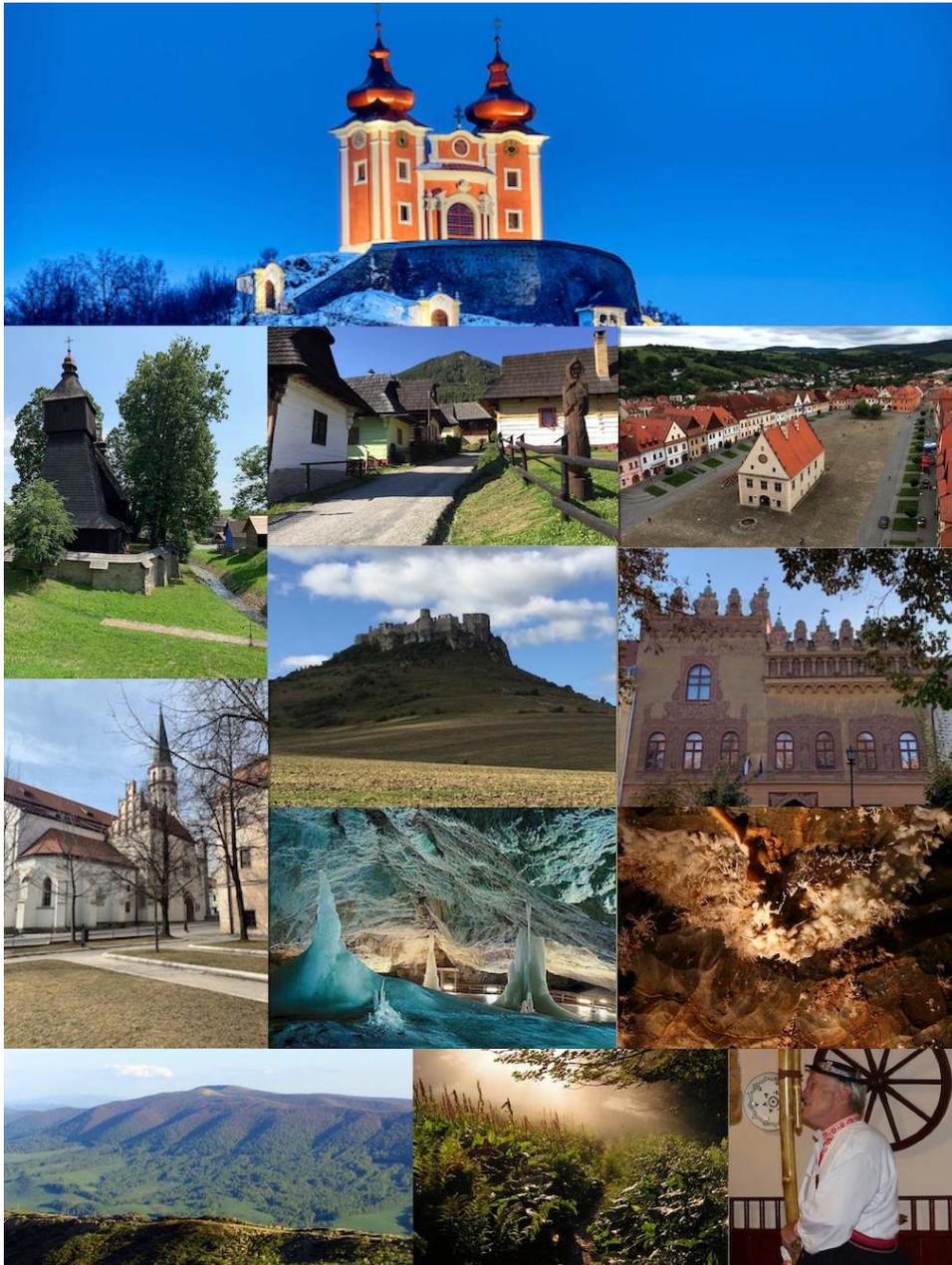


# **SLOVAKIA UNESCO SIGHTS TOUR 2020**

ALL UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SIGHTS in SLOVAKIA





## ABOUT THIS TRIP

9 DAYS / 1 COUNTRY / 8 UNESCO SIGHTS / LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: EASY

If you are interested in UNESCO World Heritage sights and you would like to see all of Slovakia UNESCO sights, then, this tour is exactly for you.

