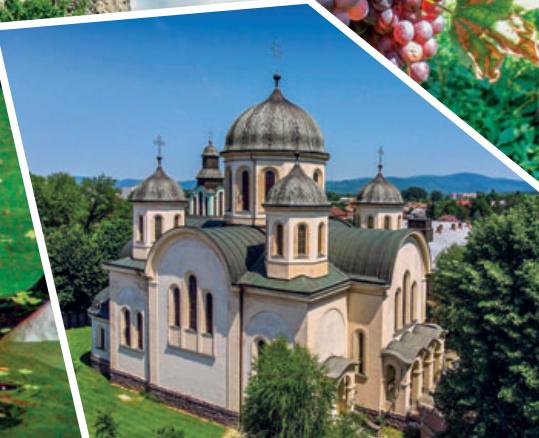
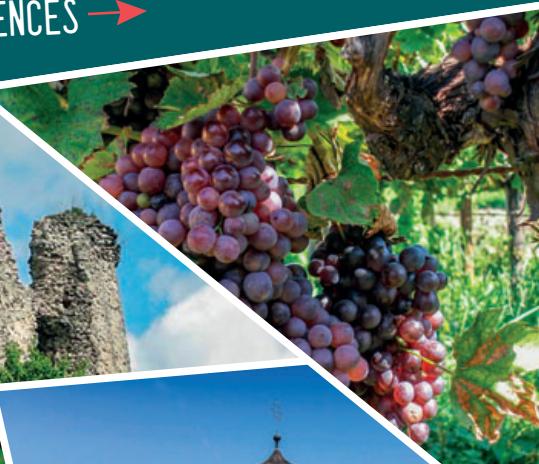




TIPS FOR TRIPS

➡ LOWER ZEMPLÍN – A TRAVEL PARADISE FULL
OF UNIQUE EXPERIENCES ➡





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MICHALOVCE

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Incredibly diverse nature ranging from the rocks of the Vihorlat Mountains to the forests, to the fertile fields of the Eastern Slovak Lowland, rich history and culture, castles, palaces, and manors, but also relaxation and summer idyll by the slovak sea – Zemplínska Šírava. If you have thought so far that Zemplín – the easternmost region of Slovakia – has nothing to offer, you will be very surprised. Whether you long for the magical silence of pristine nature, for culture, for high-quality rest, or for fun and adrenaline, you will find all this in Zemplín.





We have prepared
for you 5 theme-based
travel circuits full of unique attractions,
which we also visited ourselves.

Join us to discover one of our most beautiful,
but still undiscovered authentic regions.

➡ TRAVELLING THROUGH CENTURIES ➡

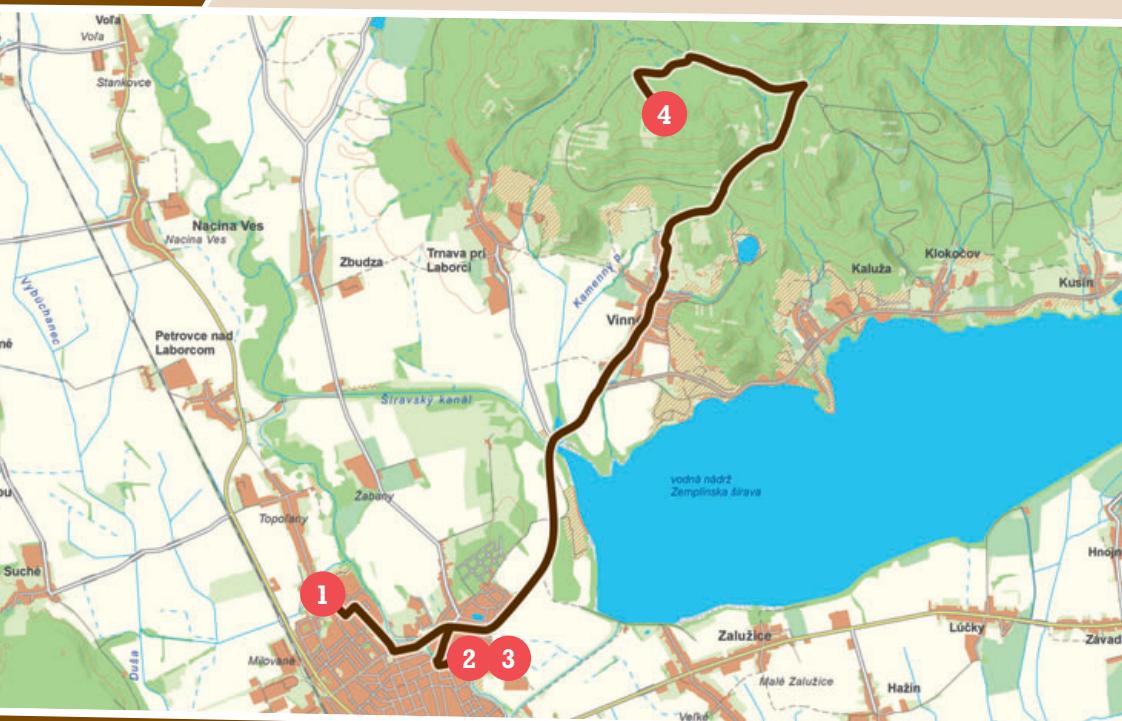


Trip route: Chapel of St. Anthony of Padua → Zemplín Museum → Rotunda → Vinné Castle

Suitable for: families with children, young couples, seniors

Trip length: 1 day

You will experience travelling back in time: ① Chapel of St. Anton of Padua ② Zemplín Museum ③ Rotunda ④ Vinné Castle



We invite you to take a trip back in time to the history of Zemplín. The tour into the past begins on the hill of Hrádok in Michalovce, dominated by the picturesque Chapel of St. Anthony of Padua from the end of the 19th century. The journey through centuries continues in the beautiful Zemplín Museum with lavishly furnished interiors. You will also see the remains of an ancient rotunda – the oldest structure in Michalovce. Finally, the castle of the lords of Michalovce in Vinné with more than 800 years of history and breath-taking views of the Zemplín region.

HRÁDOK: CHAPEL OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

The locals are in love with the picturesque
“chapel on Hrádok”



The only hill in Michalovce is called Hrádok – and on its top rises the charming neo-Gothic Chapel of St. Anthony

of Padua. The chapel was consecrated in 1898. Count Anton Sztáray from the well-known Sztáray family came up with the idea to build a chapel that would serve as a family tomb. Anton and Františka Sztáray were buried in the interior of the chapel. Empty, lavishly decorated tombs can still be seen in the basement. The chapel was built by the leading German architect Viliam Fröde, who also took part in the repairs of St. Elizabeth's Cathedral in Košice in 1880. It was in this city that he drew inspiration for the chapel on Hrádok as it is a copy of Gothic St. Michael's Chapel in Košice. A few metres away you will find the district observatory. On the eastern side of Hrádok, there is also a historical Jewish cemetery and on the southern slope, there is one of the largest cemeteries of fallen soldiers in Slovakia as well as a memorial to Red Army soldiers.

Jozko M.
(Google reviews, 2018)
“Peace, quiet, nice view, and the sunset :-)”



ZEMPLÍN MUSEUM

Tour back in time to past centuries



Peter B.
(Google reviews, 2020)
"At last a nice museum with
an interactive exhibition.
And the paintings by
T.J.Mousson are worth
seeing."

Only a few Slovak museums offer such a comprehensive view of the region's past as the Zemplín Museum, the former seat of the Sztáray family. As part of a permanent historical exhibition, the spirit of past centuries breathes on you through lavishly decorated interiors furnished with furniture of various styles from the late 18th to early 20th century, or the mannequins in period clothing installed in groups and the library that holds up to 500 volumes of old prints of various aristocratic libraries. However, the tour into the past of the Zemplín region does not end there. Another, art-historical exhibition will take you to the most representative room of the main manor house, which is decorated with a portrait gallery of members of the aristocratic Sztáray family.

