

Destination Fact Sheet: Slovakia

Worldwide region:	Eastern Europe
Capital City:	Bratislava (GMT +1-2hrs)
Environment:	Alpine meadows, mountains
When to go:	May – Sept
Itineraries:	Adventure, Explorer
Highlights:	Tatras & Pieniny National Parks, Dunajec Canyon



Essentially: An emerging destination which offers outstanding trekking and rafting opportunities as well as the chance to experience a very traditional way of life.

About the country

Nestled in the centre of Europe, Slovakia's alpine landscapes and mountain ranges cover a third of its territory, making it an ideal destination for trekking, rafting and other adventurous activities. Boasting an abundance of castles and forts the country's fascinating history and culture are equally appealing and testimony to its continual battle for independence against a stream of invaders, who left their mark on much of the country's architecture

Despite the constant modernisation of its more prominent neighbours, Slovakia is a country that remains relatively untouched and once outside the major cities you will discover small villages, which still maintain a very traditional way of life and as you stroll on winding trails through the undulating countryside you will get to thoroughly appreciate the tranquillity and natural beauty of your impressive surroundings.

Adventure Programmes

Slovakia is an excellent multi-activity destination offering some of the best trekking in Europe. Following a cultural tour of Bratislava and the historically important Devín castle, take a scenic train journey to reach the Tatra Mountains, where besides trekking through a selection of their ranges, you can choose to raft on the river Hron or through the steep sided Dunajec canyon, the largest in Central Europe.

Explorer Programmes

An extended itinerary in Slovakia offers the chance to experience both the acclaimed High Tatra Mountains as well as the lesser visited, but equally impressive Low Tatras National Park. An explorer itinerary also encompasses the cultural highlights of Trenčín town and Bojnice castle and a visit to the Devínska Kobyla Nature Reserve, home to the impressive 'Sandberg' area locally referred to as the 'Slovak desert'.

In summary

Slovakia offers excellent opportunities for groups who are looking for an active trip to a new and intriguing location. Groups should undergo a fitness programme in order to physically prepare for the itinerary.



To discuss the variety of options for tailor making a trip to Slovakia for your group, please telephone us on 0845 634 4670 or visit our website at www.schoolsworldwide.co.uk