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Summer is upon us once again, bringing holidays filled with joyful experiences in nature, by the water, in the countryside, and in historic city centers. In this issue of the Tourist newspaper, we present a selection of the most interesting activities you can enjoy this summer in the Slovak Paradise and Southern Spiš regions. Whether you visit with your children, friends, or come for relaxation, adventure, or sports, you will certainly find something to suit your taste.

Are you a fan of action-packed competitions and challenges? If so, don't miss the Vrchárska koruna Spiš mountain biking challenge, the popular Spiš 333 EXTREME cycling marathon, and the children's competition, Summer Adventures with Šťastík and Šťastenka, perfect for young tourists. These events will guide you through the most beautiful places in our region.

Discover the diverse cultural events happening now, along with tips on top-notch accommodations and transportation options.

Enjoy your reading, and we look forward to welcoming you to Slovak Paradise and Spiš in summer 2024!

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DID YOU KNOW THAT SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES HAS ITS OWN SEVEN WONDERS?

Residents and visitors have suggested notable and unique sights that add to the appeal and visibility of Spišská Nová Ves. A survey resulted in the following ranking:

- The Roman Catholic parish church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary features the tallest church tower in Slovakia.** Inside this 14th-century church, visitors can admire the Crucifixion sculpture crafted by Master Paul of Levoča. The tower is accessible for climbing year-round, with guided tours arranged by the Tourist Information Centre.
- The square boasts a unique lens-shaped design,** setting it apart as one of Slovakia's most picturesque and Europe's longest of its kind. Discover delightful nooks and inviting seating areas beneath the shade of trees or on the cozy terraces of its vibrant restaurants and cafes.
- The Art Nouveau Reduta building,** dating from the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries, is home not only to the Spiš Theatre but also to a lavishly adorned concert hall. This hall is a favored locale for diverse events and celebrations. Additionally, the building accommodates a restaurant and office spaces.
- The Provincial House with Levoča Gate,** once a town hall and later the seat of the Province of 16 Spiš towns, is distinguished by its front façade adorned with six rococo cartouches symbolizing the virtues expected of town officials. Today, the building is home to the Museum of Spiš.
- The classical Town Hall,** dating back to the 18th century, serves as the seat of the mayor's office. Its most captivating feature is the magnificent ceremonial hall spanning two floors, hosting a variety of events such as ceremonial receptions for guests, jubilees, weddings, and concerts.
- The Spiš market,** steeped in tradition brings alive the charm of centuries-old town fairs with its rich entertainment offerings. This celebrated four-day event promises a dynamic cultural lineup, bustling vendor stalls, and a myriad of delightful attractions, including whimsical carousel.
- The striking mosaic in the Temple of the Transfiguration,** crafted from natural materials following the style of Father Mark Rupnik from Centro Aletti in Rome, is a sight to behold. Father Rupnik's works are also showcased in notable locations such as Lourdes, Fatima, and the Vatican. This mosaic vividly portrays key scenes from the Christian faith.



DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF CONRAD THE BELL-RINGER



Master Konrád possessed an unparalleled skill in metalwork, enchanting all with his craftsmanship. Alongside his brothers, he established Spiš's first Gothic bell foundry, where bells and baptismal fonts were cast. Today, these flawless and melodious bells still resonate in various places. In Spišská Nová Ves, you can witness and hear these timeless artifacts. Make sure not to miss the opportunity to ascend the tallest church tower in Slovakia, which not only houses invaluable treasures but also offers breathtaking views

of the town and surrounding mountains. As you explore the square, venture into the depths of the memorial at the **Place of Wishes**, where you can make a wish and send it skyward with the ringing of a bell. Listen to the story of Konrád (see QR Code).

The ascent to the tower is organised by:
TIC, Letná 49, Spišská Nová Ves, visit.
spisskanovaves.eu



SUMMER ADVENTURES FOR LITTLE TOURISTS WITH ŠŤASTÍK AND ŠŤASTENKA



Explore the remarkable sites of our region with an exciting challenge we've prepared for you (see attachment). Your objective is to visit 10 out of the 14 intriguing locations marked on the map, capture a photo at each, and correctly answer Šťastík and Šťastenka's questions. Alongside the adventures awaiting you on your journeys around the area, every young explorer will receive a small reward from us upon completing the challenge.



SLOVAK PARADISE & SPIŠ TOURIST CARD

Another enticing feature that we're sure will persuade you to visit Slovak Paradise and Spiš is the Slovak Paradise & Spiš tourist card, offering fantastic discounts! Guests staying at any of our affiliated accommodations in the region receive a complimentary Slovak Paradise & Spiš regional tourist card. This card provides access to a variety of appealing discounts on popular tourist services.

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SUMMER BUS LINES - MORE BUS LINES CONNECTING SLOVAK PARADISE AND SOUTH SPIŠ

This summer, we're making it easier than ever to explore our beautiful region. Partnering with **eurobus a.s.**, **IDS Východ** integrated transport system, and **Košice Region Tourism**, we're excited to introduce the **SUMMER BUS**. Running from June 29 to September 1, this service on lines **810436** and **810438** will whisk you between northern and southern Slovenský raj via the scenic Kopanec saddle. Enjoy convenient transportation and even bring your bike along for the adventure.

The buses, equipped with a **bike trailer** capable of carrying 15 bikes, cater not only to cyclists but also to hikers with seating for 26 passengers and standing room for 6.

Here are the routes:

810436 Sp. Nová Ves - Sp. Tomášovce - Sp. Štvrtok - Hrabušice / Vydriňák-Stratená, Dobš. Ľad. Jaskyňa - Dedinky / Telgárt and back

810438 Spišská Nová Ves - Spišský Štvrtok - Hrabušice - Vydriňák - Betlanovce - Hrabušice and back



SUMMER TRAIN LINES



Each year, **Železničná spoločnosť Slovensko** (Railway Company Slovakia), in collaboration with **Ministry of Transport of the Slovak Republic** and **regional tourism organizations**, introduces a selection of captivating summer train, to support tourism.

VIA FERRATA KYSEĽ

In recent years, true adventurers have been drawn to the Kysel' Ferrata operated by the Mountain Rescue Service. The thrilling pathway reopening the Kysel Gorge after four decades following a devastating fire. As the sole accessible gorge in the Slovak Paradise via this route, it stands as a breathtaking showcase of the national park's natural beauty. Untouched by human hands since the 1976 fire, this pristine wilderness has flourished, captivating nature enthusiasts and prompting dedicated efforts from park rangers to safeguard its ecological integrity. As the gorge is nestled deep within the national park, expect a 1.5-hour hike just to reach it. The remaining two hours are dedicated to navigating the via ferrata. Crossing times vary significantly based on water levels, weather conditions, and the number of hikers, so plan a full day for this adventure. For those seeking more after conquering Ferrata Kysel, explore further into the Veľký and Malý Kysel branches from its summit. Discover captivating waterfalls and narrow passages where ferrata equipment is not required. The Ferrata is open annually from June 15th to October 31st,



requiring a **special admission ticket** for entry. For additional details, please visit the Slovak Paradise National Park Administration's website.

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The fee for using equipment in the gorges of the Slovak Paradise National Park



FERRATA EQUIPMENT

Steel bracket

Security rope

Gloves

Fall arrest

Backpack with first aid kit

Seat harness

Sturdy footwear

Steps

WHAT THE ROCK OF THE CARTHUSIAN MONKS' "SKALA ÚTOČISKA" IN SLOVAK PARADISE HIDES?

Once a refuge during epidemics and devastating wars, today it stands as a major tourist hub in Slovak Paradise. This is the legendary Kláštorisko, nestled on its namesake plateau within the national park. Each year, countless visitors are drawn to its historic ruins, the remnants of a Carthusian monastery from the late 13th century, where monks briefly found solace for their ascetic lives. Remarkably, evidence of settlement at this site dates back to the Bronze Age? Approximately 3,000 years



ago, a substantial fortified settlement existed on this site. This rich historical background makes it a "paradise" for historians and archaeologists, who continue to uncover and study valuable artifacts from ancient times.

In the Middle Ages, the monastery served as a refuge for more than just monks. Whenever a dangerous disease or military conflict swept through Spiš, local people would find shelter and safety there. This earned it the Latin name "Lapis Refugii" – Skála útočiska (the Rock of Refuge). The Carthusians later named the entire area around the monastery "Paradisus" - Paradise, a name that has endured to this day. **What can you do and experience at the Kláštorisko today?** Start by enjoying a delicious refreshment and recharging your energy at the **Kláštorisko Buffet**, managed by the municipality of Letanovce. Then, visit the **Symbolic Cemetery**, dedicated to the victims of Slovenský raj and to the individuals who have significantly contributed to

its preservation. Lastly, explore the **Carthusian monastery**, which is currently being restored Letanovce, thanks in part to this year's National Project People and Castles. Through this initiative, the municipality aims to gradually establish a modern archeopark – a vibrant open-air museum that will present a slice of precious history in an engaging and contemporary manner. Near the monastery, a herb garden featuring various medicinal and ornamental plants has been created and is maintained by the Civic Association Verbum Bonum from Spišské Tomášovce. After exploring the monastery, you can choose from numerous hiking and cycling trails that extend in all directions and continue your adventure. klastorisko.sk



Using the Mountain Rescue Service app, you can instantly summon help with a single button, share your location, monitor weather conditions, alerts, and terrain. Additionally, you have the option to purchase mountain insurance directly through the app.



