

# Explore Slovakia's winter wild side

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## Ryanair launches Poprad-Tatry Airport flights from London

Great news for ski-loving families looking for amazing winter sports holidays at amazing prices. Ryanair has launched and will operate four weekly flights between Poprad-Tatry Airport and London Stansted. This makes it easier and cheaper than ever to take your family on a dream ski holiday. Ryanair will now join Wizz Air as two major airlines flying to Poprad from the UK. [Book flights at ryanair.com](https://www.ryanair.com)

## An invitation awaits to Slovakia's Tatras and Liptov region

Slovakia's Tatras and Liptov region offers world-class ski infrastructure, terrain and après-ski to rival the western Alps, while also being exceptional value for money. We have created and curated a skier's paradise, offering adrenaline-fuelled ski runs to gentle inclines for families and beginners. Your invitation awaits within the "little big mountains of Europe"!

## Westminster Abbey will be created at the Tatra Ice Dome

A popular winter attraction for all the family to enjoy is the Tatra Ice Dome at Hrebienok. Sculptors create a new ice dome at the beginning of each winter, with a new theme. This year's ice sculpture will recreate London's Westminster Abbey, which follows on from Barcelona's Sagrada Familia and Vatican City's St. Peter's Basilica. There is no entry fee and it's best to visit when the dome is freshly carved.

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## Jasna to host the Women's FIS World Cup in January

The Women's Audi FIS World Cup slalom and giant slalom will return to Jasna Ski Resort from 20-21 January 2024. Come and see the world's best female skiers, including Slovak alpine ski racer Petra Vlhová, compete on the northern slopes of Mt. Chopok. [See worldcupjasna.sk/en](https://www.worldcupjasna.sk/en)

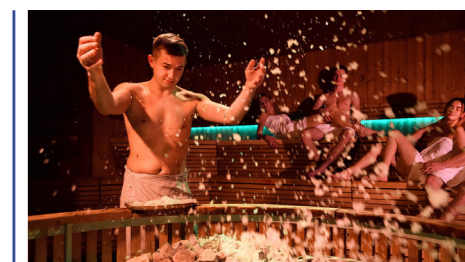


## Reasons to visit

- **World-class resorts:** Jasna, Tatranska Lomnica and Strbske Pleso are the three main ski resorts providing 70km+ of ski slopes.
- **Value for money:** some hotels offer ski passes and aqua park passes as standard.
- **Summits:** 50 peaks at more than 2,000m with epic vistas. The highest peak in the High Tatras is Gerlachovsky Mt at 2,655m, the second is Lomnický Mt (2,633m).
- **Geothermal waters:** the region's top aqua parks and thermal springs are open all year round – check out Tatrallandia, Besanova and AquaCity.
- **Other top attractions:** mountain resorts, medieval castles, wooden folk architecture, and spectacular cave networks.

## Quirky winter activities for all the family

- **Dogsledding excursions:** a long-held sporting tradition.
- **Ice skating inspiration:** ice rinks can be found everywhere. If weather permits, skate on Strbske Pleso (lake), the highest located ski resort in the region.
- **Sledding:** one of the best places to sled is the well groomed and lit 2.6km-long sledge track leading from Hrebienok down to Sary Smokovec.
- **Bucket-list bikini ski race:** one for the adults. Let your hair down at the annual downhill "bikini skiing" race at Jasna Ski resort in March.



## Did you know?

- Since 1993, the Tatras have been declared a biosphere reserve by Unesco.
- Slovakia's High Tatras Region was voted No. 1 destination to visit on Lonely Planet's "Best-in-Europe" listing in 2019.
- Slovakia hosted ice hockey's 2019 IIHF World Championship.
- Poprad (above) was named by ACES Europe as one of the 2023 European Cities of Sport.
- Petra Vlhová, ski slalom gold medallist at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, was born and raised next to Jasna Ski Resort.
- The region's longest ski slope is at Tatranska Lomnica Ski Resort, measuring 6km in length and a vertical difference of 1,300m.

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