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Liptov is no doubt the number one place to spend your holiday in Slovakia. There is a wide range of things to do.

Plan your stay in Liptov and you can explore the nearby regions of High Tatras, Slovak Paradise, Pieniny, Mala Fatra. You will need some 2 weeks to sample the highlights.

Download **mobile app Liptov** to guide you through current events, hiking trails, cyclo paths, view points etc. Very usefull!

In our park we have a large playground with trampolines, swings, slide, climb tower, small kids bicycles for kids so if you decide to spend a lazy day on your terrace the kids will be well occupied. The evening campfires are a great opportunity for our guests to chat and exchange their tips for trips.



Villapark Vlasky is located between two lakes. **Lake Besenova** is one of the best fishing grounds for trout type of fish.

There are also dozens types of wild birds nesting in the near surrounding of our Villapark and the lake attracts bird watchers all year round.

Shopping:

Best bakery in region

Palucanska pekaren [Liptovsky Mikulas](#)

Local bakery and butchery

[U Nana](#) Ivachnova (and dairy shop & restaurant next to it)

Village Besenova

Large COOP by the church open 7 days a week till late evening (summer season).
CBA at the end of village towards Liptovska Tepla

Liptovsky Mikulas

Tesco shopping area, Kaufland, Lidl, Stop Shop

Ruzomberok

Kaufland, Lidl

Restaurants:

[Penzion za mlynom](#) in Liptovska Tepla- our family restaurant with lovely garden, playground, outdoor seating and covered terrace.

Recommended traditional meals to taste: [Bryndzove halusky](#), [Bryndzove pirohy](#), [Vyprazany syr](#), [Liptovske droby](#), [Sulance s makom](#).

The ultimate dinner experience – whole [roasted duck](#) (order one day ahead). Can feed a family of 4.

Camino in Ruzomberok - Great Italian restaurant.

Yell in Ruzomberok– high end cuisine at reasonable prices.

Koliba Bešeňovka wooden cottage restaurant by the highway and river in Bešeňová (full of tourists ;-)

Rybaren in Liptovska Sielnica (summertime only)

Fish restaurant where you can catch your own trout . Lovely surroundings, kids playground.

Liptovar brewery in Liptovsky Mikulas

Interesting food, outdoor playground, brewery tours available.

Route 66 in Liptovsky Mikulas

American style restaurant, big, loud, busy. Good food, great beer. Kids game room upstairs..

Hotel Grand Castle**** in Liptovsky Hradok

Very unique castle hotel restaurant. Well worth a visit at least for a coffee and dessert.

Stop shop pizza in Liptovsky Mikulas

full size pizza for only €6,50 in local shopping mall. Kebap and other fast foods.

Alto Sushi – Liptovsky Mikulas lovely small restaurant

Bonsai – asian restaurants (in Ruzomberok and Liptovsky Mikulas)

Cafes:

Passé in Ruzomberok – lively place on the town center

Liptovsky Mikulas:

Moment – vibrant place in the town center, small snacks, seducing cakes, small shop with „healthy food“. Free 2 hours parking next to Billa

Aurelica – coffee roastery, very popular with locals, lovely cakes

Arch café – project of a famous chef. Their cakes and tarts are breath taking.

Hiking:

We are surrounded by hiking oportunities of all levels and walks of various lenghts and difficulties. Some start directly at Villapark Vlasky. Easy walks by the lake with a pram, shorter tours through village centers and parks but also narrow canyons with steep rocks and forest streams.

Lovely evening **walk from your villa** on the lake shore towards the animal farm with deers and mouflons. You can continue the walk by the village pub to the dam wall of Liptovska Mara, along the dam and down the steep road back to Vlasky.

Alternatively walk to the shore of lake Liptovska Mara to the beach with the church tower and up the hill to discover the archeo park Havranok (celtic settlement). Great views of the lake and the Low Tatras.



Hidden gem is a small skiresort Malino Brdo with tons of attractions for families with kids, amazing unspoiled views, picturesque farm ZOO Sidorovo and nearby UNESCO village Vlkolinec (**Tip:** Park at Hrabovo – Malino Brdo, take the cabin lift and walk over the mountain to Vlkolinec for the best atmosphere.) [Photos here](#)

Well known **Slovak Paradise** is just over an hour drive from us but (as it may be too busy in summer months) you may opt for well known **Terchova** and its canyons **Diery** (some 45 km from us).



[Interaktive map](#) listing the best hiking routes and cycling routes nearby.