On this private 9-day tour you will see all parts of Slovakia and truly enjoy all World Heritage sights. Of course, it is not only about traveling from sight to sight, it is also about enjoying gastronomical delights in traditional Slovak restaurant, trying excellent Slovak wines, beers and more.

As it is essential to have a top tour guide while you are enjoying your lovely holiday, our guide-drivers are native Slovaks, highly qualified, licensed experts with vast knowledge of history of Slovakia with excellent English skills, driving skills, strong personal touch with sense of humor. They are friendly and always ready to help you and make your stay a lovely and unique experience.

Our vehicles are new, fully equipped Skoda Octavia cars for up to 3 travelers and luxury vans Mercedes Benz V class, for up to 7 travelers, they offer the highest possible comfort, you will enjoy our luxury suits on the wheels.

Our top priority is the customer care. From the very first email, through the entire booking process, during your lovely tour and up to your departure – we will always care about your highest comfort, the attention to details, your safety, your special requests and of course that your tour is enjoyable and memorable.

Read our travel blog dedicated to UNESCO World Heritage sights of Slovakia.  
<https://www.bestsloviatours.com/blog/lovely-unesco-sights-in-slovakia/>

Peter & Jane Blazicek / Best Slovakia Tours – Travel Team

# YOUR TOUR ITINERARY

Route:

Tour starts in Banska Stiavnica

Fly in: Vienna Schwechat airport / Austria (recommended)

Tour ends in Bratislava

Fly out from Vienna Schwechat airport / Austria (recommended)

## DAY 1

### BANSKA STIAVNICA – THE SILVER TOWN / UNESCO

Welcome to Slovakia! Welcome drink and itinerary introduction.  
Your lovely holiday has just started.

#### Morning

Meet and greet at the airport (Bratislava and/or Vienna Schwechat) and scenic drive northeast. After 2hrs driving we'll be in one of the most beautiful, most romantic and most special town, a picturesque Banska Stiavnica. It is like to step in the past centuries. Get an overview of the rich history of this town connected with the mining of silver, copper and gold. Visit of the Old castle – a majestic fortress, 16<sup>th</sup> century New castle, the heart of the Old town – the Holy Trinity square with beautiful sights such as the gothic 15<sup>th</sup> century St. Catherine church, admire Renaissance buildings and the baroque Holy Trinity column.

#### Afternoon

Lunch break at restaurant Monarchia is about home-made specialties and great atmosphere. Do you like beer?

Then, ERB restaurant will satisfy you with its high-quality microbrewery and a delicious cuisine.

Which of these special beers from Slovak ingredients will be your favorite? Will it be Erb Pale lager 10 or 12, Erb Weizen 12, Erb Dark special 13 with balanced bitter and sweet tastes? Free time for souvenirs, coffee & cake break.

#### Evening – At leisure.

Overnight in Banska Stiavnica

Total driving distance: 230km / 140mi, driving time: 2hours 45min, walking time: 4-5 hours

## DAY 2

### WOODEN CHURCH HRONSEK, VLKOLINEC & LEVOCA / 3x UNESCO

#### Morning

Meeting at 9am and drive to a village Hronsek to see a unique wooden church. It

is one of the best preserved sacral buildings of this type.

The church in Hronsek is an articular church which means it was build based on articles (articles of a treaty). In the time of strong Catholicism a Lutheran church could only by build in accordance with strict conditions.

This church had to be made entirely of wood, with no tower and without a single iron nail in its main structure, it had to be bulit within a single year and the main entrance could not face the village.

Drive to another sight will be Vlkolinec (UNESCO), a remarkably intact settlement with the traditional features of a central European village. It is the region's most complete group of these kinds of traditional log houses, often found in mountainous areas. Great opportunity to try samples of honey wine (mead), from local wine makers. Go back in time and see how people used to live two centuries ago. Visit of a little square, baroque chapel, wooden belfry and folk museum showing all the instruments of daily life and work.

#### Afternoon

Lunch break in Spisska Sobota – a lovely little medieval square with a great restaurant. Continue to Levoca and at leisure.

