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A guidebook full
with tips for trips
around Lazy



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How to use this booklet

- In the index you can click on the title of the desired chapter to get to that chapter.
- To return to the index you can click on the arrow on the bottom of the page. 
- If you click on the google maps icon or on any **light blue** word, google maps will open to make navigation to that place easy. 
- All links to websites are **green**.
- A link to a page in this booklet is **orange**.

Please Note: Many Slovak museums consist of large collection cabinets and a mandatory tour (often in Slovak).

Not always fun for kids!

On Mondays most museums / castles are closed. At the first Sunday of the month the entrance is often free.

We hope you have a good stay with many nice trips.

Drive carefully, especially at night(fall) around the campsite because there is a lot of deer around!



About the campsite

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Welcome to our beautiful slice of paradise!. We wish you a pleasant stay! If you urgently need us and you do not see us outside, you can always use the bell at the sanitary block.

In the orchard behind the farm you'll find a play area, a small pool and picnic tables for common use. In the refrigerator you will find soft drinks, beer, wine, cheese, yogurt and eggs. It is self service. You can take what you need and write down what you took on on the back of your camping registration form at the cabinet and at your departure we will put it on your bill.

You can order fresh (goat) milk and freshly baked bread rolls. You can write down your order on the entry list close to the cabinet. You can pick up your order from 8 o'clock in the morning. We will write the order delivered on the back of your camping registration form.

We have our own biological treatment of waste water. It works on bacteria. To keep them alive, please flush only biodegradable products in your chemical toilets, regular shampoo, regular washing-up liquid and the toilet paper which is present in the restrooms. Please use the waste buckets in the restrooms for wet wipes etc.



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Dogs

Dogs are also welcome at Lazy. They can run free as long as they do not cause nuisance to other guests and (our) animals. Please do not bring your dogs along to the orchard, shed, toilet block, milking parlor or horse riding.

Campfire

At the campsite you can make a small campfire (note the diminutive small before fire!), unless otherwise specified by us. Do not start a fire when there are strong winds, approaching storms or extreme droughts. You can gather wood in the forest. Only use dead, lying wood. Starting a fire is at your own risk. Please consider your neighbors. **Always extinguish your fire before going to bed.** Use at least an entire bucket of water. You can use the buckets which are at the toilet block. You will also find goulash kettles, cooking plates and tripots there. Please clean them and put them back after use.

Feeding animals

Our pigs are true omnivores, they eat just about anything. The chickens are grateful recipients of excess old bread, etc. You are very welcome to feed the chickens and pigs – but at your own risk :) and always in their pens. Please note the pigs are behind an electric fence.



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Our other animals; the ponies, sheep, goats and dogs will become pushy when they are fed by visitors and herbivores are very sensitive to changes in diet. Therefore, we ask that you please do not feed them. Please make sure you do not leave any waste (eg. water balloons) in the grass / pasture areas that the animals can reach.

The garden of Lazy

The Lazy vegetable garden is freely accessible to everyone. You can harvest your own vegetables - organically grown and full of taste - for free! If you like gardening you are welcome to give us a hand, which we highly appreciate certainly during the months of May, June and July.

Pool

Our pool is free of use but only for those with a swimming certificate or under supervision. For younger children we have a paddling pool.

The ponies

During summer, from Monday to Saturday, we saddle our ponies Iris, Pjotr and/or Zorro. Anyone who would like can join in to have a few rounds of the paddock. Definitely fun for toddlers and children without riding experience. **If you are too small to mount a pony, please bring a parent along.**



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If you'd like to have a private session with the ponies, you can make an appointment with Bernadette. Do this well in advance because during the summer months we can have a very full program. 20 minutes individual with one of our ponies (saddling, brushing, riding) is € 5 – For real horse riding you can go to [Ranč u Ňuňa](#).

Milking goats

Our goats and sheep are milked twice daily in spring and once each day in summer. If you would like you can come and help during the afternoon milking session. If you come to help, please bring a clean pan or bowl with you. We milk our goats by hand. If children cannot milk independently the help with of a parent will be necessary.

Summer Sunday

During the summer there is no milking or horse riding on a Sunday. Instead there is face painting and other activities for children. For this we welcome volunteers (e.g. Parents). We will provide materials. Just tell us your ideas and we'll see how we can help organizing.

It is also possible to organize your own event e.g. Birthday party. Make your own invitations and feel free to borrow the Lazy party materials. Invite the other children on the campsite and you have a guaranteed memorable birthday!



Campfire recipes

Pancakes

Pancakes are fun and simple to make with a tray (or frying pan) over your campfire. Use: 500g of flour (hladka muka), 1l (goat) milk, 4 (lazy) eggs, a dash of oil and a pinch of salt. Mix well and fry in a hot pan / griddle with a little oil or margarine.

French bread (also good for Pizza base)

All you need is 300g of flour (hladka muka), 150ml of water, yeast (drozdie) and salt. Mix the ingredients and knead into a soft dough. If the mix is too dry, add a little water and if too sticky add some flour. Let the dough rise for one hour and then wrap in thin strings to wooden twigs from which you've removed the bark. Roast above your fire till brown (not black!)

A big pot of goulash

For goulash all you need is; 400g meat, 400g onions, 2-3 potatoes, 2 peppers (other vegetables as desired), 2 cloves of garlic, 250 ml of water, beer or wine and goulash spices. Cut the ingredients into cubes and chop the garlic very fine. Fry the meat in a little oil, add the onions, garlic and peppers until the onions are glazy. Add the spices and water. Everything should just be under the water. Let the mix simmer until the meat is tender. If necessary, add some more water. Add the potato cubes and cook until done. Serve with bread.



