

Classic Slovakia**8 days – 7 nights****Bratislava, Trencin, High Tatras, Strbske Pleso, Pribylina, Liptovsky Mikulas, Tatranska Lomnica, Skalnate Pleso, Kezmarok, Cerveny Klastor, Poprad, Spisske Podhradie, Zehra, Levoca, Banska Bystrica, Chateau Topolcianky**
Discovery, Culture, History

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

Slovakia is a land filled with medieval towns, magnificent mountains, fascinating gothic churches, ancient castle ruins and pastoral landscapes. This small country abounds with legends, fascinating folklore and is rich in arts and culture.

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

Start by driving through the Old Town gates to the Medieval castle. See the Slovak National Theatre and Reduta building which is home to the Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra. You'll also see many beautiful churches, the upside-down pyramid building of the Slovak Radio, and the Grassalkovich Presidential Palace with its beautiful garden. Then view the Slovak Parliament and the Town Walls. Enjoy a leisurely break for shopping and lunch in the historical center of Bratislava before continuing on the bus for a tour of the Old Town. In Bratislava's Old Town you'll see the Main Square with the Town Hall and Maximilian Fountain, the oldest in the city. Venturska Street is the center of the city's music scene and around it you'll see palaces, churches, St. Michael's Gate, and much more. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

Day 3: Bratislava, Trencin, High Tatras

Travel to the historical town of Trencin. Explore the majestic castle of the medieval oligarch Matus, one of the most important historical monuments of the Povazie Region, the castle was built in the 11th century at the location of the Great Moravian hill-fort and now functions as history museum. From the castle you'll have amazing views of the valley below. Lunch in town before continuing to the Tatras. Unique chance to visit the Demanovska Cave of Freedom. The national nature monument of the Demänovské Caves on the northern side of the Low Tatras Mts. is the longest cave system in Slovakia. It has been captivating the visitors by its rich flowstone fill of various colors as well as the charming pools for many years. It is the most visited show cave in Slovakia. Arrival in the High Tatras for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

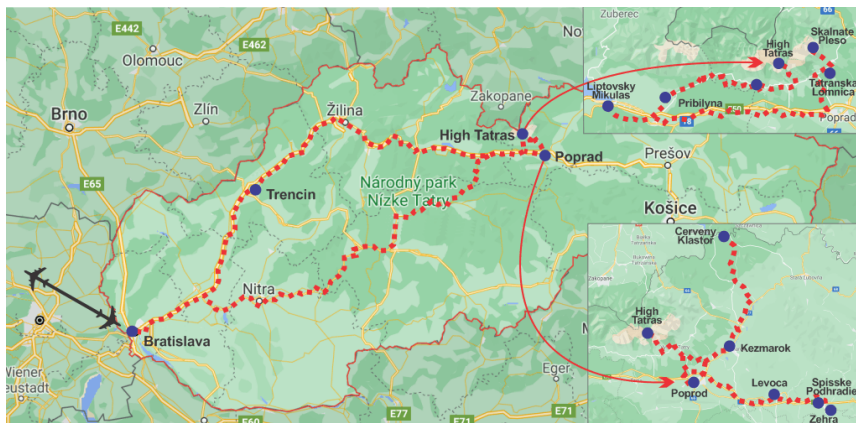
Day 4: High Tatras (Strbske Pleso, Pribylina, Liptovsky Mikulas, Tatranska Lomnica, Skalnate Pleso)

Visit Strbske Pleso, a spa town with a splendid mountain panorama. Travel to the open-air museum in Pribylina. All the wooden houses in the museum are replicas of the ones from different parts of Liptov county, with some having original carved beams, transferred from the old houses. Beside the wooden houses is a replica of an old gothic church, one of the oldest treasures of Liptov, with early Gothic foundation and later roman additions. Lunch en route and continue to Liptovsky Mikulas that, from the second half of the 10th century until 1918, was part of the Kingdom of Hungary. Mikuláš was one of the most important centers of crafts in the Liptov region. Proceed to Tatranska Lomnica the highest located ski resort in the High Tatras where a cable car trip to Skalnate Pleso Lake begins. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 5: High Tatras, Kezmarok, Cerveny Klastor, Poprad

Explore the Gorals region, a specific area with a distinctive lifestyle. Very impressive is the wooden

Lutheran church at Kezmarok. The next is the town of Cerveny Klastor in the Zamagurie region, where the former monastery compound is located. Arrival in Poprad in time for lunch. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner at the hotel. [B/L/D]



Day 6: Poprad, Spisske Podhradie, Zehra, Levoca, High Tatras

The town of Spisske Podhradie along with the medieval church of Zehra lies impressively beneath the Spiš Castle. The castle was built in the 12th century instead of an older. The fortified tower dates from the 13th century while the presidential palace and a chapel are erected in the same period. Spiš Castle is the only one to withstand the 13th century Tatar raids. Continue on to Levoca, visit its Renaissance town hall and the Gothic St. James Church. Lunch in Levoca and return to the High Tatras. Enjoy a walk to the Cold Creek Waterfalls before dinner at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 7: High Tatras, Banska Bystrica, Chateau Topolcianky, Bratislava

Continue to the Low Tatras. Admire the spectacular views of Certovica Pass. Stop in Banska Bystrica and visit its ancient mining center, with meticulous restored patrician houses. Visit the SNP Museum (Museum of National Uprising) that commemorates the anti-fascist uprising during World War II. See the neo-classical Chateau Topolcianky, a former summer residence of Czechoslovak presidents. Lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to Bratislava. Free time. In the evening drive to a typical restaurant for a farewell dinner. Return to the hotel. [B/L/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 3 nights
 - High Tatras 3 nights
 - Poprad 1 night
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 5 lunches
 - 7 dinners
- Sightseeing of Bratislava
- Majestic Trencin Castle
- Demanovska Cave of Freedom
- Pribylina open-air museum
- Lutheran church at Kezmarok
- medieval church of Zehra
- Spiš Castle
- Museum of National Uprising

- Chateau Topolcianky
- 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
First Class		
Bratislava	Marrol's Boutique Hotel Bratislava	5
High Tatras	Grand Hotel Kempinski High Tatras	4.5
Poprad	Hotel AquaCity Mountain View	4

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

From: 1,159 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.

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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.