#### Evening - At your own

Overnight in Levoca

Total driving distance: 220km / 135mi, driving time: 3hours 15min, walking time: 3-4 hours

### DAY 3

#### LEVOCA – HIGHEST WOODEN WING GOTHIC ALTAR OF THE WORLD

#### Morning

Meeting at 9am, quality sightseeing tour in this hidden jewel Levoca. Start with the visit of Basilica St. James to see the highest wooden wing, late-gothic altar of the world, a famous work of Master Paul of Levoca (measures: 18.62 metres high, 6.72 metres wide, created between 1507-1517). To get even more information, visit of museum of Master Paul (he used to live and work in a little house on the main square where nowadays you can admire his work).

Afterwards, visit of museum of Levoca, located in a beautiful former town hall. Walk around Levoca's narrow historical streets, admire fortification walls and bastions. Lunch and continue with one of the largest castle ruins in Central Europe, the Spiss castle. Climb up and enjoy the views, former rooms such as kitchen, chapel, torture chamber and get the story. Afterwards, Zehra church (famous fresco of Tree of Life), Spiss chapter (800 years old religious place). Back to Levoca.

Overnight in Levoca

Total driving distance: 35km / 21mi, driving time: 30min, walking time: 3-4 hours

## DAY 4

### OLDEST WOODEN CHURCH HERVARTOV & BARDEJOV JEWEL

#### Morning

Meeting at 9am and drive up to the north. Our first stop is in a little village Hervartov to see a unique wooden Roman-catholic church of St. Francis of Assisi from 15th century.

Then, drive to one of the most beautiful medieval towns - Bardejov, settled in the 14th century, fortified with stone walls and bastions to repel foreign tribes. Most of the walls and bastions are still standing.

Our exploration we start with Bardejov Spa - trying the healing water. It was a place where prominent European rulers and personalities spent some time, among the most famous belong the empress Elisabeth, known as Sissi. Try the healing water from eight springs, Main, Medical, Claire, Elisabeth, Napoleon, Francis, Hercules and Alexander.

Next to the Spa resort there is the the oldest open-air museum in Slovakia, let's visit and go back to the life of the 19-20<sup>th</sup> century of the Slovaks and Rusyns, walk into the houses of peasants, middle class, mayor's house, then we come back to the Old town for a walking tour.

St. Egidius church, climb the church tower with its fantastic view on former fortification walls around the city, the Old Town Hall, see the City walls - seven of the original bastions are still standing.

Evening - At your own. We recommend to take an evening stroll around this special town. No crowds, beautifully lid up the main sights and special atmosphere.

Overnight in Bardejov

Total driving distance: 80km / 50mi, driving time: 1hour 15min, walking time: 5-6 hours

## DAY 5

### WOODEN CHURCHES & POLONINY PARK

#### Morning

Meeting at 8:30am, firstly, let's visit St Michael the Archangel, the 18 century Greek Catholic wooden church in Ladomirova village. We'll enter the church to see the precious iconostas and altar. Drive further to the east to Poloniny national park. It is the Slovak easternmost national park near the Polish and Ukrainian borders.

Take a light enjoyable walking tour (3-4hrs) and find here original extensive beech and fir-beech forest. Drive to Kosice and At leisure.

Overnight in Kosice

Total driving distance: 220km / 135mi, driving time: 3hour 30min, walking time: 5-6 hours

## DAY 6

### KOSICE – EUROPEAN CULTURAL CAPITAL OF 2013

#### Morning

Meeting at 9am and quality sightseeing tour around the spectacular, historical Old Town of Kosice. Kosice- the second largest city of Slovakia is an Eastern Slovakia's hub of industry, commerce, science and culture. It is a city with an eventful and illustrious past.

Visit of St. Elizabeth's Cathedral, considered to be one of the most beautiful Gothic structures in the world, St. Michael's Chapel, The State Theatre, St. Urbain's Tower. See Jesuit and Franciscan churches as well as lane of arts and crafts, similar to Golden lane in Prague, but definitely with less tourists, authentic and worth to visit.

Did you know that Kosice is proud to have the oldest coat of arm in Europe? And also the European oldest marathon (International Peace Marathon) takes place every year on the first Sunday in October.

Afternoon – At leisure. We will give you tips which museum is worth to see, where to enjoy a coffee or glass of wine. Do you like hot chocolate or a great ice cream?

Optional trip – wine tasting & dinner in Tokaj (not included)

Trip to Tokaj wine region (10 samples of wine) including tasty dinner (roasted duck, dumplings, red cabbage)

Overnight in Kosice

Walking only, no driving

## DAY 7

### OCHTINSKA AND DOBSINSKA ICE CAVE / BOTH IN UNESCO

#### Morning

Meeting at 8:30am, first visit of Ochtinska Aragonit cave (1hr 30min drive), a unique natural phenomenon. There are only 3 such caves in the world. (Slovakia, Mexico and Argentine). Admire variety and abundance of aragonite filling and a rare development of underground space.

