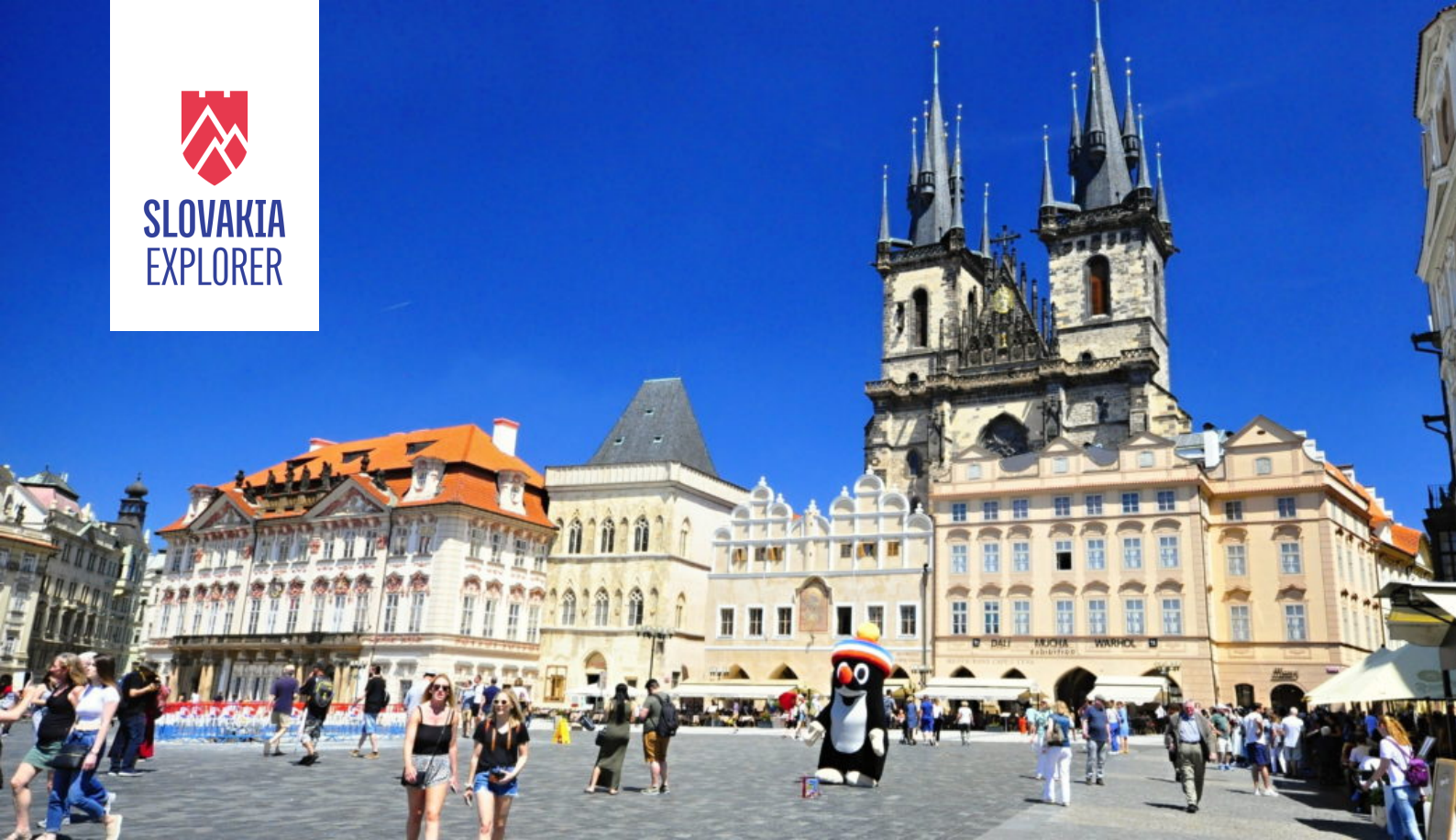




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Family Prague, Tatras and Krakow Adventure

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Family adventure in Prague, the Tatras and Krakow.

Holiday code: FPK

Countries included: Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland

Activity level: 2

Themes: Family

Tour type: Guided Groups

Minimum age: 7

Duration: 8 days

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

Overview

This guided family holiday starts in Prague, 'the City of a Hundred Spires', takes you through the beautiful High Tatras and ends in charming Krakow. You'll take in three of Eastern Europe's gems on this great-value trip – the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland – with highlights right from the very start. This is a stimulating and inspiring trip for all the family to enjoy. In just one week you will experience:

- **Prague** – the city is at the top of a lot of travel wish-lists, and you'll see it the family-friendly way.
- **Sleeper train** – heading to the High Tatras in Slovakia is a unique adventure.
- **The High Tatras Mountains** – this is Slovakia's oldest national park and home to unbelievably rich fauna and flora including brown bears, lynx and wolves.
- **Outdoor activities** – things like walking, rafting and cycling in wild Carpathians make this trip great fun.