RENTALS: FERRATA EQUIPMENT

PODLESOK

Autocamping Podlesok

Tel.: +421 (53) 429 91 65 (reception)

podlesok.sk

Buffet Poniklec

Tel.: +421 907 543 803

poniklec.sk

Ranch Podlesok

Tel.: +421 918 407 077

ranchpodlesok.sk

Restaurant Rumanka

Tel.: +421 907 289 262

malymajerpodlesok.sk

Recreational area Turistický raj

Tel.: +421 917 334 957

turistickyraj.sk

Penzión Anton

Tel.: +421 910 528 700

penzionanton.eu

ČINGOV

Tourist Information Center Čingov

Tel.: +421 905 820 061

cubeadventure.sk

Čingov – (Ferrata sets rental)

Tel.: +421 918 180 148

ferratakysel.com

KLÁŠTORISKO

Buffet Kláštorisko

Tel.: +421 911 144 601

letanovce.sk/ferrata-hzs-kysel

HRABUŠICKÁ PÍLA

Chata Piecky

Tel.: +421 907 512 000

chatapiecky.sk

HORNÁD CANYON RAFT



Are you passionate about river rafting and water adventures? Embark on an exhilarating 14-kilometer journey along the Hornád River through the most stunning landscapes of the National Park. Rafting is available annually from May 1st to October 31st, contingent upon suitable river conditions. Starting this season in 2024, the rafting route will expand by an additional 2.5 kilometers, reaching Smížany - Maša. As you navigate the river, you'll glide past hiking trails, cliffs, and bridges, offering a unique perspective of this popular canyon and enhancing your overall experience.

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SLOVAK PARADISE NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

The official nature conservation authority.

Its primary mission revolves around mapping, managing, and safeguarding the natural treasures within the national park. Additionally, it engages in cultural, educational, promotional, and editorial initiatives related to nature and landscape conservation. The organization oversees the enforcement of **Visitor Regulations** through park rangers and plays an active role in managing tourism within the region. The organization directly oversees **the Ferrata HZS Kysel and organizes rafting excursions through the Hornád Canyon**. The organization has developed an audio tour of Slovenský raj - South Nature Trail accessible via the SmartGuide application. It manages its own **tourist information center in Podlesok** and operates the **Prvosienka Environmental Education Centre** situated in Spišská Nová Ves.

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10 VISITOR'S RULES



1. Hiking trails in Slovenský raj are open year-round, **except for Ferrata Kysel, which closes annually from November 1st to June 14th**. However, traversing the gorges can be challenging, necessitating sturdy footwear.
2. An adequately equipped hiker should wear sturdy footwear, preferably Vibram shoes, appropriate clothing, have a raincoat, a map, a water bottle or thermos, a mobile phone for emergency calls, a flashlight or headlamp, a first aid kit, and **mountain insurance**.
3. For safety reasons, traversing the gorges is only permitted in the upstream direction, opposite the flow of the stream, unlike the other routes.
4. Due to weather conditions, the gorges may become impassable and subsequently closed. Information regarding trail accessibility can be obtained from hzs.sk, information centers, or signage at the gorge entrance.
5. You should start your hike **earlier** as you will have enough time to return during day light.
6. Please be **mindful of others** when enjoying nature for relaxation. Loud behavior disrupts wildlife and detracts from the experience of fellow visitors. Additionally, extended photo sessions on ladders can cause delays and congestion.
7. Dispose of your **waste** responsibly as garbage bins and bags can draw wildlife. Please, take your leftovers with you.
8. Avoid fire risks; dispose of cigarette butts and glass bottles properly. **Fires** should only be started in designated areas at trailheads.
9. **Dogs must be** on a leash and wear a muzzle while in the national park. They are not able to cross ladders in ravines.
10. Camping, overnight stays, or bivouacking are only permitted in designated **campsites**.

Respect the visitor regulations and remain on the **marked trails and cycle paths**. Visitors are urged to consider obtaining **insurance** in case they require assistance from the Mountain Rescue Service.

EXPERIENCE SPIŠ ON BIKE

Southern Spiš boasts **over 600 kilometers** of picturesque cycling trails, with nearly 110 km traversing through Slovak Paradise National Park. Portions of these routes are integrated into the **Spišská** or **Hnilecká cycling networks**, categorized into various difficulty levels. Begin your cycling journey from Spišská Nová Ves, Gelnica, or the villages of Hnilčík and Poráč. **Experienced cyclists** often enjoy merging multiple routes to craft their own circuits. From the saddle of a bicycle, you can venture through various regions of the Slovak Paradise, such as the **Galmus Mountains**, the **Palcmanská Maša dam**, and numerous **awe-inspiring vistas** from both small and large hills.

How to choose the right trail?


Cycling in Slovenský raj is accessible even for less experienced cyclists, provided you select your route wisely and gauge your abilities realistically. The cycling guide categorizes routes based on difficulty levels. Beginners and families with children are encouraged to opt for easier routes labeled **"REKREA"**. Cyclists with moderate fitness can challenge themselves on routes classified as **"SPORT"**. The **"EXPERT"** adventures are reserved for seasoned cycling professionals. The new cycling guide for the South Spiš cycling region features **19 comprehensive cycling loops** along with the complete **Spišská** or **Hnilecká cycling networks**. It includes detailed maps, route parameters, elevation profiles, and photographs highlighting points of interest along each circuit. Additionally, the guide provides recommendations for dining and accommodation choices in the region.



**NOVOVESKÉ
SINGLETRAILY**

Visit the Ferčekovce - Novoveská Huta area to experience our new singletrails. Bring your children along to enjoy these trails, meticulously prepared and maintained by the Forests of Spišská Nová Ves Ves.

lesysnv.sk






HOW TO FIND MOTIVATION TO CYCLE? EXPERIENCE THE SPIŠ VRCHÁRSKA KORUNA

Are you passionate about cycling but find yourself making excuses to stay home rather than hitting the road? Or are you an avid mountain biker seeking fresh inspiration for training routes? Embrace the opportunity to participate in the **5th edition** of the renowned mountain biking challenge, **Vrchárska koruna Spiš**. Explore **20 peaks** and scenic spots across **the southern part of the Spiš Cycloregion**, each offering captivating views, natural beauty, cultural landmarks, or unique paths leading to them. The Spiš Vrchárska koruna, along with 26 other regional mountain bike crowns across Slovakia and the Czech Republic, welcomes all mountain bikers regardless of age, gender, or skill level. Participation requires no registration or entry fee. Simply embark on your classic mountain bike (without electric drive) any time from April to November to explore and conquer the designated challenge locations. We are also introducing the **Children's Vrchárska koruna** for the third time, designed for children up to 15 years old. To complete the challenge, participants need to conquer **7** selected locations from the main challenge alongside their companions. Full details about the challenge, including location lists and photo galleries of participants (*can be found via QR Code*):



RENTALS: BIKES (ALSO E-BIKES)

PODLESOK

CykloTourSpiš

Tel.: +421 903 792 443

 Požičovňa Bicyklov

Cyklotourspiš

Reštaurácia Rumanka

Tel.: +421 907 289 262

podlesok.com

M+M SERVIS (also e-bikes)

Kláštorskó and Suchá Belá - top

Tel.: +421 903 749 657

ebikeraj.sk

route Kláštorskó-Podlesok renovated

ČINGOV

Cube Adventure Slovenský raj (also e-bikes)

Tel.: +421 905 820 061

cubeadventure.sk

SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES

Cyklo Špak (also e-bikes)

Tel.: +421 0917 390 466

cyklospak.sk

Schwabik Bicykle

(also e-bikes)

Tel.: +421 904 658 339

bicykle.schwabik.sk

MLYNKY

Penzión Pod Guglom

Tel.: +421 903 016 865

podguglom.sk

DEDINKY

ALEX

Tel.: +421 905 356 540

alexski.sk/alex-v-slovenskom-raji

“WHEN YOU THINK YOU'RE DONE, PROVE TO YOURSELF YOU CAN DO TRIPLE THE EFFORT”,

these are the words that drive the passionate mountain biking enthusiasts of the beloved extreme mountain bike marathon.

The Spiš 333 EXTREME race is a formidable challenge, pushing you to your limits on exceptionally tough tracks. It's not about the 12th edition, 26 – 27 July prizes; the true victory lies in completing this extraordinary extreme event on the designated cycling routes of Spiš. Registered cyclists will compete across various categories on routes of different lengths. The highlight is the demanding **333-kilometre circuit**, a true test of endurance completed unsupported within a challenging **33-hours** time limit. For cyclists of all abilities, shorter courses of **222, 111, and 66 kilometres** are available, accommodating a wide range of participants. The event also features

a popular **66 km e-bike category** and a **family-friendly course** designed specifically for families. Join us for an unforgettable cycling experience tailored to all levels of skill and enthusiasm.



