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Tatra Winter Activity Week

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Multi-activity winter holiday in the Slovakian High Tatras.

Holiday code: AWT

Countries included: Slovakia

Activity level: 3

Themes: Multi Activity, Winter

Tour type: Guided Groups

Minimum age: 16

Duration: 8 days

Available in: Jan, Feb

Overview

??Dive into the heart of Slovakia's High Tatras with this exclusive eight-day winter adventure, designed for those seeking a blend of exhilarating activities and peaceful mountain landscapes. Discover snow-dusted trails, frozen waterfalls, and stunning panoramic views as you explore this iconic alpine region.

In just one week, you'll enjoy:

- **Winter Walking** – Stroll through the snowy Mlynická Valley and see a breathtaking frozen waterfall.
- **Snowshoeing** – Trek along scenic ridges once used by smugglers, with stunning views of the Belianske Tatras and Pieniny National Park.
- **Dog Sledding & Thermal Pools**—Enjoy the thrill of dog sledding and unwind in warm thermal pools surrounded by mountain views.
- **Mountain Huts & Frozen Waterfalls** – Discover the charm of traditional mountain huts and the magic of icy waterfalls.
- **Skiing & Sledding**—Try the longest slopes in the Tatras, perfect for skiers and sledding enthusiasts.

This winter adventure combines outdoor excitement with cosy relaxation, creating unforgettable



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memories in Slovakia's snow-covered wonderland.

Itinerary

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

Upon arrival at Krakow airport, your friendly guide will greet you and ensure a smooth transfer to your hotel in Smokovec, a cozy village at the foot of Gerlachovsky Peak in the High Tatras. After check-in, relax and enjoy the surroundings. Later, join your group for a warm welcome and a preview of the exciting days ahead.

Overnight: Smokovec

Day 2: Take the Tatra tram to Strbske Pleso, then go on a winter walk to Skok waterfall.

Hop on the Tatra tram to Strbske Pleso, Slovakia's highest village, for a winter walk to the stunning, frozen Skok waterfall. Immerse yourself in the serene beauty of the Tatra wilderness, with opportunities to spot the elusive chamois and enjoy a peaceful picnic in the snowy landscape. In the afternoon, return by tram to Smokovec.

Overnight: Smokovec

Day 3: Dog-sledding and thermal pools.

Today, prepare for an exhilarating day in the Tatra meadows, perfect for an unforgettable dog sledding experience. After learning the basics from a professional musher, you can try driving the sledge yourself, gliding across snowy landscapes with your team of sledge dogs.

We'll then enjoy a cosy lunch at a traditional mountain cottage before heading to Besenova Aqua Park to unwind in the warm, soothing thermal springs. In the late afternoon, we'll return to Smokovec, refreshed and full of memories from the day's adventure.

Overnight: Smokovec

Day 4: Snowshoeing Adventure in Spisska Magura

Today, we set off for the picturesque village of Zdiar to begin our snowshoeing adventure. After a quick lesson on using snowshoes, we'll explore the historic Spisska Magura ridge, where smugglers once travelled in days past. This scenic, moderate trail is ideal for both beginners and seasoned hikers. As we make our way along the ridge, you'll be treated to breathtaking views of the Belianske Tatras—an unforgettable way to experience the serene beauty of the Tatras in winter.

Overnight: Smokovec

Day 5: Cable Car, Ice Sculptures & Sledding Adventure

Start with a cable car ride to Hrebienok (1285m) and marvel at the Tatra Ice Dome's stunning ice sculptures. Take a short winter walk to Rainerova Hut, the oldest in the Tatras, for a cosy break and scenic views. Later, visit Zdiar for thrilling downhill sledding and explore an outdoor museum celebrating Goral culture. Each part of this day brings adventure, warmth, and unforgettable memories.

