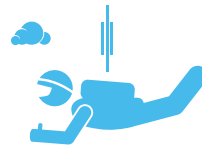


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WORLD SKYDIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 IN SPIŠ



FAI WORLD SKYDIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS
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FAI (Fédération Aéronautique Internationale) World Skydiving Championships, which will take place in our region for the very first time this year, from 28th August to 5th September 2026.

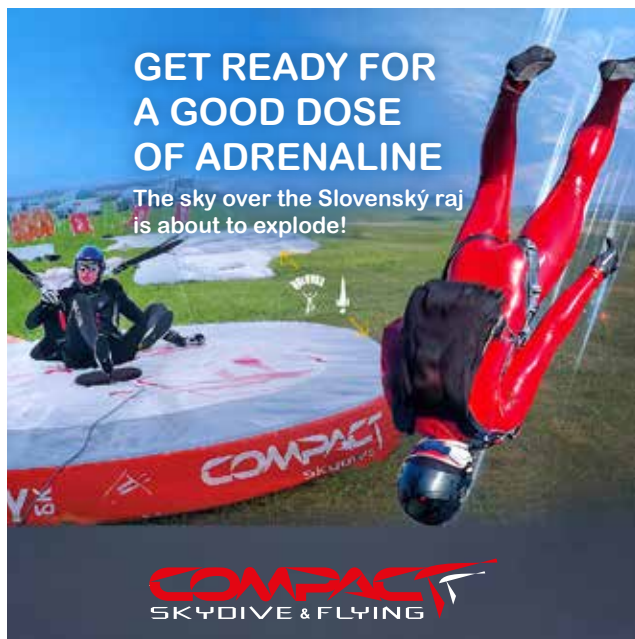
The Compact Skydive sports team warmly invites you to the sports airport in Spišská Nová Ves to experience a world-scale sporting event unlike anything you have seen here before! This premier event will bring together the 39th World Championships and the 13th Junior World Skydiving Championships.

Top skydivers from around the world, outstanding athletic performances, adrenaline-filled moments, and an accompanying programme – none of this will be missing at the FAI (Fédération Aéronautique Internationale) World Skydiving Championships, which will take place in our region for the very first time this year, from 28th August to 5th September 2026.

The world's very best competitors will battle for the title of overall World Champion in two disciplines: Landing Accuracy and Individual Freefall Style.

Each competition day and evening will also offer an engaging accompanying public programme. The Championships will also feature Slovak skydivers, who have already earned international acclaim.

Competing on home soil, no doubt they will appreciate your support and applause! Don't miss this unique event, engaging not only for adrenaline enthusiasts, and witness breathtaking sporting performances!



GET READY FOR A GOOD DOSE OF ADRENALINE

The sky over the Slovenský raj is about to explode!

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FAMILY FUN IN SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES

There are plenty of opportunities for families with children to spend their free time actively and to the fullest in Spišská Nová Ves. Whether you are looking for an adventure, relaxation, outdoor activities, or things to do on rainy days, everyone will find something to enjoy in the town and its surroundings.

1. ZOO

The smallest and youngest of the four zoos in Slovakia covers an area of 8 hectares in the pleasant surroundings of Madaras Park. It is home to over 530 animals representing 130 species, and also features a children's playground, a pastry shop, an arboretum, and the year-round open AquaTerra pavilion.

2. Spišské divadlo theatre

Fairy-tale performances make Spišské divadlo an ideal place for audiences of all ages. Performances for children take place on Sundays at 4:00 p.m., with the exception of the summer theatre break (July-August).

3. Open-air swimming pool

Come to refresh yourself during the summer months to the swimming pools for children and adults. The pool complex consists of a 50-metre swimming pool with a water depth of 180 cm, two non-swimmer pools, and one children's pool. There is plenty of space for relaxation and area for water games.

4. Alex Park

One of the largest indoor amusement parks in Slovakia offers space for play, exercise, and spending quality family time together in a pleasant environment. Covering an area of 1,200 m², it features a wide range of attractions, including slides, trampolines, a car track, and many others.

5. Children's Traffic Playground

Teaches children the traffic rules in a fun and interactive way. Young cyclists will encounter intersections, road signs, and traffic lights. Bring your own bicycle, scooter, or ride-on car, as well as a helmet.

6. LaborARTorium

An experiential gallery for both children and adults, who enjoy having fun. If you want to try something new, come and get shrunk and enter an aquarium with a hamster, an ant, and a color changing chameleon.

7. Forestry Educational Trail Diana

A walk along this trail in Novoveská Huta will introduce you to the world of forests, animals, and other nature of the region.

8. Historical dolls and toys exhibition

The exhibition will delight visitors of all ages. It presents historical toys and recalls the childhood world of past generations.

9. Mining Educational Trail

The educational trail in Novoveská Huta presents the history of mining in Spiš region and offers an interesting combination of walking in nature and learning about the region.

10. Mravenisko

A popular climbing centre for both children and adults of all skill levels. A wide variety of routes and activities keeps children of all ages entertained, regardless of the weather.

11. Railway Museum

The museum offers a model railway layout, a train model exhibition, and the opportunity to try driving a locomotive, become a station dispatcher, or experience railway communication firsthand.

Spišská Nová Ves is a place where families with children can enjoy active recreation, exploration, and entertainment throughout the year. A wide range of attractions makes the town an ideal destination for weekend trips as well as longer family stays.

Further tips for experiencing the town and its surroundings can be found here: visit.spiskanovaves.eu



CYCLING ROUTE SEARCH

Dear friends of cycling, discover our new subpage on vraji.sk: cyklo.vraji.sk, where you can choose from 27 circular cycling routes and filter them according to your preferences, for example by difficulty level (very easy, easy, moderate, difficult, and very difficult).

The cycling routes will lead you through the most beautiful places in the region. Each route detail includes a map, ele-



vation profile, detailed description, photo gallery, and points of interest along the way, such as landmarks, attractions, and refreshment options. The platform also offers language versions in English and German for cycling enthusiasts from abroad.



SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEWSLETTER "NEWS FROM SLOVENSKÝ RAJ AND SOUTHERN SPIŠ"

Once a week, we will e-mail you a list of events you should not miss, as well as all the latest updates from the activities of the Regional Tourism Organization Slovenský raj & Spiš, its members, and partners.

How can you get newsletter? (See the QR code)



7TH EDITION OF THE MOUNTAIN CYCLING CHALLENGE – VRCHÁRSKA KORUNA SPIŠ

This year, we prepared these places for you:

1. Kojšovská hoľa
2. Golgota Shelter under Kojšovská hoľa
3. Lookout tower Green Point
4. Memorial plaque of Miroslav Vilk on Geravy
5. Glac, former forest lodge
6. Hunting lodge Galmus
7. Kláštorisko – Carthusian monastery
8. Bikšova lúka
9. Gápel' (cottage, pond)
10. Calvary in Smižany
11. Sauna Kadlubek
12. Vojtechova samota – Lanovka cottage
13. Ore processing and roasting furnaces in Bindt
14. Božie muky - wayside shrine in Iľiašovce
15. Hrby cottage
16. Giants in Paradise – experience quarry near Hnilčík
17. Vinná Cottage
18. Spišský Štvrtok – Chapel of the Virgin Mary Assumption (Zápoľský Chapel)
19. Csáky Manor estate Museum in Bijacovce
20. Področ – Church of St. Cyril and Methodius



Foto: Rastislav Žemla



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There are several MTB trails with varying levels of difficulty and elevation gains in the immediate vicinity of the Poráč Park mountain hotel.



TRAILPARK ŽEHRA

A network of interconnected natural cycling trails east of the village of Žehra – singletracks located on sloping terrain south of the Žehrica stream.



Singletrails in the municipal district of Spišská Nová Ves – Novoveská Huta. Bring your children along as well. The trails are prepared and maintained by Lesy mesta Spišská Nová Ves. lesysnv.sk





FACTS ABOUT THE GORGES AND THEIR MOST NOTABLE WATERFALLS

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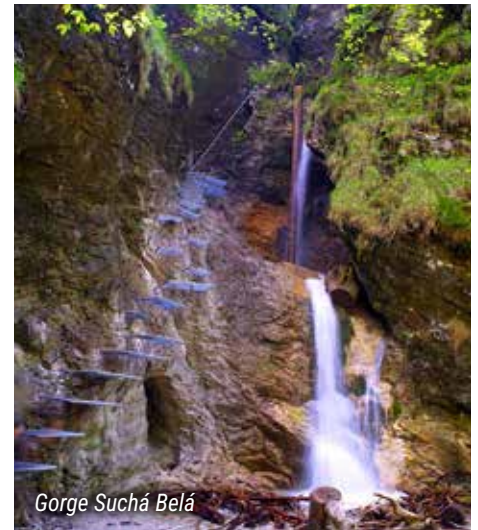
The most visited gorge in Slovenský raj.

Lowest point: gorge entrance 550 m a.s.l.

Highest point: 959 m a.s.l.

Elevation gain: 409 m over a length of 3.8 km

Misové vodopády: 29,5 m



Gorge Suchá Belá

SWISS-SLOVAK
Cooperation Programme



MINISTRY
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Tourists and nature together



Project

is supported by the Swiss contribution to reducing economic and social disparities within the EU; implemented under the Swiss-Slovak Cooperation Programme and the State Budget of the Slovak Republic.



