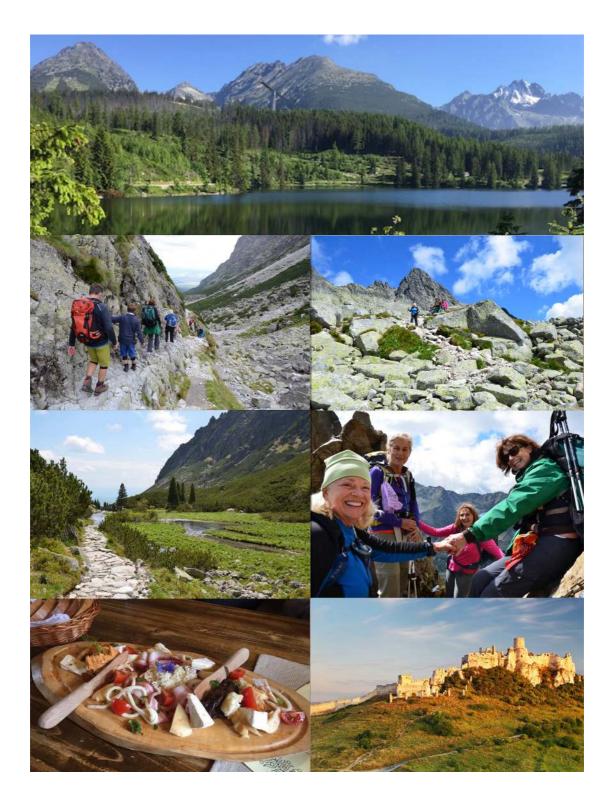


# **HIKING TOUR IN HIGH TATRAS 2020**

# National Park of Tatras





### ABOUT THIS TRIP

8 DAYS / 1 NATIONAL PARK / LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

Hiking tour in National Park of Tatras (High Tatras)

Come and enjoy excellent hiking tours in this oldest national park with highest peaks of Slovakia. Numerous marked tourist trails offer excellent hiking for beginners, more advanced hikers and professional mountain climbers.

The main attractions in High Tatras (Vysoké Tatry in Slovak language) are tours to the peaks, while enjoying truly spectacular views, deep valleys, dwarf pines, more than 100 mountain lakes and several waterfalls.

There are almost 30 peaks over 2500 meters. The highest peak is Gerlachovský štít, 2654 meters (8707 ft), the second highest is Lomnický štít, 2634 meters (8641ft), it is also possible to visit the top of this peak by cable car.

As the symbol of Slovak mountains is considered a spectacular Mt. Kriváň, 2494 meters (8182 ft).

National Park of Tatras is home to mountain goats, eagles, brown bears, lynxes and wolves. Our guide will have a binocular, so with little bit of luck we might spot some animals in the distance. Group size is 4 to 8 people. We want to keep it as a Small Hiking Group.

Our Base Camp for 2 overnights is Strbske Pleso - the highest located mountain resort with a mountain lake and breathtaking views and for 5 overnights Stary Smokovec – the oldest settlement in the High Tatras. You will stay all overnights in the heart of the mountains.

This tour with Rysy peak and Krivan peak is only possible between 15 June until 1 November (due to winter closure of the trails).

Equipment required: waterproof clothing, raincoat, trekking boots, backpack Some hiking trails might be closed. Alternative trails available

Tour guides are personally chosen by Peter Blazicek, CEO & founder. They are experienced, professional, knowledgeable and passionate.

Enjoy reading and precise trip planning with us!

Peter Blazicek, CEO & founder of Best Slovakia Tours – Travel Company

### YOUR TOUR ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO SLOVAKIA

We will pick you up from the airport and comfortable drive you to High Tatra Mountains (from Vienna Schwechat airport it takes 4hrs, from Bratislava it is 3hrs 30min drive, from Krakow only 2hrs 15min drive). Welcome drink and itinerary introduction. Your lovely holiday has just started.

Note: Free Airport pick up from Bratislava airport. Airport transfers from Vienna Schwechat airport or Krakow airport with private driver-guide for discounted rate.