Another special cave is Dobsinska Ice cave (50min drive) which belongs among the most important ice caves in the world. Lunch on the way and drive to Bratislava.

Evening - Enjoy an evening in Bratislava.

What about having a drink on the Danube promenade next to Europea Shopping mall ?

Overnight in Bratislava

Total driving distance: 460km / 285mi, driving time: 5hours 45min, walking time: 4-5hours

## DAY 8

### BRATISLAVA QUALITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR

#### Morning

Meeting at 9am at your hotel and drive to Devin castle (15min drive) - situated at the confluence of the Danube & Morava rivers. Its owners could control the important trade route along the Danube as well as one branch of the Amber Road. After admiring the beautiful castle ruin and enjoying views on Austria, we show you where once the "Iron curtain" – the former border between the West and the East used to stand. An overview of the communist history (1948-1989). Devin area is also famous for its current wine. Have you ever tried current wine? Try now, It's a regional specialty. Drive back and visit Slavin (World War2 memorial) and symbol of the city - Bratislava castle – to enjoy stunning views of the Danube river and know more about its rich history.

#### Afternoon

After lunch break in the Old town (we will recommend you a great restaurant), continue with the quality sightseeing tour to show you the highlights of the Old town.

Walking through the main square (admire a beautiful former town hall), the Primate Palace (outside) - the largest in Bratislava where the Treaty of Pressburg was signed in the Hall of Mirrors. Take pictures of some of our funny statues such as Cumil – the worker. Visit of the St. Martin's Cathedral, the coronation place of 18 rulers including Austria-Hungarian empress Maria Theresa, walking through the only preserved entrance, the Michaels gate. Late afternoon at leisure.

You'll get tips which museum, gallery is worth to see, where to enjoy coffee & cake, a glass of excellent Slovak wine, where to buy good quality souvenirs.

Evening – We recommend you a cosy place for dinner.

Overnight in Bratislava

Total driving distance: 25km / 15mi, driving time: 40min, walking time: up to 5 hours

## DAY 9

### FAREWELL and DEPARTURE

Your memorable holiday comes to an end today. We are ready to arrange for you an airport transfer, a comfortable door-to-door service for discounted rate.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

8 x UNESCO World Heritage sights

Banska Stiavnica town – absolutely charming hilly town

Vlkolinec mountain village – a unique colorful village

Levoca town – highest wooden wing late-gothic altar of the world

Spiss castle – mighty fortress including Spiss chapter and Zehra church  
Bardejov town – best preserved medieval town with defensive walls and bastions  
Hervartov and Hronsek wooden churches  
Poloniny national park  
Caves – Dobsinska Ice cave, Ochtinska aragonite cave

Fujara music instrument – intangible UNESCO cultural heritage

Bratislava – the Beauty on the Danube river (the capital & largest Slovak city)  
Bardejov SPA - trying the healing water  
Bardejov open-air museum (visit the old wooden church, houses of peasants, mayors)

Enjoying gastronomical delights in Koliba restaurants and enjoying Slovak meals, drinks, desserts and of course plum brandy Slivovica or Tatra tea, Watching local craftsmen & artists

## **WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED**

Meals: 9x Breakfast, 1x Welcome drink

Overnights: 3star cosy hotels  
Including VAT (Value Added Tax)

Tour guides: Bratislava city tour with a local expert, during the whole tour  
professional and licensed Guide-driver-translator

Transportation: For 1-3 travelers new model 2018, personal car Skoda Octavia  
Combi, A/C, all safety systems, automatic gearbox, comfortable seats

For 4-7 travelers new model 2019 luxury van Mercedes Benz V-class, fully equipped  
with adjustable, comfortable leather seats and A/C in all zones, fridge on board

For 8-18 travelers we use from our partner agency Mercedes Benz Sprinter

Refreshment on board - mineral water sparkling and still, fuel, parking, motorway  
fees, map of Bratislava, information material, brochures, photos of Your Holiday

Entrances to the top sights: Old castle, New castle Banska Stiavnica  
St. James church and museum in Levoca, Spiss castle, Zehra church, Spiss chapter  
Vlkolinec mountain village, Hervartov and Hronsek wooden church  
Open air museum Bardejov  
Map of Bratislava and Slovakia, Information material, Brochures

## WHAT IS EXCLUDED

Flights to/from Slovakia

Return airport transfers (ask and get the special rate), travel insurance, personal expenses, meals and drinks for clients, souvenirs, gratuities to Guide-driver (optional), anything not mentioned in included

## EXPERIENCE MORE

There is already included in the price a high level of services, but we also offer you to customize a tour. Better hotel? Special day trips? Any special services?