Okienkový vodopád: 12,5 m

Korytový vodopád: 8,5 m

Bočný vodopád: 8 m



PIECKY

The quietest and most peaceful gorge in Slovenský raj.

Lowest point: gorge entrance 581 m a.s.l.

Highest point: 959 m a.s.l.

Elevation gain: 378 m over a length of 4 km

Veľký vodopád: 13 m

Terasový vodopád: 8 m

VEĽKÝ KYSEĽ

From all the gorges open to visitors, Veľký Kysel' was made accessible as the last one.

Lowest point: junction of gorges (Kysel' crossroads) 735 m a.s.l.

Highest point: 1004 m a.s.l.

Elevation gain: 269 m over a length of 1.75 km

Pawlasov vodopád: 5,5 m

Vodopád ochrancov prírody: 10 m

Bariérový vodopád: 10 m

Bočný bariérový vodopád: 17 m



Gorge Veľký Kysel'

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM COOPERATION BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION PARTNERSHIPS

PLANNED PROJECT/PROGRAMME OUTCOMES:

1. Sustainable tourism established in national parks
2. Improved ecosystem protection and increased resilience to threats of biodiversity loss
3. Better governance of nature protection and sustainable tourism at the national level

Set of monitored indicators: 28 in total

MAIN PROJECT ACTIVITIES (5) IN THE NÁRODNÝ PARK SLOVENSKÝ RAJ NATIONAL PARK AREA:

1. Reconstruction and construction of facilities supporting sustainable tourism and ecosystem and biodiversity protection
 - Reconstruction of the field station in Dedinky into the ECO Centre Dedinky and creation of a new exhibition (meadow and aquatic ecosystems).
 - Reconstruction of the Biele Vody cottage to support the development of nature-based tourism.
 - Innovation and reconstruction/construction of the river Hornád rafting boarding and disembarking site.
 - Terrain works and repairs of selected hiking trails.
2. Joint support for sustainable tourism in national parks and its promotion
 - Reconstruction of the npslovenskyraj.sk website and creation of a joint website for all national parks in Slovakia.
 - Development and communication of a design manual for small infrastructure and information systems in Slovenský raj.
 - Gateway to Slovenský raj.
 - Introduction of regional signage within the Národný park Slovenský raj National Park.
 - Project promotion, promotional materials, and purchase of presentation equipment.
3. Development of tourism activities to manage visitor flow and support sustainable tourism
 - Automated visitor counters (6) and turnstiles.
 - Introduction of guiding services.
 - Applications and digital technologies on selected educational trails within the national park area.
4. Environmental education and protection of ecosystems and biodiversity
 - Development and pilot implementation of new educational programmes, including for marginalised and disadvantaged groups.
 - Activities in cooperation with the public – cleaning of the national park area and the river Hornád.
 - Awareness activities – Gorge Day, Water Day, Meadow Days, etc. (once per year).
5. Networking, cooperation, and governance of nature protection and sustainable tourism
 - Development of a Strategy for supporting sustainable tourism (nature-based/eco-tourism).
 - Preparation of other expert materials and studies focused on biodiversity protection.
 - Development of a new Visitor Regulations document for Národný park Slovenský raj national park.
 - Active participation in the establishment of the Alliance of Slovak National Parks (following the Swiss model).

Prepared for project publicity purposes.

MALÝ KYSEĽ

The most picturesque gorge in Slovenský raj. Lowest point: junction of gorges (Kysel' crossroads) 735 m a.s.l. Highest point: 959 m a.s.l. Elevation gain: 224 m over a length of 1.75 km
Malý vodopád: 7 m
Machový vodopád: 8 m



Gorge Veľký Sokol

sel' 735 m a.s.l.
Elevation gain: 179 m over a length of 1.7 km
Kaskády pod Barikádou: 5 m
Barikádový vodopád: 8,5 m
Kaplnkový vodopád: 8 m
Kaskády pod Temnicou: 4,5 m
Vodopád v Temnici: 13 m
Vodopády nad Temnicou: 10 m
Obrovský vodopád: 42,5 m
Karolinyho vodopád: 12 m



KLÁŠTORSKÁ ROKLINA

A short gorge in the Prielom Hornádu canyon, rich in waterfalls. Lowest point: gorge mouth 520 m a.s.l. Highest point: 744 m a.s.l. Elevation gain: 224 m over a length of 1.5 km
Vodopád objaviteľ'ov: 11,5 m
Vodopád Antona Straku: 13 m
Dúhový vodopád: 8,5 m
Kaskády G. Nedobrého: 3 m
Malý vodopád: 3 m
Machový vodopád: 6 m
Kartuziánsky vodopád: 4 m



SOKOLIA DOLINA

The wildest gorge, featuring the highest waterfall in Slovenský raj – Závojový vodopád. Lowest point: gorge mouth 572 m a.s.l. Highest point: 1002 m a.s.l. Elevation gain: 430 m over a length of 2.4 km



Gorge Sokolia dolina

PRIELOM HORNÁDU

Length of the canyon: 11.7 km, from the confluence of the Hornád river and the stream Veľká Biela Voda below Zelená hora mountain to its exit near Smižianska Maša. Lowest point of the river: outflow near Smižianska Maša 470 m a.s.l. Highest point of the river: Hornád Narrows 530 m a.s.l. Tomášovský výhľad viewpoint: 667 m a.s.l. Canyon depth: 100–150 m
The Hornád river carved a canyon in the northern part of Slovenský raj, creating conditions for a great diversity of fauna and flora. Around 600 species of higher plants grow here, representing about 60% of all known plant species in Slovenský raj.
You can explore this attractive canyon area with striking rock formations such as Tomášovský výhľad viewpoint, Ihla, Kazateľnica, as well as various caves, holes, and abysses, by hiking a two-way trail running along the canyon floor, equipped with ladders, footbridges, bridges, and chains for better accessibility.
In winter, during prolonged freezing temperatures, you can admire the picturesque canyon by walking, skating or skiing on the frozen Hornád river.

ZEJMARSKÁ ROKLINA

The shortest and the only accessible gorge facing south. Lowest point: gorge mouth 804 m a.s.l. Highest point: 1032 m a.s.l. Elevation gain: 228 m over a length of 1 km
Vodopády kpt. Nálepku: 22,5 m

VEĽKÝ SOKOL

The longest and most massive gorge, ending with the romantic Róthová roklina gorge. Lowest point: gorge mouth 610 m a.s.l. Highest point: 899 m a.s.l. Elevation gain: 289 m over a length of 6 km
Malý vodopád: 8,5 m
Veľký vodopád: 7 m



Bočný vodopád: 8 m
Skalný vodopád: 3,5 m
Závojový vodopád: 75 m
Vyšný vodopád: 15,5 m

KYSEĽ – VIA FERRATA

A gorge made accessible via a ferrata system. Lowest point: gorge mouth at the confluence with the Biely Potok 556 m a.s.l. Highest point: junction of Veľký and Malý Ky-

Source: National Park Slovenský raj, npslovenskyraj.sk/en, photo: P. Olekšák



Gorge Veľký Sokol



Kysel' – Via Ferrata



Canyon Prielom Hornádu

■ ADVENTURES

Projects implemented with the support of the Košice Self-Governing Region and Košice Region Tourism through the Terra Incognita grant programme.

Source: Košice Region Tourism, terraincognita.sk

TURZOVIA

In the suburban recreational area of Turzov near town Gelnica, a rope park called Turzovia has been developed. This unique project focuses on promoting ecotourism and active outdoor recreation. The newly built park offers aerial ropes course with obstacles with varying difficulty, a zipline, and a distinctive experience in the heart of nature. The rope course, with a total length of approximately 110 metres, consists of thirteen obstacles of varying difficulty, including a zipline. The course also features two low-level obstacles designed for younger children. The park was established in the immediate vicinity of Turzov Pension, operated by the Social Enterprise of the Town of Gelnica. In addition to the rope obstacles, visitors can appreciate the course's comprehensive safety features and the opportunity to make use of the pension facilities. The project was designed to accommodate less experienced visitors as well, requiring only sportswear and sturdy footwear.

turzov.sk/turzovia



GUĽOČKOVÝ SVET MARBLE WORLD

Discover a place where children's joy meets creativity, movement meets imagination, and nature blends with a modern interactive experience. The new Guľočkový svet project, located within Spišská Nová Ves Zoo, offers an innovative way for visitors to spend time outdoors, close to nature. The project was created to support eco-tourism and expand leisure activities in the region. By combining natural materials, children's imagination, and hands-on design, Guľočkový svet creates fun for the whole family and serves as a new attraction for visitors to the Spiš region. Visitors can look forward to an extensive marble run,

made of wooden sculptures and interactive elements: 15 large and 29 smaller wooden sculptures connected by a functional marble run, decorated with bells, birds, and zoo themed details. The experience also includes a marble dispenser that releases themed marbles, setting both the track and children's imagination in motion.

zoosnv.sk



PRIEKOPA POD AKROPOLOU TRENCH BELOW ACROPOLIS



In the heart of the Slovenský raj, at the popular tourist area Čingov, a new swimming pool complex called Priekopa pod Akropolou has been officially opened.

