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Tatra Winter Activity Break

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Discover Slovakia's High Tatras with five days of snowshoeing, dog-sledging, skiing, and stunning winter views.

Holiday code: AWB

Countries included: Slovakia

Activity level: 3

Themes: Winter, Multi Activity

Tour type: Guided Groups

Minimum age: 16

Duration: 5 days

Available in: Jan, Feb, Mar, Dec

Overview

Experience the most popular winter activities in Slovakia's breathtaking High Tatras on this multi-activity winter getaway. Based in the charming village of Smokovec, nestled below Slovakia's highest peak, Gerlachovsky Stit (2654m), you'll set out each day to enjoy the best of the Tatras.

- **Snowshoeing** – Follow former smuggler's paths with panoramic views of the snow-capped Belianske Tatras and Pieniny National Park.
- **Dog-sledging** with a professional musher and a relaxing soak in natural thermal springs.
- **Skiing or Snowboarding** on the longest slopes for an authentic High Tatras experience.
- **Winter Walk to Rainerova Hut** – Visit the oldest hut in the Tatras for a taste of mountain history.

This 5-day adventure offers an exciting mix of winter sports and scenic exploration, perfect for creating unforgettable memories in the heart of the Tatras.

Itinerary

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

Fly into Krakow, where your guide will greet you and arrange a comfortable transfer to your hotel in Smokovec, a charming village at the foot of Gerlachovsky Peak in the High Tatras. After settling in,



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unwind and take in the peaceful surroundings. Later, meet your group for a warm welcome and a preview of the adventures awaiting you in the days ahead.

Overnight: Smokovec

Day 2: Snowshoeing Adventure in Belianske Tatras

Today, we're off to the charming village of Zdiar for a snowshoeing adventure. After a quick lesson on using snowshoes, we'll set out along the Spisska Magura ridge—a route steeped in history, once used by smugglers. This trail requires a moderate fitness level, making it ideal for experiencing snowshoeing while enjoying the breathtaking views of the Belianske Tatras.

Overnight: Smokovec

Day 3: Dog Sledding and Relaxing in Outdoor Thermal Pools

Today promises an unforgettable experience. We'll head to the scenic Tatra meadows for an exhilarating dog sledding adventure, where a professional musher will teach you the basics before you try your hand at driving the sledge yourself. Afterward, enjoy lunch in a cozy traditional cottage, followed by a soothing soak in the hot thermal springs at Besenova Aqua Park. We'll return to Smokovec by late afternoon, fully relaxed and refreshed.

Overnight: Smokovec

Day 4: Go downhill skiing or snowboarding in Tatranska Lomnica

Today, dive into the thrill of the High Tatras with a day of skiing or snowboarding in Tatranska Lomnica. Start by gearing up at a local rental shop with your choice of skis or snowboard. Your guide will assist with ski pass arrangements (not included), and then it's off to the sunny Tatras slopes! With trails for all levels, this is your chance to shine amidst stunning alpine views.

Overnight: Smokovec

Day 5: Journey Home with Memories that Shine

After five days of unforgettable winter adventures in the High Tatras, it's time to bid farewell to these stunning mountains. After a relaxing lunch, we'll begin our scenic journey back to Krakow Airport, ensuring you arrive in time for your flight. Head home with memories of snowy peaks, cosy mountain retreats, and experiences that truly shine. Safe travels!

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 Three

These are more active trips that people with an average level of fitness should be able to fully participate in. The trip includes winter activities such as skiing, snowshoeing, dog sledging, and winter walking. Activities will usually last a half or full day. If you have a general level of physical fitness—get out walking, do some jogging, or run around chasing your tail 24/7—we think you'll be fine.

? Inclusions

What's Included

- **Four Nights:** Relax in a cosy, family-friendly three-star hotel for the perfect winter getaway.
- **Meals:** Enjoy four hearty breakfasts and one packed lunch to keep you fueled for fun!
- **All Activities:** Every adventure listed in the itinerary is included, from snowshoeing, winter walking, dog-sledging, thermal pools 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 founder, 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 80 EUR and enjoy your own space on the journey!

? 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.

? Accommodation

Stay & Shine: Our Selected Hotels

For this trip, we've hand-picked a three-star 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 Stry 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.

? 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
- Fleeeces 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

?? Guides and Local Staff

Local Knowledge to Brighten Your Journey

On this adult winter break in the High Tatras, our dedicated guide and local team make every moment shine. With deep roots in Slovakia, they know the best scenic spots and hidden gems to reveal the Tatras' unique beauty. Through local legends, fascinating stories, and cultural insights, they bring these mountains to life. Their passion ensures that your winter adventure is more than just activities—it's an unforgettable journey filled with the magic of Slovakia's snowy peaks.

?? Food

Meals included

Day 1: none

Day 2: Breakfast, Packed Lunch

Day 3: Breakfast

Day 4: Breakfast

Day 5: 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!

Packed Lunch

For lunch, we'll visit a selection of local restaurants offering a delightful mix of regional specialities and international dishes.

For your snowshoeing day, a packed lunch typically includes a fresh sandwich or baguette, fruit, and biscuits—perfect for a picnic during your adventure on the trails.

Dinners

Dinner in Smokovec has something to suit every taste. Enjoy a cosy meal at the hotel or explore local restaurants offering Slovak specialities like Bryndzové Halušky (potato dumplings with sheep cheese) alongside international options. Many spots emphasize fresh, locally sourced ingredients, ensuring a warm and authentic 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.

? 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 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!

?? Need more information?

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions at all. Trip Notes provide detailed information including visa info, how to get to your hotel, what to pack, money matters, climate – pretty much everything you need to know about this tour and more.

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.