333extreme.sk



CHARGING STATIONS

The Association of Municipalities Microregion Slovak Paradise - North has completed a project to build bicycle rest areas and charging stations in the Slovak Paradise area, supported by the Košice Self-Governing Region's Terra Incognita subsidy program. This initiative has enhanced the appeal of the destination by creating a network of rest areas and charging stations.

Visitors can take advantage of a rest area equipped with a litter bin, a regional map, and bicycle racks, including a charging station for e-bikes. Charging e-bikes is free for cyclists and the station offers five different charging connectors, a compressor for inflating tires, and a basic tool kit. Additionally, the panel features a touchscreen display with essential touring information.

slovenskyraj.eu





WHAT ŠKOLSKÁ DIERA HIDES?

Behind this mysterious name lies a cave



where archaeologists discovered engraved initials dating back to the 16th century. Locally known as Karas's Hole, legend has it that the brigand Karas once hid here. The cave is situated in **Schulerloch**, a popular suburban sports and recreation area. Enhance your explorations in this area by visiting the nearby **shooting range** and the **ŮŽ-6 military bunker**, where you can view authentic military artifacts from the 1960s to the 1980s. The hiking trail also leads to the Slovak Double Cross and the **lookout tower** on Schulerloch Hill.

SCENIC SPOTS TO VISIT

head to the outskirts of Spišská Nová Ves. Here, atop Pieskovec Hill, stands a 10-meter-high Slovak double cross, a striking symbol of Slovak statehood, erected in 2008.



End your stroll at the charming wooden chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

visit.spisskanovaves.eu

RENT THE SKY



You've likely encountered various rental companies offering cars, bicycles, or skis. But have you ever heard of a sky rental shop? Located right here in Spišská Nová Ves, Sky Rental offers you a slice of freedom in the skies above the Slovak Paradise and the historic Spiš region. Whether you're seeking an adrenaline-pumping skydive, an unforgettable sightseeing flight, a parachute course, or flying lessons, **Sky Rental** |

Compact Skydive & Flying has you covered. Don't hesitate to reach out to their team for an extraordinary aerial adventure. The team consists of seasoned professionals with thousands of plane jumps and numerous achievements in international skydiving competitions. With over 25 years of experience, they offer you the adventure of a lifetime at the sports airport in Spišská Nová Ves. Want to gift someone a unique



experience or leave a sky-high message in big letters?

compact.sk

EMBRACE YOUR INNER TARZAN



While the fairytale Tarzan lived among jungle monkeys and not in Slovak Paradise, you can step into his world right here at the **Tarzanía Dobšinka** Rope Park. Located just 300 meters from the car park at the Dobšinská Ice Cave, this adventure park lets you test your bravery on a 350-meter-long course with obstacles set high in the treetops. For children, there's a less demanding, 108-meter track, perfect for young

adventurers. Experienced instructors will ensure your safety and provide belaying during your climb. After exploring Tarzanía, you can boost your adrenaline further on the unique Wetlands of Hnilec Nature Trail, which features benches directly over the wetlands. Alternatively, you can enjoy the new Dobšinský chotár Nature Trail, which highlights the region's mining history and natural beauty

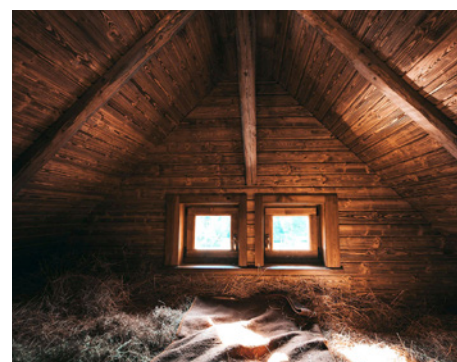
tarzanía.sk

SLEEPING IN THE HAY

Have you ever slept in the hay? Or have you only heard such romantic tales from your grandparents and now want to experience it yourself? Visit **Chata Horáreň** in Slovak Paradise. During the summer, you can stay not only in the comfortable rooms of the cottage but also in the wooden outbuilding on beds lined with hay.

The cottage accommodates up to 25 guests, making it perfect for larger groups. Along with its expansive garden, it provides all the amenities for a tranquil retreat. Its prime location near Spišská Nová Ves and adjacent to hiking and cycling trails makes it an ideal basecamp.

chatahoraren.sk



IN THE ICE KINGDOM

In Slovak Paradise National Park, there's a spot where you can escape into a winter wonderland, even amidst the hottest summer days. This enchanting place is none other than the renowned Dobšinská Ice Cave, where ice formations have been shaping its interior for tens of thousands of years. What awaits you when you explore this natural marvel? The Dobšinská Ice Cave, designated as a National Natural Monument, has been on UNESCO's prestigious World List of Natural Monuments since 2000, boasting several World Heritage sites. This cave holds the distinction of being the **world's deepest** ice cave with the **largest volume of ice**. Opened to the public in 1871, it pioneered electric lighting in European caves by 1887. In its history, it hosted summer ice skating events, attracting renowned figure skaters like European champion Karol Divín for training.



Dress appropriately for the cave's cold environment, where temperatures stay around zero degrees Celsius all year. Don't forget to wear sturdy footwear, as the tour involves climbing up to 500 steps along the 475-meter circuit through the cave. The entire tour lasts approximately 30 minutes. The Dobšinská Ice Cave welcomes visitors from 15th May to 15th September, **open daily except Mondays**. Follow the blue hiking trail which

includes the **Dobšinská Ice Cave Nature Trail**, leading directly from the Tourist Information Centre's parking lot to the cave in under half an hour. The trail features 5 stops perfect for brief rests during the ascent to the cave, each supplemented with an educational exhibition at the cave entrance. You can also take a short detour to explore the intriguing **Dobšinský chotár nature trail**, which delves into the area's mining history. ssj.sk

SLOVAK PARADISE IN WINTER: WHERE TO?

Great tips from Mirka Vaníková



WHEN WINTER WONDERS HOW YOU SPENT YOUR SUMMER...

Are you a dedicated athlete who craves endorphins year-round? Look no further than the southern Slovak Paradise near Dobšinská Ice Cave for your holidays and leisure time. In summer, explore dozens of kilometers of well-marked hiking, cycling, and horseback riding trails. Come winter, switch gears to cross-country skiing at **Snow Park Ladová**. Since 2018, this beloved winter sports resort has upheld a rich tradition of cross-country skiing in Slovak Paradise area. In the 2023/2024

season, it earned recognition among the TOP winter resorts in the Košice Region. Enjoy outstanding sports amidst the stunning nature on four meticulously groomed cross-country skiing trails, and participate in the exciting events organized annually by the team at Civic Association Snow Park Ladová. Whether it's the Slovak Cross-Country Skiing Cup or the highly anticipated International Sled Dog Race, there's something for everyone, young and old alike. [f snowparkladova](https://www.facebook.com/snowparkladova)



WINTER IN SLOVAK PARADISE AND SOUTHERN SPIŠ

If you choose to visit our region in winter, you'll discover a variety of ski resorts and kilometers of cross-country ski trails in **Grajnár**, **Poráč**, and the **multi-purpose complex Schulerloch**. Join the **Winter Ski Challenge** to explore the stunning routes and views of the Spiš region. For a thrilling



winter adventure, try **ice climbing** in the National Park from December 1 to March 15, with opportunities in **Suchá Bela**, **Kláštorská roklna**, **Sokolka dolina**, **Letanovský Mlyn**, **Zejmarská roklna**, and **Piecky**. During long winters, typically in early February, the **Hornád Canyon**



freezes over, transforming into a **12 km ice-skating rink** from the Hornád throat to Čingov. npslovenskyraj.sk

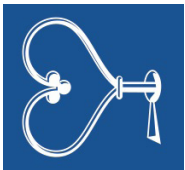
VISITING THE COUNT

Step into the world of rich noblemen from centuries past at the **Renaissance manor house** of the Máriássy family in Markušovce. Explore the **Museum of Spiš**, a cultural gem of the Košice Self-Governing Region, showcasing the lifestyle and furnishings of Hungarian noble families. Wander through the romantic **French park** to the **Dardanelles Summer Palace**, where an exhibition of keyboard musical instruments awaits, stirring your artistic soul. Experience regular concerts, featuring classical music and more, in this enchanting setting. Explore the **manor house Susanna**, where modern interactive exhibitions and workshops await. For a unique experience, catch the exceptional evening shows and engaging cultural events suitable for the entire family. After touring the manor house, summer palace, and cottage, venture to the nearby ruins of the 13th-century **Markušovce Castle**.

