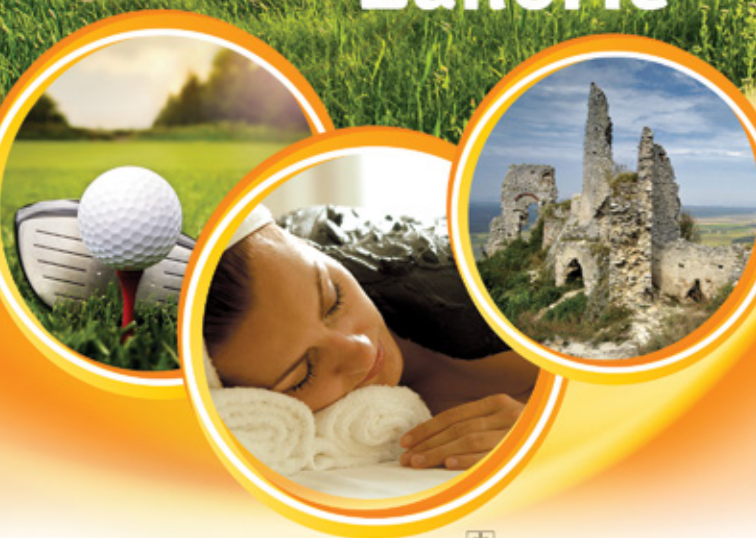


# ZÁHORIE

a world of differences

## A Guide to Experiencing Záhorie



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## Záhorie Region

# Záhorie – a world of differences

Záhorie is a landscape full of dense forests, vast fields and meadows, protected areas, lakes and ponds, old ruins and manor houses, chapels and many other attractions.

Záhorie has typical pine and floodplain forests and sandy soil. Here the wind is often blowing, so it is said that if it were not for the pine trees, Záhorie would have become Slovakia's Sahara with tall sand dunes.



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This unique area of sand has long been used by the army for testing and researching military technology. In summer the largest and most gathering of historical military vehicles by military history clubs in Slovakia takes place here, called Sahara and Slovakia Sands.

Záhorie is also a country of lakes. Most of them originated from the extraction of sand and gravel. Here in the shade of the pine forest is an ideal place to relax during the summer.

But Záhorie is more than just a land of lakes and dessert, but also a Slovakia version of Texas, with plenty of oil and gas engineers. Oil rigs and wells are themselves an intrerestng highlight to see as you wander through the countryside.



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“Black gold” first began to be extracted here over a century ago in 1914. Two years earlier, a local inventor named Ján Medlen happened by chance to strike oil while he was digging drainage channels in the marshy land. After lighting his pipe and dropping this lit match, he was shocked to see the ground beneath him suddenly flare up. The frightened Ján fled to the village shouting that the gates of hell had been found. But it was natural gas which Ján had discovered, and he soon invented a way to exploit his finding. In the summer of 1913, geologists came to Gbely to explore with drilling rigs. Besides gas, they soon also located crude oil.

Natural gas extraction has turned Záhorie into a remarkable place still somewhat shrouded today in Russian secrecy. During the 1950s, there was a fire at a gas well in Plavecký Štvrtok with the subsequent explosion toppling the drilling tower. People as far away as Bratislava could supposedly read newspapers in the light generated by the burning rig. At the site of the disaster is a lake called Fujiyama, where leaking gas is still bubbling today. There is talk of divers having several times examined the lake, looking for the fallen drilling rig. But no one has ever reached the bottom. Today the lake attracts both curiosity seekers and fishermen alike.



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Záhorie is one of the best preserved lowlands found in Central Europe. The basin created by the Dyje (Thaya), Morava and the confluence of the Morava and Danube has the nature of the

meadowland our ancestors knew. The uniqueness of the area is illustrated in the geological bedrock consisting mainly of sandy sediments whose location and is unique in Europe.

A 23-kilometer long nature trail winds along the bank of the river, acquainting visitors with the gorgeous plant and animal life present. Equally interesting is the history of the river itself.

After several decades of the riverbank being cordoned off with barbed wire, the victims of the Iron Curtain are remembered with a monument placed along the Maria Theresia cycling bridge.

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An integral part of Záhorie is the Little Carpathians, whose beautiful appearance adds to the region's panorama along its entire length. The mountain range rises directly from the banks of the Danube River and runs to the north of the region. Tranquil forests rich in timber, minerals and animal life have attracted people from antiquity. Dominions were established here in the past by influential aristocrats, but today the Little Carpathians is a paradise for hikers and mountain bicyclists.

What sets the Little Carpathians apart is its beauty. The limestone karst provides richness in a relatively small area with underground and surface formations such as features such as sparkling springs, underground rivers, caves and sinkholes.







