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Family High Tatras Mountain Adventure

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A mixed-activity summer holiday in Slovakia's High Tatras.

Holiday code: FHT

Countries included: Slovakia, Poland

Activity level: 2

Themes: Family

Tour type: Guided Groups

Minimum age: 7

Duration: 7 days

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

Overview

This multi-activity holiday for families lets you experience the best of the High Tatras – the biggest mountains in Slovakia in summer.

The High Tatras national park is home to alpine lakes and meadows, Tatra spa villages and traditional wooden churches, with a medieval castle nearby. This is one of the richest regions of Slovakia when it comes to traditions, customs and varied flora and fauna that can no longer be seen elsewhere in western Europe.

Over seven days you'll experience:

- **Cable car ride** – to Skalnaté Pleso at 1,754m. and the mountain moraine lake situated at the foot of the



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legendary Lomnický Peak (2,634m).

- **Walking** – on the most popular hiking trails to mountain huts, waterfalls and lakes.
- **Cycling** – easy rides to Kezmarok with beautiful views of the Tatra peaks and valleys.
- **Rafting** – in the Pieniny National Park on the Dunajec River, one of the longest canyons in Central Europe.
- **Spisský Castle** – the largest castle in Central and Eastern Europe.
- **Levoča** – an ancient pilgrimage town with the highest wooden altar in the world.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Smokovec

Welcome to the Tatras. Today you and your family will arrive in the mountain village of Nový Smokovec, which will be your home for the next six nights.

Nový Smokovec is one of the most popular villages in the High Tatras, located in the shadow of the legendary Gerlachovský peak (2,655m) and the nearby popular tourist centre of Hrebienok – the cross road of many hiking trails.

When you get to the hotel, you will be welcomed by our guide who will tell you about the plans for the following days. Dinner 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 Siest

Day 2: Cable car to Skalnaté Pleso and walking adventure to mountain huts and waterfalls

This morning we take a mountain tram to Tatranská Lomnica and enjoy a cable car ride to Skalnaté Pleso (1,751m), home to a crystal-clear mountain lake and an observatory, located in the foothills of Lomnický peak at (2,634m).

From here you'll hike along a popular family trail, exploring mountain huts and cascading waterfalls on a scenic trek that has views over the villages and settlements below. En route we stop at Zamkovského hut where we'll enjoy our packed lunch before continuing to Cold creek waterfalls and Rainerova hut – the oldest hut in the Tatras. From here we continue to Hrebienok from where we descent back to Smokovec.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

Day 3: Visit Spisský Castle and set off on an exhilarating bike ride

A short drive takes you to one of the biggest castles in Central-Eastern Europe, 12th-Century Spisský Castle. A local guide will walk you through the site's interesting stories, in a way that'll bring them to life for the kids.

You'll take a tour of medieval Levoca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with the highest wooden altar in the world, before cycling to the ancient town of Kezmarok with a superb view of the peaks of the High Tatras. An early evening transfer takes you back to the hotel, for a well-earned dinner and glass of wine.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

Day 4: Ride a mountain tram to Strbske Pleso, Slovakia's highest village, then walk to Skok waterfall

This morning we start with a tram journey through the Tatras' most famous settlements to Strbske Pleso (1,347m), Slovakia's highest village and home to a beautiful glacial lake.

The village is one of the most popular destinations in Slovakia as it provides many kilometres of hiking routes and the chance to admire the lake itself. From here, we'll follow a trail to Skok waterfall. The hiking trail is waymarked and leads you along a road to the peace and tranquillity of the pine-forested Mlynicka Valley.

From here, a stony path squeezes you through hairpin turns to the foot of the waterfall, which drops 25m from the rocky ledge above. It's easy to see why these are one of the High Tatras' top ten attractions – the cascading waters are beautiful as they tumble down the mountain into the pools below.