Accommodation: Pension\*\*\* / Overnight: Strbske Pleso – High Tatras

#### DAY 2 STRBSKE PLESO

Today - a warm-up hike from Strbske Pleso to Popradske pleso, a glacial morrain lake (1,494m AMSL) where a mountain chalet Chata Pri Popradskom Plese is located.

We will also visit a symbolic cemetery for victims of accidents in the High Tatras.

\*) It is possible to hike more e.g. up to Sedlo pod Ostrvou (in total it adds 2 hrs)

Total hiking time: 2hrs 30min Level of difficulty: Easy

Meal(s): buffet breakfast Accommodation: Pension\*\*\* / Overnight: Strbske Pleso – High Tatras

### DAY 3 ZELENE PLESO – GREEN LAKE

Check out and move to Stary Smokovec. Short briefing and Hiking to mountain Chalet Green Lake, 1550m AMSL in the valley of Green Lake. The chalet is situated above the lake, which is unusually green in colour and is surrounded by magnificent High Tatras peaks.

Route: Biela voda, car park - Salviovy prament - Chalet Green Lake

Total hiking time:	6hrs	
Level of difficulty:	Easy to Moderate	
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Highest altitude:	1550mASL / 5085ft	
Lowest altitude:	910mASL / 2985ft	

Meal(s): buffet breakfast Accommodation: Pension\*\*\* / Overnight: Stary Smokovec

#### DAY 4 TERYHO CHATA – TERY'S MOUNTAIN COTTAGE

Briefing and hiking to mountain Tery's Chalet at an altitude 2015m AMSL, built above the Little Cold Valley and surrounded by rocky peaks. We'll start from Stary Smokovec to Hrebienok, passing Rainer's cottage and Zamkovskeho cottage through beautiful valley up to Teryho cottage. Expect stunning views and a lovely hike. Lunch break in this cosy mountain cottage. What will you love more a lentil, garlic or cabbage soup? Even tasty goulash is on the menu.

Enjoy the stunning views on the surrounding valley, high peaks and 5 mountain lakes.

Route: Stary Smokovec - Hrebienok -Rainer's cottage-Zamkovskeho cottage- follow green mark - Teryho cottage and back

Total hiking time: Level of difficulty:	7hrs Moderate
Highest altitude:	2015mASL / 6610ft
Lowest altitude:	1010mASL / 3313ft
Gained elevation:	1005m / 3297ft

Meal(s): buffet breakfast Accommodation: Pension\*\*\* / Overnight: Stary Smokovec

### DAY 5 RYSY PEAK 2503 meters AMSL

Briefing and hike up to Chalet under Rysy, the highest altitude mountain chalet in the range, and then to Rysy, the most visited peak in the High Tatras, located on the border with Poland.

Chata pod Rysmi – the highest located chalet in High Tatras offers one of the most spectacular panoramic views.

Route: Popradske Pleso cottage - Zabie lakes - (chains!) -Pod Rysmi Hut – up to Rysy peak

Total hiking time:	7hr 30min
Level of difficulty:	Moderate to difficult
Highest altitude:	2503mASL / 8198ft
Gained elevation:	1144m / 3753ft

Meal(s): buffet breakfast Accommodation: Pension\*\*\* / Overnight: Stary Smokovec

### DAY 6 RELAXING DAY – SPISS CASTLE and AREA

Today, relax and admire charming middle-aged town Levoca, cultural & historic jewel among Slovak towns. The highlights of Levoca is the Roman Catholic church of St. Jacob from 14th century with its largest wooden altar in the world - a masterpiece from Master Paul of Levoca. Museum visit & strolling around.

Spiss Castle. On a dolomite rock, there is one of the most precious cultural monuments in the Spis region - the Spis castle. It is not just an evidence of architectural development from the 12th to the 18th century - it is also one of the largest castles in the Central Europe. Back to High Tatras and At leisure.

On request, we can drive you to Vrbove thermal park or Aquacity Poprad for swimming and massage treatments.