The most unique part of the art-historical exhibition is that of sacred art, which allows you to look into the history of iconography in our country. The collection of items of both liturgies – the Western Church and the Eastern Rite – are exhibited. The icing on the cake is the exhibition dedicated to the "painter of the Zemplín sun and people" – Teodor Jozef Mousson, as well as the new permanent exhibition of sacral items called Klenotnica.

www.zemplinskemuzeum.sk

ROTUNDA

The oldest structure in Michalovce is a mystery to archaeologists



The inconspicuous remains of an ancient rotunda, which is the oldest preserved structure in Michalovce,

lie right on the grounds of the Zemplín Museum. In the early Middle Ages, rotundas were small churches with a typically circular floor plan with one or more semi-circular recesses - apses. The rotunda in Michalovce was built in the Byzantine style. A stone plate

was found in the church. It featured an inscription which to this day has not been completely deciphered and it is a mystery to the scientific world. Some experts believe that the stone bears the inscription "Here rests Prince Presian, born in 996, died in 1061." While its discoverers – Jaroslav Vizdal and historian Peter Ratkoš – claimed in 1977 after the discovery that the remains dated back to the 9th century, at the end of the 20th century archaeologists Michal Slivka and Adrián Vallašek dated the rotunda to the 11th century.

www.zemplinskemuzeum.sk



Lukas L.
(Google reviews, 2020)
"A nice place. Definitely worth a stop."

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VINNÉ CASTLE

**Zemplín at your
fingertips from
a Gothic castle**

ElenitaS129
(Tripadvisor.
com, 2017):
"A very nice
castle. There
is also a
blacksmith's
workshop at
the castle where
a blacksmith in
period clothes
makes various
forged items, the
children were very
intrigued."

The trip to Vinné Castle begins with a pleasant walk. You can handle the easy, approximately 40-minute ascent even with children, and soon after you will have breath-taking views of the surrounding countryside. If you asked the locals, they would say that the castle offers views from The Slanské Hills to Uzhhorod. However, the most beautiful is the view of the water reservoir Zemplínska šírava. Although the first written record of the castle comes from 1335, it probably dates back to the 12th century. Its walls remember the important Hungarian lords of Michalovce, the Nagymihály family, the resistance against the Hungarian King Charles Robert in the 14th century, as well as the rebel anti-Habsburg armies of Gabriel Bethlen and Juraj Rákóczi in the first half of the 17th century. The castle was demolished in the early 18th century when the last anti-Habsburg uprising was suppressed. Thanks to the sensitive reconstruction and modifications that have been underway at the castle since 2011, its medieval character can still be admired. To this day, courtyards, buildings, window openings, and the remains of Renaissance vaults can be recognized here.

www.vinne.sk

WHERE TO STAY AND EAT

Hotel Mousson 4* | Michalovce | hotelmousson.sk (R)

Hotel Družba 4* | Michalovce | hoteldruzbami.sk (R)

Hotel – SLNEČNÝ DVOR** | Michalovce | slnecnydvor.sk

Hotel – EuroPenzion Salaš | Zemplínska Šírava, Kaluža | salassirava.sk (R)

Guest House – Penzión Prameň | Vinné | penzionpramen.sk (R)

Spa Hotel Vinnay 3* | Vinné | hotelvinnay.sk (R)

Apartments – Apartmány u Janka Vinné Jazero | Vinné | booking.com (R)

RESTAURANTS

Zemplínska reštaurácia | Michalovce | traditional, european
zemplinskarestauracia.sk

Arno – Pizza & Restaurant | Michalovce | Italian, pizza
restaurantarno.sk

La Creperie Palacinkáreň u Priateľov | Michalovce
desserts, european, vegan friendly | palacinkaren.com

Galéria Restaurant Caffe & Bar | Michalovce
bar, coffee, international | galeriarestaurant.sk

BISON Steakhouse & pub | Michalovce | steakhouse, coffee, pub
bisonmi.sk

Vinianska chalupa | Vinné | traditional, european
FB @restauracia vinianska chalupa

THINGS TO DO - EVENTS

April – May

Spring Fair | Michalovce | michalovce.sk

June

Midsummer Bonfires over Šírava | Vinné,
Vinianske jazero | vinne.sk

July – August

Strolls Around the Town | Michalovce | michalovce.sk

Summer children's camp in the museum
Michalovce | zemplinskemuzeum.sk

August

Zemplín Folklore Festival | Michalovce | michalovce.sk

Zemplín Fair | Michalovce | michalovce.sk

Zemplín Veteran Car Rally | Michalovce | zemplinveteran.sk

WANDERINGS IN NATURE →



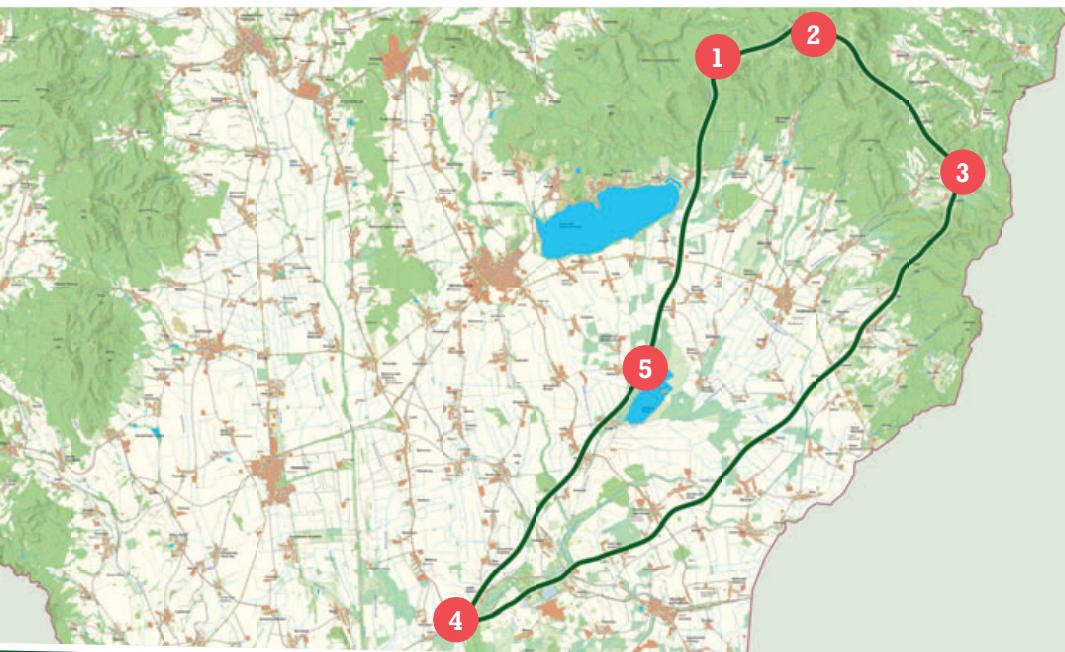
Trip route: Protected Landscape Area Vihorlat:

primeval beech forests → Morské oko lake → Beňatina Quarry lake → Protected Landscape Area Latorica: Water experience trail Obořín → Senné ponds: birdwatching

Suitable for: families with children, young couples, seniors

Trip length: 1 – 2 days

Discover the jewels of the Zemplín nature: 1 Protected Landscape Area Vihorlat: primeval beech forests 2 Morské Oko lake 3 Beňatina Quarry lake 4 Protected Landscape Area Latorica: Water experience trail Obořín 5 Senné ponds: birdwatching



The physician treats, but nature heals, as the old Latin saying goes. Visit the unique nature of Zemplín and experience its healing power on your own skin. This region offers incredible diversity ranging from the sharp rocks of The Vihorlat Mountains to mysterious primeval beech forests to endless green meadows and hillsides full of diverse life. Dozens of protected species of fauna and flora have found their home here. Thanks to the countless hiking trails and viewpoints sensitively set in the original landscape, you can experience the most intimate contact with the nature in Zemplín.

PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AREA VIHORLAT: PRIMEVAL BEECH FORESTS

You don't have to travel to the Amazon
to experience the primeval forest



Vivien L.

(Google reviews, 2020)

"This simply cannot be described
in any negative way. Beautiful landscapes,
views, warming your
heart."

Countless rocks, fabulously beautiful primeval forests, peat bogs, rich fauna and flora. These are the Vihorlat Mountains – the easternmost volcanic mountains and one of the most beautiful natural formations in Slovakia. No wonder it has been a Protected Landscape Area (PLA) since 1973. An ascent to Sninský Kameň peak – a rock rising to a height of 1,006 m above sea level – enchants with a panoramic view of the vast East Slovak Lowland.

