

**Churches of Slovakia****8 days – 7 nights****Bratislava, Tvrdosin, Ruzomberok, Svaty Kriz, Kezmarok, Hervatov, Lukov, Bardejov, Ladomirova, Bodruzal, Snina, Ruska Bystra, Hronsek, Zvolen  
Discovery, Culture, History**

**This program may be operated for individual or for groups  
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize**

*Slovakia has everything to please and satisfy travelers! A pretty Danubian capital Bratislava and a multitude of fortified castles, palaces and medieval towns with intact heritage. Svaty Kriz, Banska Bystra, Snina, Bardejov, Hronsek... All these difficult-to-pronounce names will be more familiar to you when you discover their magnificent monuments testifying to the rich history of this country in the heart of Europe*

**Day 1: Bratislava**

Arrival at Budapest airport and transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day free. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [D]

**Day 2: Bratislava, Tvrdosin, Ruzomberok**

Start with the wooden Church of All Saints in Tvrdosin - one of the oldest in the area. Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon continue to The Articular Protestant Church in Lestiny. Its beautifully painted interior dates back to the 17th and 18th centuries. Then, drive to Ruzomberok for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

**Day 3: Ruzomberok, Svaty Kriz, Kezmarok**

Continue to The Articular Protestant Church in Svaty Kriz, built without a single metal part and, also, the only church in Slovakia with a cellar. Then visit The Articular Protestant Church of Holy Trinity in Kezmarok, built in 1717. This unique wooden building is made of yew and red spruce wood and its ground plan is in the form of a Greek cross. Lunch at a local restaurant. Free afternoon. Dinner at the hotel. [B/L/D]

**Day 4: Kezmarok, Hervatov, Lukov, Bardejov**

Drive to Hervatov and visit the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. Built by at end of the 15th century, it is the oldest and best-preserved wooden church in Slovakia. The Gothic pictures and wall paintings are the most valuable parts of its interior. Lunch in town before the next stop in Lukov to visit the Church of St. Kozma and Damian. The particularity of this church's architecture is the overhanging attic on pillars around the building. Dinner and overnight in Bardejov. [B/L/D]

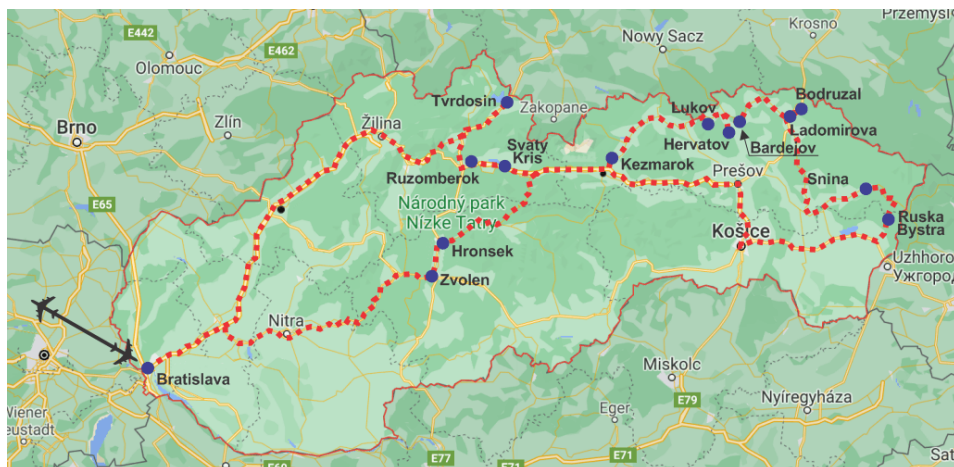
**Day 5: Bardejov, Ladomirova, Bodruzal, Snina**

Short drive to Ladomirova for a tour of the Greek Catholic wooden church of St Michael the Archangel (Chrám sv. Michala Archanjela) built in 1742 without a single metal nail that, in 2008, was included in the UNESCO Word Heritage list. along with seven wooden churches of the Slovak part of Carpathian Mountain Area. Valuable iconostas and altar are from the mid-18th century. It is a five-row wooden architecture filled with icons, part of which was destroyed in the Second World War. Some free time to walk the city before lunch at a local restaurant. Next is the beautiful Orthodox Church in Bodružal, also part of the Unesco World Heritage List, built of wood by parishioners and dating from 1658. It is one of the oldest and best-preserved wooden sacred buildings in Slovakia. The church is dedicated to Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker. Divided into three spaces surmounted by onion towers, it has a majestic iconostasis and rare 18th century frescoes. Continue to Snina for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

**Day 6: Snina, Ruska Bystra, Hronsek, Zvolen**

Early drive to Ruska Bystra where we stop to visit the Church of St. Nicholas. The interior in Baroque and Rococo styles is from the beginning of the 18th century. After the visit we continue to Hronsek, a

charming little village, arriving in time for a late lunch. Hronsek's Protestant wooden temple, registered on the UNESCO World Heritage List, was built in the 18th century and is unmissable. Inside, a beautiful baroque altar surmounted by a splendid organ. Its bell tower, also all in wood, faces it. Then, a short drive takes us to Zvolen with free time to wander in the village before dinner at the hotel. If you're traveling during the summer we'll take you to the Sound and Light show at the castle. [B/L/D]



### Day 7: Zvolen, Bratislava

This morning we visit Zvolen Castle originally built in the Middle Ages, rebuilt in the 16th century and, then, renovated in the 1960s. Note the deep well around the castle. Inside is the largest exhibition of Renaissance paintings in Slovakia. After the visit, we continue to Bratislava for check-in at the hotel. Free time before a farewell dinner at a typical Slovakian restaurant. [B/D]

### Day 8: Bratislava

Leisure time, depending on your flight schedule. At the appointed time transfer to the airport to board your flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Bratislava
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 7 nights' accommodation:
  - Bratislava 2 nights
  - Ruzomberok 1 night
  - Kesmarok 1 night
  - Bardejov 1 night
  - Snina 1 night
  - Zvolen 1 night
- Meals:
  - Breakfast daily
  - 5 lunches
  - 7 dinners
- Church of All Saints in Tvrdosin
- Articular Protestant Church in Lestiny
- Articular Protestant Church in Svaty Kris
- Articular Protestant Church of Holy Trinity in Kezmarok
- Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Hervatov
- Church of St. Kozma and Damian in Lukov
- Greek Catholic church of St Michael the Archangel in Ladomirova

- Orthodox Church in Bodružal
- Church of St. Nicholas in Ruska Bystra
- Hronsek's Protestant wooden temple
- Zvolen Castle
- English-speaking guide
- A/C vehicle for the tour
- Entrance fees for sites visited
- All local taxes

### Tour does not include:

- Any taxes and surcharges relating to airfares
- Travel insurance
- Wi-Fi at hotels
- Camera fees at the monuments (if applicable)
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

**Hotels in your Tour:**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
<b>First Class</b>		
Bratislava	Marrol's Boutique Hotel Bratislava	5
Ruzomberok	Hotel Tri Studnický	4.5
Kesmarok	Hotel Hviezdoslav	4.5
Bardejov	Hotel Pod Branou	4.5
Snina	Hotel Karpatia	4.5
Zvolen	Hotel Academic	4

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

**Tour Prices:**

**From: 1,185 including airfare**

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services; however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

**Tour Code:** SK02BTS21VT

**Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

**Group Quotations**

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote

with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.

- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.