The project combines relaxation, history, and eco-tourism. The pool features an irregular shape, a slide, an artificial rock formation with a waterfall, and modern facilities that reference the nearby historical Čingov Hillfort. "Acro-

polis" was the name once used for the highest fortified part of this hillfort, dating back to the pre-Great Moravian period.

The new pool area includes a terraced deck and a covered seating space. It was designed to blend naturally into the surrounding landscape while providing comfort for families with children as well as visitors looking for relaxation.

hotelcingov.sk

OBRI V RAJI GIANTS IN PARADISE

The park offers an immersive Obri v Raji, featuring giant hand-carved wooden sculptures, created by woodcarver Adam Bakoš. The site also includes a redesigned water area that turns into an ice rink during winter, a modern children's playground with a wide range of attractions, a viewing platform with panoramic views, a stylish café, guest parking, and visitor facilities that are still being developed and expanded.

The venue is intended to serve for various public events for both children and adults.

The new family-focused experience park Obri v Raji, developed by LOM RESORT, is located near the village of Hnilčík, along the main road leading toward Grajnár Pass.



obrivraji.com



GULLIVER'S TRAVELS BRINGS SPIŠ TO LIFE



SPIŠSKÉ DIVADLO

This summer, the streets of the region are turning into one giant stage. Spišské Divadlo theatre is launching an original new project, Gulliver's Travels, a visually spectacular street show packed with fantasy, humour, and adventure, sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Inspired by Jonathan Swift's beloved story, the show weaves together theatre, movement, masks, large-scale puppetry, and audience interaction. Gulliver comes to life right on the streets, and the audience becomes part of his journey between the worlds of giants and tiny people. No walls, no tickets, no barriers, just open-air theatre alive with the unique energy of public spaces.

The premiere takes place on 8 May in Spišská Nová Ves. If you miss it, you'll still have plenty of chances to experience the show, as it travels across the region throughout the summer.

Looking for an unexpected cultural experience this summer? Gulliver's experiencing a town's atmosphere.

This project is co-funded by the European Union under the Interreg Poland-Slovakia 2021-2027 programme. This project is supported by the Košice Self-Governing Region through the „Traditions Inspire Innovation“ grant scheme.

For the latest dates and stops on Gulliver's journey across the region, visit spisskedivadlo.sk

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75 YEARS OF MÚZEUM SPIŠA



This year, Múzeum Spiša marks a significant anniversary. Founded on 7 May 1951, the institution owes its existence to cultural educator Matej Vojtáš, whose vision was to build a museum dedicated to the history and heritage of the Spiš region. The museum's defining moment came in the mid-1950s, when it acquired premises in the historic Provincial House, a building that became its permanent home and gave it the space to grow its collections and deepen its work. Those collections today hold a wealth of remarkable objects documenting Spiš nature, history, art, and traditional culture.

The museum's collections hold over 130,000 objects spanning geology, palaeontology, botany, zoology, archaeology, history, ethnography, and art history. Over the decades, several landmark buildings and exhibitions have come under the museum's care:

- **The Provincial House in Spišská Nová Ves** – the museum's headquarters, home to permanent exhibitions on Spiš history and the region's natural world
- **Kaštieľ Markušovce manour house** – a showcase of historic furniture
- **Letohrádok Dardanely summer palace** – a one-of-a-kind keyboard instrument collection
- **Kúria Zuzana mansion in Markušovce** –

a contemporary cultural space with an innovative ethnographic exhibition and traditional craft workshops

- **The Birthplace of Captain Ján Nálepka in Smižany**

Each site tells a different chapter of the Spiš story. Together, they paint a complete portrait of the region - from its natural landscape and centuries of history to the everyday lives of its people.

The museum is a living space that offers learning, experience, and inspiration in equal measure. It runs exhibitions, lectures, concerts, creative workshops, and events for visitors of all ages. At its core, the museum is built around community engagement, with particular focus on schools, families

with children, and tourists. The museum is committed to presenting its collections in ways that are modern, accessible, and genuinely compelling to younger generations.

Seventy-five years of Múzeum Spiša affirm a simple truth: the past truly matters when we don't just study it - but experience it. Discover Spiš through its stories, collections, and extraordinary historic spaces. Múzeum Spiša invites you on a journey through time - from the distant past to the present day - with a new anniversary exhibition. The exhibition made its public debut on 23 May 2026, as part of European Night of the Museums.

muzeumspisa.com

THE FILM LOCATIONS TRAIL IN THE KOŠICE REGION



Did you know that the Košice Region is home to over 80 locations that have appeared in nearly 50 Slovak and international films? To mark the 30th anniversary of the Art Film International Film Festival, the Regional Tourism Organisation KRT rolled out the red carpet and invited visitors to explore the Film Locations Trail, a route tracing shooting spots handpicked by directors and location scouts. Experience film tourism firsthand, with clapperboards placed along the trail, each packed with fascinating facts and behind-the-scenes stories. For more on the filmmakers, actors, and productions behind each location, text and audio guides are available through the Smart Guide app. The film locations content was researched and written by Tomáš Galerik, author of several publications on Slovak cinema.

Source: Košice Region Tourism, kosciceregion.com/en/

Planning a holiday in Slovenský raj or Southern Spiš? Here are a few locations worth adding to your itinerary, each one a backdrop for dozens of well-known Slovak and international productions:

SPIŠSKÝ HRAD CASTLE

Legend-wrapped and listed in UNESCO World Heritage, Spišský hrad ranks among the largest medieval castle ruins in the world and is one of the most iconic landmarks the Spiš region has to offer. It's little wonder that filmmakers from across the globe have long been drawn to its dramatic silhouette. The castle has appeared in countless historical and fantasy productions, among them the fantasy classic **Dragonheart** (USA, 1996), the historical epics **Kull the Conqueror** (USA, 1997) and **The Last Legion** (UK, Italy, France, Tunisia, 2007), as well as beloved Slovak and Czech classics such as **Popolvár najväčší na svete** (1982) and **Radúz a Mahulena** (1970), and many more.

TOMÁŠOVSKÝ VÝHLAD VIEWPOINT

The most famous viewpoint in Slovenský raj and one of the most visited spots in Slovakia, Tomášovský výhľad has proven just as irresistible to filmmakers as it is to tourists. Its breathtaking vistas have graced major international productions including **Eragon** (USA, UK, Hungary, 2006), **Dragonheart** (USA, 1996), and the series **Marco Polo** (USA, 2014–2016), as well as Slovak films such as **Svetlonoc** (2022) and **Perinbaba: Two Realms** (2023), among others.

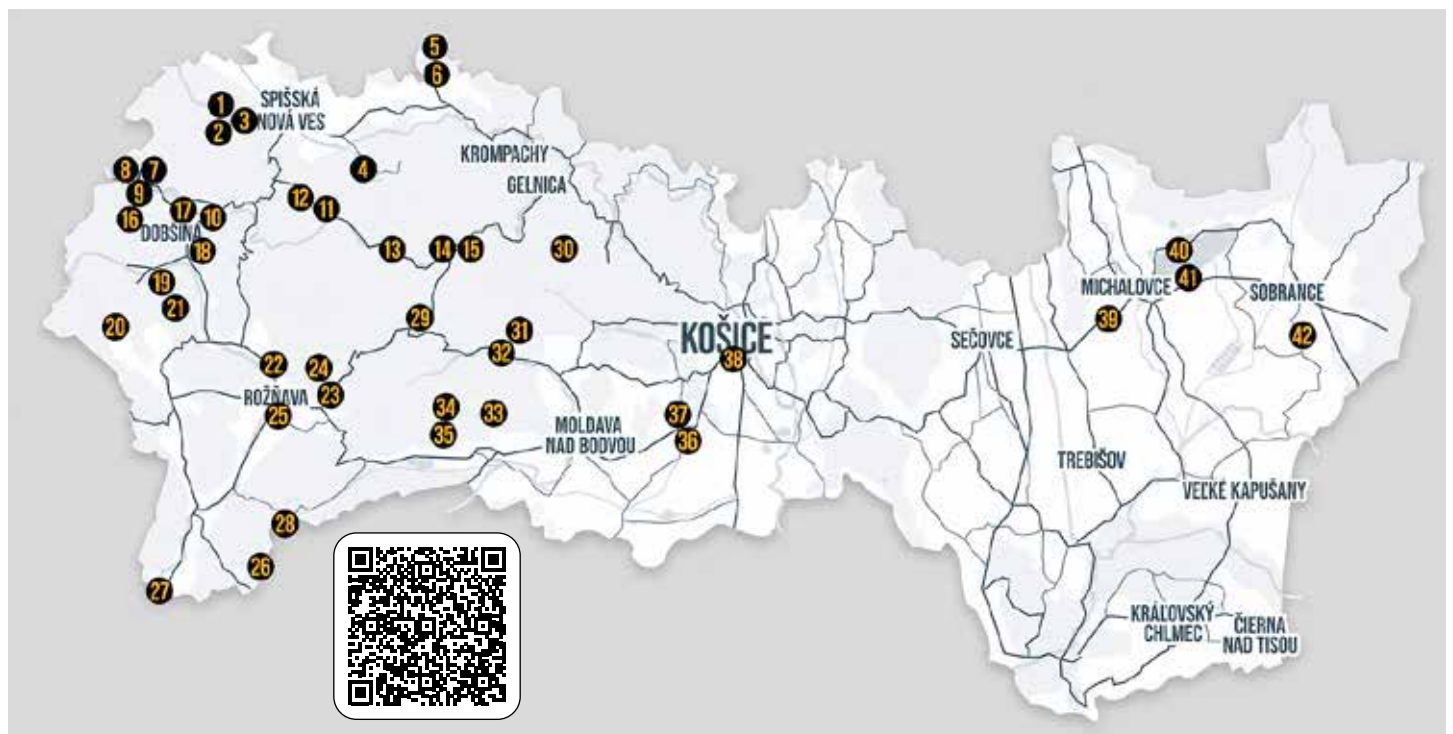
MORE LOCATIONS

Beyond Spišský hrad and Tomášovský výhľad Southern Spiš has plenty more to offer film tourism enthusiasts.