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zazitokvmuzeu.sk



TALES FROM UNDER THE CASTLE



Explore the Baroque-Classicist **manor house** of the Csáky family in Žehra, a part of Hodkovce. Enjoy

leisurely strolls through the picturesque **French park** and discover a mini zoo featuring domestic animals, a herb garden, and a fruit orchard. These attractions are lovingly maintained by disabled clients who develop their skills through craft workshops. You can view and purchase their handmade products at the **Domovina Café and Antique Shop** on Štefánikovo Square in Spišská Nová Ves, where you can also savor excellent coffee.

domovina-no.sk



IN THE ANIMAL KINGDOM



From April 1st to October 31st, Spišská Nová Ves **Zoo** welcomes you to explore over 500 animals representing 130 species. See beasts, orangutans, lemurs, and tropical animals in **Aquaterra pavilion**. Children can enjoy two playgrounds, a workout zone, and **Monkeyland**, a rope park with treetop obstacles for adventurers of all ages. Delightful refreshments await at the patisserie, **Plameniak buffet**, or **Bistro u Rysa**. The Zoo is situated in **Madaras Park**, near the city center, which also features an amphitheater hosting annual events for both adults and children.

zoosnv.sk

IN THE KINGDOM OF SLIDES

Alex Park in Spišská Nová Ves is your go-to destination for a wealth of slides, climbing frames, and children's attractions—all under one roof. It's the perfect spot for energetic kids eager to play regardless of the weather. While they enjoy slides, trampolines, and a car track, you can relax with a delightful coffee or Belgian chocolate. Treat yourself to a tasty family lunch or celebrate special occasions in this welcoming environment. It's the ideal place to create cherished moments with loved ones any day of the week, located on Zvonárska Street in Spišská Nová Ves.

alexpark.sk



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PARK**

IT'S RAINING, YAY!



Finally, it's time for relaxation and leisure—a chance to unwind and enjoy the holiday. Whether you're looking to discover new places or simply relax, the rain outside doesn't need to dampen your spirits. In Spišská Nová Ves and its surroundings, there are plenty of delightful experiences awaiting both young and old, rain or shine. You still have several options to choose from where you can seek shelter and make the most of your time. Have a blast at the **Laboratorium Gallery**, where you can experience being miniaturized into an aquarium with hamsters, or explore the **Aquaterra pavilion at the Zoo**. Unwind at the indoor swimming pool, delve into history and nature at the **Museum of Spiš**, and discover the mining history of Spiš at the Multi Centre. Railway enthusiasts of all ages will delight in the town's first **Railway Museum**, while the Town Hall hosts an **exhibition of toy and doll collections**. Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of colors and shapes at the **Spiš Artists' Gallery**.



IT'S FERRATA TIME!

The children's ferrata at Čingov in Slovak Paradise is ideal for young adventurers who enjoy active pursuits. Serving as the "younger sibling" of the larger Ferrata HZS in the Kysel Gorge, this route spans 77 meters and is designed for children aged 6 and above, accompanied by an adult.



HOW TO BECOME A COWBOY



Immerse yourself in a fantastic natural getaway at **Farma na Samelovej lúke** in Slovak Paradise. Explore the picturesque surroundings of Dobšinská Ladová Jaskyňa on horseback, or visit the animal farm bustling with domestic creatures. Enroll

your children in a summer camp brimming with adventurous "cowboy" activities, or plan a corporate team-building event for your entire company.

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WALKS IN NATURE

If you're a nature lover looking for easier hikes around Spišská Nová Ves, consider scenic trails that offer a more manageable terrain. These routes promise enjoyable walks without the need for strenuous ascents or extensive time commitment.



Families with children are encouraged to explore the **Forestry Nature Trail Diana** in the **Novoveská Huta** district. Spanning approximately 2,200 meters, this trail includes 5 themed stops, a wooden gazebo, informative panels, and natural educational features like a tree traffic light.

Beginning as a blue trail and later transitioning to green, the hike starts at Medvedá dolka, across from Sádrovka in Novoveská Huta. The entire loop takes about 2 hours to complete.



the premises.

Reach the charming chapel from multiple routes! For a scenic adventure, follow the red trail from Spišská Nová Ves—about a 3-hour round trip. Alternatively, take the blue trail from Harichovce and enjoy a delightful snack at Maringotka Kaffe along the way. For the fastest route, start from Iľašovce and follow the blue trail straight to **Sans Souci**.



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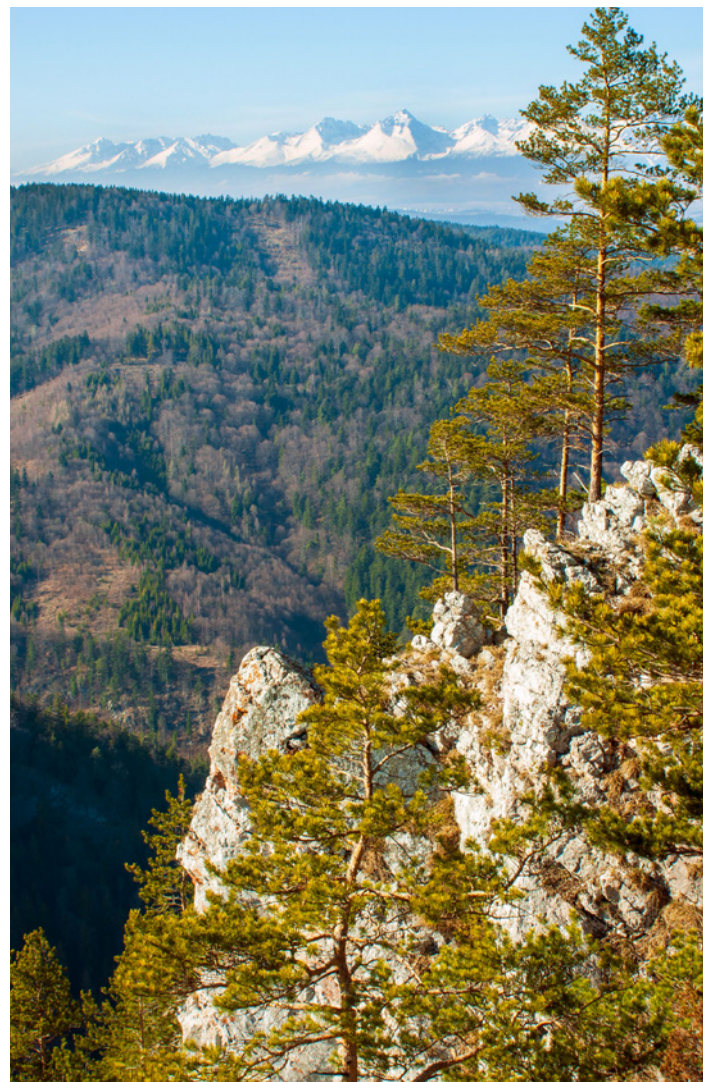
Enjoy the thrill of finding lights in nature. This activity combines movement with elements of orienteering, and takes place in a new location each month.



For those who enjoy uncovering history amidst natural surroundings, a visit to **Sans Souci** is highly recommended.

The ancient chapel, known locally as the **thousand-year-old chapel**, stands in the forest above the village of Iľašovce. In the 18th century,

Count Czáký constructed a summer palace with expansive grounds here—a place renowned for its entertainment and luxury. However, the count's extravagant lifestyle led to financial ruin, and marital issues prompted him to sell off the lavish furnishings and eventually demolish the buildings. Following years of neglect, the Civic Association Sans Souci - Letohrádok Iľašovce initiated the renovation of the chapel. Today, it stands as an ideal spot for leisure with family and friends, perfect for roasting delicacies or simply enjoying the shade of the trees. Additionally, visitors can discover a land-art installation called Fig pit on



As our third recommendation for a scenic walk, begin your adventure in the **Košiarňy Briežok** suburban recreation area. The yellow trail ascends gently on an asphalt road to **Bear's Head saddle (Medvedia hlava)**. From there, a forest path leads to the **Matka Božia** point, where you'll be rewarded with beautiful views of the Lesnice valley and the High Tatras. The round trip takes less than 3 hours.



THE MYSTERY OF THE VILLAGE OF MILOJ

Spiš boasts not only the tallest church tower in Slovakia, which stands in Spišská Nová Ves,



but also the most enigmatic one—the stone ruin of the vanished village of **Miloj**. According to legend, the village was condemned to hell because its inhabitants lived sinfully and indulged in excess. The tower remains as a reminder for sinners to abide by God's rules. The lost village, located in the Ku koscilku area, is recorded in history as early as 1255 under the name Terra Miloj. The name Miloj, meaning "something nice," suggests that the village once was. Curious about the fate of the village of Miloj? Historian Miroslav Števík unravels this ancient mystery in his article (scan the QR code for more details). To visit the tower yourself, you can take a 15-minute walk from the edge of Spišský Hrušov or follow the green cycle route 5712, which connects Spišský Hrušov and Domaňovce. The tower's symbol also features in the logo of the local action group (LAG) **Miloj Spiš, o.z.**, dedicated to integrated rural development.

CABLE CAR TO GERAVY

Enjoy a ride on the only functional single-seat cable car in Slovakia!



