

Ladies and gentlemen

We would like to show you attractive places in Prešov region as well as in Europe. Please, now make your selection.

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Sights of Prešov region

Favourable geographical location and direct motorway connection with Košice airport make **Prešov** a perfect starting point of the journey. You can enjoy strolling down a scenic city centre decorated with sights of sacral as well as secular architecture eventually visit unique technical monument of European importance – *Solivar Salt Plant* – where rock salt was gained in special way called boiling of brine.

Nearby Prešov, Slanské Mountains run hiding extraordinary treasure – *Dubník* opal mines. Noble opal mining in this region dates back to Pre-Roman times. The mines used to be the only source of noble opal in Europe.

Next stop of the journey is unusual town of **Levoča** which, thanks to its charming renaissance architecture, has been included in UNESCO World Heritage List. The town Hall and the Church of St. Jacob, where the highest gothic wooden altar in the world can be found, are undoubtedly marvels of architecture.

Not far from Levoča one can admire the largest castle complex in Central Europe – Spiš castle. The experience of visiting is even reinforced by performances of swordsmen and craftsmen in period costumes. Its majesty has fascinated Hollywood film-makers as well.

When it is sunny weather one can, from the castle tower, see the crown of Slovakia, **Tatras**. Majestic mountain range will charm you with its beauty. Except for ski slopes, hiking tracks and natural wonders such as waterfalls or lakes visitor can enjoy fascinating view from Lomnický Peak, which is connected to Tatranská Lomnica by cable car. If you prefer more active vacation, high-elevation cottages should be ideal for you.

Tatras are also known for their typical culture and traditions. The best example is rather small, however, interesting village of *Ždiar*. Staying in this distinctive goral settlement is real balsam for your soul. Atmosphere of wooden houses and scenery of the High Tatras that you can enjoy during carriage ride is priceless. Annual goral folklore festivals will tell you more about history of this region. There are lots of hiking tracks, skiing and if it is not enough, nearby you can explore depths of the Earth in the Belianska Cave, or admire nature during rafting the *Dunajec* river.

Raft ride begins in **Červený Kláštor**, former seat of Cartusian monks, where you can peep into monkish life. Genius loci of monastery has attracted even staff filming biographical movie *The Flying Cyprian* telling story of dispenser working in this region. One of expositions in this museum is devoted to his life too.

Raft ride continues through picturesque scenery of Pieniny. It takes about one and half hours and visitors can eventually try many facilities such as renting a bike or riding a horse.

The very last stop of exploring wonders in Prešov region is **Bardejov**. You will be charmed by medieval square of this quaint town. Aesthetically valuable is especially the townhall and unique Church of St. Egidius, of course.

Behind Bardejov fortifications lies Bardejov spa, oasis of peace,. Eight healing springs, mild microclimate and captivating surroundings create combination guaranteeing relaxing in every season. Spa famous for healing digestive and respiratory diseases were visited by Austrian-Hungarian Empress Elisabeth of Bavaria, also known as Sissi. Spa guests have opportunity to see life of typical Šariš village in local open-air museum.

Bardejov neighbourhood is full of unique wooden churches built without a single nail. The most remarkable is the one in village Hervatov erected in the 15th century.

Sights of Europe

Visiting of Spanish town Granada will take you into the world of Thousand and One Nights tales . Former Muslim rulers of Andalusia left us sample of marvellous Islamic architecture fortress complex known as **Alhambra**. This pearl set in emeralds of woods and parks surrounding it will fascinate you.

Country of two faces – that is historical island **Le Mont Saint- Michael**. The most significant sight on the island is monastery church, its crypts and chapels, and gardens, of course. The island and its gothic monuments have been enrolled on UNESCO list. The only connection with mainland are dam and car parks sometimes flooded during the full moon.

Bavaria in Germany hides priceless treasure – The **Neuschwanstein** castle. Even the very first glance is satisfactory to understand why the castle was used as a sample for Disneyland's Sleeping Beauty Castle. It is wonderful, picturesque and one would not believe that it was erected just in the 19th century.

Not far from Krakow in Poland **Wieliczka** Salt mine lies. This 300 km long mine continuously produced table salt from the 13th century till 2007. It features a 3.5-km touring route for visitors that includes historic statues, mythical figures even a large cathedral and reception room that can be reserved for private functions such as weddings or private parties. Really amazing experience.

Český Krumlov, small town in South of Czech republic, is famous for the fine architecture and art of the historic old town. Český Krumlov Castle is unusually large for a town of Krumlov's size; within the Czech Republic it is second in extent only to the Hradčany castle complex of Prague. Inside its grounds are a large garden, an extensive bridge over a deep gap in the rock upon which the castle is built. The castle itself in turn consists of many defined parts dating from different periods of time. The castle preserves its Baroque theatre complete with original stage machinery, scenery and props: one of only a few such court theatres that still exist. There are also music festival and cultural events in the town. You can also enjoy sailing the Vltava river.