Some useful Slovak words

Good day	Dobrý deň
Hello / Hi	Ahoj
Goodbye	Dovidenia
Thank you	Dakujem
Yes/No	Ano / Nie
Good	Dobre
Beer	Pivo
Coffee	Kava
Tea	Caj
Ice cream	Zmrzlina
French fries	Hranolky
Pancake	Palancinky
Water	Voda
Where's...?	Kde je...?
Where is the toilet?	Kde je WC?
A beer, please	Pivo, prosím
Sorry	Prepáčte (<i>PREH-paach-tyeh</i>)
Help!	Pomoc!
I'm a vegetarian.	Ja som vegetarián.
Beef	Hovädzie mäso
Pork	Bravčové mäso
Chicken	Kur(č)a
Fish	Ryba



Supermarkets

TESCO Krupina Mon - Sun 6:00 to 21:00

COOP Krupina Mon - Sun 6:30 to 20:00

BILLA Krupina Mon - Sat 7:00 -21: 00,
sun 8:00 to 19:00

TESCO Balassagyarmat (HU)
Mon - Sun 6:00 to 21:00

COOP Litava Mon-Fri 6:15 -17: 00,
Tue & Sat until 11:00,

COOP Bzovík Mon-Fri 6:00 to 18:00,
Sat & Sun 12:00

COOP Čebovce Mon-Fri 6:30 to 17:00,
Sat 11:00 (bread stand in front)

LIDL Velky Krtis
Mon - Sun 7:00 to 21:00

BILLA Velky Krtis Mon - Sat 7:00 -21: 00,
sun 8:00 to 19:00

KAUFLAND Velky Krtis
Mon - Sun 7:00 to 22:00



Hikes and Geocaching

Hiking

The surroundings of Farm & Campsite Lazy offer very good hiking opportunities. We have detailed descriptions available for several hikes. You can find them at the cabinet at the sanitary block. You can also borrow one of our GPS receivers or download the hikes to your own smartphone. A detailed explanation can be found on [THIS](#) page of our website. We are happy to explain the use of the GPS before you set off on your hike, just ask! In the cabinet you will also find hiking maps and tourist information leaflets for the local area. The free app can be downloaded here:



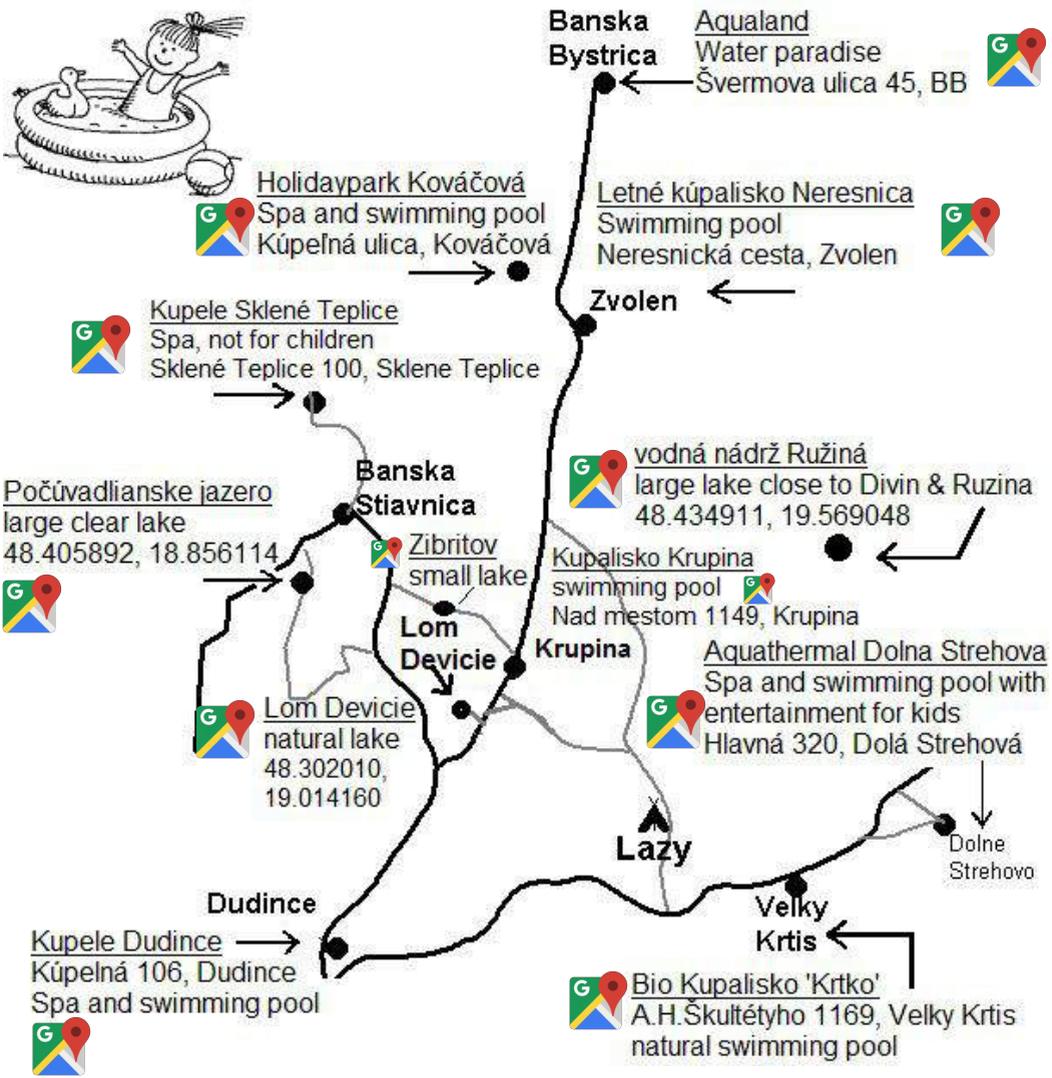
Geocaching

Geocaching is a treasure hunt using a mobile phone with GPS function or a GPS receiver. The fun of these treasures is that they are often hidden in the most beautiful places. A detailed explanation can be found on [THIS](#) page of our website or just ask for it, we are happy to help you on your way! The bold **GC codes** in this booklet refer to good caches. The free geocache app can be downloaded in Google Play or the Apple app store:



Swimming

Pools, lakes and spas.