You should not miss taking the cabin lift to Chopok (2024 m) or even higher in High Tatras, hike in narrow canyons in mountains around us:

Prosiecka & [Kvacianska valley](#) (our favourite)

Janosikove Diery

See photos from nearby trecks <http://tinyurl.com/oedln4p>

Cerenova skala – hidden gem just few km from us. Easy short hike with rewarding views.

High Tatras referred to as European Himalayas are great tip for a really hot summer day as with the rising altitude the temperature falls down and you can even reach snow level in the middle of summer! Many popular trails start by the mountain lake **Strbske pleso**

Towns

There are several historic towns well worth a visit. **Poprad**, **Liptovsky Mikulas** are good shopping destinations. In **Banska Bystrica** you find beautiful historic main square and a town park with WW2 museum (and outdoor park with tanks, train and

other WW2 weaponry). If driving to Banska Bystrica, make sure to spend at least half an hour in stunning mining village of **Spania Dolina** (photo).



Kremnica (photo) - (my hometown) - its a whole day tour and you will descend down to a gold mine, see a castle tower and church, royal mint – **the oldest still producing factory in the world** making coins non stop since 1328. Small church and monastery nearby has been known as the geographic center of Europe!

<http://tinyurl.com/paorqdv>



Liptovska Teplicka – another hidden gem. Hobbit like dwellings in the hills however do not offer shelter to halflings but serve for centuries as potato storages (search on Google images)

Banska Stiavnica – UNESCO town, a must visit. Very unique place. Consider visiting also the mining museum.

Namestovo – town with lovely lake front. Enjoy the town beach and watersports, restaurants and cafes.

[Levoča](#) - another UNESCO listed town with a historic center with and a well-preserved town wall, a gothic church with the highest wooden altar in the world

Auschwitz – Birkenau concentration camp museum is just 3 hours and can form a whole day trip together with a visit to **Krakow** city center or stunning underground salt mine **Wieliczka**.

A list of recommended trips

Thermalpark Besenova (4 km from us) www.besenova.com - Well established aquapark with many slides, saunas, jakuzzis, sea waves pool and kids splash pools. Kids animations daily in top season. Thanks to thermal water (72°C at source) both indoor and outdoor parts are open all year round. Its brown mineral water (some pools) is known for its medical benefits.





[Cutkovska dolina](#) (valley near Ruzomberok) is a great location for kids. Discover the home of the giant Cutko, sample the traditional cuisine in Koliba u dobreho pastiera, if you dare do the zip line ride from one hill to the other. Take a walk up the valley or across the forest to Hrabovo.



Hrabovo is the base station for ski resort Malino Brdo (cabin lift in operation during summer months). Find here Zipline, Tarzania for adults and kids, boats, take the cabin lift to find more kids attractions, rent a 3 wheel cart, scooter or bike for the downhill ride.



One of the most visited castles in Slovakia is **Orava castle** (Oravsky hrad, 35 km). Stunning medieval castle build on a steep rock 112 m above river Orava. Guided tours available also in English (booking advised). Tour takes aprox 2 hours and leads you through numerous levels, expect many stairs. Amazing views, summer themed weekends with medieval performers.



Traditional **rafting on wooden rafts** from Horna Lehota to Oravsky podzamok. 1 hour family rafting on calm river with lovely views and finish under the Orava castle.



The ultimate thrill for kids and adults alike is an off road ride on a „cabrio“ [military tank](#) in Podbiel. (€20 for 15 min).



Drive back home towards Zuberec and Liptovska Mara. Consider spending few hours

in the outdoor museum of traditional [Orava village in Zuberec – Brestova](#) (themed workshops in the summer)



Alternatively drive to Namestovo and take a boat tour to Slanický ostrov (Isle of art).

+/- 6 hour hike:

Start the day by a breathtaking scenery of the hike in two nearby valleys. Canyon with ladders and chains is a little secret gem in our region. Start the walk in Prosiek and walk towards the waterfall (1 hour). Either turn back or continue towards Velké Borové and Oblazy (historical wooden mills in the forests) and descend down Kvacianska dolina to village Kvacany. Refill in the family brewery. Walk to your car approx one hour (leave a second car in Kvacany before starting the trip to avoid this).



Families with small kids can do the Kvacany valley up and down reaching the mills at Oblazy in 1,5 hrs.

Lake Liptovska Mara – Slovakia's most popular water reservoir with pebbled beaches, watersports, boat tours, public beaches with food & drink stalls and playgrounds. Surrounded by mountain chains from both north and south it offers breathtaking views. Boats, water bicycles and jetski can be hired here.



Day at the main beach of Liptovska Mara next to the campsite in Liptovsky Trnovec. Best location to enjoy the lake, mountain views, choice of several buffets. Clean beach shaded by pine trees. Free toilets and showers, kids playground and various attractions.



