



Beauty is not to be found only on the outside, it often remains concealed; and for us to admire it, we need to go deep under the surface. Slovakia might be a small country but that cannot be said about the importance and the number of interesting sights found here. This spectacular tour takes you to the famous Vratna valley, where the Slovak Robin Hood (Juraj Janosik) used to live. You will climb the ladders along the streams and hike in the beautiful Orava and Donovaly regions. Finish your adventure in the Slovak “must see” High Tatras.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1, Welcome to Bratislava

Welcome at the airport, transfer to the hotel by personal tour guide who will explain all the details about your trip.

Welcome Dinner & overnight stay in Bratislava.

### DAY 2, Bratislava, Beckov

Breakfast at ~8 am followed by meeting with your tour guide at the hotel and start of the tour of Bratislava – the capital city, visiting attractions such as:

- Primate's Palace – a marvelous Classicist and largest palace in Bratislava where the Treaty of Pressburg was signed in 1805
- St. Martin's Cathedral - one of the largest gothic constructions in Bratislava where the coronations of 19 rulers took place between 1563-1830, including Austro-Hungarian empress Maria Theresa
- Michael's gate - the only preserved city gate, ranking among the oldest town buildings
- historical narrow streets, squares, Slovak National Theatre and of course the historic Bratislava castle.

During the tour we will stop for a lunch in the city centre.

Later in the afternoon - transfer to Beckov (about 1hr drive); tour of the beautiful Beckov castle. It is 16 kilometers south of Trencin at the place where the river Vah (the longest river in Slovakia) finishes its journey through the Trencin's valley and enters the lowlands of Dunaj. The castle lies on a steep 30 meters high rock over the village of Beckov. It is one of the oldest castles of former Hungary and Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Transfer to Sulov, about 1,5 hr drive from Strečno will be the next stop where we will take a tour of Sulov Rocks, the most interesting part of a much larger mountain range called Strážovské vrchy (Strážov, 1213m), which are bounded by the southern part of the Lesser Fatra mountains (Lúčanská Malá Fatra) on the east and the Váh River on the west and north. The most interesting part of the Sulov Rocks forms the northwest and north rim of the little basin in which the village of Súľov sits. Thanks to the nature of the local calcareous rocks, a fantastic "stone forest" – made up of countless rock pinnacles and needles has developed here. This place lures both the hiker and the climber.

Another attraction in this area is the Sulov castle, originally built early in the 15th century. The ruins of the castle completely merge with Sulov rocks, in fact it was built between the rock formations and functioned as a fort from which a nearby road could be watched and protected.

Dinner & overnight stay in Zilina



### **DAY 3, Strecno, Janosikove Diery**

Breakfast at ~8 am, transfer to Strecno castle (apx. 30mins). The ruins of Strecno Castle tower over the Vah river symbolize the feudal power in Central Povazie. Even though it has been a ruin for three centuries, the architecture that remains documents the development of the medieval fortress from the gothic to the baroque. Although the castle was only established in the middle of the 14th century, the site has been inhabited for much longer – archaeological discoveries show that the castle hill was already inhabited in the early Bronze Age

Lunch in Strecno, followed by transfer to nearby Terchova to visit Janosikove diery at the Rozsutec natural protected area. These passages and canyons consist of three integrated parts - Dolne diery (Lower holes), Nove diery (New holes) and Horne diery (The Upper holes). There are more than twenty waterfalls in Janosikove diery. Bizarre and interesting rock formations provide unique environment for several animal species and plants.

Tour starts in Terchova, continuing through Dolne diery (Lower holes), under Rozsutec mountain and finishing in Stefanova. The whole trip takes approximately 2hrs.

Dinner & overnight stay in Zuberec

### **DAY 4, Rohace, Museum of Orava Village, Wellness aquapark Oravice**

Breakfast at ~8 am followed by a hike to Rohace valley, trail will take you around the Rohace lakes offering magnificent views of the mountain range.

Lunch at a traditional Slovak restaurant, followed by a visit to Orava SKANZEN – Museum of the Orava Village - an open air museum of folk architecture exhibits, intact rural houses brought from all around the region of Orava and re-assembled in Zuberec. The gardens and fields around the houses show various ancient forms of farming and animal husbandry.

Finish the day of activities by relaxing and enjoying thermal wellness aquapark in nearby Oravice.

Dinner & overnight in Zuberec

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### **DAY 5, High Tatras**

Breakfast at ~8 am, transfer to High Tatras - a dominant and most popular mountain range on the border between Slovakia and Poland. The rugged High Tatras with 17 peaks over 2500 meters high are together with the Southern Carpathians the only mountain ranges with an alpine character in the 1200 km length of the Carpathian Mountains.

Most of High Tatras with all of its highest peaks are situated on the Slovak side of the border with Poland. The highest peak is Gerlachovský štít (2,655 m). Many rare and protected animals and plant species are native to the High Tatras which are also home to Eurasian lynx, bears, marten, wolves, fox and others. The area is well known and popular for winter sports. Ski resorts include Štrbské pleso, Starý Smokovec and Tatranská Lomnica in Slovakia, and Zakopane in Poland. The town of Poprad is the gateway to the High Tatras resorts.

Planned tour include Starý Smokovec area and a short walk around Štrbské and Popradské pleso (lake).

Transfer to Donovaly, dinner & overnight stay in Donovaly

## DAY 6, **Donovaly, Bratislava**

Hiking in Donovaly – apx. 2-3 hour easy hike in Donovaly – part of Low Tatras National Park. First part of the trip includes a chairlift ride to the summit of “Nova Hla”, from there the trail runs along the ridge to “Zvolen and Maly Zvolen” peaks. This trail offers magnificent views of Velka Fatra and Starohorske Vrchy mountains as well as most of Low Tatras range.

Departure, dinner and overnight stay in Bratislava

## DAY 7, **Good-bye Slovakia**

After breakfast and check-out, you will have a free time for shopping & spending your last minutes in the beautiful City Centre of Bratislava until your departure and transfer to the airport.



**DURATION: 7 Days / 6 Nights**  
**BEST TIME OF THE YEAR: April to October**

**PRICE PER PERSON: 700 € twin share**

*Children up to 30% discount!*

## What is included:

**1.**

- ❑ Your professional guide who will also be your driver, translator & advisor
- ❑ 6 nights in a room with double occupancy
- ❑ 6x breakfast
- ❑ 1x welcome lunch
- ❑ 1 x traditional barbecue lunch
- ❑ All transfers around Slovakia
- ❑ Refreshments
- ❑ Fuel and all parking & highway tolls
- ❑ Map of Bratislava & map of Slovakia, information material (brochures, leaflets)
- ❑ Entrance fees to all museums, spa and other attractions
- ❑ Personal CD-ROM with Photos of your trip

## What is not included:

**2.**

- ❑ Flights to/from Slovakia, insurance – can be arranged
- ❑ Return airport transfers (can be arranged)
- ❑ Lunch, dinner
- ❑ Alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks
- ❑ Souvenirs, tips
- ❑ Any other trips not mentioned in this itinerary



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