Čabrad Castle Ruins (26 km)

To get to the ruins you'll have to go the first part by car. After parking your car the ruins are accessible via a not too difficult hike of about 5 kilometers.

The ruins of the Čabrad Castle are in the Krupinská planina plain in the south of Slovakia. This original castle was first mentioned in 1276 and built to guard the road leading to central Slovak mining towns. In the 16th century it was redesigned to counter the growing threat of the Ottoman armies. The Čabrad' Castle successfully resisted all Turkish raids. The Koháry family acquired the castle in the 17th century. They later moved into the more comfortable manor house in Svätý Anton and sadly had the castle burned in 1812. The castle is decaying ever since. The castle hill of Čabrad' and its environs are now a National Nature Reserve with the abundant occurrence of reptiles (grass snakes above all). It is freely accessible, fun to picnic or go Geocaching.

Access: The ruins are situated about 8 km from the campsite but no direct roads go there. To get there, go by car to Litava then Trpin, in the direction of Bzovik, just before Bzovik you take a sharp turn to the left (towards Drienovo). Continue to Čabradský Vrbovok and from there follow the signs to hrad Čabrad.



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The asphalt ends at a bus stop (left) with [a spot to park](#) on your right. From here the walk starts. Follow the blue and white signs (mainly on trees). Remember when walking that you always take the **downhill** path. Eventually you come to the Litava stream where a bridge gives access to the abandoned village. If you look up you will see the ruins. Just after the renovated building there is a hidden path which will take you up to the ruins. You take the same way back.

Geocache: [GC1Q2RX](#)



More information:

On [Wikipedia](#) you can find an interesting article and for those who speak Slovak we refer you to the website of the association [Rondel](#) that takes care of the ruin.





Hike to the Trumpet Stone (parking 7km)

The stone 'Trúbiaci Kamen' is situated approximately three kilometers from the campsite but because of the steep hills you will have to use a detour. You can walk there from the campsite or go the first part by car. From the [parking lot](#) it is an easy 20 minute walk.

According to tradition, the [Trumpet Stone](#) was used by the Ottoman invasion armies to orientate their troops through the densely wooded valleys around the village of Suchan. The stone has two holes which communicate through a huge hollow space beneath the stone. If you whistle in a certain way, it creates an echo that can be heard throughout the whole valley. The stone carries an inscription dating it back to 1572. There are very few people who can make the stone echo. Perhaps you can?

Access: If you go by car: To get to the parking you leave the campsite in the direction of Litava. You do not take the turn to Litava but continue straight in the direction of Zvolen/Suchan. After about 4 km there is a house on your left. Continue a little bit and turn right at the sign "Trúbiaci kamen". Please note that the sign has the habit to fall down.



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Follow this road all the way and park your car at the shelter. Now walk the first 100 meters with your back to the shelter, around the farm, and then then follow the path downstream. The trail is marked and there are information panels along the route (bring a dictionary :)). You will reach the stone after a short steep climb. The Trumpet stone is freely accessible and a fun place to picnic.

If you prefer to walk from the campsite, use [the hiking itinerary to Horne Plachtince](#) that you can find in the cabinet at the sanitary block and in the hiking app 'View Ranger'.





Lom Devičie (23 km)

About half an hour drive from the campsite you can find a very nice swimming lake in a beautiful natural setting. It is a former quarry (or 'lom'), maintained and owned by a local family. During the weekdays and in the mornings it is nice and calm, however in the afternoons and during weekends it gets lively with local youth. You can swim, angle and even bring your dog along. Entrance is €2,- p.p. and parking €1 - open daily from 10.00-19.00. When you're hungry after swimming, you can drive a little bit back on the main road where you'll find [Motorest Devičie](#).

Access: Just after the village Devičie (on the road towards Krupina - Sahy) there is a small sign, turn there (onto a dirt road) and drive up to the fence. You'll find it easier with [google maps](#). The coordinates of the beginning of the access road are: N48.2976398 E19.0211456 or written otherwise (check your navi-system) N 48°17'51.5" E19°01'18.1"





Fossils at the quarry of Příbelce

Nice for kids: If you want to find ancient fossils, the former sand quarry of Příbelce is a very good place to try your luck. Take a shovel and sieve with you (ask for it at the campsite). You might find shark teeth of approx. 16.7 million years old! At the quarry, you will see a wall of sand and around 50 meters in front of the wall an excavated pit. This pit is the best spot to find fossils. The best time to go is after a heavy shower. First take a good look at the pictures of the fossils on the information panel to know what you are looking for.



Sharks have been living on earth for about 400 million years. They continually shed their teeth; some Carcharhiniformes shed approximately 35,000 teeth in a lifetime, replacing those that fall out! In some areas, where a long time ago the surface was covered with water and not with land, shark's teeth are a commonly found fossil. Fossilized teeth generally are black, brown, tan or gray.



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Access: Leave the campsite and turn right towards Čebovce. At Čebovce go left towards Velky Krtis. Příbelce is the first village on this road. Turn left at the soccer field (on your right), just after the large industrial farm on your left. Follow the road straight through the village to the quarry. If you care about your cars paint, [park at the end of the tarmac](#) and walk the last few hundred meters.

