

Places to Visit in the Liptov



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There is no doubt that Liptov is the number one place to spend your holiday in Slovakia. There is a wide range of activities on offer. Plan your stay and you can also explore the nearby regions of the High Tatras, Slovak Paradise, Pieniny and Mala Fatra.

Download the Liptov mobile app to guide you through current events, hiking trails, cycle paths, viewpoints, and more. It's very useful! **„Liptov-Low Tatras“ (free)**

We have a large playground in the area with trampolines, swings, slides and a climbing tower, so, if you decide to spend a lazy day on your terrace, the kids will be kept busy.



Villa Liptov is located between two lakes. Lake Besenova is one of the best places to fish for trout and other types of fish. There are also dozens of species of wild bird nesting in the area around our villa, and the lake attracts birdwatchers all year round.

Shopping

Supermarket

Ivachnova

- ✓ [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

- ✓ [Palucanska pekaren](#) Liptovsky Mikulas
- ✓ Tesco shopping area, Kaufland, Lidl, Stop Shop

Ruzomberok

- ✓ Kaufland, Lidl



Restaurants

- ✓ **Koliba Bešeňovka** wooden cottage restaurant by the highway and river in Bešeňová
- ✓ **Penzion za mlynom** in Liptovska Tepla - restaurant with lovely garden, playground, outdoor seating and covered terrace. **Camino** in Ruzomberok - Great Italian restaurant.
- ✓ **Yell** in Ruzomberok– high end cuisine at reasonable prices.
- ✓ [Koliba u dobrého pastiera](#) in Čutkovská dolina Ružomberok
- ✓ **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 – pizza, kebab and other fast foods.
- ✓ **Alto Sushi** – Liptovsky Mikulas - lovely small restaurant
- ✓ **Bonsai** – asian restaurants in Ruzomberok and Liptovsky Mikulas)

„Recommended slovak traditional meals to taste: Bryndzove halusky, Bryndzove pirohy, Vyprazany syr, Liptovske droby, Sulance s makom“



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.



Aquaparks

- ✓ **Thermalpark Besenova (4 km from us)** - Well established aquapark with many slides, saunas, jacuzzies, 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.
- ✓ **Aquapark Tatralandia (12 km)** - 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, snorkeling 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, jacuzzies, 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.



Nature

- ✓ We are surrounded by hiking opportunities of all levels and walks of various lengths and difficulties. Some start directly at Villa Liptov. 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 archeopark [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](#)
- ✓ **Hrabovo** is the base station for ski resort Malino Brdo (cabin lift in operation during summer months). Find here [Hrabov Waterfalls](#), nature path [The Bear's Trail](#), Zipline, Tarzan for adults and kids)





✓ **High Tatras** referred to as European Himalayas are great tips 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](#)

✓ 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 [Janosikove Diery](#) (some 45 km from us).

✓ You should not miss taking the cabin lift to **Chopok** (2024 m) and 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.

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

✓ [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 accross the forest to Hrabovo.





- ✓ **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 jet-ski can be hired here. Best location to enjoy the lake, mountain views, choice of several buffets. Clean beach shaded by pine trees. 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 part in a cruise Lod Maria for up to 50 persons, rent jet-ski, water bicycle or go wild and try flyboard.

- ✓ There are also 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)

Castles

- ✓ **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
- ✓ One of the most visited castles in Slovakia is **Orava castle** (Oravsky hrad, 35 km). Stunning medieval castle builds 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 finishing under the Orava castle.
- ✓ Traditional rafting on wooden rafts in village **Strecno** with spectacular views. Visit of the ruin on Strecno castle.



Caves

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.

✓ **Dobsinska ladova jaskyna (ice cave)** over hour drive from here.