Take a one hour boat tour on [luxury catamarans](#) for up to 12 persons (available for

private hire), take a part in a cruise Lod Maria for up to 50 persons, rent jets ski, water bicycle or go wild and try flyboard.

There are several natural hot springs in our surroundings. Some as drinking wells, others used as bathing pools (**Kalameny** 6 km located at edge of forest, **Liptovsky Jan** 18 km located in village park). Both villages are great half day trip destinations. Kalameny – part of village **Lucky** with a stunning 15 m tall waterfall in the center of the village, several cafes, bowling and a medical spa. Small aquapark suitable for those seeking for piece and relax (very few kids attractions)



You can find unique **wooden chruches** in two villages nearby (Svaty Kriz and Lestiny).

Slovakia is known for its amazing [caves](#) of all kinds. Demanovska jaskyna slobody (**Demanovska freedom cave**) and Demanovska ladova jaskyna (**Demanovska ice cave**) 15 km – are two unique caves and belong to the oldest known caves in Europe (first mentioned in 1299). The ice cave is open may to october. The „ice interior“ however has been very poor in recent years. These are however very touristic caves and you may consider visiting less crowded yet still interesting Stanisovska cave and Vazecka cave in our region or Harmanecka jaskyna and Dobsinska ladova jaskyna (ice cave) over hour drive from here.



Steepest summer **bobsleight ride** on the skislopes of Pavcina Lehota (20 km from us) towards Demanovska dolina. Various other attractions for kids can be found there. Drive to Jasna and take the cabin lift to Chopok, take a hike on the top of the mountain, visit legendary chalet Kamienka (mountain restaurant). Tip: dress for the altitude you are aiming for. After taking the lift down, find a path near Hotel Grand towards **Vrbicke pleso**, lovely mountain lake surrounded by forests, kids will enjoy the wooden playground.



Aquapark Tatralandia (12 km) www.tatralandia.sk – one of the largest aquaparks in middle Europe with tons of slides, outdoor and indoor pools open all year round. Replica of a 400 years old sailing ship surrounded by seawater, snorkling pools with sea fish, tropic indoor climate with palm trees and banana trees.



Its a must see for all kids. Amazing underground sauna complex with numerous saunas, steam rooms, whirlpools, jakuzzis, rest pools, storm showers.

Nearby **flight simulator** [Hurricane factory](#) where you can „learn to fly“ and experience what it feels like to free fall. Unique experience for adults and kids.



Spis castle is the biggest castle ruin in middle Europe and offers stunning views of High Tatras behind it. Numerous events are held during summer months weekends. Do not miss the historic towns of **Levoca** and **Spisska Sobota** on the way to the castle. They are well worth a stop. Shopping and town visit can be done in Poprad.

Book ahead for [Tricklandia](#) in Stary Smokovec High Tatras. Indoor trick art & optical illusions. Consider taking the mountain railway Strbske Pleso to Stary Smokovec.



There are several places nearby dedicated to **horseriding**. Villa betula offers wide range of attractions for kids of all ages (the biggest outdoor & indoor kids play area in the region).

Numerous outdoor teams are busy the whole summer with **adrenalin attractions**, rafting, paintball, quad bikes, archery, aquazorbing and much more.

www.mutton.sk www.liptovactive.sk www.raftingadventure.sk



Adrenalin center and house “upside down“ can be found near Tatralandia.

Lazer maze and laser TAG in Liptovsky Mikulas or **Gokart racing** circuit are interesting tips not just for rainy days.

Drive to High Tatras hot spot Strbske pleso (as do thousands of other tourists) and take the path through the woods towards [Popradske pleso](#). This is a mountain lake surrounded by steep hills not accessible for traffic (so the atmosphere is more „real“).



Town visit of Banska Bystrica, do not miss the main square with its **leaning clock tower**, [World War II memorial park](#) with tanks, plane, heavy artillery.



On the way to BB, stop in Spania Dolina, lovely miners village where the time stood still. Make a half hour walk through the paths between the houses finishing by the church and take the covered staircase down to the carpark.

Why not drive to **Cierny Balog** and ride the historic steam railway. Or maybe even nicer location where to experience this is in **Vychylovka**.



Traditional rafting on wooden rafts in village Strecno with spectacular views. Visit of the ruin on Strecno castle.



Outdoor shooting range in Liptovský Mikuláš offers spectacular views and the possibility to try wide range of real weapons, pistols, revolvers, shotguns, sniper rifle, military machinegun. www.strelnicaliptov.sk



There are also specialised hiking tours with the chance of spotting a bear. Adventoura Slovakia