Geocache: [GC2XP2Y](#)





Horse riding at Ranč u Ňuňa (4 km)

Only 4 km from our campsite is [Ranč u Ňuňa](#). Here you can go horse riding by appointment (**mostly during the weekends**). Recreational western riding under supervision in the beautiful surroundings (**for reasonable experienced riders only**) or in the corral for starters. Instructors sometimes speak English. Price: 12 Euro / hour.

To make an appointment you have to call a few days in advance. However if your Slovak is not so good then just ask us to do that for you (tel. 0908206113).

You will find Ranč u Ňuňa on the road to Litava (the white timber house with the red roof).





Krupina (23 km)

Krupina is the nearest town (+/- 8,000 inh.). It is one of the oldest towns in Slovakia and written records indicate that it dates back to 1135 although archaeological digs report that tools from the bronze ages were found. After the invasion and devastation by the Mongols in 1241/42, it was restored and was the first town to receive city rights in 1244. For sightseeing it doesn't have a huge amount to offer. East of the city you can find the [Vartovka tower \(N48.34925, E19.07884\)](#). To understand the need for this tower we will travel back in time to 1564 during the Hungarian-Ottoman war when the Turks invaded Slovakia doing much damage. It is 13 metres high (43 feet) and has been preserved today as a lookout tower for the public. The tower is freely accessible and you have a beautiful view over the city. A multi-cache has been hidden near the tower, for those with experience in geocaching: [GC1CW76](#)



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Krupina has several supermarkets ([see page 11](#)) and a number of restaurants. Some are mentioned here;

[Deaf Kebab](#) - kind of a snackbar (with sandwiches, a vegetarian menu, french fries and kebab) where people with hearing impairments work (hence deaf). This is close to the bus terminal in Krupina.

[City Bar](#) - address: Sládkovičova 2497, take the street left after the Bankrot shop. Only simple but real Slovak daily specials E +/- 3.50 - WiFi and children's play court. It is closed during the weekend.

[Pizzeria Calva](#) - address: Sládkovičova 32/1, just before the City Bar, quite good pizza (pizza only in the evenings!) and a daily lunchtime menu.

[Meeting Cafe](#) - address: Obchodna 1. Small lane to the right of the main street, opposite the park and town hall. Not a restaurant but a really nice place for coffee, tea and pastries. WiFi is available.

Krupina has a **small swimming pool**; [Kúpalisko Krupina](#), address: Nad mestom 1149 - in the north-eastern part of Krupina. Open Tues-Sun 9.00-19.00 Entrance: under 5 years is free, 6-15 years E2,00, older than 15 year E2,50

Geochaches: Turecke studne (Turkish Wells) a bit outside Krupina [GC2KG4P](#)

7.5 km dirt track, but nice surroundings: [GC1VNNX](#) 



Banská Štiavnica (42 km)

The nicest route from the campsite to Banská Štiavnica goes through Krupina and then once just outside the town turn left towards Žibritov. In Svätý Anton turn right, it's another five kilometers to Banská Štiavnica. Free parking at the [Coop supermarket](#), Address: [Mládežnícka 23, Banská Štiavnica](#). From there you have a short walk (uphill) to go to the city center. In the city center is paid parking.

The historic town of [Banská Štiavnica](#) is on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1993. In the 13th century the city was already known for the extraction of gold and silver. It was the most important mining town in the whole Habsburg Empire!

The main square (Námestie svätej Trojice) of the city is dominated by the plague column, the largest in Slovakia. Here you can also find the [tourist information center](#) (address: Námestie sv Trojice. 6) for city maps and information leaflets.



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What you should visit; There are two castles, the "[Stary zamok](#)" ([Old Castle](#)) and "[Novy zamok](#)" ([New Castle](#)), both of which have been turned into museums and are open for visitors. Both castles give a nice view of the city. **Geocache:** [GC4FYTR](#)

A pretty steep climb, but a special experience is to walk up the [Kalvaria](#). The access road is located on the outskirts of the city. Address: [Pod Kalvariou, Banska Stiavnica](#) (N48.46171, E18.91283). In May it is only open on weekends, June-Sept; entire week 10.00-16.00. At the moment restoration work is being carried out. The original paintings are exhibited at the Stary Zamok (old castle). The complex was built between 1744 and 1751, at the initiative of the Jesuit Priest František Perger. Today, it consists of nineteen wayside shrines, three churches, the building of the Holy Steps, and the sculptural collection of the Seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary under the Cross. The Calvary is built on top of Scharfenberg hill ("Sharp Hill"). The Kalvaria of Banská Štiavnica was seen as one of the finest in Europe. Today sadly, the Kalvaria is on the list of the 100 most endangered monuments in the world.



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The open-air mining museum ([Banské múzeum v prírode](#)) offers an interesting, 1300 meter long and 45 meter deep, underground excursion in mines dating back to the 17th century. Guided tours are every hour. The museum is located just outside the city. Address: [JK Hella 12](#). **Geocache:** [GC59X1K](#)

For those who like wood carvings, wooden toys and wooden souvenirs will enjoy a visit to the shop called Bethlehem, address: [Radnicne Namestie 11](#). For E1,50pp it sells a miniature Banska Stiavnica made entirely out of wood. Quite impressive!

Banska Stiavnica has several lakes, which are all accessible. The most well known and most beautiful is [Pocuvadlo](#) with clear water - just a few kilometers from the city (see the map for Swimming in this booklet). The lakes [Tajch Klinger](#) (road in front of the mining museum, N48.451386 E18.883147) **geocache:** [GCY6BJ](#) and [Tajch Veľká Vodárenská](#) (address: Pod Červenou studňou 635/20) are located on the outskirts of the city. On your way to Banska Stiavnica you will pass through the mountain village [Žibritov](#), here there is a small lake where you can swim. **Fun for children** is [Terra Permonia](#) "the crafts club" where they can indulge their curiosity and inquisitiveness in a special way. In the center of town, address: Radnicne námestie 14. Their [website](#) is in Slovak only. Entrance is E4 p.p.