Once Upon a Time in the East (Slovakia, 2024) features the Town Hall in Spišská Nová Ves and the Grand Hotel Spiš at Čingov in Slovenský raj. **Perinbaba: Two Realms** (Slovakia, 2023) put the spotlight on the Mining Museum in Gelnica, the town's Roman Catholic Church of the

Assumption of the Virgin Mary, and its historic Gothic stone bridge. The Municipal Office and iron bridge in Mníšek nad Hnilcom, the Evangelical Church in Mlyňky, and the Chapel of St. Anne near Nálepkovo all make an appearance in **Právom lásky** (Czechoslovakia, 1984). The bell tower in Nálepkovo, the village of Švedlár, and a cottage near Smolnícka Huta can be spotted in another Czechoslovak classic, **Zbehovia a pútnici** (1968). Letná and Zimná Street in Spišská Nová Ves provide the backdrop for the spirited romantic comedy **Loli Paradička** (Slovakia, 2019). International productions have made their mark here too. The Church of the Holy Spirit in Žehra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, appeared in **Doc-tor Zhivago** (USA, UK, Germany, 2002), while Letanovský mlyn featured in **A Wild River** (USA, 2023).

While exploring these storied filming locations, be sure to stop by the village of Kojšov, home to a gallery dedicated to one of its most famous sons, the celebrated Slovak director **Juraj Jakubisko**.



JEWISH SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES



The history of Spišská Nová Ves is closely intertwined with its Jewish community, whose presence in the town and surrounding area can be traced as far back as the 16th century. The oldest recorded mention of a Jewish family in Spišská Nová Ves, then known as Igló, appears in a land registry entry from 1504. Jewish settlement grew significantly after 1840, when the ban on Jewish residence in mining towns was lifted. The first Jewish child born in the town arrived in 1852. The community thrived: Jewish associations were founded, the town became the seat of a rabbinate. In 1899 a grand synagogue was completed, along with a Jewish elementary school taught in Hungarian, later German and Slovak.

The site of the former Jewish elementary school is now partly occupied by the Technical Secondary Industrial School, where the original entrance gate and sections of the original fence have survived to this day, on what is now Hviezdoslavova Street. The synagogue site was cleared in the 1960s to make way for an open-air cinema. In the eastern part of town, on Cintorínska Street, a 19th-century Jewish cemetery survives to this day. The civic association OZ PRO MEMORRY, together with students from the local grammar school on Školská Street, looks after its upkeep and keeps it in the public eye. In 2010, the cemetery joined the Slovak Jewish Heritage Route, a trail linking 32 exceptional sites. Since 2023, the route has represented Slovakia in the European Jewish Heritage Routes network and holds the Council of Europe Cultural Route certification. The cemetery contains 281 grave sites, though researchers have managed to identify fewer than half of the names from damaged and destroyed headstones. Memorial graves for Holocaust victims from Spišská Nová Ves stand here as well, alongside ten information panels tracing the history of the Jewish community in Spiš and Spišská Nová Ves.

You can take a virtual tour of the Jewish cemetery on the Spišská Nová Ves town website at www.spisskanovaves.eu, under „About the Town“ and „Virtual Tours.“ The Jewish cemetery stands as the last surviving Jewish heritage site in the town. Of the local synagogue, only a Torah scroll survived; it now lives on at The Ark Synagogue in Northwood, a suburb of London. Beyond the cemetery, attentive visitors will notice several other Jewish memorials scattered across the streets of Spišská Nová Ves. A memorial plaque dedicated to the synagogue and Holocaust victims stands at Školská Street No.



The rescued Torah scroll. **Photo:** Archive of The Ark Synagogue, Northwood, London.



Memorial plaque for child Holocaust victims from Spišská Nová Ves and the surrounding area, unveiled in 2007. Grammar school Školská, Spišská Nová Ves.

4, and a second plaque commemorating child Holocaust victims from Spišská Nová Ves and the surrounding area is located within the grammar school on Školská Street. In the town centre, six Stolpersteine, the so-called Stumbling Stones, have been laid in the pavement: one for Marta Rosenthalová (Letná 37/43), one for Etela Zinnerová, for the Fried family, and Dezider Zinner (Zimná 48/183), one for Eugénia Rauchwergerová, the Müller family (Zimná 47/182), and one for Oskar Bauer and Alexander Bauer (Letná 31/36).



The Spišská Nová Ves synagogue, photographed at Gustav Matz's studio. **Photo:** Spiš Archive in Levoča.



Stolperstein for Marta Rosenthalová.

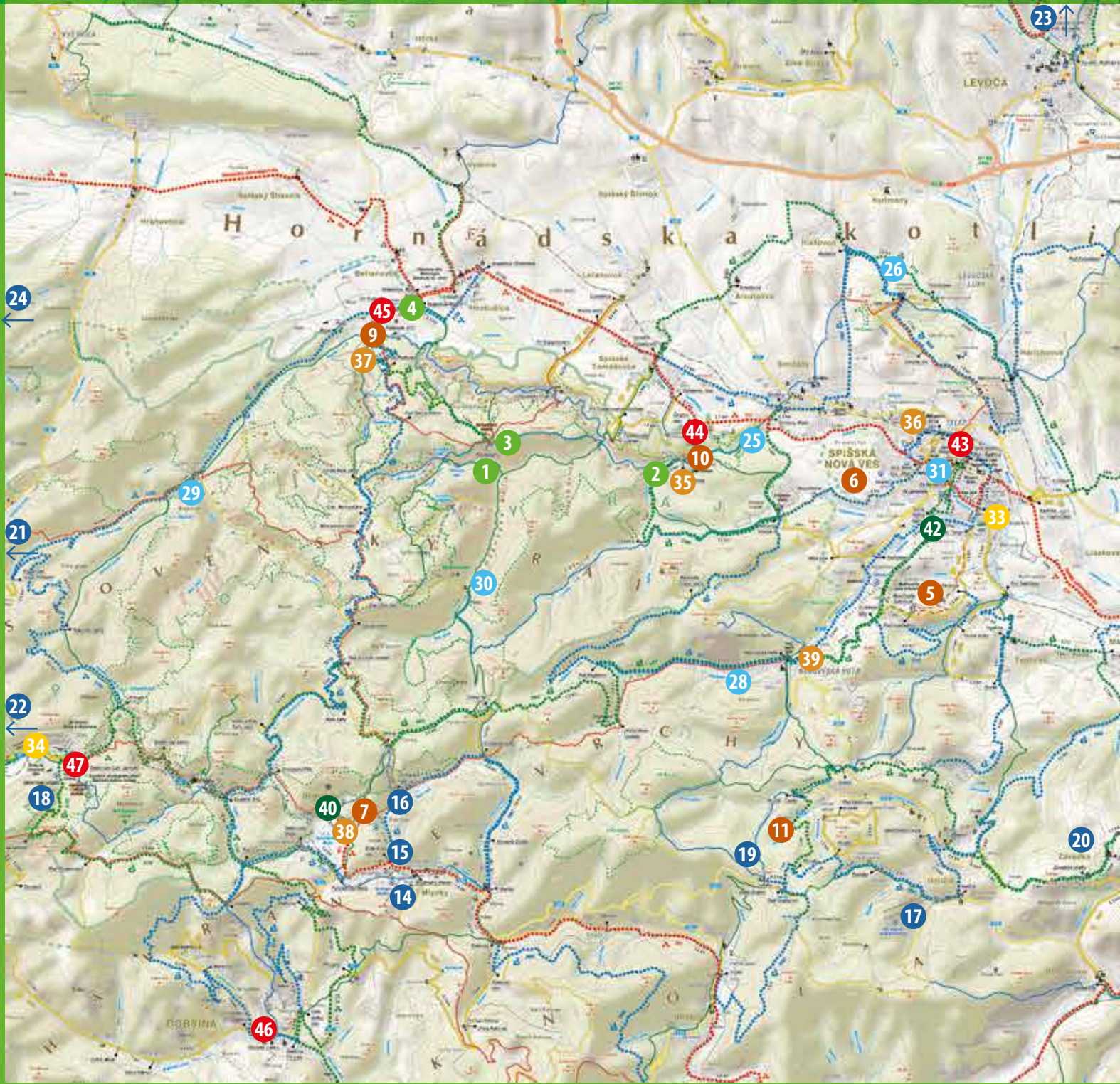


The Jewish cemetery on Cintorínska Street. Access through the Spišská Nová Ves Tourist Information Centre or OZ PRO MEMORRY.