Meal(s): buffet breakfast Accommodation: Pension\*\*\* / Overnight: Stary Smokovec

#### DAY 7 Mt. KRIVAN – SYMBOL OF SLOVAKS and SLOVAK MOUNTAINS

Briefing and today, hiking to the top of Krivan, a peak that is a symbol of Slovak national pride. Krivan is a dominant peak of High Tatras and it can be seen from a very far distance.

Did you know that there were gold mines under its top in the past? Probably we will not find gold any more, but no doubts, it's one of the best hiking tours in Tatras.

Route: Strbske pleso - Razcestie pod Furkotskou dolinou - Jamske pleso - pod Krivanom - Krivan peak

Total hiking time:	7hrs 30min
Total lenght:	9,5km / 5,9miles
Level of difficulty:	Difficult (3)
Highest altitude:	2494mASL / 8182ft
Lowest altitude:	1350mASL /4429ft
Gained elevation:	1140m / 3740ft

Meal(s): buffet breakfast Accommodation: Pension\*\*\* / Overnight: Stary Smokovec

DAY 8 FAREWELL TO OUR TRAVEL FRIENDS

Transfer to the airport.

Note: Discounted rate for Vienna Schwechat airport or Krakow airport drop off

Would you like to add few more days and know different national parks? Would you like to conquer the Highest peak of Slovakia - the Gerlachovsky peak?

We have our mountain climbers / guides and we make it possible for you. No problem, just let us know and we give you options

Meal(s): buffet breakfast

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

Hiking in the National park of Tatras (High Tatra national park) Mt Krivan – symbol of Slovaks and Slovak mountains Rysy peak – one of the most popular hikes – over 2500 meters Teryho mountain cottage – one of the best hiking trails and cottages Green lake – amazingly green lake and lovely surrounded area Spiss castle and Levoca – both UNESCO sights Enjoying gatronomical delights in Koliba restaurants and enjoying Slovak meals, drinks desserts and of course plum brandy Slivovica or Tatra tea

# WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED

Meals: 7x Breakfast, 1x Welcome drink

Overnights: 7x 3star carefully selected cosy pensions, Including VAT (Value Added Tax)

Tour guides: Specially trained professional, experienced Guide-drivers for mountains

Transportation: For 1-3 travelers - new model 2018, personal car Skoda Octavia Combi, A/C and automatic gearbox For 4-7 travelers - new model 2019 van Mercedes Benz V-class, fully equipped with adjustable seats and A/C in all zones

Map of High Tatras and Slovakia, Information material, Brochures, Photos of Your Holiday (link)

# WHAT IS EXCLUDED

Flights to/from Slovakia, Return airport transfers - ask and get the special rate Travel insurance, Personal expenses, Lunches, dinners and drinks for clients Entrance tickets, Gratuities to Guide-driver (optional) Anything not mentioned in included

### **AVAILABILITY AND PRICES - TRAVEL SEASON 2020**

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

Price is per person with minimum of 2 travelers

Group of 2 travelers:	€ 848.00 per person
Group of 3-4 travelers:	€ 799.00 per person
Group of 5-6 travelers:	€ 749.00 per person

# **TOP TRAVEL SEASON JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2020**

Tour starts	Tour ends	Price	Availability
Wed, June 17	Wed, June 24	€848	available
Wed, July 15	Wed, July 22	€848	available
Wed, Aug 12	Wed, Aug 19	€848	available
Wed, Sept 9	Wed, Sept 16	€848	available
Wed, Sept 16	Wed, Sept 23	€848	available
Wed, Oct 7	Wed, Oct 14	€848	available

### IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

\*We do not operate this tour during the winter trails closure 1 November -15 June \*Some tourist attractions might be temporarily closed due to reconstructions or due to bad weather (cable cars), alternative program will be offered \*All prices are per person sharing twin/double room

\*Extra bed possible for a surcharge

\*Single supplement for a surcharge

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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.



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# PRIVATE TOUR SUITS YOU BETTER?

If you would like to have a Hiking tour of High Tatras just for you and your family or friends, we are ready to offer you this tour privately. You will choose the best possible travel dates for you and add places you wish to visit.

Your private Guide-driver will be at your disposal from the first moment until your departure.

We only use native Slovak, professional, licensed Guide-drivers, the real travel experts, passionate travelers and great companions.

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