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Some suggestions where to eat and drink:

-At the local [Brewery ERB](#) you can enjoy fine (and slightly more expensive) food between the brew kettles. Address: Novozámocká 132/2.

-[Tulsi](#) is a small restaurant, featuring vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free dishes. A special mix between the Slovak / Asian / Italian cuisine, very affordable (not for snobs or those who like haute cuisine). In the center near Terra Permonia. Address: Radnicne námestie 13

-[Divna Pani](#), a very nice place for coffee and pastries, with a play area for small children. Address: Andreja Kmeťa 120/8

-[4sochy Cafe](#) is a stylish cafe with excellent coffee and pastries and good food. Address: Kammerhofská 191/16

-After a long day in Banska Stiavnica fancy a takeaway? [BS Street Food](#) offers an interesting choice of local and international food, vegetarian, etc. Address: Remeselnicka 17

-Local dishes are on the daily menu of [Monarchia](#) served between 11-13:00h. You can also eat a la carte. Address: A. Sládkoviča 2

-Nice coffee, cakes and local hipsters can be found in [Stara Skola](#) (the Old School). Address: Andreja Kmeťa 121/9





Spa Sklené Teplice (57 km)

[The baths in Sklené Teplice](#), one of Slovakia's oldest spas, will warm your bones, relax your body and mind, and all in a gorgeous landscape. The Sklené Teplice sources are pure mineral water with temperatures of 38-52.3 ° C. You can choose from a variety of treatments, massages and sauna. You can find detailed information leaflets in the cabinets at the sanitary block. *Most treatments are by appointment only and not for children.* If you are interested then we can call for an appointment or you can try your luck to see if any English is spoken. Bring slippers/flip-flops and a bathrobe. Address: [Sklené Teplice 100, Sklene Teplice](#), tel +421456771061





The manor house **Svaty Anton** (37 km)

Svaty Anton is dominated by a classical baroque mansion built by the Koháry family who had acquired fame in the fight against the Ottoman armies and were connected to the Habsburg family. The mansion is now a [museum](#). You can choose from a large or small tour, with or without a guide, even in languages other than Slovak. Tue-Sun 9.00-16.00. Coming from the south and driving in the direction of Banska Stiavnica you will see the mansion at your right hand side.

A very good restaurant is situated on your left, just before the museum: [Stary Hostinec](#). They serve excellent, affordable, traditional Slovak food. Service with a smile (usually)! Address: Svaty Anton 81, Svaty Anton.

Geocache: [GCYT8M](#)





Sitno Mountain (44 km)

Sitno, the highest mountain of the Štiavnické mountains (1009 m), dominates the south-western horizon of Banská Štiavnica and can be seen from the campsite. On top of the mountain you can find the ruins of the Castle of Sitno. It was built in the 13th century on the site of a primeval castle. It's been a ruin ever since the 18th century. Accessible from the village Ilija (from campsite: 44 km), or [hiking to it from the lake Počúvadlianske Jazero](#) (from campsite: 51 km). From [Počúvadlianske jazero](#) there are two routes. Both are a combination of “yellow” and “blue” marked trails. Distance to the summit: 4 km. Elevation gain: 330 m. There is an easier trail with green marks from [Ilija](#). Even less experienced hikers will make it. **Geocache:** [GC17635](#)





Zvolen (47 km)

The city Zvolen is not known for its beautiful architecture or touristic places of interest. It however has an interesting castle ruin, an arboretum, a small indoor playground and some nice restaurants, just enough to spend half a day.

The surroundings of the city of Zvolen have been inhabited since the Old Stone Age. In the eleventh and twelfth centuries [Pustý hrad](#), one of the largest medieval fortresses, was built. Pustý hrad is also known as the abandoned castle of Zvolen, is reached after a steep climb of about 4 kilometers along a marked trail with information panels. The ruin, dating from the 12th century, covers an area of almost 8 hectares. It is one of the largest ruins in Europe. To get there from the campsite you follow directions "centrum" when you get to Zvolen. At the viaduct turn left, continue straight and follow the road past the ice hockey stadium. After about 200 m you will find the [parking spot](#) and the start of the hike. Free admission, great for picnics and there is a coffee shop at the ruin.

Geocache: [GC1511Y](#)



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[Arboretum Borova Hora](#), address: Borovianska cesta 61 - an arboretum with an area of 50 hectares with mainly European species, also houses Slovakia's largest rose garden with 800 varieties. There is also a small nursery where plant material is sold. In late May the rhododendrons bloom. Open Mon-Fri 7:00 to 15:00 Admission: E1 for Children and E2 for adults

Geocache: [GC6036Z](#)

[Detska Herna Safari](#) is a pleasant little indoor playground for children of 0-13 years old with a coffee corner and WiFi, perfect for a rainy day. Located behind the NAY Elektrodom. Address: Rakos 18 Zvolen. Mon-Sun 9.00-19.00. Free for adults, children older than 2 years 2,50E/Hour or 3,90E/day. Children younger than 2 years 1,00/day.

Recommended restaurants in Zvolen:

-[Bistro Chef](#), address: Namestie Slovenskeho Narodneho Povstania 27, small alley off the main square. Not a cheap place but good cuisine.

-[Season Home Cooking](#), address: Namestie Snp 23, central square. A little expensive but high quality.

-[Čajovna na zámku](#), address: Námestie SNP 1. Perculiar (alternative) tea house in the courtyard of the new castle. Closed on Mondays.