Two educational trails lead through the PLA. The first passes around the volcanic lake of Morské Oko, which belongs to the seven wonders of our country, over the Sninský Kameň peak and ends at the natural swimming-pools of Sninské Rybníky. The second educational trail passes through an extensive complex of mysterious primeval beech forests, which are a UNESCO World Heritage site listed as "Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe". Here, you can admire trees as old as over 240 years. If you are lucky, you may see one of the rare locals – perhaps the lesser spotted eagle, lynx, or otter, or you may come across one of the protected plant species such as spring snowflake or heartleaf oxeye – a symbol of the Vihorlat Mountains.



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MORSKÉ OKO LAKE A gem created by nature



Martin R.
(Tripadvisor, 2017)
"Beautiful nature in the
Vihorlat Mountains.
Suitable for hiking and
even a wheelchair. The
untouched nature of the
east. The smell of the
forest is amazing. :)"

Morské Oko lake (The Sea Eye) is one of the rarest gems of Slovak nature. The lake of volcanic origin has preserved its characteristic charm to this day, enhanced by the surrounding nature of the Vihorlat Primeval Beech Forests. Morské Oko is the third largest natural lake in Slovakia following the glacial lakes of Velké Hincovo Pleso and Štrbské Pleso. It is only about half an hour's stroll from the car park to the pristine pearl of the Vihorlat Mountains. Visitors can walk around the lake on a path ideal for romance or easy hiking with children. A secret tip: Try to visit Morské Oko especially in autumn when the surrounding forests dress the clear surface of the lake in an orange veil. The lake is interesting not only for its location and beauty, but also for its mysterious life under the water. The lake itself and the surrounding tributaries are home to 13 species of fish, which can be observed from the shore thanks to the crystal-clear water. The lake – including the surrounding forests – is declared a national nature reserve and a UNESCO World Natural Heritage site.

www.dolnyzemplin.sk

BEŇATINA QUARRY LAKE

Scenery like from the Treasure of the Silver Lake



If you are a fan of films about the legendary Indian chief Winnetou, you will definitely enjoy a visit to the Beňatina Quarry lake. The former travertine quarry was flooded by clear groundwater which created a beautiful turquoise lake reminiscent of Plitvice Lakes in Croatia, known from the film Treasure of the Silver Lake. Bathing in the quarry is officially forbidden, but in summer very few people can resist the emerald colour of the water. The lake attracts both amateur and professional photographers, as it offers unique scenery in Slovakia. In addition, there is a path with railings and scenic viewpoints around the lake, so exclusive shots are available to virtually anyone. In 2021, a so-called zipline will be installed – an adrenaline ride on a steel rope hanging directly above the lake.

www.dolnyzemplin.sk



Stanký217

(Tripadvisor, 2017)

"If you are in the east of Slovakia, you must see this place, it is located in the village of the same name. The water is crystal-clear with a pleasant green and blue colour."

PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AREA LATORICA: WATER EXPERIENCE TRAIL OBORÍN

Slovak jungle full of water birds



Pavol M.

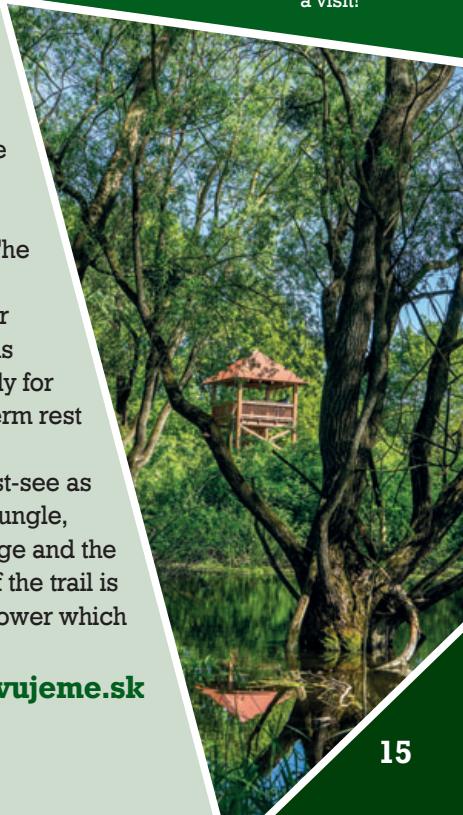
(Google reviews, 2020)

"Great opportunity to meet a blind channel with dry feet. An easy and attractive walk that will delight every nature lover starting in the village of Oborín. It is worth a visit!"

Have you ever seen a turtle in the wild in Slovakia? Not possible? Vice versa! Bottomland forests and swamps around the rivers of Latorica, Ondava, Laborec, and Bodrog are its natural home. The area has the status of a protected landscape area – PLA Latorica – and it is the only area in eastern Slovakia protecting the lowland landscape. The most important phenomenon are rare natural communities, which have no analogues in our country. In addition to the rare pond turtle, it is mainly waterfowl that use the swamps not only for more permanent nesting, but also for short-term rest of migratory species.

The water experience trail in Oborín is a must-see as it will instantly cast you into the world of the jungle, swamps, and wetlands. Just come to the village and the arrows will lead you to the trail. The length of the trail is about 600 metres and it ends with a lookout tower which also has a campfire ring.

www.dolnyzemplin.sk | www.splavujeme.sk
www.vyletlobodrog.sk



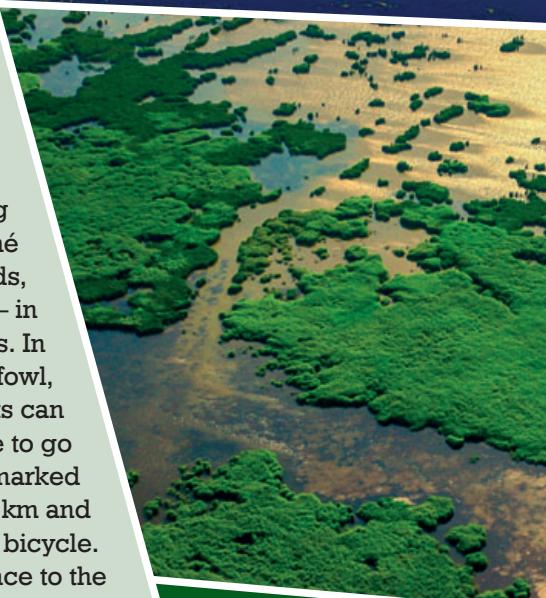
SENNÉ PONDS - BIRDWATCHING

National nature reserve – ornithological paradise



Have you ever seen a flock of majestic cranes fly over your head? At the National Nature Reserve of the Senné ponds, which is one of the most important bird sites in Central Europe, this is not rare. Especially in spring when these birds migrate. The Senné ponds are a specific system of ponds, waterlogged meadows, and wetlands – in short, it is a natural paradise for birds. In addition to common species of waterfowl, rare white-tailed eagles and cormorants can also be observed here. It is possible to go fishing in the assigned ponds. The marked nature trails have a total length of 17 km and most of them can also be ridden by bicycle. We especially recommend the entrance to the village of Senné, which begins with a beautiful wooden gate next to a manor garden. The path leads along wooden boards over the swamp, and it offers several lookout towers equipped with binoculars.

www.dolnyzemplin.sk | FB @avescentrum



Matúš H.
(Google reviews,
2020)
"A wonderful
place to watch
birds or take a
walk."