Comprising a total of 51 partners—23 municipalities, 21 businesses, and 7 non-profit organizations—they collaboratively manage the area by leveraging their unique resources to deliver lasting benefits to local residents and their environment.



milojspis.sk

RELAXATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES



The popular Novák's Cottage buffet in the Košiarny briežok recreational area offers not only refreshments and a spacious garden for relaxing but also a variety of sports activities. Try climbing on the artificial wall, and let the children enjoy the outdoor playground. Hiking trails from the buffet lead directly to scenic peaks such as **Matka Božia**, **Medvedia hlava**, and **Sovia skala**, while cyclists often head towards **Bikšova Lúka** and **Čingov**.

 [kosiarny.novakovachata](https://www.facebook.com/kosiarny.novakovachata)



A WARRIOR'S PATH THROUGH THE ENCHANTED FOREST



The unassuming Zelená Hora hill near Hrabušice is steeped in mysterious tales from the past. Alongside the ruins of the medieval Marcel's Castle, you can explore the new nature trail called **The Warrior's Path through the Enchanted Forest**, created by the Zelená Hora Civic Association. This trail features various elements for athletes of all ages, history enthusiasts, and unique "land art" installations. In the tourist shelter, you'll find an interactive map that reveals fascinating historical stories and legends from different parts of Slovak Paradise with just a touch. The yellow hiking trail from the Hrdlo Hornádu site will lead you to Zelená Hora in less than half an hour.

 [Zelená hora, o.z.](https://www.facebook.com/Zelenahora)

SPA IN PARADISE

How about enjoying spa right in the heart of Slovak Paradise? The Spa **Hotel Čingov**, located near the popular Čingov tourist resort, offers an experience full of relaxation and well-being.

Immerse yourself in the indoor paradise pool with a soothing water temperature of 31°C, whisking you away from the hustle and bustle of daily life into a serene haven. Don't miss the Vital World, featuring a steam sauna, eucalyptus sauna, salt sauna, Finnish sauna, infrared sauna, whirlpool, and tropical rain showers. Cap off your visit with a massage from professional masseurs, offering a range of treatments including classic massage, lava stone massage, reflexology, aroma massage, honey massage, and other beauty therapies for the ultimate indulgence.

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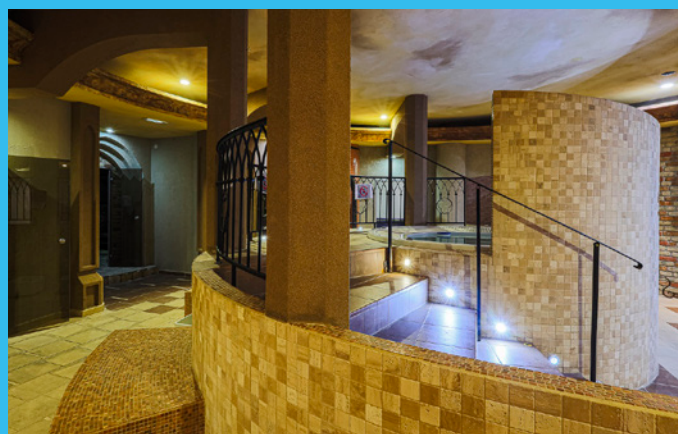


SPA IN THE CITY

After a day of hiking or sports in Slovak Paradise, are you seeking the best spa in the area? Look no further than **Hotel Metropol****** in Spišská Nová Ves. As soon as you enter, you'll be enchanted by its cozy ambiance. Enjoy perfect relaxation in five different types of saunas, a spacious jacuzzi, heated loungers, massage showers, and a tranquil relaxation room.

If you prefer the human touch, indulge in massage and spa treatments from professional masseurs. Options include paraffin and peat wraps for a truly rejuvenating experience.

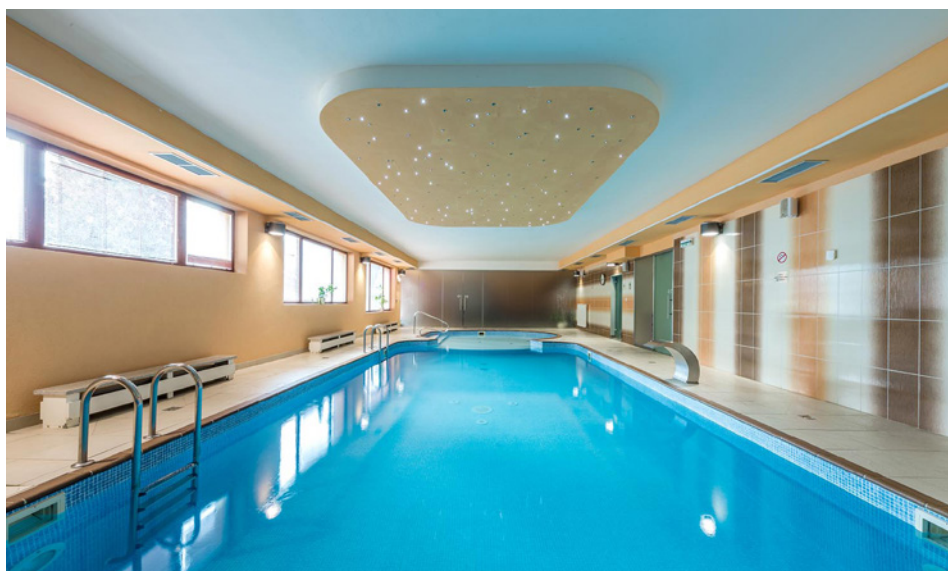
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RELAX AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD

The beloved **Poráč Park Mountain Hotel**, nestled in the picturesque Poráč valley, is a favorite destination for many returning visitors. In addition to diverse accommodation options, a restaurant, and a wide range of sports facilities, the hotel also boasts a top-notch spa center. After an active day, you can unwind completely in the relaxation pool with a counter-current, steam and dry saunas, hydromassage bath, whirlpool, and relaxation room.

poracpark.sk



TRANQUIL BLISS AMIDST NATURAL BEAUTY



Few things can rejuvenate the body and invigorate the mind like a sauna session. But have you ever tried a sauna outside of a traditional spa center, nestled right in the heart of nature? Discover the **Sauna v lese**. Located just a few hundred meters above the village of Iľiašovce and near the historical site of the "thousand-year-old chapel" **Sans-Souci**, this hidden gem offers a truly unique experience. One of the sauna walls is made of glass, allowing you to admire the surrounding natural beauty while you relax. Next to the sauna, there's a cooling tub with a continuous flow of water from the mountain stream, perfect for a refreshing dip. The unique feature of the Sauna in the Forest is that it is fully self-served. Simply book your appointment, pay the fee, and follow the straightforward instructions. Embrace your inner "forester" and impress your friends as you prepare the wood for the sauna stove. The greatest benefit of the Sauna in the Forest is its complete privacy. Skip the crowded spa centers and enjoy an unconventional, private sauna experience with your loved ones.

saunavlese.sk

INDOOR POOL AND PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL



Do you prefer separated saunas for men and women, along with the opportunity for a refreshing swim? Then, don't miss out on the indoor swimming pool in Spišská Nová Ves. Alongside a **25-meter swimming pool** featuring eight lanes and a **children's pool**, you'll discover steam saunas included in the pool admission. Alternatively, indulge in a traditional Finnish sauna (separately for men and women) and enjoy classic massage services, all offered at budget-friendly rates. During the summer months, adjacent to the swimming pool, you'll find a **seasonal outdoor pool** offering ideal relaxation by the water for the whole family. The STEZ complex also boasts numerous sports amenities, including a sports hall, football and athletics stadium, winter sports arena, tennis courts, a bowling alley, and a skate park.

stez.sk



EXPLORE SPORTS OPTIONS AROUND THE DOBŠINSKÁ ICE CAVE

The **Sports Club Dobšiná** fosters various athletic initiatives near Dobšiná and in the southern Slovenský raj region. Annually, it hosts a nationally recognized cross-country race. The route for the **Beh v raji (Run in Paradise)**, established in 2015, features minimal elevation changes and winds through the scenic landscapes within the Slovak Paradise National Park: from the Stratenský Canyon in the Hnilec Valley, between the Duča and Havrania skala massifs. The race marks the commencement of the tourist season in May. During autumn, the sports club hosts the **Dobšinská desiatka (Dobšinská Ten)** forest race. Participants can choose between 10 km and 7 km tracks, featuring nearly 400 meters of elevation gain, along with a Nordic walking category. Additionally, the club provides Nordic walking courses led by seasoned instructors.

skdobsina.sk



MINING AT SPIŠ

predates its earliest written records, as evidenced by archaeological discoveries revealing local metallurgical activities. These findings primarily relate to the processing of metals discovered in the Hornádká kotlina (basin), possibly dating back to the Iron and Bronze Ages. If you're intrigued by this aspect of our region's history, we have recommendations for places to visit and scenic walks.