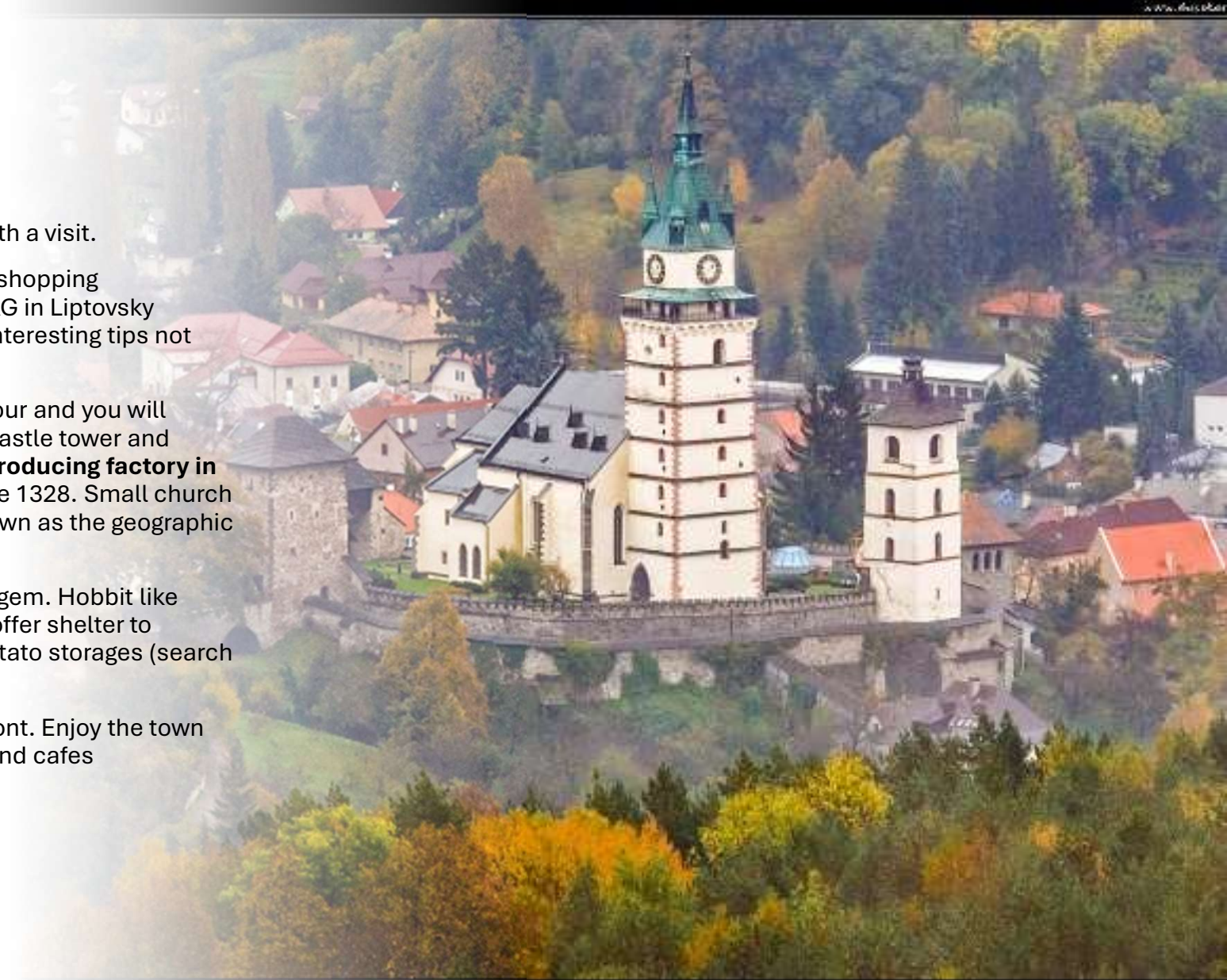
✓ **Stanisovska cave** and **Vazecka cave** in our region or Harmanicka jaskyna are less frequently visited but just as interesting



Towns

There are several historic towns well worth a visit.

- ✓ **Poprad, Liptovsky Mikulas** are good shopping destinations. Lazer maze and laser TAG in Liptovsky Mikulas or Go-kart racing circuit are interesting tips not just for rainy days.
- ✓ **Kremnica** (photo) - it's 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 nonstop since 1328. Small church and monastery nearby have been known as the geographic center of Europe!
- ✓ **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)
- ✓ **Namestovo** – town with lovely lake front. Enjoy the town beach and watersports, restaurants and cafes





- ✓ In **Banska Bystrica**, do not miss the main square with its **leaning clock tower**, **Museum of the Slovak National Uprising** 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 car park.
- ✓ **Banska Stiavnica** – UNESCO town, a must visit. Very unique place. Consider visiting also the mining museum.
- ✓ **Stary Smokovec**, here you can find **Tricklandia** - Indoor trick art & optical illusions.
- ✓ **Cierny Balog** with historic steam railway.
- ✓ The ultimate thrill for kids and adults alike is an off-road ride on a „cabrio“ military tank in **Podbiel**.