WHERE TO STAY AND EAT

Vihorlat Resort | Sninské Rybníky ponds – Snina | vihorlatresort.sk (R)

Lodge – Chata Belka | Remetské Hámre | hauzi.sk/chata-belka

Accommodation Beňatina | Beňatina | hauzi.sk/ubytovanie-benatina

Private Accommodation Kvetka | Zemplínske Hámre | megaubytovanie.sk

Guest House – Penzión Maňa | Sobrance | FB @restauraciamana (R)

Gastrocentrum | Sobrance | gastroso.sk (R)

Guest House – Penzión Griff | Veľké Kapušany | FB @penzion.griff (R)

Guest House – Penzión Italia | Veľké Kapušany | penzionitalia.sk (R)



THINGS TO DO - EVENTS

April

Bird-watching | Senné | FB @avescentrum

June

Sobrance Delicacies | Sobrance | sobrance.sk

August

Waggoner race | Sobrance | sobrance.sk

FOR WATER LOVERS →



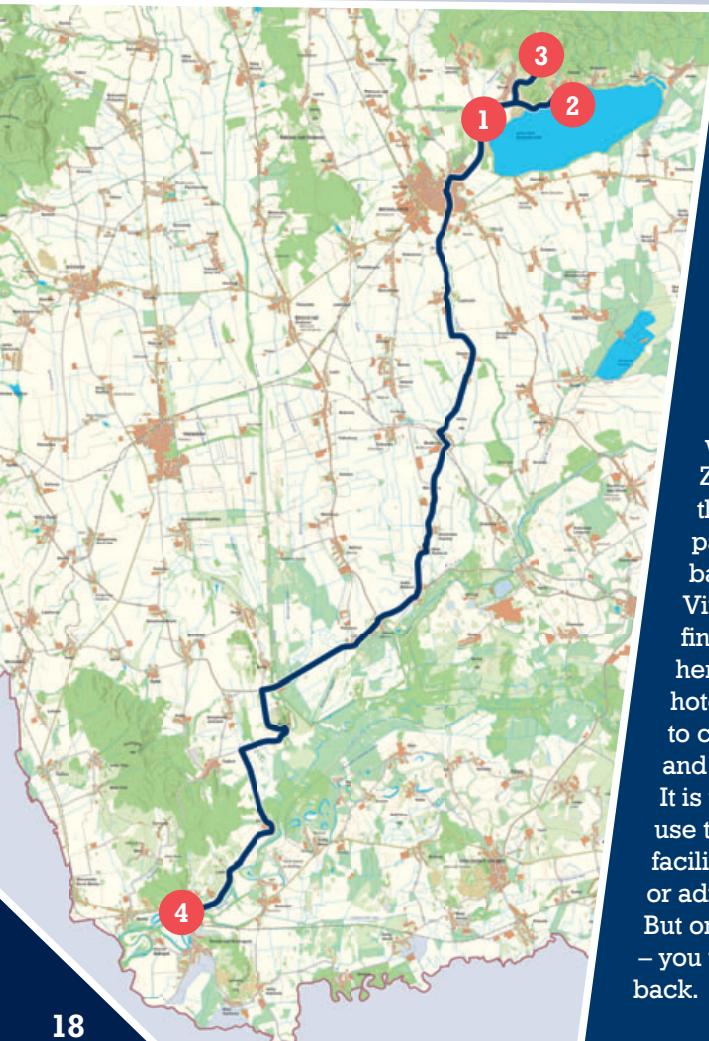
Trip route: Zemplínska šírava → Thermal Šírava

Spa Resort → Vinné Lake → Bodrog: boat trip

Suitable for: families with children, young couples, seniors

Trip length: 1 – 3 days

Water adventures and relaxations: ① Zemplínska šírava ② Thermal Šírava Spa Resort ③ Vinné Lake
④ Bodrog – boat trip



If you want some fun or relaxation by the water, Zemplín offers a range of options. It doesn't matter if you are planning a family holiday, a trip with friends or a romantic weekend. Just visit the second largest water reservoir, Zemplínska šírava, the local thermal park located on its bank, or the nearby Vinné Lake. You will find excellent facilities here, from new spa hotels with restaurants to cosy cottage areas and car camping parks. It is up to you how to use the local sports facilities, rentals, cruises or adrenaline attractions. But one thing is certain – you will want to come back.



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ZEMPLÍNSKA ŠÍRAVA

**Discover all the charming
slovak sea can offer**



Klaudia B.
(Tripadvisor, 2017)
"Suitable for families
with children, but
also for "party
lovers", simply for
all generations.
So, chop-chop,
get to the
water in the
summer!"

What is the most amazing about Zemplínska šírava? It is not only the second largest water reservoir in Slovakia, but it is also exceptional as the average sunshine on the lake reaches 100 days a year making šírava one of the warmest Slovak regions.

Here you will find great conditions for swimming, water and adrenaline sports such as jet skiing, windsurfing or yachting, you can also go fishing, cycling and hiking, or just contemplate in the surrounding vineyards.

One of the popular attractions is a sailing trip in the resort of Lúč where local marina resembles the bays of the Adriatic, or a sightseeing cruise on a cruise ship setting off from the resort of Hôrka. You can also rent a motorboat. In the summer months, the area livens up with live music and discos. It is no coincidence that Zemplínska šírava is a traditional recreational destination for people from a wider area, who often refer to it as the slovak Sea.

www.sirava.sk | www.plavba.sk

www.splavujeme.sk

THERMAL ŠÍRAVA SPA RESORT

**Water attractions as well as a swimming pool
with healing geothermal water**



The ŠÍRAVA SPA RESORT thermal park offers relaxation and entertainment for all generations.

Water lovers can choose from three main indoor pools in the

Water World – a wave pool with a simulation of sea waves, a relaxation pool with massage jets and a massage pool with special jet loungers providing

hydromassage. A children's pool is available for up to 5-year-old children.

There are also attractions such as various slides, a swinging bay, and a water ride.

In the summer season, rich animation programs will also enrich your visit with children. The spa centre includes a complex of saunas, a cooling pool, and a jacuzzi. However, the biggest pride of the resort is the outdoor thermal pool with geothermal water. The healing power of highly mineralized water will be appreciated especially by visitors with rheumatic diseases and skin problems.

www.thermalsirava.sk



atowy
(Tripadvisor, 2016)
“A small, nice, very clean water park with excellent spa facilities. Retirees, children, adults, everyone can do their thing.”

VINNÉ LAKE

Swimming and relaxation in the very bosom of nature



If you are looking for a cosy place to swim in a beautiful natural environment, Vinné Lake, located in the middle of deep forests, will certainly not disappoint. Especially smaller children will be delighted by the really warm water as well as the beaches with shallow water. The lake boasts warm water thanks to the surrounding trees which protect the water surface from the wind. In addition to swimming and sunbathing, the resort offers boat and pedal boat rental, a tennis court, sports equipment rental, a beach volleyball court, and a children's area. Just book accommodation in the adjacent cabin area or use the car camping park and relax on one of the comfortable grassy beaches. In autumn, Vinné Lake and its surroundings are a popular location for fishermen and mushroom pickers. In winter, the lake livens up with skating, cross-country skiing, as well as year-round hiking.

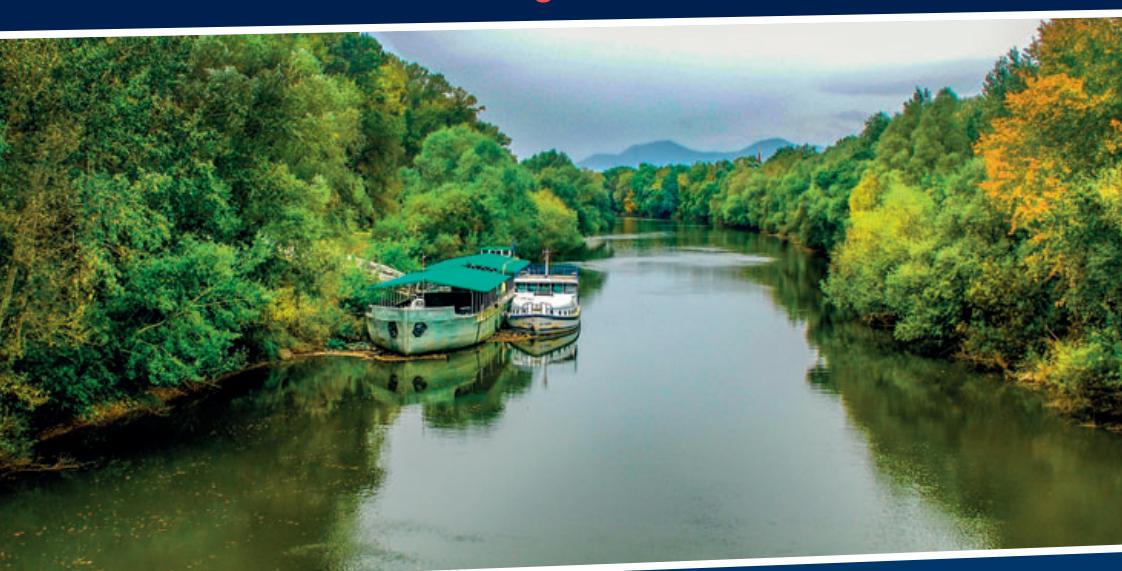
www.vinne.sk



Mirka N.
(Tripadvisor, 2019)
"A pleasant relaxation. Vinné Lake is a nice lake surrounded by hills of the Vihorlat Mountains. It has a very specific atmosphere. It is not very well known, so you will usually meet the locals here."