EXHIBITION: HISTORY OF MINING IN SPIŠ



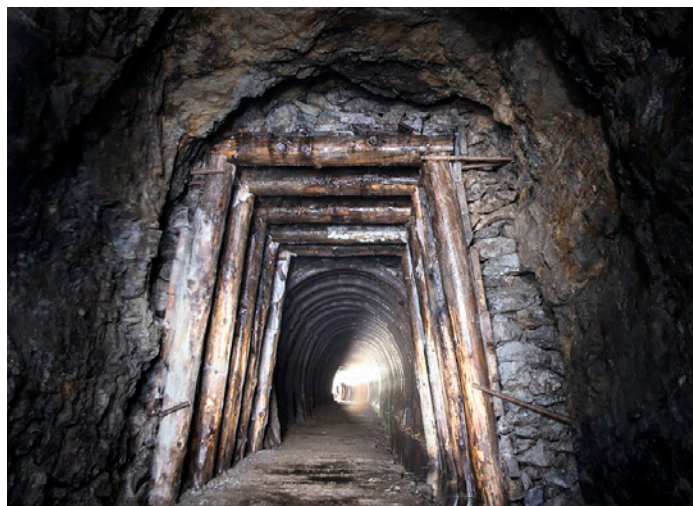
The compact yet highly engaging mining exhibition situated in the heart of Spišská Nová Ves presents visitors with permanent displays, showcasing minerals, rock formations, and a surveying-geological exhibition.



EDUCATIONAL TRAILS: MINING LEGACY IN SPIŠ REGION

Discover a wealth of intriguing insights into past mining activities right at their historical sites. One such example is the **Mining Trail from Spišská Nová Ves to Novoveská Huta**. Spanning three routes beneath Muráň Hill, this trail features 7 stops equipped with informative panels. These panels delve into the region's mining history, covering copper and iron ore mining, uranium, gypsum, notable mining structures, and the history of the abandoned Novoveská Huta spa. You can also learn about the narrow-gauge railway that once traversed the Rybníky valley to the base of Čertova hlava.

Explore remarkable sites and historical landmarks tied to mining history across southern Spiš. Have you ever seen a Pochwerk mining machine or a mining smelter? These fascinating artifacts can be discovered at the Mining Museum in the historic royal mining town of **Gelnica**. Established in 1938, the **Gelnica Mining Museum** offers insights into the region's rich mining heritage and features the **Mining Educational Trail**. A highlight of this trail is the **Jozef Heritage Tunnel**, where visitors can peer directly into the underground mine accompanied by a knowledgeable guide. It's an unforgettable experience suitable for all ages. **Dobšiná** beckons you to explore the **Educational Trail tracing the footsteps of mining in the area**. Divided into two branches, this trail winds through picturesque landscapes, offering not only a delightful stroll but also insights into key locations and technical structures linked to local mining activities.



The **Poráč mine** was the final active deep mine in the Spišská Nová Ves Iron Mines, ceasing operations in June 2019. The municipality maintains the original state of the Poráč mine building, open to the public and enhanced by sinkholes along the former mining path on the pit's surface. In **Poráčská dolina (valley)**, there's a newly established **mining museum**, featuring the accessible 130-meter-long **Peter tunnel** and a mining water attraction adjacent to the museum. The **mining educational trail** begins at the museum, with seven stops highlighting the Poráč area.



SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES spiskanovaves.eu

18. - 21. 7. **SPIŠSKÝ TRH**
26. - 27. 7. **SPIŠSKÝCH 333 EXTREME**,
333extreme.sk
2. - 3. 8. **ŽIVÉ SOCHY**
10. 8. **LEPŠEJŠÍ DEŇ**
23. - 24. 8. **DNI MESTA**
A TRH ĽUDOVÝCH REMESIEL
8. 9. **CONCERT 13 CIEST**,
17.00 Novoveská Huta, Penzión Kráľov prameň
27. 9. **WORLD TOURISM DAY**
27. - 29. 9. **STREET FOOD FESTIVAL**

CONCERTS IN THE TOWER,

19.15 Tower of the Roman Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Free admission
4. 7. **HENRIETA FILIPOVÁ** - saxophone
12. 7. **PIATY ELEMENT** - piano and violin
26. 7. **TOMÁŠ CVENGROŠ** - saxophone
9. 8. **MICHAELA REGECOVÁ** - guitar
16. 8. **SLAVOMÍR RAKYTA** - saxophone
30. 8. **DENISA KOTRADYOVÁ** - flute

SUMMER CINEMA IN FRONT

OF REDUTA, Radničné námestie 4, Free admission

6. 7. | 21.15 **INTO IT**
13. 7. | 21.15 **BARBIE**
27. 7. | 21.15 **MOTHER ON THE RUN**
7. 8. | 21.00 **FRANTA THE ALIEN**
10. 8. | 21.00 **HOW TO SURVIVE YOUR HUSBAND**
17. 8. | 21.00 **WAR OF THE COPS**
21. 8. | 21.00 **GUMP: THE TWO OF US**
31. 8. | 21.00 **HOLIDAYS WITH THE BUG**

SUNDAY FAIRYTALES, Free admission

7. 7. **A RING OF WISHES**,
15.00 pred Redutou, 17.00 Ferčekovce
14. 7. **THE FORGOTTEN DEVIL**,
15.00 pred Redutou, 17.00 Sídl. Západ - CVČ
28. 7. **I FEEL GOOD ON EARTH**,
15.00 pred Redutou, 17.00 Nov. Huta,
ihrisko, príp. Pohostinstvo Poľovník
11. 8. **ABOUT THE BRAVE TAILOR**,
15.00 pred Redutou, 17.00 Sídl. Západ - CVČ
18. 8. **DANKA A JANKA**, 15.00 pred Redutou,
17.00 Nov. Huta, Kráľov prameň
25. 8. **A DREAM OF AN OAK TREE**,
16.00 Ferčekovce, Inovecká ul.
8. 9. **MEAD MONKEY**,
15.00 Novoveská Huta - Kráľov prameň

SPIŠ MUSEUM,

Letná 50, Spišská Nová Ves

till 31. 8. **SPIŠ GEMER**,
exhibition of historical photographs
till 20. 9. **BLUE CRAFT**,
history of the craft of blue dyeing
till 15. 10. **WALKING IN NATURE**,
nature and its diversity
13. 7. a 23. 8., **EVENING GUIDED TOUR OF THE
SPIŠ HISTORY EXHIBITION**
Explore the rich history of Spišská Nová Ves
with a tour that includes the historic town
center and the current town hall building

SPIŠ CULTURAL CENTER AND LIBRARY,

Spišská Nová Ves

26. 7. - 30. 9. **ART IN THE PARK**,
Radničné nám., Exhibition opening:
26. 7. | 18.00
3., 10., 17., 24. and 31. 7., 7., 14. and 21. 8.
SUMMER WEDNESDAYS AT THE LIBRARY,
10.00, Knížnica, Letná 28, Literary and creative
activities for children **LEPORELLO EVENT**,
10.00, City Park near Evang. church
25. 7., 8. 8. and 5. 9. **Fairytales reading**
CULTURAL SUMMER, 19.00 Nov. Huta,
Guesthouse Kráľov Prameň, kralovpramen.sk
3. 7. **SHIRLEY VALENTINE**
actress **Z. Studenková**
31. 7. **ŠLÁGVORT**
25. 8. **COMEDY SHOW MENOPAUSE**
28. 8. **ABBA SHOW**
18. 9. **FOLK MUSIC OF STANO BALÁŽ**
HRABUŠICE, hrabusice.sk
13. 7. **ROCK CONCERT**
3. 8. **GOULASH EVENT**: 8.00, Podlesok
31. 8. **END OF TOURIST SEASON**:
17.00, Podlesok

TRAVELLING CINEMA, 21.00

20. 7. **NEVER SAY NEVER**, Podlesok
10. 8. **HOLIDAYS WITH THE BUG**, Hrabušice
16. 8. **KAVEJ**, Hrabušice

SMIŽANY, okcsmizany.sk

FAIRYTALE AFTERNOONS,

17.00, Manor house

4. 7. **ABOUT STUPID JOHN**
25. 7. **SHEPHERD'S HELPER**
8. 8. **JANKO HRAŠKO**
22. 8. **THE SMELL**

FOR ADULTS,

19.00, Manor house

12. 7. **GIN'S GARDEN**
16. 8. **DRINK SHOT**

6. - 7. 9. **SMIŽANY DAYS**
19. 9. **ADELA AND 4 GUYS**

MANOR HOUSE HODKOVCE, ŽEHRA, domovina-no.sk

14.00, Pay-what-you-can admission: proceeds
support social activities at Domovina, n. o.