Memorial plaque commemorating the synagogue and Holocaust victims.

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1. Ferrata HZS Kysel'
2. Children Ferrata, Čingov
3. Kláštorisko Monastery
4. Mýto, Hrabušice
- river rafting starting point

ADVENTURES

5. Schulerloch Lookout Tower
6. Compact Skydive, airfield
7. Geravy Cable Car
8. Turzovia High Rope Course
9. Podlesok
10. Trench under Acropolis
11. Giants in Paradise

WINTER SPORTS

12. Poráč Park Ski Resort
13. Ski Poráč, Brodok
14. SKI MLYNKY Gugel
15. SKI MLYNKY Biele vody
16. Dedinky Ski Centre
17. Mraznica Ski Centre
18. Dobšinská ľadová Jaskyňa
Cross-Country Skiing Area
19. Grajnár Forest Sports Complex
20. Závadka
21. Vernár, Studničky

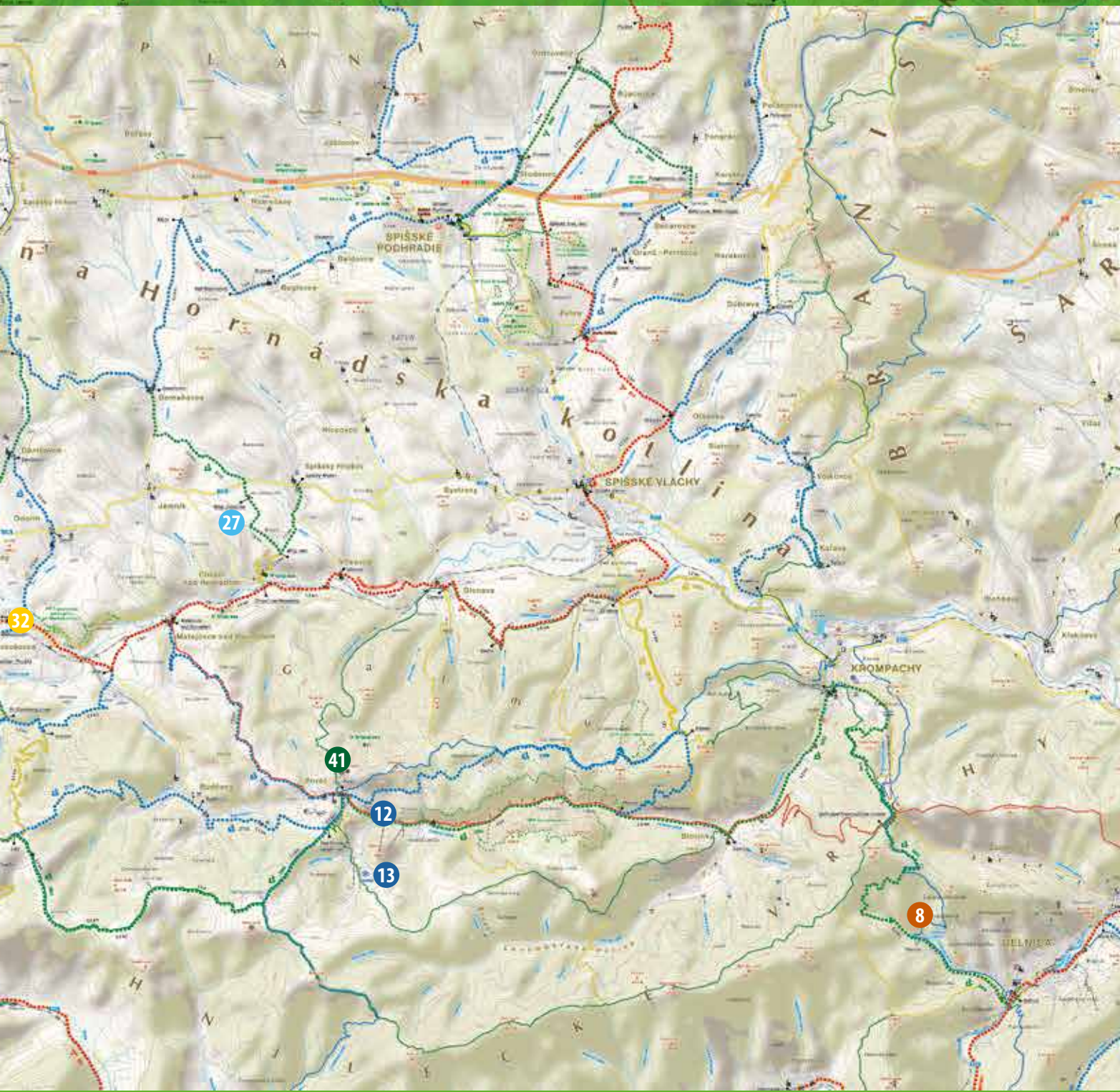
22. Ski Telgárt

23. Levočská Dolina Resort
24. Kubašok Ski Centre

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26. Forest Sauna
27. Miloj Church Ruins
28. Craft Tavern Behind Holubnica
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visit.spiskanovaves.eu
npslovenskyraj.sk
kosiceregion.com
web.vucke.sk
npsr.sk
hzs.sk

■ WHAT'S NEW IN SLOVENSKÝ RAJ

The Košice Self-Governing Region and the Košice Region Tourism are making a major investment in tourism development in 2026 through the Terra Incognita programme. With over 2.3 € million in funding, the initiative supports new tourist infrastructure, events, and audiovisual projects. Here is an overview of the supported projects in the Spiš region. Source: Košice Region Tourism, terraincognita.sk



ČINGOV HILLFORT NATURE TRAIL

The trail takes visitors on an easy, accessible route through one of the most significant archaeological sites in Spiš, a pre-Christian power centre that once governed the surrounding region as an independent administrative unit. By current archaeological standards, Čingov Hillfort ranks among the largest and best-preserved hillforts in the entire region.

As a protected National Cultural Monument sitting just minutes from the Čingov tourist centre, with its chalets, hotels, and trailheads, in the municipal areas of **Smižany** and **Spišské Tomášovce**, a nature trail is the ideal way to open the site to the public. Plans are already in place to build an archeopark on adjacent, unprotected land, where **experimen-**



tal archaeology will bring the hillfort's history to life. Once completed, the nature trail will become part of the **archeopark**, giving visitors the chance to explore the original terrain within a much richer, broader experience. Together, they will form a one-of-a-kind destination for Slovenský raj visitors, offering an immersive cultural alternative to the region's hiking and outdoor activities. The attraction



aims to become a leader in cultural tourism, extending visitors' stays and sitting comfortably alongside everything else the region has to offer. By weaving together archaeology, architecture, and digital technology, it offers a fresh way of experiencing archaeological heritage, one that is immersive, authentic, and open to all.

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WATER TOWER MULTIFUNCTIONAL CENTRE

A historic water tower in Spišská Nová Ves is being restored and reimagined as a modern space for cultural and community events. The driving idea is to combine historical heritage with innovative design, creating a multifunctional centre that offers something genuinely distinctive. The restoration will preserve the water tower as a technical heritage monument, while its interior spaces will host exhibitions, interactive tours, and educational programmes. At the very top, a

panoramic viewpoint with landscape information panels will reward those who make the climb, and a permanent railway exhibition will give visitors plenty to explore on the way up. The surrounding grounds are also being redesigned as part of the project. By blending learning with hands-on experience, water tower is set to become one of the region's most compelling new attractions.

altisinterier.sk



SUCHÁ BELÁ GORGE ENTRANCE GATE



One of Slovenský raj's most visited gorges now has a visually striking and fully functional new entrance. The structure makes the experience more comfortable for visitors while adding to the aesthetic appeal of this much-loved spot.

The goal was simple: to give the most famous gorge in Slovenský raj, and **one of**

the most visited destinations in Slovakia, a gateway worthy of its reputation. The project delivers on three fronts, a distinctive entrance gate, an eye-catching photo point, and an information hub with real-time data on gorge capacity, trail conditions, and any current restrictions.

hrabusice.sk

DEDINKY AUTOCAMPING



The modernisation of Dedinky's autocamping site is all about raising the bar for visitors seeking outdoor accommodation in Slovenský raj. The village sits at an important gateway to the southern part of the park, yet its tourism potential has long been only partially tapped. Better facilities and an expanded range of services are set

to change that, drawing more visitors to the area, strengthening the local economy, and widening the region's accommodation offer. The upgraded site will make **Dedinky** a more natural and appealing base for hiking and outdoor recreation, doing full justice to everything this quiet corner of Slovenský raj has to offer. dedinky.eu



EVEN MORE FUN AND EXCITEMENT AT SNOW PARK ĽADOVÁ



One of Slovenský raj's most popular winter destinations is taking a big leap forward with a major new investment. The aim is to make the cross-country skiing area more appealing and draw in more visitors, skiers and non-skiers alike. A tracked snow grooming vehicle will ensure daily preparation of high-quality trails for both classic and freestyle cross-country skiing, across a range of distances and difficulty levels. A key step forward for the Ľa-

dová area will be the introduction of artificial snowmaking, made possible by a dedicated all-terrain quad vehicle. New trails along the **Kopanecká cesta** road and a snow tubing run will round out the offer. Backed by the Terra Incognita grant programme, **Snow Park Ľadová** is on course to deliver a winter experience that stands shoulder to shoulder with the world's best resorts.