BODROG: BOAT TRIP

**Enjoy wine tasting on a boat as well as
the “Athens” of Bodrog**



Daniela M. (Tripadvisor, 2015)

“A sunny weekend and an unforgettable cruise. We sat on top of the boat and tasted the local world –the world famous Tokaji wine Lipovina, looking around and listening to a lot of interesting things about the river.”

A cruise on the Bodrog

River offers beautiful sceneries enjoyed over sips of delicious Tokaji wine. The ship departs every Sunday from the port at the village of Viničky. During the cruise you will learn many interesting things about the Bodrog River, its fauna and flora, as well as about the Tokaj Wine Region. The cruise can be combined with wine tasting directly on the boat, or with a visit to Tokaj vineyards and cellars. You can sail all the way to neighbouring Hungary with a stop in Sárospatak or in Tokaj, where the Bodrog ends at the confluence of the Tisza River.

We especially recommend Sárospatak with a beautiful, completely covered castle, which is a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture. The town of Sárospatak itself is called Athens on the shores of the Bodrog due to its rich cultural life and numerous events. In the 17th century, John Amos Comenius also spent a few years there and it is where he wrote his famous work School by Play. The experience can continue on the Hungarian side. We recommend Zemplén Adventure Park in Sátoraljaújhely, or rafting on the Bodrog River.

www.lumixtrade.sk | www.splavujeme.sk

WHERE TO STAY AND EAT

Hotel Thermal ŠÍRAVA 4* | Z. šírava – Kaluža | thermalsirava.sk (R)

Hotel Glamour 4* | Z. šírava – Kaluža | hotelglamour.sk (R)

Residence Šírava 3* | Z. šírava – Kaluža | thermalsirava.sk

Hotel Eurobus Šírava 4* | Z. šírava – Kaluža | hoteleurobus.sk (R)

Guest House – Penzión Anima 2* | Medvedia hora | booking.com

Apartment Vihorlat 3* | Z. šírava – Kaluža | booking.com

Lodge – Kamenec chata Thermal | Z. šírava – Kaluža | booking.com (R)

Hotel – EuroPenzión Salaš | Z. šírava – Kaluža | salassirava.sk (R)

Guest House – Penzión Prameň | Vinné | penzionpramen.sk (R)

Wellness Hotel Vinnay 3* | Vinné | hotelvinnay.sk (R)

Apartments – Apartmány u Janka Vinné Jazero | Vinné | booking.com (R)

Guest House – Penzión Zlatá Putňa 3* | Viničky | booking.com (R)

Guest House – Penzión Ilona | Velký Kamenec | booking.com

Guest House – Penzión Vinny Dom 3* | Streda nad Bodrogom | booking.com

THINGS TO DO - EVENTS

June

**Inauguration of the summer season
at Zemplínská šírava**

Z. šírava – Kaluža | dolnyczemplin.sk

Midsummer Bonfires over Šírava

Vinné – Vinianske | jazero vinne.sk

International Gathering of Paragliders

Z. šírava – Kaluža | kaluza.sk

SunDance Festival

Z. šírava – Hôrka | sundancefestival.sk

Holidays with Bobrik Šíravik

Z. šírava – Kaluža | thermalsirava.sk

Lecho Festival

Velké Kapušany | vkapusany.sk

World of Motorcycles – International Motorcycle Rally

Z. šírava – Hôrka | svetmotocyklov.sk

Tokaj Open Cellars Day

Viničky, M. Trňa, V. Trňa, Slovenské N. Mesto
tokajregion.sk, tokajregnum.sk

July

August

September

FOR WINE LOVERS →



Trip route: Vineyards of the Tokaj region → Tibava and Orechová (Sobrance wine region) → Vinné → Malý Horeš (Kráľovský Chlmec wine region)

Suitable for: families with children, young couples, seniors

Trip length: 1 – 3 days

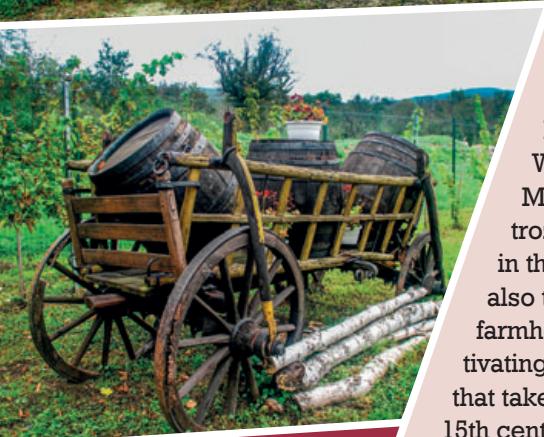
Enjoy the best Zemplín offers to wine lovers: ① Tokaj
② Tibava a Orechová ③ Vinné ④ Malý Horeš



It is said that good wine does not need a tag, and yet there are so many great, authentic wines that deserve much more attention. Zemplín viticulture with a specific subsoil and climatic conditions is a proof of that. In addition to the first-class and world-famous production from Tokaj, the region offers many other admirable locations with centuries old cellars and modern wine bars. Come and taste the art of traditional and progressive wine producers and the taste of vineyards from the slopes of the Vihorlat Mountains.

TOKAJ WINE REGION

Taste the golden wine of the kings



kamaRadka
(Tripadvisor, 2020)
“The tour of the cellars and tastings were absolutely excellent. You will taste great wines and experience a beautiful environment both underground and above ground.”

“Tokaji wine is the wine of kings and the king among wines,”
said King Louis XIV of

France once. The wine, which is distinctively golden and even amber, could not be missed even on the table of the Russian Tsar Peter the Great, and it was also loved by composers and writers, including Beethoven and Goethe. About 10 % of the Tokaj Region lies in Zemplín and it has several specific features. In addition to the combination of volcanic subsoil and special climatic conditions, these are mainly unique native varieties. In particular, Furmint, Yellow Muscat and Lipovina.

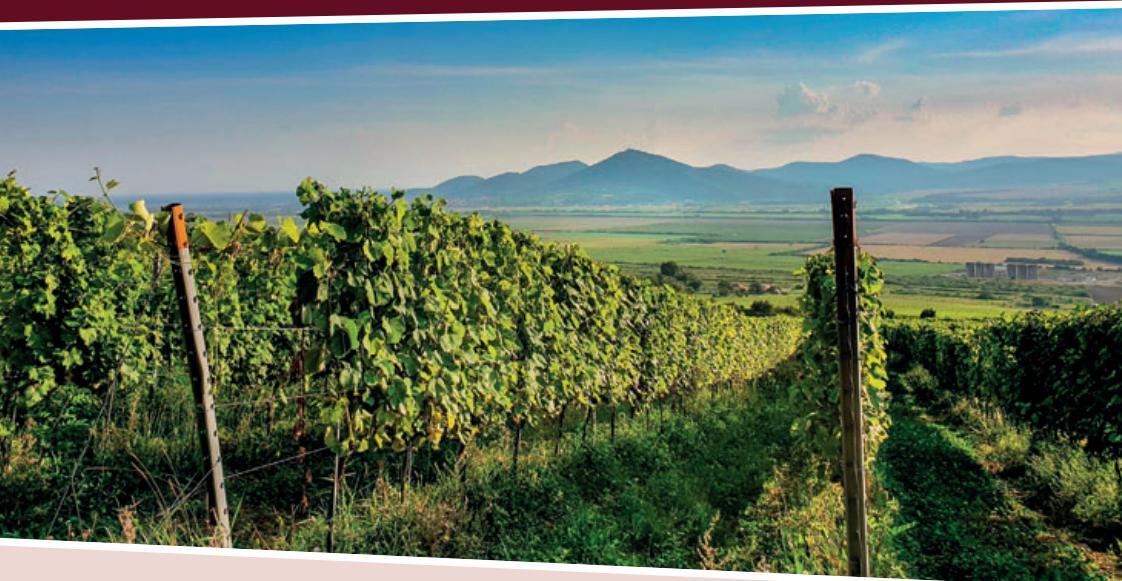
We recommend visiting Viničky, Velká or Malá Třňa. Velká Třňa is dominated by Ostrožovič – a winery with the longest history in the Slovak Tokaj Region. However, there is also the Vdovjak winery with a period Zemplín farmhouse. The farm's cellars also have a captivating atmosphere – a set of 33 stone portals that take you to the historic Tokaj cellars from the 15th century. In Malá Třňa, the young progressive winery of Macik reigns, known for the production of classic and trendy wines – the young Tokaj. In Velká Bara, don't miss the Chateau GRAND BARI, which visitors compare to the Slovak Tuscany, and in addition to great wine, the winery is also well-known for its renowned restaurant. On the Hungarian side, for example, it is worth visiting the town of Pálháza with a beautiful medieval mill.