Overnight: Smokovec

Day 6: Skiing or Snowboarding in Tatranska Lomnica

After breakfast, we'll head to Tatranska Lomnica for some of the best skiing in the High Tatras. Tackle one of the longest downhill runs, gliding from high altitude to the village below. With trails for beginners and experienced skiers, there's something for everyone. Need a refresher? We can arrange a ski lesson to get you ready. Grab your skis, and let's make today unforgettable!

Overnight: Smokovec

Day 7: Free day for optional activities

The choice is yours! Hit the slopes, hike to a mountain hut, try cross-country skiing at Štrbské Pleso, or enjoy a scenic horse-drawn carriage ride. For a relaxing day, visit Belianska Cave or AquaCity Poprad, a water park with thrilling slides, thermal pools, and a wellness centre. History lovers can explore the UNESCO town of Levoča or the TANAP Museum. Whatever you choose, your guide is here to assist!

Overnight: Smokovec

Day 8: Transfer Back to the Airport

After a memorable week of winter adventures, it's time to bid farewell to the High Tatras. Following a relaxing lunch, we'll set out on a scenic drive back to Krakow Airport, ensuring you arrive with plenty of time for your flight. Take unforgettable memories of snowy peaks, cosy mountain huts, and incredible moments in the heart of Slovakia. Safe travels and we hope to welcome you back for more alpine adventures!

Essential Holiday Information

? Is This Your Perfect Adventure

What to Know to Shine on Your Journey

This well-thought-out trip is a great choice for people who like active holidays or would like to try something new. The snow determines the difficulty of movement in the Tatras, but in general this winter multi-activity trip is designed so that it can be managed by active people with an average level of fitness.

? Inclusions

What's Included

- **Seven Nights:** Relax in a cosy, family-friendly three-star hotel for the perfect winter getaway.
- **Meals:** Enjoy seven hearty breakfasts and two delicious lunches to keep you fueled for fun!
- **All Activities:** Every adventure listed in the itinerary is included, from snowshoeing 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 CEO, Petr Ivanek, who is also a beekeeper.

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Flights
- Ski pass
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary

?? Extras

For a bit more privacy, opt for a single room supplement at 140 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 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 Stary 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.

?? Food

Meals included

Day 1: none

Day 2: Breakfast, Packed Lunch

Day 3: Breakfast

Day 4: Breakfast, Packed Lunch

Day 5: Breakfast

Day 6: Breakfast

Day 7: Breakfast

Day 8: 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!

Lunches

On days two and four, enjoy a packed lunch with a fresh sandwich or baguette, fruit, and biscuits—perfect for a picnic on your winter walks.

On the other days, we'll explore local restaurants in the Tatras. Here, you can savour traditional Slovak specialities and various international dishes, ensuring there's something for every taste.

Dinners

Dinner in Stary Smokovec offers something for everyone! Dine at the hotel for a cozy and convenient meal, or head out to explore local restaurants that serve Slovak favorites like Bryndzové Halušky (potato dumplings with sheep cheese) along with international options. Many places focus on fresh, locally sourced ingredients, so whether you stay in or venture out, your family will enjoy a warm, welcoming 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.

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.

? Kit list

We recommend you pack as light as possible, with a suitcases or backpacks that are easy for parents to lift and carry, because you will be expected to carry your own bag during travelling, taking it to your hotel room etc.

You will also need a day pack/bag to carry water and a camera etc for day trips. 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 family winter adventure in the High Tatras, our friendly guide and local team will transform each day into a journey of discovery for everyone.

With deep roots in Slovakia, they know the best spots for winter fun, from scenic views to unique wildlife sightings.

They'll bring the Tatras to life with fascinating local legends, cultural traditions, and hidden wonders, making every moment magical.

Their love for these mountains ensures that your family's winter adventure goes beyond activities – it's an unforgettable experience, perfect for creating warm memories together in the heart of Slovakia's snowy beauty.

? 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:** A direct and reliable option for making payments.

? **PayPal:** Quick, secure, and allows for credit card payments. A PayPal payment link will be sent directly to your email for easy payment.

Choose the payment method that best suits your preference, and let us take care of the rest so you can focus on the adventure that awaits!

?? **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.