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-[Salas Niva](#), on the road from Krupina to Zvolen, is a nice local roadside restaurant, Slovak cuisine, Slovak menu :) very affordable. Mon-Sun 11:00 to 19:00

In the summer months the outdoor swimming pool '[Letné kúpalisko Neresnica](#)' in Zvolen is open from Mon-Sun 9.00-18.00u, address: Neresnická cesta, Zvolen (on your right at the entrance of Zvolen). Can be busy.

Between Zvolen and Banska Bystrica is the [Holiday Park Kováčová](#) with a number of pools with water from local hot springs. Also indoor spaces, so nice on a rainy day. Address: Kúpeľná ulica, areál Termálneho kúpaliska, Kováčová.

Pusty Hrad





Hronsek (60 km)

The wooden [Evangelical church of Hronsek](#) is under the protection of UNESCO since 2008. This church, with 1,100 seats, was built without a single nail! The church has a floor plan in the shape of an uneven cross; The long arm is 23 meters, the short one 18m. The church is 8 meters high and has 5 entry points and 30 windows. The structure is completely made of solid oak and spruce. Inside the church the ceiling looks like an inverted ship. There are elements of Scandinavian architecture.

Another special feature is that the benches have been placed in a theatrical way. Address: [Augusta Horislava Krčméryho 8, Hronsek](#).(48.65250, 19.15667). Visit between 10.00-17.00 and/or by appointment, tel. 000 421 48/418 81 65. There is not always someone there, but if you take the time to visit the church on the outside, sometimes the key holder herself emerges.





Banská Bystrica (70 km)

You can go to Banská Bystrica through Krupina and Zvolen. From Zvolen you can use the direct toll road (vignette needed!) or the secondary road through Kovacova.

Banská Bystrica was founded in the ninth century. Historically Banská Bystrica is also a famous medieval mining town. The city boasts many historical monuments of that period. For city maps and information leaflets, please contact the [Informačné center](#) of Banská Bystrica on the central square (address: Námestie SNP1).

You can get a wonderful view of the city and the lovely central city square from the [Clock tower 'Hodinová Veža'](#), located at the top of the Námestie SNP square. The tower is quite crooked; 68 cm off balance. The tower was built in 1552 as part of the prison and is open to the public, 101 wooden steps take you to the highest point.

For those addicted to shopping there is the [Europa Shopping Centre](#) at the entrance to the city. Address: After Troskách 25. You can park in the garage under the mall.



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Banska Bystrica has a lot of good restaurants. Some are mentioned here:

-A nice place for a coffee is [Leroy's Bar & Café](#), on the main square (address: SNP14).

-[Bašta restaurant](#), next to the SNP Museum address: Kapitulska 23. The building itself has a long history and was once part of the fortifications of the city.

-[Angels](#) Address: Horná 25, more exclusive and expensive restaurant in the center.

-[Pigis](#), with a small menu (vegetarian options available) is also a little more expensive and uses mainly local products. Address: Dolná 50.

You can swim in the large [Aqualand water park](#) with several swimming pools and water slides, address: Švermova ulica 45, Banska Bystrica.





Harmanecká jaskyna cave (81 km)

About 16 kilometers north west of Banska Bystrica in the village Dolný Harmanec is the [Harmanecká jaskyňa cave](#). The cave is accessible by a steep 50-minute walk with an attitude gain of 250 meters. The cave is known for its white stalactites. Every hour there are guided tours. The length of the cave is 2769 meters. Make sure to take warm clothes! Open from 15th of May till the end of September. Tue-Sun from 10.00 to 16.00 Address: [Harmanecká jaskyňa, Dolný Harmanec](#).





Velky Krtis and Surroundings (21 km)

Velky Krtis is an excellent town for lovers of hideous but authentic eastern europe architecture :).

Reasons to visit Velky Krtis may include:

-[Movino](#) - big wine producer (former state wine cooperative) with wine store - Address: Osloboditeľov 31, Mon-Fri: 7:00-15:30, Thu-Fri: 7:00-17:00, often closed around lunchtime.

-[Bio kúpalisko 'Krtko'](#) - beautiful natural swimming pool, address: AHŠkultétyho 1169, Mon-Sun 9:00-20: 00 Very fun for little kids!

And there are affordable restaurants in the area:

-[Adub](#), address: A.H.Skultetyho 115, closed on Sundays, large portions:).

-[Sahib](#), address: Nemocničná 2, a strange but interesting blend of Italian, Slovak and Indian cuisine (not for purists).

-[Slovenska Haluskaren](#), address: AH Škultétyho 20, Slovak specialty restaurant. Mon-Fri: 10:00-16:00

-[Pizzerria Lamami](#), address: Mierová 715/1. Italian restaurant, closed on Sundays.

There are also a number of large supermarkets, see the [supermarket section](#) of this booklet.



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Just before Velky Krtis is the originally **Gothic castle of Modrý Kameň** (24 km) dating from about 1137. In the high-days of the Hungarian kingdom it was one of the most important castles in the defense against the Ottoman armies. It was largely destroyed during the years 1575-1593. Besides the original castle, the Balass family built a baroque mansion in 1730. This mansion is now the Museum of Puppet Culture and Toys.

The museum is not very interesting for children, you get an exhaustive tour (often only in Slovak) along the many display cabinets. Open Mon-Sun 9:00 - 7:00 1. Address: [Zamocka 1 Modrý Kameň](#).
Geocache: [GC4W9QE](#)





Stará Hora (33 km)

In [Stará Hora](#) you will find a collection of over one hundred wine houses in the wine cellars carved into the volcanic rock. It is located on the southern slopes of the Štiavnické vrch. Since the old days this area is known for its excellent wines. The typical houses from the 18th and 19th centuries, often no more than one or two rooms, used to be occupied by the winemakers of the region. The cottages are no longer inhabited but still used for making wine. In weekends you can get lucky and see a local winemaker at work. On other days, it is an abandoned village where you can stroll quietly through. This national monument to folk architecture is something beyond Sebechleby. You take the road to Litava, then Trpin and onto Bzovík. At Bzovík go straight towards Hontianske Nemce then towards Sebechleby. After this village, take the right turn at the sign and continue up to [Stará hora](#).