You can also get to know the beauties of Tokaj on a bicycle, you can rent it in Velká Třňa. The bike path also travels alongside a unique, 12-metre barrel-shaped lookout tower.

www.tokajregion.sk | www.tokajregnum.sk

TIBAVA AND ORECHOVÁ

Discover the inimitable taste of Vihorlat wines



We will start our

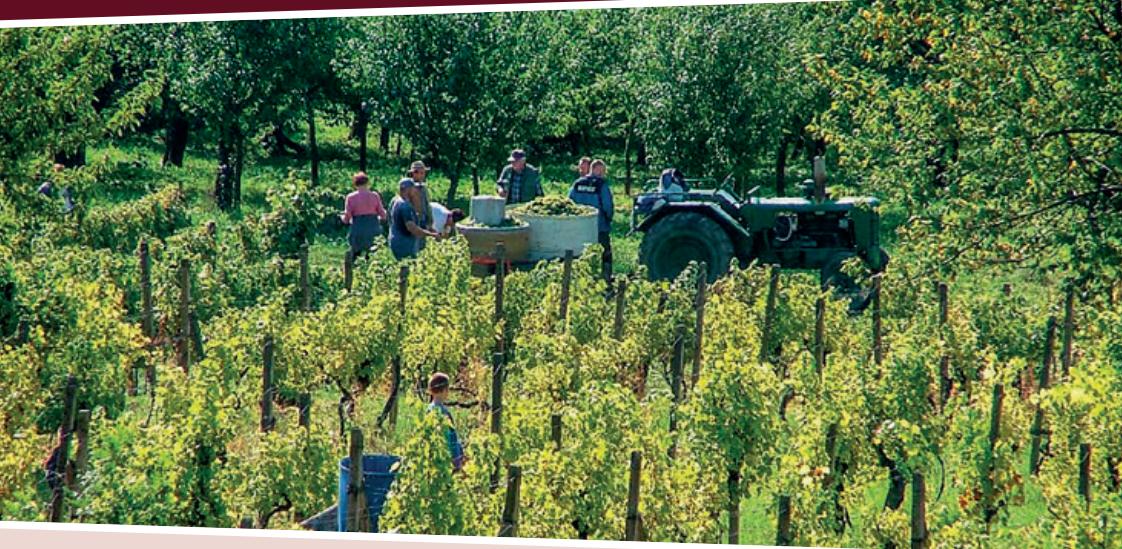
journey through the East Slovak vinicultural region in the Sobrance wine region. The cellars of Tibava and Orechová offer unusually balanced, delicious wines from the sunny southwestern slopes of the Vihorlat Mountains. Numerous sunny days together with fertile soil give the wines an inimitable taste, aroma, and colour, as well as their noble and attractive look.

The varietal composition of vineyards is very diverse. While the white varieties are dominated by Red Tramín and traditional varieties such as Grüner Veltliner, Rhine Riesling, Welschriesling, or Müller Thurgau, of the blue varieties the originally cultivated Blue Frankish and St. Laurent have a dominant position. However, high-quality varieties such as Chardonnay, Sauvignon, and Pálava are also represented. Our tip from Tibava Cellar is Pálava, a selection of grapes, from 2018, which won a silver medal at the Great American International Wine Competition in 2019 in the USA. From Orechová Cellar we recommend a wonderful experience in wine – a selection of grapes from the Danube variety, which is reminiscent of wines from the southern, Mediterranean regions.

www.tibava.sk | www.pivnicaorechova.sk

Jana D. (Tripadvisor, 2019)

"The Orechová locality and especially its vineyard breathes with the care of skilled winemakers. Their wines have won several international awards."



Picturesque family

wineries with a friendly atmosphere and tastings in the surroundings of a medieval castle can be found in the village of Vinné, which belongs to the Michalovce vinicultural region. The first written mention of wine growing in this area dates back to the mid-13th century. Grapes have been grown here at the foot of the southern andesite slopes of the Vihorlat Mountains. Special microclimatic conditions are created by the nearby Zemplínska šíra water reservoir with an area of 33.5 km². Among the traditional varieties we can mention Pinot blanc, Welschriesling, or Grüner Veltliner, and from the blue varieties Blue Frankish, St. Laurent, or Cabernet sauvignon, and Pinot noir. However, newcomers such as Chardonnay, Devín, Zweigeltrebe, and Danube are also thriving.

It is worth to visit, for example, Vinopa Winery, which offers a wide range of award-winning wines and tastings. Connoisseurs should definitely try Dornfelder or the famous Rimava from Staško Winery in the cosy atmosphere of the original semi-circular wine bar.

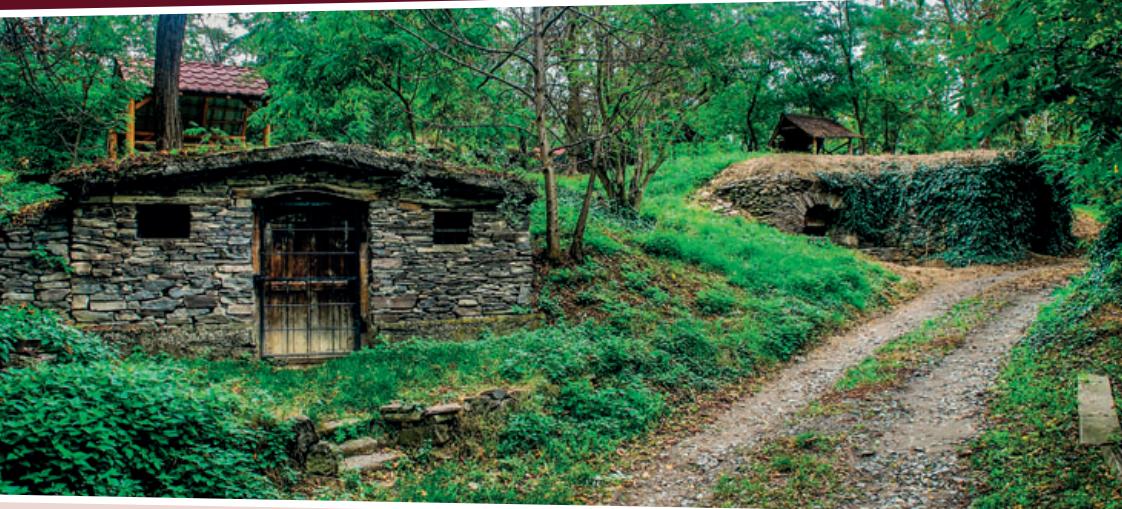
www.vinopavinne.sk | www.vinarstvostasko.sk

Janka P. (Google reviews, 2020)

“Unforgettable wines, exceptional tastes. Now we are drinking Rimava, the taste of forest raspberries melts on our tongues. We drank Dornfelder with chocolate and cherry flavours before. Both are amazing.”