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MINIGOLF COURSE, EXPERIENCE BENCHES, AND SCULPTURES

The picturesque **Turzov** area of town Gelnica is getting a new sports and leisure complex, designed to make the town a more appealing destination for both local and international visitors. The complex will be open to the public and enriched with unconventional rest spots and information points, giving visitors something a little unexpected alongside the fun. Better leisure infrastructure means more opportunities for active and relaxed outdo-

or recreation, adding a new dimension to nature tourism in the beautiful Spiš countryside. The project has one eye firmly on the future as well, promoting sustainable use of the region's natural and historical assets while delivering lasting economic and environmental benefits for the local community. By bringing local businesses and service providers on board, the project will give the local economy a boost as well.

turzov.sk, gelnica.sk



IGLÓFÜRED SPA



Pension Kráľov Prameň is bringing the historic Iglófüred spa back to life, creating a woodland wellness retreat with a gallery that bridges the spa's rich history with modern comforts. The Košice Region is gaining a truly unique relaxation destination, complete with Finnish, bio, infrared, and steam saunas, a cooling pool, a whirlpool, and dedicated rest areas. Nestled at the forest's edge with stunning views of the surrounding nature, the retreat promises the ultimate comfort experience in the heart of the countryside.

The woodland setting, with its rich flora and fauna, makes it the perfect place to unwind and discover the region through a complete experience that refreshes both body and mind.

kralovpramen.sk



VIEWPOINTS

GAČOVSKÁ SKALA



Discover one of Slovenský raj most beautiful viewpoints, only opened to the public last year. Gačovská skala offers two separate vantage points roughly ten minutes apart on foot. The first looks southeast across the village of **Dedinky**, the **Palcmanská Maša** reservoir, **Dobšinský kopec**, the Volovské vrchy, and the Gemer region. The second opens up to the northwest, sweeping across the heart of Slovenský raj with Kráľova Hoľa and the Vysoké Tatry mountains ridge stretched across the horizon.

The rock is accessible via a blue-marked trail from Dedinky and from the Geravy



View of Palcmanská Maša reservoir from Gačovská skala.

plateau. The easy walk from Geravy is well suited to less experienced hikers and families, and pairs nicely with a ride on the retro **Dedinky-Geravy cable car**. More adventurous hikers can also work the nearby gorge **Zejmarská roklina** into their route. Refreshments are available at the Geravy Mountain Hotel, right at the cable car's upper station.

VYSOKÝ VRCH



The scenic **Galmus** range in the Volovské vrchy is known for its karst valleys, caves, and sweeping viewpoints, and Vysoký vrch is one of the finest. At 874 metres, it rises above the mountain village of **Poráč**, just a 20-minute walk from the village centre. From the summit, the views take in the river Hornád basin, the Levočské vrchy, the



Spišský hrad castle, visible to the naked eye from Vysoký vrch.

Volovské vrchy, Branisko hill, and **Spišský hrad** castle, with Kráľova Hoľa and the Vysoké Tatry mountains peaks visible on the horizon on a clear day.

A shelter with a table and bench at the top makes a welcome rest stop after the climb, and a direction sign with a compass rose helps you make sense of the panorama. For a longer outing, the **Šarkanova diera** cave



Nature Trail passes right over Vysoký vrch, with information stops covering local history and natural highlights along the way. The trail also leads to the mysterious **Šarkanova diera** cave, freely open to visitors, which was once home to cave bears and cave lions in prehistoric times, and later to early humans.

PIESKOVEC



Staying in Spišská Nová Ves? You don't have to go far for a great view. Lace up your hiking boots and head out, because within two hours on foot from the town centre you can reach several stunning viewpoints, including **Sovia skala**, **Matka Božia** viewpoint, **Tomášovský výhľad** viewpoint, **Babiná** hill above the village **Teplička**, **Modrý vrch**, **Šibeň**, and the **Smižany Stations** of the cross. The closest of them all is **Pieskovec** hill,



The illuminated Slovak Double Cross on Pieskovec hill.

tucked near the Tarča housing estate and the Ferčekomce district. Several hiking trails from different directions converge at its summit, which opens up beautiful panoramic views across **Spišská Nová Ves** and the surrounding hills, including the Vysoké Tatry on the horizon. A short distance from the summit toward Tarča, a ten-metre-tall Slovak double cross stands beside the yellow hiking trail, lit up after dark.

From Pieskovec, you can also continue to the nearby 24-metre **Schulerloch** lookout tower and the **Chapel of Our Lady of Carmel**, home to a natural spring whose water is safe to drink and said to have healing properties.



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO IN TOWN DOBŠINÁ AND ITS SURROUNDINGS?



Have you already explored all the gorges and canyons in northern Slovenský raj? Would like to discover its lesser-known southern side? The historic town of Dobšiná is the ideal starting point. Alongside tourist facilities and accommodation, the town offers a wide variety of attractions and cultural and historical treasures you may not even know exist. Let us take a closer look at some of them.



MINING IN TOWN DOBŠINÁ

Town Dobšiná has long been one of the most important mining and ore-processing centres in the former Kingdom of Hungary, with silver, iron, copper, cobalt, nickel, and mercury all extracted from its rich deposits. The wealth generated by mining allowed the town to flourish culturally and educationally as well. Today, the In the Footsteps of **Mining nature trail keeps that proud legacy alive**. It consists of two routes, 4.6 and 6.6 kilometres long, with nine information panels describing remarkable technical monuments and mining heritage sites along the way. Rest pavilions, shelters, and a children's playground make it a great outing for the whole family.

THE DOBŠINÁ WATER SYSTEM

The Dobšiná Water System is a remarkable network of three reservoirs connected by a pumped-storage hydroelectric power plant. The Palc-manská Maša reservoir near Dedinky is linked to the Vlčia Dolina reservoir, 275 metres below, with a balancing reservoir beneath the town of Dobšiná completing the trio. In operation since 1953, the system generates electricity while doubling as a popular destination for day trippers and holidaymakers. A fascinating footnote: the Dobšiná balancing reservoir holds a world record as the first dam ever to use synthetic sheeting as a sealing element in dam construction.

CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE

Dobšiná has plenty to offer history and culture lovers too. The town's most prized historical monument is the Evangelical Church from 1480,

considered a symbol of the mining heritage of the Dobšiná area. Its interior contains rare medieval frescoes that are gradually being restored. Other notable landmarks include **the Roman Catholic Church of St. Francis Xavier** from the late 18th century, **the Reduta**, and the 19th-century **Town Hall**. Growing attention is also turning to the **Ruffíny Villa**, built in 1871 and once home to Eugen Ruffíny, the discoverer of the Dobšinská ľadova jaskyňa ice cave. A full restoration of the villa is planned in the near future.



CYCLING ROUTES

The countryside around Dobšiná is a paradise for mountain biking enthusiasts. Popular routes include the trail from the **Lányiho Huta** district toward the Voniarky meadows and on across the Slovenský raj plateaus to the Dobšinská ľadova jaskyňa, the route via Vyšný Hámor to Stará Čuntava and Besník Saddle, the loop around the Vlčia Dolina reservoir to **Dobšinský kopec** hill, and the trail through **Suchý Vrch** hill to the village of Mlynky.

HIKING

On foot, Dobšiná is a great starting point for several trails heading north into Slovenský raj, as well as to a new lookout tower with a mountain shelter below Suchý Vrch, which opened just last year. To the south, Veľký Radzim is a much-loved hiking destination with panoramic views across the Stolické vrchy hills,



Volovské vrchy hills, Revúcka Highlands, and Slovenský raj. Further south still, the romantic village of **Brďárka** draws visitors every spring with thousands of blooming cherry trees in over a hundred varieties.

WINTER SPORTS

In winter, the Dobšiná area offers excellent opportunities for snow sports. Downhill skiers are well catered for at ski resorts in Mlynky, Dedinky, Telgárt, Rejdová, and Vyšná Slaná. Cross-country skiers and ski tourers can head out along any of the marked hiking trails in good snow conditions, or take a southerly route across the slopes of Pišel hill with views back over the town..

FOR HORSE LOVERS

Horse lovers should not miss the State Forests Horse Breeding Centre near Dobšiná, where cold-blooded horses, particularly the Murán Noriker breed, have been bred and raised for over 70 years. Hardy and hardworking, the Noriker is a breed deeply rooted in this region. To arrange a visit, contact centre manager Ing. Štefan Šmelko at +421 905 524 443.

