

FINLAND / HIKING GROUP - SEPTEMBER 2019 **ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE - KRAKOW**

PRICE 593 EUR /p.p. (min 15 paxs) 760 EUR /p.p. (min 10 paxs)

(price includes: accommodation in dbl room with full board, all bus transfers, English speaking guide, Finnish speaking guide, lifts as per itinerary, admissions: Demanovska cave Admissions not included: WIELICZKA - EUR 22/p.p. Pribilina - Museum of Liptov village - EUR 3 Protestant wooden church in Svaty Kriz - optional

ARRIVAL KRAKOW	9:40
DEPARTURE KRAKOW	22:10

DAY 1 16 September, Monday

Arrival to the Krakow airport, transfer to Liptov region (valley between the High and the Low Tatras) On the way we can stop to visit one of the most beautiful salt mines Wieliczka (UNESCO heritage site) - OPTIONAL

OR

As we arrive to the hotel between 2-3 pm we can still do some short walking tour in the area.

ACCOMMODATION: 2* hotel in Liptov region - dbl and sgl rooms + family rooms - 2 bedrooms (dbl + twin) with 1 bathroom; nice location under the Low Tatras

DAY 2 17 September LOW TATRAS

We will take a short drive to the most famous valley Demanovska dolina (approx. 35 min drive) In the morning we will visit the biggest caves in Slovakia - Demanovska cave. Then from the underground we will move to the hights of the Low Tatras. The highest peaks of the Low Tatras are soaring to the more then 2000m a.s.l. However, we will take a lift to the ridge and walk along the ridge to the highest peak Dumbier.

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DAY 3 **18 September** WESTERN TATRAS

After the short drive to Ziarska valley (approx. 25 min) we will start walking along the "Tatra highwav" just under the foothill of the Western Tatras. It is a rather easy walking path with many nice views to the mountain range of the Low Tatras while the High Tatras can also be seen from some places, too. We will then walk down to Pribilina to get on our bus.

THERE IS AN OPEN AIR MUSEUM OF THE LIPTOV VILLAGE. IF INTERESTED, WE CAN VISIT.

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DAY 4 19 September CHOC MOUNTAINS

Transfer to the Prosiecka / Kvacianska valleys (about 40 min drive)



There are many paths in the Liptov region. One of the most famous paths are the Prosiecka and Kvacianska valleys in the Choc mountains. From Prosiek we will walk under the forests to the Kvačianska valley. Nice views are offered to the Low Tatras and the Liptovská Mara dam. Then we will continue our hiking along the Kvačianska valley to the old water mills built in the beginning of the 20th century.

If time allows (and people are interested) we can visit the beautiful **protestant wooden church** – an interesting attraction. The church was built in the 18th century fully from wood (even the nails were wooden!). Interesting is also the fact that the church was built in a different village which was flooded. Thus the church must have been moved to another place during 1974-1982.

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DAY 5 20 September SLOVAK PARADISE

Transfer to Čingov, the **Slovak Paradise Mountains** (approx. 1 hour drive) From here our walk will start.

<u>Easier alternative</u>: We will walk up to the Thomas view and then to Podlesok. The path will go in the forests and meadows of the Paradise (some views to the valley below and to the gorge of Hornad river, no ladders)

<u>More difficult alternative</u>: Those who would still prefer more adventurous walk can walk in the gorge of the Hornad river (the same direction to Podlesok)

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DAY 6 21 September HIGH TATRAS

Transfer to the High Tatras, Štrbské Pleso (approx. 40 min drive)

We will take a lift to the chalet Chata pod Soliskom. From there we will walk to the Wahlenberger lakes just below the ridge of the High Tatras. And back to the chalet and a lift down to Strbske Pleso. Transfer to our hotel.

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DAY 7 22.September HIGH TATRAS IF YOU TAKE THE EVENING FLIGHT FROM KRAKOW AT 22:10 YOU CAN STILL DO A NICE HIKING ON THIS DAY

Transfer to Tatranské Matliare (approx. 1 hour) – this is on the way to the Krakow airport.

We will walk to the chalet Chata pri Zelenom plese (under the :peak Jahnaci stit – 2230 m a.s.l.) From the chalet we will continue along the path above the forest level to another chalet Plesnivec and down to the bus which will take us to the airport.

OR

Shorter and easier hiking: from Stary Smokovec up to the waterfalls of the Cold stream and back to Stary Smokovec