MALÝ HOREŠ

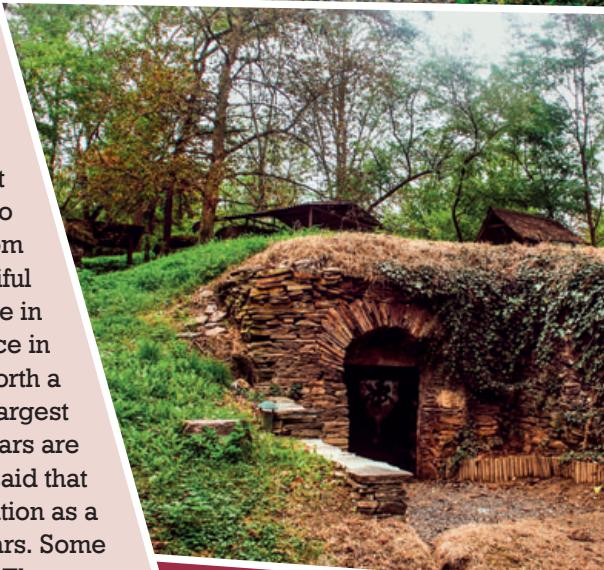
**The largest complex of cellars of its kind
in a beautiful acacia grove**



The picturesque village of Malý Horeš is located in the Královský Chlmeč vinicultural region and today it is known mainly for the wine festival Scent of Acacia, which allows visitors to enjoy dozens of authentic wines from local small producers in the beautiful surroundings of an acacia grove in blossom. The festival takes place in mid-May, but Malý Horeš is worth a visit all year round due to the largest complex of 347 cellars. Some cellars are more than 500 years old, and it is said that they originally served the population as a refuge from the invasions of the Tatars. Some of them are open to the public. There are shelters, sitting areas with bonfire pits as well as an amphitheatre, which is used for various cultural events.

www.malyhores.sk

www.terraincognita.sk



Jan F.

(Google reviews, 2019)

"A really beautiful, acacia hill drilled with beautiful wine cellars, nice and warm people, great atmosphere."

WHERE TO STAY AND EAT

- Guest House – Penzión Prameň** | Vinné | penzionpramen.sk (R)
- Wellness Hotel Vinnay 3*** | Vinné | hotelvinnay.sk (R)
- Apartments – Apartmány u Janka Vinné Jazero** | Vinné | booking.com (R)
- Guest House – Penzión Tokaj Ostrožovič 3*** | Veľká Tŕňa | booking.com (R)
- Guest House – Penzión u Macika** | Malá Tŕňa | tokajmacik.sk (R)
- Lodge cabins – Súdkovo TOKAJ MACIK (kemping)** | Malá Tŕňa | booking.com
- Lodge – Chalupa Esencia** | Malá Tŕňa | booking.com
- Accommodation „Na chalupe“** | Veľká Tŕňa | tokaj-ubytovanie.sk
- Farmhouse – Gazdovský dvor u capa – Vino Vdovjak** | Veľká Tŕňa
vinovdovjak.sk
- Guest House – Penzión Zlatá Putňa 3*** | Viničky | booking.com (R)
- Guest House – Penzión Aqua Maria 3*** | Veľaty | booking.com
- Chateau GRAND BARI** | Veľká Bara | booking.com (R)
- Private accommodation – Tokaj – Šarlota privát** | Veľká Bara
tokajsarlota.sk, FB @tokajsarlota
- Guest House – Penzión Ilona** | Veľký Kamenec | booking.com
- Guest House – Penzión Vínny Dom 3*** | Streda nad Bodrogom | booking.com
- Apartments – Agát** | Kráľovský Chlmec | booking.com

THINGS TO DO - EVENTS

April

Urban – Blessing of Young Wine

M. Tŕňa, V. Tŕňa, Viničky, Bara | tokajregnum.sk

Open Cellars Day

Malý Horeš | malyhores.sk

Jul
August

Wine Days in Vinné

Vinné | vinne.sk

Lecho Festival

Velké Kapušany | vkapusany.sk

Tokaj Open Cellars Day

Viničky, M. Tŕňa, V. Tŕňa, Slovenské N. Mesto
tokajregion.sk, tokajregnum.sk

September

Tokaj Vintage

Čerhov | cerhov.sk

Medzibodrožský Cultural Festival

Kráľovský Chlmec | kralovskychlmeck.org

Royal Bacchiade

Kráľovský Chlmec | kcmap.sk

October

Tour de Tokaj

M. Tŕňa, V. Tŕňa, Viničky, Čerhov | tokajregion.sk

EXPLORING THE ART OF ANCESTORS →



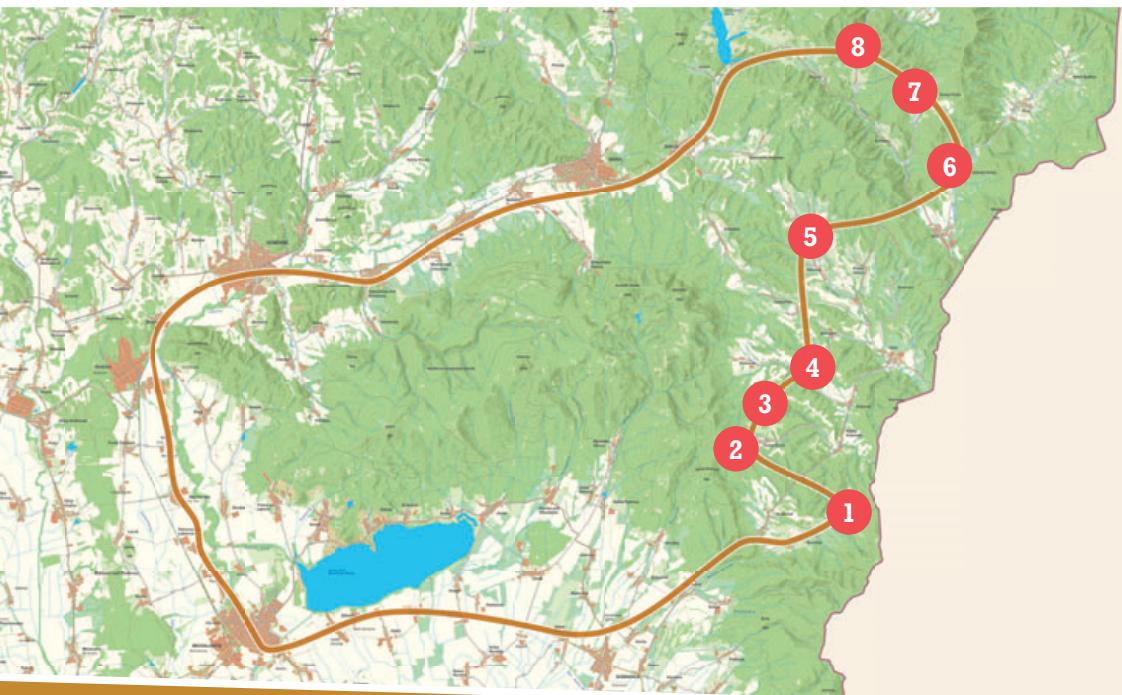
Trip route: Ruská Bystrá and Inovce (District of Sobrance) → Hrabová Roztoka, Kalná Roztoka, Šmigovec, Uličské Krivé, Ruský Potok, Topoľa (District of Snina)

Suitable for: families with children, young couples, seniors

Trip length: 1 – 2 days

Discover the jewels of vernacular architecture –

wooden churches: ① Inovce ② Ruská Bystrá (Sobrance District) ③ Hrabová Roztoka ④ Šmigovec ⑤ Kalná Roztoka ⑥ Uličské Krivé ⑦ Ruský Potok ⑧ Topoľa (Snina District)



Eastern Slovakia is unique by its UNESCO wooden architecture from the 18th century built without a single nail. The Greek Catholic wooden churches have richly decorated interiors with beautiful icons and wall and ceiling paintings inspired by Byzantine patterns. The individual buildings are connected by a Bike Path of Icons No. 2875 (blue mark).

Selected churches are located in the districts of Sobrance and Snina, similar wooden buildings can be found behind the Ukrainian border.

RUSKÁ BYSTRÁ AND INOVCE (SOBRANCE DISTRICT)

Experience first-hand the spirit of the Byzantine ceremony



The Transfiguration of St. Nicholas Greek Catholic Church in Ruská Bystrá is a beautiful log structure with two towers surrounded by tree lines, with its real treasures hidden inside. The modest exterior contrasts interestingly with the decorative styles of Baroque and Rococo inside, where it is dominated by a rare five-row Baroque iconostasis. The church was built in 1730, it is listed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Less than 20 km away is the village of Inovce, where you can admire the Church of St. Michael Archangel from 1836. It is one of the smallest wooden churches. An interesting feature is the asymmetrical iconostasis from the middle of the 19th century, which lacks some characteristic elements and traditionally placed icons due to the small size of the temple. There is an all-wooden bell tower on the grounds.

www.unesconadosah.sk

Martin P. (Google reviews, 2020)

"A beautiful place. Definitely worth a visit. Nicely preserved from the outside, and inside it's like a fairy tale."