With a chance to see rare Tatra chamois on rocky peaks around you, this is the perfect spot for our packed lunch. After a well-deserved break we'll hike back to Strbske Pleso and return back to Smokovec by the mountain tram.

Meals included: breakfast, packed lunch

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

Day 5: Day trip to the national park of Pieniny; Cerveny Klastor monastery, rafting on Dunajec river and castle Niedzica

After breakfast we'll drive to the national park of Pieniny, which forms a natural border with Poland. Here we'll visit one of the most magical sites in Slovakia - Cerveny Klastor (the Red Monastery), which was home to the Cistercian monks. We'll learn about the most famous monk, Cyprian, the inventor of hang-glider and author of the oldest pharmacy in Central Europe.

The Pieninsky national park is also home to Dunajec Gorge. At 23km it's one of the longest gorges in Europe. A spectacular way to see it is from the water, so take to your rafts, grab an oar and head along the river surrounded by towering, forested peaks.

After our rafting adventure it's time for lunch in traditional restaurant. Here we'll meet our driver, who will drive us to the next attraction – the romantic castle of Niedzica, which belongs to the biggest attraction of southern Poland. In the late afternoon we return back to the Tatras.

Meals included: breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

Day 6: Enjoy a free day

Today is free for you to choose what you'd like to do. There's a whole raft of activities to choose from,

including cycling, walking, cable cars, horse-drawn cart rides, or maybe relaxing in outdoor thermal pools, or visiting the Belianska cave. The choice is yours and your guide will be there ready to help with anything you might need.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Siesta (or similar)

Day 7: 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 well-thought-out trip is a great choice for families who like active holidays or would like to try something new. The basis of this tour is walking, cycling and rafting and it's designed so that it can be managed by active children from the age of 7.

What is Included

- Six nights in a three-star hotel
- 6 Breakfasts, two lunches, one dinner
- All activities and transfers as per itinerary
- English-speaking tour leader from start to finish

What is not Included

- International flights
- Arrival/airport transfer on day one
- Departure/airport transfer on day seven
- Activities on free day

Supplements

Single room supplement: 80 EUR

Discounts

Children 11 years old or younger on extra bed – 140 EUR OFF the child price on proper bed.

Group size

Our groups usually consist of 2 – 5 families, allowing children the chance to make new friends while adults can relax in the beauty of their surroundings.

In order to guarantee our brochure price, the minimum group size for this trip is usually 6. Smaller groups are welcome, but the price may be amended accordingly.

Please contact us if you'd like to arrange a private group for just you and your friends.

Start Point

This trip starts in Novy Smokovec.

End Point

This trip ends in Novy 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 Novy 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 best, you will need to choose how to get to the starting hotel / joining point. There are two options:

Public transport

You can reach Novy 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.

Transport

During this tour all transport will be provided any you will use: tour bus, mountain tram, cable cars.

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.

Packing

We recommend you pack as light as possible, with suitcases or backpacks that are easy for parents 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.

- T-shirts and shorts
- Long-sleeved tops and trousers
- Jacket/coat/fleece
- Swimwear
- Walking boots
- Strong trainers
- Water bottle
- Small first-aid kit
- Sun cream, sunhat and sunglasses

Group Leader

This trip is accompanied by one of our local group leaders. All the organisation, including transfers and activities, is managed by your leader. Our experienced guides are some of the best in the country; they will be there to assist you with anything you might need, giving you advice and organising your activities on a daily basis so you can fully focus on one thing – enjoying the beauty of the High Tatras.

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? Signing up is quick and easy!

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 10 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?

Have a look at our detailed trip notes or please 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

This active family holiday is an excellent opportunity to get to know the largest mountains in Slovakia accompanied by an experienced guide. Your guide will take care of every detail of your day, including all activities and transfers in the Tatra National Park and the surrounding area that are part of this thoughtful holiday. That way you can focus on one thing – enjoying the beauty of the High Tatras without any worries or stress while experiencing traditional Slovakia with your children.