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- **Spooky castles and medieval towns** – discover Spissky castle, Eastern Europe’s biggest castle, and the town of Levoca.
- **Krakow** – the Polish former capital.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Prague and start exploring.

Welcome to Prague, capital of the Czech Republic.

You will be met by your tour leader at the hotel for an introductory briefing. Depending on your arrival time, the rest of the day is free to explore Prague’s attractions.

Prague is a fascinating city, with lots to do. We recommend a couple of extra nights here to make the most of your time. If you want us to find you a well-located, family-friendly hotel, just let us know.

Accommodation: Hotel Lunik (or similar)

Day 2: Get a closer look at Prague and take a sleeper train to the Tatra Mountains.

Today you’ll enjoy sightseeing in Prague, considered to be one of the prettiest towns in the world. Your local guide will walk you around the historic centre, set to the backdrop of Prague Castle – the largest castle complex in the world.

Follow in the footsteps of Czech kings to Charles Bridge, and walk through the narrow streets, medieval squares and dark passages, to the Old Town Square. Here you’ll see the Orloj astronomical clock.

Late evening, you’ll head to the station to catch the sleeper train to Poprad in the heart of the High Tatras.

A sleeper train is a unique experience for the kids, and a fun way to travel to your next country – Slovakia.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sleeper train

Day 3: Arrive in Slovakia and set off on a walking adventure.

After an early arrival in Poprad, you’ll transfer to your hotel for breakfast and fuel up for your first walking adventure.

It’s up into the hills with a cable car ride to Skalnaté Pleso (1,751m), home to a crystal-clear mountain lake. Located in the foothills of Lomnický peak at 2634m., there’ll be time to soak up the views.

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.

Zamkovského hut offers delicious homemade food, and Rainerova hut, the oldest in the Tatras is a pleasant stop on the way to the cascading Cold creek waterfalls.

Your walk continues via Hrebienok, a cross road for many fantastic tourist trails, and ends in Starý Smokovec, the oldest village in the Tatras, from where we’ll take a mountain tram back to Tatranská Lomnica.

Meals included



Breakfast, packed lunch

Accommodation

Tatranska Lomnica, Penzion Paula (or similar)

Day 4: Visit Spissky 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 Spissky 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: Penzion Paula (or similar)

Day 5: 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 Tatranska Lomnica by the mountain tram.

Meals included: breakfast, packed lunch

Accommodation: Penzion Paula (or similar)

Day 6: Go rafting in the national park of Pieniny and visit the Cerveny Klastor (Read Monastery)

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 Read 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 our final destination, the ancient town of Krakow and the former capital of Poland.

Meals included: breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Benefis

Day 7: Explore beautiful Krakow.

Krakow is a UNESCO World Heritage City, famous for its beautifully preserved Old Town. Explore three kilometres of city walls, 46 spires, countless historical buildings, narrow streets, churches and Europe's biggest medieval market square.

We've included a child-friendly guided tour before a free afternoon to enjoy more of Krakow, or visit Wieliczka Salt Mines or the Auschwitz concentration camp if you would like to (this is optional).

Meals included: breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Benefis

Day 8: Your tour ends

Today you'll transfer to Krakow's airport, which is where this tour ends.

Meals included: breakfast

Essential Holiday Information

Is this trip right for you?

This trip is an ideal option for active families wanting to explore Central Europe in an active way. The trip is designed to be suitable for children from the age of seven.

What is Included

- 6 nights in three-star hotels
- 1 night in sleeper train
- Seven breakfasts, two lunches
- All activities as per itinerary
- Sleeper train from Prague to the Tatras
- All transfers to/from activities as per itinerary
- English-speaking tour leader from start to finish

What is not included

- International flights
- Arrival and departure airport transfers

- Travel insurance
- Any optional activities mentioned in the itinerary

Supplements

Single room supplement: 170 EUR

Discounts

Child 11 years and younger on extra bed: - 90 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 tour starts in Prague.

End point

This tour ends in Krakow.

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 Prague:

Prague Airport – 30min, 19 km

Getting there & Airport transfers

There are two options of getting to your starting hotel:

Public transport

You can reach your hotel by public transport (bus, tram, underground). Using 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 we will use: train, underground, tram, cable cars, bus.

Accommodation

During this trip you'll stay in comfortable three-star hotels. On the overnight sleeper train, you'll be in three or four-berth cabins with shared facilities in each carriage.

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 a 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 and 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 Prague, Krakow, and Slovakia's spectacular mountain scenery.

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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 10 EUR deposit per person and you 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 superb family summer adventure in Central Europe is a great opportunity to explore the highlights of romantic Prague, the High Tatras mountains and Krakow. With a lovely variety of outdoor activities including walking, rafting and cycling, this is an ideal itinerary for active families wanting to experience the history and the mountains of Central Europe in one holiday.