HRABOVÁ ROZTOKA, KALNÁ ROZTOKA, ŠMIGOVEC, ULIČSKÉ KRIVÉ, RUSKÝ POTOK, TOPOĽA (SNINA DISTRICT)

Each of the churches hides its treasures



Jaroslav B.
(Google reviews, 2019)
“The experience. It
is worth seeing and
especially feeling the
spiritual atmosphere of
wooden churches.”

Although at first glance it might seem that the wooden Greek Catholic churches of the Snina District are the same, this is not the case. In addition to the beautiful iconostases and interiors, which are a testimony to the carving and painting skills of the masters of the time, each of the churches can be proud of something specific.

In Hrabove Roztoka you can admire a unique cabinet made in the Gothic style. In Kalná Roztoka, for a change, the wooden Church of St. Basil the Great resembles a brick building, but in fact, the boards are only smeared with clay and white-washed. In Šmigovec, the Church of the Ascension of the Lord from 1755 is painted with clay from the inside and it hides a beautiful, hand-painted altar cross as well as other crosses for processions. The church in Uličské Krivé has low stone foundations, and it is decorated with icons from the 16th century. The Church of St. Michael Archangel in Ruský Potok preserves rare liturgical books printed with Cyrillic alphabet in the mid-17th century in Lviv and other Ukrainian cities. In Topoľa, the grounds of the church feature also a wooden bell tower from the second half of the 17th century. Which one will you visit first?

www.muzeum.sk

WHERE TO STAY AND EAT

Hotel Armales 4* | Stakčín | armales.sk

Vihorlat Resort | Sninské rybníky ponds – Snina | vihorlatresort.sk (R)

Cottage – Chalupa Gabriela | Ulič | megaubytovanie.sk

Cottage – Hafičová Chyža | Ulič | megaubytovanie.sk

Guest House – Penzión Poloniny | Ulič | megaubytovanie.sk

Apartment – Privát Kvetka | Zemplínske Hámre | megaubytovanie.sk

Lodge – Chata Belka | Remetské Hámre | hauzi.sk/chata-belka

Accommodation Beňatina | Beňatina | hauzi.sk/ubytovanie-benatina

Guest House – Penzión Maňa | Sobrance | FB @restauraciamana (R)

Gastrocentrum | Sobrance | gastroso.sk (R)



THINGS TO DO - EVENTS

June

Inauguration of the summer season at Zemplínská šírava

Z. šírava – Kaluža | dolnyzemplin.sk

Midsummer Bonfires over Šírava

Vinné – Vinné Lake | vinne.sk

International Gathering of Paragliders

Z. šírava – Kaluža | kaluza.sk

SunDance festival

Z. šírava – Hôrka | sundancefestival.sk

Holidays with Bobrík Šíravík

Z. šírava – Kaluža | thermalsirava.sk

Lecho Festival

Velké Kapušany | vkapusany.sk

World of Motorcycles – International Motorcycle Rally

Z. šírava – Hôrka | svetmotocyklov.sk

August



ANNUAL EVENTS

www.dolnyzemplin.sk | www.michalovce.sk

FEBRUARY

- **Medzibrožie Wine Tasting**
Královský Chlmec | kralovskychlmeck.org
- **Carnival – Fašiangy**
Museum and cultural centre of Southern Zemplín in Trebišov | muzeumtv.sk

APRIL

- **Urban – Blessing of Young Wine**
M. Trňa, V. Trňa, Viničky, Bara tokajregion.sk
- **Spring Fair**
Michalovce | michalovce.sk
- **Bird watching**
Senné | FB @avescentrum

MAY

- **Open Cellars Day**
Malý Horeš | malyhores.sk
- **Podvihorlatský Marathon and Michalovce Half-marathon**
Michalovce | michalovce.sk
- **Michalovce Spring Prize**
Michalovce | michalovce.sk
- **Folklore Festival Zemplínska heligónka**
Michalovce | zemplinskiheligonka.sk

JUNE

- **Midsummer Bonfires over Šírava**
Vinné-Vinianske jazero | vinne.sk
- **Inauguration of the summer season at Zemplínská šírava**
Z. šírava – Kaluža | dolnyzemplin.sk
- **Sobrance Delicacies**
Sobrance | sobrance.sk
- **Velký Hores Bike Marathon**
Velký Horeš | velkyhores.sk

JULY

- **Wine Days in Vinné**
Vinné | vinne.sk
- **Strolls Around the Town**
Michalovce | michalovce.sk
- **International Gathering of Paragliders**
Z. šírava – Kaluža | kaluza.sk
- **SunDance Festival**
Z. šírava – Hôrka | sundancefestival.sk
- **Holidays with Bobrik Šíravík**
Z. šírava – Kaluža | thermalsirava.sk

AUGUST

- **Lecho Festival**
Velké Kapušany | vkapusany.sk
- **Summer children's camp in the museum**
Michalovce | zemplinskemuzeum.sk
- **Zemplín Folklore Festival**
Michalovce | michalovce.sk
- **Zemplín Fair**
Michalovce | michalovce.sk
- **Zemplín Veteran Car Rally**
Michalovce | zemplinveteran.sk
- **World of Motorcycles – International Motorcycle Rally**
Z. šírava – Hôrka | svetmotocyklov.sk
- **Waggoner race**
Sobrance | sobrance.sk
- **Harvest – festival**
Museum and cultural centre of Southern Zemplín in Trebišov | muzeumtv.sk

SEPTEMBER

- **Tokaj Open Cellars Day**
Viničky, M. Trňa, V. Trňa, Slovenské N. Mesto | tokajregion.sk, tokajregion.sk
- **Tokaj Vintage**
Čerhov | cerhov.sk
- **Medzibodrožský Cultural Festival**
Královský Chlmec | kralovskychlmeck.org
- **Royal Bacchiae**
Královský Chlmec | kcmap.sk

OCTOBER

- **Tour de Tokaj**
M. Trňa, V. Trňa, Viničky, Čerhov tokajregion.sk
- **Velké Kapušany Fair**
Velké Kapušany | vkapusany.sk
- **Pumpkin Festival**
Streda nad Bodrogom stredanadbodrogom.sk
- **Folklore Festival Podhorodské slávnosti**
Podhorod | podhorod.sk

NOVEMBER

- **Mangalicafest**
Malý Horeš | malyhores.sk

DECEMBER

- **Christmas Market**
Michalovce | michalovce.sk



TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES AND SERVICES →

www.dolnyzemplin.sk | www.michalovce.sk

Tourist information office Michalovce

T: +421 56 686 41 05 | michalovce.sk

Tourist information office Vinné – Hôrka

T: +421 56 649 21 32 | vinne.sk

Tourist information office Kaluža

T: +421 56 687 15 70 | kaluza.sk

Tourist information centre Trebišov

T: +421 905 212 621 | tvc.sk

Tourist information centre Bodrogtour, Kráľ. Chlmec

T: +421 908 875 743 | bodrog-tisa.sk

Information centre Malý Horeš

T: +421 56 628 53 70 | malyhores.sk

Tokaj Tourist information office, Čerhov

T: +421 905 212 421 | tokajregion.sk

HOW TO GET HERE AND MOVE AROUND

BY CAR

the best choice how to move around the region | rentalcars.com

Uzhhorod – Michalovce

(39 km / 50 min)

Sátoraljaújhely – Michalovce

(56 km / 60 min)

Košice – Michalovce

(60 km / 60 min)

BY BUS

cp.sk | eurobus.sk | arrivami.sk

BY TRAIN

slovakrail.sk | cp.sk

CAR RENTALS

Gold Auto – car rental Michalovce

goldauto.sk | T: +421 949 509 777

admin@goldauto.sk

FlexiCars Michalovce

flexicars.sk | T: +421 948 483 528

info@flexicars.sk

BICYCLE RENTALS

Michalovce | cyklosport.sk

Tokaj | tokajmacik.sk

penzionaquamaria.sk

MOTORBOAT

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splavujeme.sk | plavba.sk



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