras.

**Holiday code:** TTB

**Countries included:** Slovakia

**Activity level:** 2

**Themes:** Walking and Trekking

**Tour type:** Guided or Self-Guided

**Minimum age:** 12

**Duration:** 4 days

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

### Overview

This short break in Slovakia's biggest mountain range is the perfect way to go walking in the oldest national park in Slovakia – the High Tatras. This unique territory in Central Europe gives a taste of true alpine nature, and offers unforgettable experiences in the wild environment of the Slovak Mountains.

In four days you will experience:

- **Spectacular walking** on perfectly marked hiking trails.
- **Famous spa villages** like Tatranska Lomnica, Smokovec and Strbske Pleso.
- **A cable car ride** to one of the most visited alpine lakes, Skalnaté Pleso.
- **Mountain huts** with an unforgettable traditional atmosphere.
- **Magnificent peaks** forming the natural border with Poland.



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- **Moraine lakes** with crystal clear water.
- **Deep valleys** overflowing with rich fauna and flora.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Arrive in Smokovec - The High Tatras

Welcome to Smokovec, the heart of the High Tatras. Located in the shadow of Gerlachovsky Peak (2,655m) – the highest peak in Slovakia – Smokovec is considered the centre of the High Tatras. Close to the popular tourist crossroads of Hrebienok, this village is one of the most popular starting points for hiking in the High Tatras.

When you get to the hotel you will be briefed about the week's program and, depending on the time of your arrival, there might be time for a walk in Stary Smokovec – the oldest village in the Tatras.

Dinner on the day of arrival is included in the price of the holiday and will be served in the hotel's restaurant with a choice of three dishes.

#### Meals included

Dinner

#### Accommodation

Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

### Day 2: A day of trekking via mountain huts – Zamkovskeho, Teryho and Rainerova - and Cold Creek Waterfalls

Today, you start from Skalnaté Pleso and trek to three of the Tatras' mountain huts. Mountain huts have been a part of the Tatras' tapestry for years; they're traditional, welcoming and often have a historic story to tell. They also offer tasty lunches!

Your hike will take you to Rainerova, the oldest hut in the mountains, dating back to 1863. Today, it is a small stone building serving drinks and snacks. Teryho Hut is one of the highest in the High Tatras, and Zamkovskeho is a pretty wooden chalet offering a sheltered resting spot.

Cold Creek Waterfalls is also on your route today, and you can pause here and soak up the fresh mountain air. The waterfalls begin where the Great Cold Creek meets the Small Cold Creek and spill over rocks and boulders, and through pine forests. Walking trails run alongside the cascades, so you can admire the views.

From Hrebienok, you descend to Smokovec by funicular cable car and take the mountain tram back to Tatranska Lomnica.

#### Total walking

Distance: Seven hours, 15 km

Total ascent: 663 m

Total descent: 1 420 m

Max elevation: 2004 m

Min elevation: 1004 m

#### Meals included



Breakfast

#### **Accommodation**

Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

### **Day 3: Hike through the beautiful Studena Dolina Valley to Zbojnicka, or 'Robbers' Hut.**

Today you'll hike through the Studena Dolina Valley. From its narrow beginnings, the valley gradually gets wider, and terraces harbouring mountain lakes tower above. Pause and enjoy the sight of colourful flowers, the scent of pine trees and the sound of rare birds singing in the mountains as you traverse the valley.

The valley leads you up to Zbojnicka, or 'Robbers', Hut, where you can enjoy a traditional lunch of soup and dumplings. Zbonicka Hut is one of the highest at an altitude of 1,960m and still a popular base for trekkers. Its name harks back to the days when it was a hunters' hut, and poachers used to stalk the valley.

Your hike ends where it started, at Hrebienok. From here, you'll take a funicular and tram back to your hotel and enjoy a well-earned dinner!

#### **Total walking**

Distance: 12 km

Total ascent: 756 m

Total descent: 756 m

Max elevation: 1970 m

Min elevation: 1258 m

#### **Meals included**

Breakfast

#### **Accommodation**

Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

### **Day 4: Your holiday comes to an end**

Your tour ends after breakfast. We wish you a pleasant journey home and we look forward to meeting you again on some of our other family holidays.

#### **Meals included**

Breakfast

## **Essential Holiday Information**

### **Is this trip right for you?**

This is a walking holiday for those who enjoy being outdoors and have a love of the mountains. The stones on some of the paths can be slippery when it has rained, and on day three there are sections secured by chains. The climbs are not physically demanding, but you must have a head for heights.

## What's Included

- Three nights in a three-star hotel
- Three breakfasts, one dinner
- Mountain trams
- Maps and detailed route descriptions, routes for GPS devices
- 24/7 local support
- Tour guide (only for guided groups)

## What's not Included

- Flights
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Travel insurance
- Cable cars (approx.. 30 EUR per eprson)

## Optional

Single room supplement: 40 EUR

Solo traveller: 40 EUR (includes single room supplement)

## Max group size

Normally 16 max.

## Start point

This tour starts in Smokovec.

## End Point

This tour ends in Smokovec.

## Flights & Transfers

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 Smokovec:

- Poprad Airport – 17 km / 20 min
- Kosice Airport – 134 km / 1h:30min
- Krakow Airport – 144 km / 2h:30min
- Bratislava Airport – 329 km / 3h:40min
- Vienna Airport – 394 km / 4h:20min
- Budapest Airport – 328 km / 4h:30min

## Getting there & 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 Smokovec 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 a comfortable three-star, family-run hotel in a quiet part of Novy Smokovec within walking distance to restaurants.

### **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 in many popular destinations including Krakow, Bratislava, Kosice, and Vienna.

### **Packing**

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

### **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.

## Ready to go? Book now!

1. Check availability online or contact us by email or phone.
2. Secure your place/s online by clicking the BOOK NOW button or contact us by email/phone. Your place is secured with a 99 EUR deposit per person and can pay by bank transfer.
3. Once the deposit is received a confirmation email will be sent to your email automatically, and your place/s will be officially confirmed.

## 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

Our carefully selected routes will take you safely through the most attractive parts of central Tatras – the largest mountains in Slovakia.

Whether you're accompanied by an experienced tour leader or using our detailed written booklets with GPS routes, your time in the Tatras will be perfectly planned out so you can experience all the highlights of the Tatras in just four days.