Ipolytarnóc Geopark - Hungary (55km)

Ipolytarnóc ([N 48.23668 E 19.62675](#)) is a village in northern Hungary. Nearby fossils have been found from 17-23 million years ago! This area has been nicknamed "the prehistoric Pompeii".

The Geopark comprises of a visitor center with a permanent exhibition, a 3D and 4D film presentation will take you along a breathtaking journey to prehistory and an outdoor geological discovery trail. Also fun for kids. Closed on Mondays. They have a [website](#) in English and Hungarian.

Entrance fee for the guided geological trail, including 3D movie in the Conservation Hall:

Adult – 1 500 Ft/person (approx. £4.50)

Children – 900 Ft/person (approx. £2.50)

4DX motion theatre in the Visitor Centre:

1 500 Ft/person

You can pay cash (Hungarian Forint) and with your credit card for the tickets.

Geocache: [GC33EAG](#)





Divin Castle ruins (62 km)

A beautiful ruin located next to a [lake 'Ružiná'](#) . The water reservoir Ružiná is among those with the warmest water in Slovakia. You can swim here or rent a boat. There are some simple restaurants in the nearby village, like [Pizza & Restaurant Paládium](#) . The ruins of the [Castle Divín](#), situated not far away from the dam, are perfect for a nice and undemanding walk.

You can drive there along the southern route (62 km) and then get back via the northern route (Podkriváň - Stara Huta - Senohrad). Coordinates of the castle: 48.44944,19.5325





Kremnica (80 km)

The town has a rich mining history. The gold mined here was of such good quality that in 1335 Kremnica issued its own ducat, which was used throughout the area as payment and later also across the Hungarian Empire and Czechoslovakia. You can visit the currency museum and make your own ducats in the [Mincovna Kremnica](#). Address: Štefánikovo námestie. They have a [website](#) with english translation available. This small town also has a [castle](#) (open to visitors) with a church and a thick fortification wall around the city. There is also a tourist office: [Kulturne a informačné center Kremnica](#), address: Štefánikovo námestie 35/44.

-[Silvanus](#) is a restaurant with game on the menu, Štefánikovo namestie 33/40.

-[Modrý Kocúr](#) (the Blue Cat) has a more international kitchen.

There is also a nice outdoor swimming pool in Kremnice which is open in July and August: [Termálne kúpalisko Katarína](#) (the water is from own hot thermal springs) On Mondays opening is limited, other days 9.00-18.00 (after 15.00 there is a discount on admission) address: Jula Horvátha, Kremnica.





Šomoška castle (86 km)

Address: Vároldal ulica, šiatorská bukovinka ([N48.17142, E19.85699](#)). [Šomoška](#) is situated on the border between Slovakia and Hungary. In the park-like landscape around the castle you can witness two special geological phenomena: a “waterfall” of basalt and “basaltic sea”. Rather far from the campsite, but definitely worth the drive and you pass [Dolná Strehová](#) (swimming pool and thermal baths). It is especially interesting for those who are curious about geological phenomena, you might like to read the [information brochure](#) for the Nogard geopark. **Access:** drive to the parking lot in front of the Nature Reserve and continue on foot via instructive path, following the green hiking marks takes about 45 minutes. Closed on Wednesdays.

Geocache: [GC16TZA](#) and two interesting caches for geology enthusiasts in the area: [GC32J7M](#) & [GC5ZJDT](#)





Balassagyarmat (22 km)

Balassagyarmat is the nearest town in Hungary. The town is situated on the banks of the river Ipoly, which forms the border between Slovakia and Hungary. It is a small town with several shops and restaurants. There is also a very big [Tesco supermarket](#).

In Balassagyarmat there is an excellent pastry shop where you can enjoy very affordable and delicious cakes and ice cream: [Jagyutt Cukrászat](#) address: Bajcsy-Zs. Utca 12, Balassagyarmat. Another nice place for pastry and ice cream is [Totra Pont](#). Good pizza is found at [Pizzeria Trattoria Dolce Vita](#).

On the south side of the town, at the end of a long track, lies the [Nyírjesi Fűvészkert és Vadaspark](#) (48.0637747,19.2531981 - Nyírjes), a botanical garden and small wildlife park (local species).





Budapest (120 km)

The internet offers good information on this beautiful city like [wikitravel](#) (online) or a [city guide](#) (pdf-offline), and you can download the public transport app in the [App Store](#) or on [Google Play](#).

By public transport you can go to Budapest from **Balassagyarmat**. You can [park](#) at Tesco, next to the bus station. There is a convenient place to get some Hungarian Forints at the ATM inside the Tesco building. Buses leave almost every hour and take you to subway station [Ujpest-Városkapu](#) in 1.5 hours for +/-€ 7. From there you can take the metro to the heart of Budapest. Those 65 years or older travel free on public transport in Hungary.

If you really want to explore Budapest we recommend to do it with the highly qualified guide Mrs. **Gyöngyi Mulder** Tel.: 0036303454339
Besides english, she also speaks dutch!

If you want to stay overnight in Budapest you can book a last minute room at [booking.com](#) or [airbnb](#), and leave your tent / caravan safe on our campsite.