MOTORCYCLE TOURING

Town Dobšiná sits on two themed driving routes, the **Gothic Route and the Iron Route**, and its scenic country roads make it a popular destination for motorcycle tourists as well. The most-loved road of all is the state road up Dobšinský kopec, famous as the course of the legendary Dobšinský kopec Climb race and fully reconstructed in recent years.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ICE FALLS IN SLOVENSKÝ RAJ AND SOUTHERN SPIŠ

Winter in Slovenský raj and Southern Spiš is genuinely generous with ice and snow. The greatest spectacle of all, the frozen Prielom Hornádu canyon, hasn't made an appearance in a few years now; the last time the Hornád froze over was the winter of 2016/2017, an event as unpredictable as it is rare. But there is plenty more to discover. Across the region, ice falls straight out of a winter fairy tale reward those bold enough to venture out in the cold. Here is our pick of the most spectacular ones. We hope to see you soon!

ŠIKĽAVÁ SKALA



Photo: Peter Olekšák

Šikľavá skala needs no introduction to winter lovers. Sitting near the village of **Matejovce nad Hornádom**, it draws visitors from near and far every year, and this year it has grown into something truly extraordinary. A continuous ice fall roughly 14 metres high and 30 metres wide has swept across the rock face. What makes it even more special is that the ice is fed by the nearby Lesanka spring, named, so the story goes, after a forest fairy said to be the patron of the spring and this magical place.

ICE FALLS IN THE SLOVENSKÝ RAJ GORGES



True adventurers will find plenty to chase in the ice falls forming across the nine gorges

of Slovenský raj National Park and in the Prielom Hornádu canyon. In designated spots, specifically Suchá Belá, Kláštorská roklina, Sokolia Dolina, Zejmarská roklina and Letanovský mlyn, **ice climbing** is permitted when conditions allow.

THE ICE ALTAR IN NOVOVESKÁ HUTA



Thanks to a local community initiative, a remarkable ice altar has taken shape in the countryside near Novoveská Huta, a district of Spišská Nová Ves, quickly becoming a favourite destination for locals and visitors alike. A visit pairs perfectly with a trip to the nearby Obri v Raji outdoor experience area near the village of Hnilčik.

REMARKABLE ICE FORMATIONS IN THE ĽUDMILA MINE AT HNILČIK

Planning a winter trip to Southern Spiš? Make sure to stop by the characterful mountain village of Hnilčik, once one of the most significant mining settlements in the region. Its proud mining past lives on at the atmospheric **Mining Open-Air Museum**,



Photo: Miloš Greisel

which includes the accessible underground **Ľudmila Mine**, formerly a munitions store. In a particularly hard winter, extraordinary ice columns form inside, looking like something from another world entirely.

THE ICE FOUNTAIN NEAR DOBŠINÁ ĽADOVÁ JASKYŇA

The world-famous Dobšiná ľadová jaskyňa ice cave is closed to visitors during winter, but the nearby **Dobšinská ľadová Jaskyňa railway station** has its own winter surprise



this year, a striking ice structure glowing in magical shades of blue.

ICE FALLS AT TURZOV IN GELNICA

A rival to Šikl'ová Skala? That is exactly what visitors have been calling this impressive ice fall that formed this winter in the **Turzov** recreation area near **Gelnica**.



Photo: Betka Fričová



WHERE TO ENJOY WINTER SPORTS IN SLOVENSKÝ RAJ AND SPIŠ

SKIING

Ski Resort Poráč Park
poracpark.sk
Ski Resort Ski Poráč - Brodok
brodok.sk
Ski centrum Gugel - Mlynky
skimlynky.eu
SKI MLYNKY Biele Vody a Ski centrum Dedinky
skimlynky.sk
Ski centrum Mraznica
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Ski Resort Vernár - Studničky
vernar-studnickyy.com
Ski Resort Ski Telgárt
skitelgart.sk
Ski Resort Levočská Dolina
Levočská Dolina
levocskadolina.sk
Ski centrum Kubašok
kubasok.sk



CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Areál bežeckého lyžovania DLJ
f Cross-Country Ski Area Dobšinská
Ľadová Jaskyňa
Hansjakubova – Kopanec Pass – Blajzloch and back, or in reverse
Grajnár Forest Sports Area



Cross-country in the Paradise.

Photo: Peter Olekšák

lesysnv.sk/areal-grajnar
Poráč – Závadka Cross-Country Trail
porac.sk, brodok.sk
Schulerloch Multi-Sports Area
f Multifunkčný areál Schulerloch
Cross-country skiing circuit NORDPARK
trailpark-zehra.sk/nordpark

ICE SKATING

Ice Stadium in Spišská Nová Ves
stez.sk/zimny-stadion/
Peter Bindas Ice Stadium in Gelnica
gelnica.sk
Ice Rink Smižany
okcsmizany.sk
Natural Ice Skating Areas and Reservoirs
Palcmanská Maša Reservoir
Reservoir in the Zahura Recreation Area
Ružín Reservoir

COLD-WATER SWIMMING

Zelená lávka
f Pstruhy Slovenského Raja cold-water swimming club
Palcmanská Maša Reservoir
Western shore near Stratenská Píla
Turzov Lake
turzov.sk



SKI Mlynky Gugel.



Tomášovský Viewpoint.

Photo: Peter Olekšák



Sauna v lese

saunavlese.sk
Spišský Hrušov:
f OZ Koscilek Milož
Novoveská Huta:
f Remeselný šenk za Holubicou

WELLNESS AND SPA

hotelcingov.sk
hotelmetropol.sk
poracpark.sk
stez.sk
saunavlese.sk
starahoraren.sk



ZELENÁ HORA ASSOCIATION (OZ ZELENÁ HORA)



While keeping visitors informed about news and attractions across the region, we often come across fascinating discoveries. One such gem is the collection of historical photographs that regularly appear on the Zelená hora Slovenský raj social media profile.

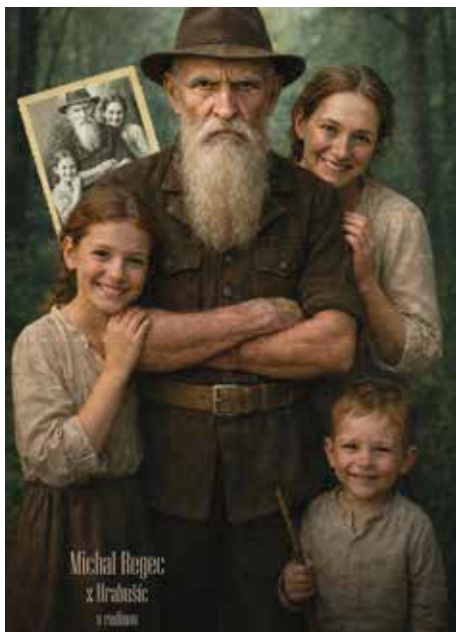
How are these remarkable images brought back to life? We asked the association's chairman: "An invaluable resource is the Arcanum database of digitised periodicals, which provides access to historical newspapers, magazines, books, and maps. It is often where I discover original records not only about events, but also about people and their everyday lives. Another source includes historical, scientific, and military archives across Slovakia, although working with them is particularly time-consuming. Most recently, I visited the Slovak Railways archive in Bratislava searching

for a single photograph and left with a hundred more. For visual materials, I again use Arcanum, various archives, and I also bid on vintage postcards through aukro.cz and aukro.sk. Private archives and personal memories shared by local residents are especially valuable. The images I publish on Zelená hora social media also serve as a form of community feedback. People often contribute information I would otherwise never discover. At the same time, I aim to build a community of people who share an interest in Slovenský raj history. When appropriate, I first process a historical photograph using my own AI-assisted workflow to improve technical quality and colour. Afterwards, I work simultaneously with both the digital output and the original source material. I use artificial intelligence purely as a tool, the foundation remains manual work. I adjust each

image so that both its composition and content stay faithful to the original. I create parallax layers to add depth, colour-correct the original in Photoshop, and apply consistent filters to ensure the entire series feels visually unified. The next stage is writing. I process the gathered materials into a concise text of roughly 2,000 characters and always include sources at the end. At a time when content is increasingly generated automatically, in this AI age, I consider proper sourcing absolutely essential." – Ladislav Novotný
Every photograph hides a fascinating story. Visit the social media channels of OZ Zelená hora and judge for yourself.

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Forester Michal Regec, once a distinctive and memorable figure from Hrabušice.



Hrabušice in 1931 and the old stone bridge, which no longer exists today.



The massive gorge ladder near the Veľký vodopád waterfall in the Veľký Sokol gorge.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARGEČANY – ČERVENÁ SKALA RAILWAY

In 2026, we commemorate the 90th anniversary of railway service on one of Slovakia's most beautiful and technically demanding railway lines, the Margečany – Červená Skala route. Known as the "Hnilecká štreka," this railway line entered service in the summer of 1936. More than a transport link, it stands as a living monument to engineering skill and a lasting testament to railway development in our region. To mark this anniversary, the

Hnilecká štreka civic association, together with its partners, is planning a special nostalgic steam train journey. The project aims to symbolically bring history back to the railway, allowing visitors to experience the atmosphere of travel from their grandparents' era while honouring the legacy of those who built and maintained the line. In cooperation with the Historic Railway Vehicles Club in Poprad, the legendary steam locomotive 477.013 "Papa-



gáj" will return to the tracks, pulling a set of historic express passenger carriages. The route passes through breathtaking scenery in Slovenský raj and Nízke Tatry National Parks, making it one of the country's most attractive heritage railway experiences.