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Several of the caves are important paleontological and archaeological sites, such as Deravá skala above Plavecký Mikuláš or Pohanská Cave on the hill of the same name overlooking Plavecké Podhradie. The region is also characterized by favorable weather conditions. Upper Záhorie is one of Slovakia's most extensive wine growing regions, while Central Záhorie is known for its asparagus fields and Lower Záhorie is a favorite place for mushroom pickers.



# History and Monuments

Evidence discovered at the Deravá Skala Cave near Plavecký Mikuláš suggests Záhorie had been settled as far back as the Stone Age.

Over the next thousands of years, different cultures and nationalities lived mainly along the Morava River and on the sand dunes of the Borská Lowlands.

Findings of Bronze Age amber jewelry indicate that the famous Amber Road leading from the Baltic Sea to the Adriatic even supplied the area along the Morava River. Discoveries from the Iron Age also show Záhorie gradually transforming into an agricultural community.

The first inhabitants whose names are known were the Germanic and Celtic tribes that built an extensively fortified town on Pohanská Ridge above Plavecké Podhradie. The Celts minted coins – Biatecs – that have been found in Malacky and Gajary. After these tribes came the Romans, who built a military camp in the territory where Stupava is now located. The remains of that camp are still there today. Trade between the Romans and the Barbarian tribes were conducted there. It was around the 6th century that the Slavs came to Záhorie and gradually settled it densely.

After the Kingdom of Hungary was established, Záhorie became a frontier zone separating it from the Kingdom of Bohemia and the Kingdom of Austria. The Székely tribes protecting the border and their Slavic name of Plavci can be seen in Plavecký Castle, Plavecké Podhradie, Sekule (Székelyfalva) and other towns.

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In the 13th century, the Dominion of Plaveč (Blasenstein) was established in Lower Záhorie, later to be acquired by the well-known aristocratic Pálffy Family. A monument to this era is the manor house in Malacky. With the arrival of the Pálffys, a new era began for Malacky as it became the center of administration and education for Lower Záhorie.

Meanwhile in Upper Záhorie, King Louis I of Hungary granted Skalica privileges of a free royal city(1372). The city received the right to fortify its walls, the residents did not have to pay taxes and other fees, goods produced in Skalica were exempted from thirty tithing and tolls, and the city was given the right to execute.



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Another city worth mentioning is Holíč, which in 1205 already had a castle and had become the administrative seat of the county and later an established feudal estate. It has been ruled by distinguished monarchs ranging from Matthias Csák Trenčényi to Francis Stephen I of Lorraine and Maria Theresia. The Napoleonic Wars were an important milestone in Holíč's history, when the Russian Army retreated to the city from the Battle of Austerlitz. Preliminary negotiations were conducted in the Holíč manor house in 1805 leading to the Peace of Pressburg.

Senica received its first privileges in 1396. The city's significance grew together with the major Bohemian road that ran through it. Later Senica suffered religious upheavals, military unrest and rebellion by its residents alongside devastation by the Turks. But the city never surrendered and once again experienced economic growth during the reign of Maria Theresia.



### Rotunda of St. George Skalice

The oldest monument in the city of Skalica was likely constructed in the 10th- 11th century. The 15th century wall paintings depicting two scenes from the legend of St. George are precious. The rotunda was declared a National Cultural Landmark in 1970.





### **Parish Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Skalica**

Besides the main altar, there are nine gilded by-altars. The Gothic tower offers a spectacular view of the city.



### **Jesuit Church of St. Francis Xavier, Skalica**

The church altarpiece inside is one of the largest Baroque examples in Slovakia. An interesting attraction is the underground crypt.



### **Pilárik Brothers Mill, Skalica**

Originally a water mill, it was rebuilt to house a new, cutting-edge electric drive system. For decades it served residents in the city, and today it welcomes tourists.



### **Icehouse, Skalica**

In the past, it served to preserve food. The ice is to consider it of surface water dog sledding. Today there visitors will find a restaurant and "Hell for children."



### **Franciscan Church of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows and Monastery, Skalica**

Construction started of this extensive monastery in 1467. The biggest attraction here is the Black Kitchen, where the traditional Skalický trdelník is made. There is also the Franciscan Garden including the longest preserved section of Skalica's former city walls.

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### Skalica Cultural Center

Constructed by architect Dušan Jurkovič in 1905, the pride of this building is its large theater hall, whose walls and curtain are adorned with figure-themed paintings. Exhibits from the Záhorie Museum are shown on the upper floor.



### Church of St. Margaret of Antioch, Kopčany

This Gothicized, originally Romanesque church is one of the oldest architectural monuments found in Záhorie. Its origins have yet to be researched in detail.