07. 07. **Children's folklore ensemble KOLESKO**
14. 07. **Folk music GREGOVCI**
21. 07. **Folk music POLANOVSKÉHO PAROBCEI**
28. 07. **Music duo RYTMIX**
04. 08. **Musical production JÁN NAĎ**
11. 08. **Musical production ONDREJ SAKMÁR**
18. 08. **Music duo HVIZDOŠOVCI**
25. 08. **Music band Q PLUS MINUS**

IN THE REGION, vraji.sk

5. 7. **FOOD THROUGH TIME**,
spisskemuzeum.com
12. 7. **SUNSET BOULEVARD**, Spiš Castle
13. 7. **SMALL CARPATHIAN WINE ROUTE**
Kláštorskó, mvc.sk
3. 7. **CASTLE DAYS**, hradmarkusovce.sk
20. 7. **MYSTERIOUS NIGHTS AT SPIŠ CASTLE**
20. 7. **80's & 90's DISCO SHOW**,
Zahurawood, sabinkaprijazere.sk
1. - 3. 8. **6th edition of MOWING**
KOPANECKÉ LÚKY, npslovenskyraj.sk
10. 8. **SÚHRADNICE 2024**, Spiš Castle
10. 8. **MATEJOVSKÉ SUMMER FESTIVITIES**,
matejovcenadhornadom.sk
16. - 17. 8. **GELNICE FAIR**, Gelnica,
gelnica.sk
24. 8. **SMIŽANSKÝ VETERAN'S DAYS**,
f Smižany Veteran's Club
25. 8. **SLOVAKIA MOUNTAINS DAY**,
Kláštorskó, letanovce.sk
30. 8. **8th edition of GELNICE ILLUMINATION**,
Gelnica, gelnica.sk
31. 8. **MYSTERIOUS NIGHTS AT SPIŠ CASTLE**,
spisskemuzeum.com
31. 8. **SNP FESTIVITIES**, obecstratena.sk
8. 9. **MINERS CALL**, porac.sk
16. 9. **DOBŠINSKÁ TEN**, skdobsina.sk
27. 9. **MINER'S DAY**, Gelnica, gelnica.sk



If you're visiting Spiš for business, KAMI event agency can transform ordinary spaces into extraordinary ones, offering unconventional routes and access to unique locations not typically visited. Enhance your event or product presentation with enriching experiences tailored to your stay in Spiš.

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SELF-GOVERNMENT

DOBŠINÁ

The town with a famous mining past is located on two themed roads - Gothic and Iron Road. The routes of the Educational trail In the Footsteps of Mining in Dobšina will take you behind the monuments of mining activity. North of the city stretches the Slovak Paradise National Park with its natural beauty.



dobsina.sk

GELNICA

The historically significant royal mining town retains its vivid past. Wander through the charming streets of the old town adorned with baroque buildings, explore the Mining Museum, showcasing geology and precious ore mining, venture into the depths of the earth via the Jozef Heritage Tunnel, or discover the remnants of Gelnica Castle. For panoramic views of the natural surroundings, ascend the observation towers at Bongár, Klimo, and Gloriet. During summer, unwind by the serene waters of Turzovský tajch.



gelnica.sk

HRABUŠICE

Alongside the Podlesok tourist resort, these locations serve as primary entrances to the northern part of Slovak Paradise. Every year, visitors from around the globe come to explore Suchá Belá, Piecky, Veľký Sokol gorges, the Prielom Hornádu canyon, and the picturesque Blajzloch tajch. The village and its surroundings offer a diverse selection of accommodations, dining options, sports facilities, agritourism activities, and a tourist information center.



hrabusice.sk

LETANOVCE

Letanovce serves as key entry points to the northern section of the Slovak Paradise National Park. Adjacent to the Letanovský Mlyn, you can embark on trails leading to Tomášovský view, Prielom Hornádu canyon, Kláštorická ravine, or the legendary Kláštorisko featuring a Carthusian monastery dating back to the 13th century. In winter, adrenaline seekers seek out opportunities for ice climbing on the nearby ice falls near Letanovský Mlyn.



letanovce.sk

MARKUŠOVCE

Visit the village close to Spišská Nová Ves and explore the impressive Renaissance manor of the Máriašy family alongside the Dardanelles summer palace. Surrounded by a French-style park, these sites house exhibitions from the Museum of Spiš that delve into noble lifestyles and historical musical instruments. Take a stroll through the area and uncover the distinctive rock formation known as the Markušovský sklaný hrib (Mushroom rock), and be sure not to overlook Markušovce Castle.



markusovce.sk

MATEJOVCE NAD HORNÁDOM

This charming village beckons tourists with its stunning natural scenery and hosts two scenic cycling routes. In summer, adventurers can explore the hidden gems of the karst mountain Galmus, affectionately known as the "little Slovak Paradise". A scenic hiking trail also leads to the captivating Markušovský sklaný hrib rock formation (Mushroom rock). During winter, visitors are treated to the enchanting sight of the Šikľavá skala icefall, resembling a scene straight out of a fairy tale.



matejovcenadhornadom.sk

PORÁČ

Poráč, a mountain village, holds numerous historical and natural treasures. The mining museum in Poráčská dolina valley and the Poráčsky miner's trail commemorate its rich mining history. Nearby in the Galmus mountain range, you can explore the enigmatic Šarkanova diera cave, as well as ascend to the observation hills of Vysoký vrch, Bukovec, Suchinec, and Kňazovka, offering ideal outdoor sports opportunities throughout the year.



porac.sk

SMIŽANY

Smižany is sought-after by tourists. Besides the vibrant cultural scene and diverse service offerings, Smižany is distinguished by its proximity to renowned tourist spots in Slovak Paradise. The nearby Čingov resort serves as an excellent base for exploring attractions like the Prielom Hornádu canyon or the adventurous Ferrata HZS Kysel'. For a shorter hike directly from Smižany, Smižianska Kalvária offers an appealing destination, providing panoramic views of the Hornád Basin, Slovak Paradise, and the High Tatras from its summit.



smizany.sk

SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES

The city of Spišská Nová Ves, the hub of southern Spiš, boasts several remarkable features. These include Slovakia's tallest church tower, soaring to a height of 87 meters, and one of Europe's longest lenticular-shaped squares adorned with numerous cultural and historical landmarks. Year-round, the city pulsates with vibrant cultural events and provides ample opportunities for sports enthusiasts to indulge in a diverse array of activities.



visit.spiskanovaves.eu

SPIŠSKÉ TOMÁŠOVCE

Have you had the opportunity to visit Tomášovský výhľad view in Slovak Paradise? It's celebrated as one of Slovakia's most picturesque panoramas, accessible via the quickest path from Spišské Tomášovce village. Besides being a favorite spot for hikers and cyclists, Tomášovský výhľad view is a prime destination for rock climbers who can test their skills on more than 100 secured routes of varying difficulty levels. Spišské Tomášovce shares the Čingov tourist center with Smižany, offering a diverse range of accommodations, dining, and additional services.



spissketomasovce.sk

SPIŠSKÝ HRUŠOV

Explore Spišský Hrušov and delve into the legends of the vanished village of Milož, where only the enigmatic tower of a nearby Gothic church remains. Spišský Hrušov itself boasts a 16th-century Renaissance manor house and the 13th-century Gothic church of St. Catherine of Alexandria. This vibrant village hosts numerous cultural and sporting events annually, highlighted by the beloved traditional furman races known as Hrušovská podkova (Hrušov Horseshoe).



spisskyhrusov.sk

STRATENÁ

Discover the mountain village of Stratená in the heart of Slovenský raj, where adventure awaits the whole family. Explore the renowned Dobšinská Ice Cave, wander through the picturesque Stratenský Canyon, ascend Havrania Skala rock for breathtaking views, or enjoy horseback riding at Samelová Lúka Ranch. For thrill-seekers, Tarzania Dobšinka rope park offers a Tarzan-like experience. In summer, indulge in water fun at Stratenská Píla, while winter brings exciting sports activities at Snow Park Ladová.



obecstratena.sk

HOTELS

Hotel Metropol ****

Štefánikovo námestie 2,
052 01 Spišská Nová Ves
Tel.: +421 904 777 630
hotelmopol.sk

105 beds, restaurant, spa, sauna, massages,
children's indoor playground, terrace,
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Hotel Preveza**

Za Hornádom 12, 052 01 Spišská Nová Ves
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hotel-preveza.sk

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swimming pool included in the price

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grill, terrace, fireplace, multifunctional, beach
volleyball and tennis courts, gym, mini-golf,
workout zone, climbing wall, billiards, table
football, bowling, bicycle rental

Hotel Čingov ***

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hotelcingov.sk

76 beds, restaurant, swimming, fishing,
spa, sauna, massages, whirlpool, children's
attractions, barbecue, terrace, fireplace,
bicycle rental

GUESTHOUSE

Penzión Resa

J. Fabiniho 10, 052 01 Spišská Nová Ves
Tel.: +421 944 723 343
penzionresa.sk

27 beds, near the railway station

Penzión Kráľov prameň

Novoveská cesta 29, Novoveská Huta,
053 31 Spišská Nová Ves
Tel.: +421 905 308 651
kralovpramen.sk

30 beds, restaurant, lounge area, children's
attractions, grill, gazebo, terrace, fireplace

