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# Winter Hiking in Slovakia's High Tatras - Weekend Adventure

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Discover the thrill of winter hiking in Slovakia's High Tatras—4 days of snowy trails and frozen alpine lakes.

**Holiday code:** TWB

**Countries included:** Poland, Slovakia

**Activity level:** 3

**Themes:** Winter, Walking and Trekking

**Tour type:** Guided Groups

**Minimum age:** 16

**Duration:** 3 nights

**Available in:** Jan, Feb, Mar

## Overview

Embark on a 4-day **winter hiking** adventure through **Slovakia's High Tatras**, with three days of exploring pristine, snow-covered trails. Discover the magic of **frozen alpine lakes**, rustic **mountain huts**, and **Slovakia's highest mountain hotel**, all set against a stunning backdrop of snow-capped peaks.

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

- Enjoy guided **winter hiking** in the iconic High Tatras Mountains.
- **Trek to Zelené Pleso**, a scenic **mountain lake** with a charming mountain hut, for a warm, authentic experience.
- Hike to **Velické Pleso** and the impressive **Sliezsky Dom**, Slovakia's highest mountain hotel, nestled in a snowy valley.
- Optional hike to **Popradské Pleso**, one of the largest alpine lakes in the High Tatras
- Enjoy spectacular views of **towering peaks**, **frozen lakes**, and pristine winter landscapes.

This winter hiking adventure is ideal for nature lovers and thrill-seekers eager to explore serene **frozen lakes**



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, cosy **mountain huts**, and breathtaking **alpine views** in **Slovakia's High Tatras**.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Start in Poprad or Krakow, then transfer to your hotel in the High Tatras, Slovakia!

Meet us at your **preferred airport** and enjoy **hassle-free transport** directly to your hotel in **Smokovec**, a cosy village at the foot of **Gerlachovsky Peak** in the **High Tatras**. After check-in, relax and enjoy the surroundings.

Later, join your group for an introductory briefing with your guide, who will outline the exciting plans for the days ahead.

**Meals included:** no meals included on this day

**Overnight:** Smokovec

### Day 2: Winter Hike to Zelene Pleso hut

After breakfast, take a short group transfer to the starting point of today's winter hike. Explore the scenic Kežmarská Valley, winding through snow-covered trails to reach the stunning Zelené Pleso lake. Here, enjoy lunch at the cosy mountain hut, "Chata pri Zelenom Plese," with its warm and welcoming atmosphere. Afterwards, descend back to civilization and return to the hotel by bus. In the evening, you can unwind in the hotel's sauna, letting the soothing heat relax your muscles after a day in the snow.

**Walking:** 6 hours, 15km/9,3 mi, 615m up, 615m down.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Overnight:** Smokovec

### Day 3: Winter Hike to Velické Lake & Sliezsky Dom

Start your winter hike through the beautiful Velická Valley to reach Velické Pleso and Sliezsky Dom, Slovakia's highest mountain hotel. Savour lunch with stunning views, then descend to Tatranská Polianka and enjoy a scenic tram ride back to Smokovec. Embrace each step of this unforgettable journey in the heart of the High Tatras. In the evening, you'll have the chance to unwind in outdoor hot thermal pools, letting the warm, mineral-rich waters relax your muscles after a day in the snow.

**Walking:** 5,5 hours, 10,5km/6,5 mi, 675m up, 682m down.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Overnight:** Smokovec

### Day 4: Transfer back to the 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 Krakow.

### End point

Poprad or Krakow.

## 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 join a group transfer from Krakow Airport directly to your hotel. The journey takes about 2 hours and 15 minutes.

**Price:** €49 per person

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

On your **final day**, the transfer leaves the High Tatras **after lunch** and drops you off at Krakow Airport **by 16:00**. Please **plan your flights accordingly**.

**\*Private transfers at alternative times are available upon request.**

## Inclusions

### What's Included

- **Three nights:** Stay at a comfortable three-star hotel
- **Meals:** Enjoy three hearty breakfasts
- **All activities:** All walks and hikes
- **Transfers:** Airport pick-ups and all transfers during your trip make travel easy and stress-free.
- **Local Guide:** Our friendly, English-speaking guide

### 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

### Our Selected Hotels

We've carefully selected a hotel on this tour for its convenience, comfort, and excellent value.

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

#### 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

On winter walks in Slovakia's High Tatras, you'll discover cosy mountain huts with delicious options. Try a garlic soup bowl, a homemade goulash plate, or traditional Slovak dumplings with sheep cheese. You might also find warming cabbage stew, sausages, or hearty potato pancakes—perfect with herbal tea or mulled wine.

### 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.

## 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 High Tatras winter 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 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
- Fleece 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

## How to Book Your Adventure

Email us at [sales@slovakia-explorer.com](mailto: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.