On this tour, we offer cosy and comfortable 3star hotels, of course, there is always a possibility to upgrade to the 4star or even the 5star category.

[Get the best possible price>>https://www.bestsloviatours.com/contact-us/](https://www.bestsloviatours.com/contact-us/)

## AVAILABILITY AND PRICES - TRAVEL SEASON 2020

Our price policy is to offer fair and attractive prices for high quality tours.

This tour is only possible as a private tour.

Price is per person with minimum of 2 travelers

Group of 2 travelers: € 1199.00 per person

Group of 3-4 travelers: € 1149.00 per person

Group of 5-6 travelers: € 1099.00 per person

## IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

\* Some tourist attractions might be temporarily closed due to reconstructions or due to bad weather (cable cars), alternative program will be offered

\* Minimum of 2 travelers

\* All prices are per person sharing twin/double room

\* Extra bed possible for a surcharge

\* Single supplement for a surcharge of €380.00

\* Generally, this tour is available for travelers on wheelchair (and with other physical limitations), however, some sights might not be accessible (castles)

Call our Travel Specialist on: +421 918 630 630

Call our Office manager on: +421 905 643 240

## TOUR REVIEWS

Read about us on the world's largest travel site – on Tripadvisor.

Best Slovakia Tours is dedicated to the best service quality and this is reflected year after year when TripAdvisor awards us with their Certificate of Excellence.



We are also proud to have travelers they travel with us again and again (after their superb Slovakia tour with us, they want to discover other central European destinations we offer). They also recommend us to their friends and family.

## NEED A TRAVEL ADVICE FROM LOCALS?

We are happy to answer all your questions and help with precise trip planning.

[Get the assistance from the locals >>https://www.bestslovakiatours.com/contact-us/](https://www.bestslovakiatours.com/contact-us/)

## WE ARE TRUSTED, RELIABLE AND RECOGNIZED



Best Slovakia Tours, s.r.o. – Incoming Travel agency and Tour operator is recommended by TripAdvisor-the world's largest travel site.



Best Slovakia Tours, s.r.o. – Incoming Travel agency and Tour operator is a member of Slovak Association of Travel Agencies and Tour Operators.



Best Slovakia Tours, s.r.o. – Incoming Travel agency and Tour operator is fully insured against insolvency. It is a mandatory insurance for every tour operator in Slovakia.

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook [www.facebook.com/BestSlovakiaTours/](http://www.facebook.com/BestSlovakiaTours/)

Instagram [www.instagram.com/bestsloviatours/](http://www.instagram.com/bestsloviatours/)

This is an original, hand-made itinerary based on our 12 years of traveling, discovering and exploring Slovakia. We have carefully selected the worth-to-see sights, out-of-the-beaten-places, traditional Slovak restaurants and international cuisine restaurants, cosy café's and hotels/pensions.

Designed and annually updated by Peter Blazicek, CEO & founder of Best Slovakia Tours - Travel Company, passionate, experienced traveler and tour guide. Expert guide on private tours in Slovakia and Central European countries.

Make a wonderful experience with us.



Peter Blazicek, CEO & founder

Email: [peter@bestsloviatours.com](mailto:peter@bestsloviatours.com)

Mobile: +421 918 630 630

Jane Blazicek, Office manager

Email: [jane@bestsloviatours.com](mailto:jane@bestsloviatours.com)

Mobile: +421 905 643 245



Best Slovakia Tours, s.r.o., Travel agency & Tour operator, Bohrova 7, 851 01 Bratislava, Slovakia

Phone: +421 918 630630, Email: [peter@bestsloviatours.com](mailto:peter@bestsloviatours.com), [www.bestsloviatours.com](http://www.bestsloviatours.com)

Website is only operated by team of Best Slovakia Tours, s.r.o. VAT # SK 2022 471396