Penzión Stefani

Tatranská 393, 053 11 Smižany
Tel.: +421 903 275 596
cingov.com/penzion-stefani/

18 beds, restaurant, terrace

Penzión Lesnica

Čingov 113, 053 11 Smižany
Tel.: +421 903 250 086
cingov.com/penzion-lesnica/

22 beds, restaurant, terrace, fireplace, grill

PRIVATE APARTMENTS

PB apartments

Zimná 43, 052 01 Spišská Nová Ves
Tel.: +421 904 546 644
pbapartments.sk

18 beds, kitchenettes in apartments,
terrace, GRILL, pets allowed, free rental of
bicycles and ferrata sets for guests

Hniezdo v raji

Slovenská ulica 22,
052 01 Spišská Nová Ves
hniezdovraji.sk

4 beds, in the centre of town, kitchen,
children's attractions, free bike rental

**Dobšinská Ľadová
Jaskyňa Accommodation**

Dobšinská Ľadová Jaskyňa 5,
049 71 Stratená
Tel.: +421 905 486 162
skdobsina.sk/bistrubytovanie/

12 beds, restaurant, terrace, grill

CHALLETS, COTTAGES

Chata Horáreň

Košiarňy briežok, 052 01 Spišská Nová Ves
Tel.: +421 905 547 052
chatahoraren.sk

25 beds, terrace, fireplace, kitchen, lounge

Chata na Rázcestí

Čingov 1152, 05201 Spišské Tomášovce
Tel.: +421 905 820 061
chatanarazcesti.sk

4 beds, terrace, fireplace, grill, kitchen,
common room, children's attractions

Stará Horáren I., II.

Lániho Huta, 049 25 Dobšiná
Tel.: +421 905 486 162
starahoraren.sk

11 and 7 beds, terrace, fireplace,
kitchen, lounge with fireplace, sauna,
whirlpool

Chata Štefana

Havrania dolina, 053 76 Mlynky
Tel.: +421 905 872 488
lesysnv.sk/nasa-cinnost/ubytovanie/

16 beds, terrace, fireplace, kitchen, lounge
with fireplace, fishing

Chata Lanovka

Vojtechova samota, Novoveská Huta 053
31 Spišská Nová Ves
Tel.: +421 905 872 488
lesysnv.sk/ubytovanie

8 beds, terrace, fireplace, kitchen, lounge

Chata Pohoda

Čingov 18, 052 01 Spišské Tomášovce
Tel.: +421 903 634 064
chatapohoda.sk

10 beds, terrace, fireplace, grill, kitchen,
lounge, children's attractions

Chalupa Pohoda

Podlesok, 053 15 Hrabušice
Tel.: +421 903 634 064
chalupapohoda.sk

11 beds, terrace, fireplace, grill, kitchen,
lounge

Chata Jelšinky

Košiarňy briežok, Čingov
Tel.: +421 917 504 521
npslovenskyraj.sk

7 beds, terrace, fireplace, grill, kitchen,
lounge

HOSTELS

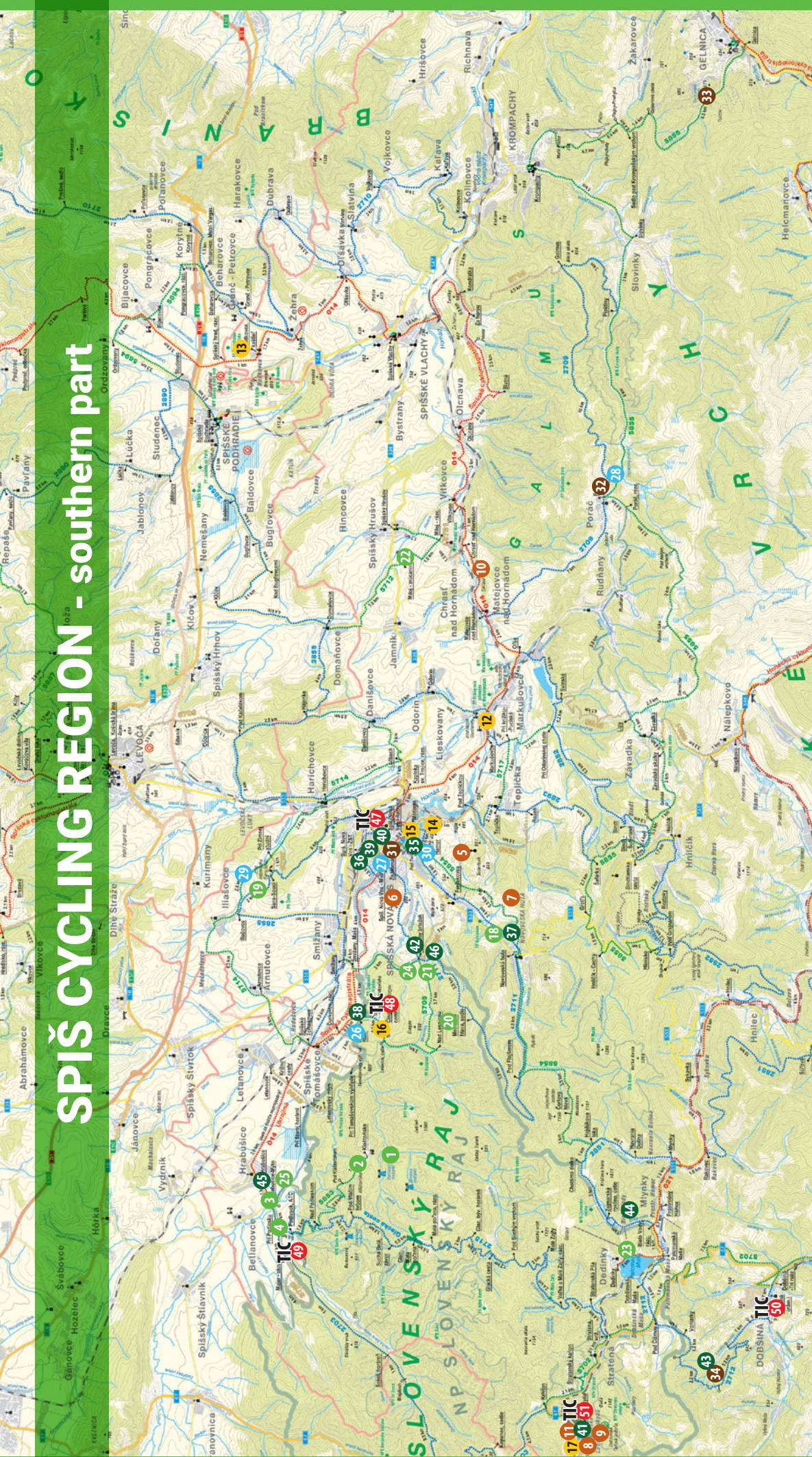
Turistická ubytovňa Hornád

Školská 246/3, Spišské Tomášovce
Tel.: +421 907 951 740
ubytovnahornad.sk

37 beds, kitchen, terrace, fireplace, pub,
playground, rental of ferrata sets and
Nordic walking sticks

Many accommodations welcome pets, but we advise confirming this policy when making your reservation.

SPIŠ CYCLING REGION - southern part



LEGEND

- SLOVENSKÝ RAJ** ■
1. Ferrata HZS Kysel
 2. Kláštorisko
 3. Mýto, Hrabušice – start of rafting
 4. Podlesok

- ADVENTURE** ■
5. Schulerloch
 6. Compact Skydrive, airport
 7. Novoveské singletrealy
 8. Tarzania, Dobšinka
 9. Dobšinská ľadová cave
 10. Šiklavá skala
 11. Snowpark Ľadová

- WITH CHILDREN** ■
12. Dardanely Manor, Markušovce
 13. Hodlovce Manor
 14. ZOO
 15. Alex park
 16. Children's ferrata, Čingov
 17. Farma na Samelovej lúke

- HIKING NEARBY** ■
18. Forest educ. trail Diana
 19. Sans Souci
 20. Matka Božia
 21. Košiarňy briežok
 22. Miloň
 23. Gerany Cable Way
 24. Buffet Nováková chata
 25. Warrior's Path th. Ench. Forest

- RELAXATION AND SPORTS** ■
26. Hotel Čingov
 27. Hotel Metropol
 28. Poráč Park
 29. Sauna in Forest
 30. Swimming pool
- MINING AT SPIŠ** ■
31. Mining exhibition
 32. Mining open-air museum Poráč

- ACCOMMODATION** ■
33. Banský skanzen Gelnica
 34. Náučný chodník baníctva Dobšina
 35. Hotel Preveza
 36. Guesthouse Resa
 37. Guesthouse Kraľov prameň
 38. Guesthouse Lesnica
 39. PB apartments
 40. Hniezdo v raji

- TIC** ■
41. Dobšinská Ľadová Jaskyňa Accommodation
 42. Cottage Horáreň
 43. Mountain cottage Stará Horáren I., II.
 44. Cottage Štefana
 45. Cottage Pohoda
 46. Cottage Jeľšinky
 47. TIC SNV, 48. TIC Čingov,
 49. TIC Podlesok, 50. TIC Dobšiná,
 51. TIC Dobšinská Ľadová Jaskyňa



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