Event date: Saturday, 5 September 2026

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Chairman, HNILECKÁ ŠTREKA civic association

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Dobšiná
dobsina.sk



Letanovce
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Spišská Nová Ves
visit.spisskanovaves.eu



Gelnica
gelnica.sk



Markušovce
markusovce.sk



Spišské Tomášovce
spissketomasovce.sk



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Hornádom**
matejovcenadhornadom.sk



Spišský Hrušov
spisskyhrušov.sk



Iliašovce
iliasovce.sk



Poráč
porac.sk



Stratená
obecstratena.sk



Vojkovce
vojkovce.sk



HOTELS

hotelmetropol.sk
hotel-preveza.sk
poracpark.sk
hotelcingov.sk

GUEST HOUSES

penzionresa.sk
kralovpramen.sk
cingov.com/penzion-stefani/
cingov.com/penzion-lesnica/
vysna.sk
f PenzionTurzov

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION AND APARTMENTS

pbapartments.sk
hniezdovraji.sk

apartmany-hvezdaren.sk
skdobsina.sk/bistroubytovanie/

COTTAGES, LODGES

chatahoraren.sk
chatanarazcesti.sk
starahoraren.sk
lesysnv.sk/nasa-cinnost/ubytovanie/
lesysnv.sk/ubytovanie
chatapohoda.sk
chalupapohoda.sk
Chata Jelšinky
npslovenskyraj.sk - Accommodation offer
Mountain hut Stará Horáreň I., II.

HOSTELS

ubytovnahornad.sk

AUTO CAMPING

podlesok.sk
hotelcingov.sk/ubytovanie

GASTRO

Event and wedding venues,
daily lunch menu:

hotelmetropol.sk/dennemenu/
hotel-preveza.sk/restauracia/denne-menu/
alexpark.sk/denne-menu/
cingov.com/denne_menu/
vysna.sk/denne-menu/
kralovpramen.sk
Bistro Dobšiná Ľadová Cave
skdobsina.sk/bistroubytovanie/
zoosnv.sk/gastro-zona/

CAFES, BISTROS AND FOOD STANDS:

domovina-no.sk/socialny-turizmus/
bistro/
f Kaviareň LUNA
obrivraji.com/kaviaren-the-rock-cafe/
letanovce.sk/bufet-klasterisko/

Most accommodation providers allow stays with pets, but we recommend confirming this when making your reservation.

PARTNERS



EVENTS

SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES spiskanovaves.eu, mkc.snv.sk



TOP EVENTS 2026

- 1. 5. THE FIRST MAY IN MADARAS PARK
- 29. 5. TOWN FULL OF CHILDREN
- 30. - 31. 5. GRAFFITI VILLA NOVA
- 6. - 8. 6. OPEN PARKS AND GARDENS WEEKEND
- 16. - 19. 7. SPIŠ FAIR
- 24. - 25. 7. SPIŠ 333 EXTREME
- 1. - 2. 8. LIVE STATUES FESTIVAL
- 21. - 22. 8. TOWN DAYS AND FOLK-CRAFTS MARKET
- 12. 9. SPIŠ ROCK FEST
- 25.- 27. 9. WORLD TOURISM DAY
- 25. - 26. 9. STREET FOOD FESTIVAL
- 3. - 9. 10. THEATRICAL SPIŠ FESTIVAL
- 11. - 13. 12. CHRISTMAS MARKET

CHURCH TOWER CONCERTS, 19:15

Tower of the Roman Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Fridays during July & August

SUMMER CINEMA IN DOWNTOWN, 21:15

Radničné námestie 4, Free admission Saturdays during July & August

SUNDAY FAIRY TALE PERFORMANCES

15:00 and 17:00 Free admission. Sundays during July, August & September

DANCE EVENINGS WITH DANCING INSTRUCTOR

20:30, Radničné nám. 7

HRABUŠICE, hrabusice.sk

- 1. 6. CHILDREN'S DAY, Hrabušice
- 6. 6. CYCLING MARATHON ŠKODA SLOVENSKÝ RAJ 2026, Podlesok

July & August OPEN-AIR CINEMA,

Podlesok and Hrabušice

SMIŽANY, okcsmizany.sk

- 22. - 23. 5. MAJÁLES
- 19. - 20. 6. SMIŽIANY FOLKLORE FESTIVAL AND BEER FEST

July & August

FAIRY TALE AFTERNOONS, Kaštieľ / Mansion

- 5. - 6. 9. SMIŽANY DAYS
- 19. - 20. 12. CHRISTMAS MARKET

GELNICA, gelnica.sk

- 16. 5. GELNICA LOMIDREVO
- 30. 5. JAŠIÁDA
- 20. 6. KATHY KELLY CONCERT
- 14. - 15. 8. GELNICA FAIRS
- 26. 9. MINERS' DAY



HODKOVCE mansion, Žehra, domovina-no.sk

- 16. 6. 6th ANNUAL HODKOVCE PARK RUN CULTURAL SUMMER: concerts

IN THE REGION, vraji.sk

- 25. 4. CART RACES, HRUŠOVSKÁ PODKOVA

Spišský Hrušov

- 20. - 24. 5. CITY DAYS OF DOBŠINÁ, Dobšiná, dobšina.sk
- 29. 5. NIGHT OF CHURCHES AND MONASTERIES, Kláštorisko, klastorisko.eu
- 29. - 30. 5. RUN IN PARADISE, skdobsina.sk
- 31. 5. MUNICIPALITY DAYS OF MARKUŠOVCE, markušovce.sk
- 20. 6. RUN TO THE ILIAŠOVCE CHAPEL, Iliášovce.sk
- 19. 7. BACK TO THE 90S, Area Sabinka near lake, sabinkaprijazere.sk
- 8. 8. MATEJOVCE SUMMER FESTIVAL AND MATEJOVSKÉ ŠMAKY (LOCAL SPECIALTIES), matejovcenadhornadom.sk
- 22. 8. NIGHT OF CASTLES AND RUINS, Kláštorisko, klastorisko.eu
- 22. 8. 8th SMIŽANY VETERAN CARS RALLY, Smižanský Veteran Club
- 23. 8. SLOVAK MOUNTAINS DAY, letanovce.sk
- 30. - 31. 8. SLOVAK MTB CROSS COUNTRY CUP, Poráčska dolina, cyklistikaszc.sk
- 29. - 30. 8. SLOVAK NATIONAL UPRISING CEREMONY, obecstratena.sk
- 5. 9. THE STORY OF THE 90-YEAR RAILWAY LINE (historical train ride) hnileckastreka.sk
- 6. 9. ŠACHTÁRE VOLAJÚ (Miners celebration), porac.sk
- 12. - 13. 9. SLOVAK MTB CROSS COUNTRY CUP, Poráčska dolina
- 19. 9. DOBŠINÁ 10 KM RUN, skdobsina.sk
- 19. 9. CASTLE FESTIVAL, hradmarkusovce.sk
- 19. 9. M. SUJA MEMORIAL (run), Markušovce.sk
- 10. 10. RUN TO ŠIKLAVÁ SKALA, matejovcenadhornadom.sk

- MINERS' DAY, Gelnica, gelnica.sk
- 31. 12. 51st ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE ASCENT TO VEĽKÁ KNOLA

MÚZEUM SPIŠA, Letná 50, Spišská Nová Ves, muzeumspisa.com



KAŠTIEĽ manor house, LETOHRÁDOK DARDANELY summer palace and KÚRIA ZUZANA mansion, Markušovce

- 27. 6. LETOHRANIE, festival for all age groups with a rich cultural programme.

- 12. 7. EVENING CONCERT AND TOUR OF THE MANOR HOUSE, Markušovce

- 11. 7. & 15. 8. EVENING GUIDED TOUR OF MARKUŠOVCE MANOR HOUSE

Curated tours at an unconventional time in the evening with stories from aristocratic life.

- 10. 7. & 28. 8. FROM THE HISTORY OF OUR TOWN

Guided tours with museum historians through exhibitions of the town Spišská Nová Ves and the region, including a walk through the main town square and town hall.

- 21. 8. JEWS IN SPIŠ, MÚZEUM SPIŠA IN SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES

New exhibition on the history, religion, culture and personalities of jewish communities in the Spiš region.

SPIŠSKÉ KULTÚRNE CENTRUM AND LIBRARY, Spišská Nová Ves, skcak.sk

- 13. - 14. 6. 52nd SPIŠ FOLKLORE FESTIVAL, Podlesok - Hrabušice

- 24. 7. PARK ART - festival of visual arts, Radničné námestie, SNV

- ART IN THE PARK, Radničné námestie, SUMMER WEDNESDAYS IN THE LIBRARY, 10:00, Library, Letná 28, literary and creative activities for children

- 9. 7. & 20. 8. DATE WITH A POP-UP BOOK, 10:00, City Park by the Evangelical Church

- 9. 7. & 20. 8. STORIES FROM LETNÁ, 15:00, Library, Letná 28, Spišská Nová Ves

SPIŠSKÝ HRAD CASTLE, spisskemuzeum.com

- 26. 6., 10 & 24. 7., 14 & 28. 8. NIGHT TOURS
- 19.7. & 23. 8. SCHOOL OF FENCING
- 8. - 9. 8. KNIGHT TOURNAMENT
- 29. - 30. 8. FAREWELL TO THE HOLIDAYS