Budapest with children

The [Margarethe island](#) is a great place for active children. There are swimming pools and large lawns with playgrounds. Also, the Margarethe island is car-free. At the [Train Museum](#) ([website](#)) you can admire a large collection of antique locomotives and rail cars. There are activities for children like sitting on the driver seat of a real steam locomotive, driving a super-modern electric train in a simulator and operating all kinds of model railways. From the train museum you can take a train ride through the hills of Budapest with magnificent views over the city. Where: Tatai út 95, Budapest. [Szechenyi Thermal Baths](#): Budapest is famous for its thermal baths. It is one of the main reasons why the Romans settled here. The [Szechenyi baths](#) are among the largest in Europe and consist of various indoor and outdoor pools, some of which are over 100 years old. Address: Állatkerti krt. 9-11. [Állakert Zoo](#): Budapest has two zoos, of which [Állakert](#) is the larger. This zoo is located near the Városligeti park (next to the Fair) and is more than 100 years old, so the magnificent architecture of that time alone is worth a visit. In the [Városliget city park](#) of Budapest you can relax in the park and your kids can go jump on the trampolines, go rowing, water cycling or even go for a swim because there is also a swimming pool in the city park.



Northern Hungary

The village of [Hollókő](#) (70 km N47.99748, E19.59205) in northern Hungary is a complete museum village. It is on the list of UNESCO World Heritage and consists of 58 houses and a church with whitewashed walls. The houses are built against the slope of the Cserhat mountain and have a typical building of hipped roofs and wooden balustrades. Within the village there are a few houses which give host to handicraft workshops, others to museums, exhibition houses and so on. There is also an exhibition area in the national park with fossils and archaeological finds. A trip back in time.

-[Duna-Ipoly National Park](#) (70 km) Nice [park](#) for nature lovers and hikers e.g. in the [Börzsöny Mountains](#) (click on the link for details).

-The [Kemence Forestry Museum Railway](#) (50km) is a unique 600mm narrow gauge [railway](#) at Hungary: all maintenance is done by volunteers who renew and rebuild the old engines, restore the abandoned and destroyed track and drive the engines on the line.

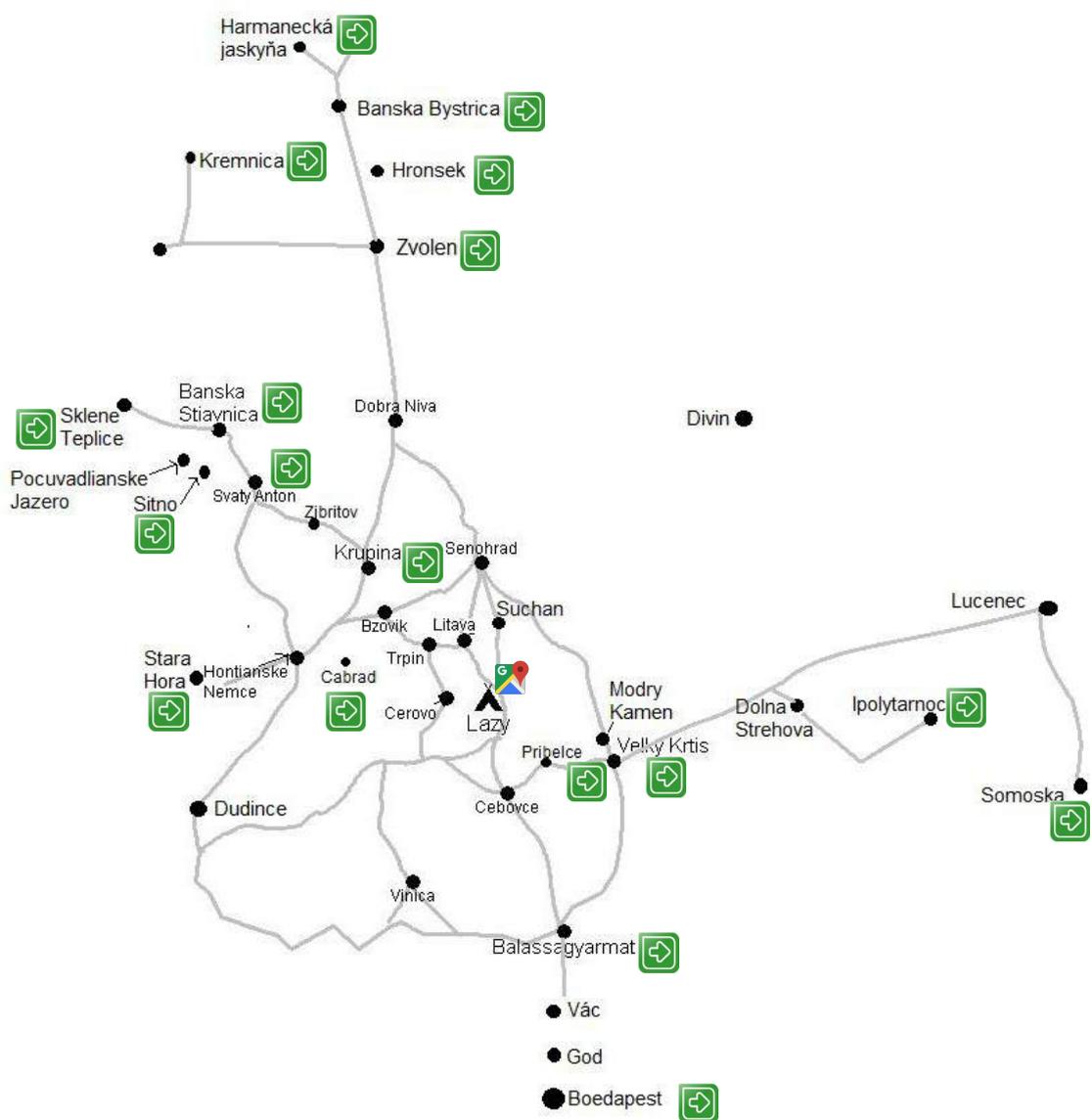
For active children (around 6 years): from Thursday to Sunday, [Climbing and activity park Dunakaland](#) (83 km) Address: Kek Duna utca 34, God



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