### Imperial and Royal Stud Farm, Kopčany

Its existence was documented in the 18th century and even Emperor Francis I raised his horses here. The adjacent meadows and forests became a place for grand hunts by the Imperial family and their guests. Besides the breeding farm, the Imperial Family also had the Lorraine Fishpond in Kopčany for catching wild ducks, with a building that today is called the Kačenáreň (Duck House). However, today there are only ruins.

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### Holíč Castle, Holíč

The Late Baroque manor house was reconstructed from what had been a fortress to protect the city against the Ottoman Turks to become the Habsburg summer residence. It is pleasant to take a walk around the castle pond or to take a boat on the castle water ramparts.



### St. Martin's Church, Holíč

This Baroque-Neoclassic building houses a Capuchin Order church and monastery. Its most valuable work of art is a 300-year old Baroque pieta.



### Sacred Heart Gothic Church, Holíč

It has undergone numerous renovations as it turned from a Gothic to Baroque style. The four bells in the tower are a highlight of the church.



### Golgotha and Crosses, Gbely

The Golgotha and numerous crosses from different historical eras with various inscriptions provide local color to the village. Take a look also at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel with its reconstructed organ.

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### Windmill, Holíč

This National Historic Landmark was built in the late 19th century. It ceased to operate after the First World War. It is the only preserved mill made of stone anywhere in Slovakia.

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### Franciscan Monastery and Church, Malacky

Built by Count Paul IV Pálffy in the 17th century, the monumental main altar is considered valuable. The entire altar is carved from wood, stained and then richly gilded.



### Holy Stairs, Malacky

There are only three Scala Sancta in the entire world. The original stairs are found in Rome, up which Christ walked to Pilate's chamber. Copies have been placed in Jerusalem and in Malacky. There are 27 steps with relics from the saints stored inside.



### Crypts, Malacky

Unless the cool breath beyond the grave and silent company prove to be an obstacle, visit the unique, protected interment chamber under the Franciscan Church, reserved only for the elect.





### Manor House, Malacky

The originally Baroque style aristocratic residence of the Pálffys dates from the 17th century. Renovated areas include the Pálffy Room and exhibit rooms. In the courtyard stands a well with the Pálffy coat of arms – a deer.



### Synagogue, Malacky

Built in the Moorish style, it was completely renovated in 2005 and is part of the Slovak Jewish Heritage Route.



### Michal Tillner Museum, Malacky

The City Museum was founded in 1975 on the initiative of painter Michal Tillner. The centerpiece of the exhibition is the Záhorie Folk Room that describes how people lived in the past.



### Castle Park, Malacky

This National Cultural Landmark surrounds the Malacký Manor House. The almost 30 hectares of open space provides opportunities to rest or actively relax.

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### Roman Catholic Parish Church, Veľké Leváre

One of the most monumental churches in the Záhorie region, its double tower façade is richly adorned with stucco images, niches and colored stained-glass windows. There are crypts under the church.



### Habaner Hutterite Museum Veľké Leváre

This monument to folk architecture is composed of 22 buildings originally constructed between the 17th and 19th century. The Habaner Council Building is one of the oldest examples of folk architecture in Slovakia.



### Manor House, Veľké Leváre

The Baroque manor with a large English Garden was built in 1683-85 by the powerful Austro-Hungarian Kollonitz Family.



### Roman Catholic Church, Plavecký Štvrtok

Constructed in the first half of the 14th century and dedicated to the Assumption of Mary, the wall includes as a memorial an unexploded artillery shell from World War II embedded in it.

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### Pálffy Family Manor, Stupava

The 13th century manor house was in the past part of a royal castle. Very little remains of how it originally looked. It is currently used as a senior citizen retirement home.



### Stankovský Private Farmyard Museum, Stupava - Mást

The small museum depicts life in the past through small objects that met daily needs. Looking at it from the street, no one would have an idea of how time in the courtyard has slowed down or even stopped.



### Castle Park, Stupava

The park was constructed by the final owners of the manor house in the style of an English garden. A gorgeous feature is the chestnut-lined avenue, pond and many rare trees. The park also has sports fields.



### Plague Chapel, Plavecký Štvrtok

This historical plague chapel is located on the north side of the village and has been recently restored. Festive Masses are held here.

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### Pajštún, Stupava

The 13th century castle was part of a system of royal fortresses that guarded the frontier. It was razed during Napoleon's 1810 Campaign and the ruins have become a popular summer destination.



### Dračí Hrádok, Stupava

The ruins are of a guard tower built in the 13th century. Its fate was sealed when the tower caught fire during the Hussite incursions into Western Slovakia.



### Old Clay Houses, Lozorno

They are distinguished by their white ornamental flowers and leaves on a green background. Besides them, stars were imprinted with "potato stamps" – shapes cut out of potatoes and stamped on the facade.



### The Mysterious Castle (Kuchyňa Castle), Kuchyňa

Standing high on the ridge between Kuchyňa and Rohožník are the remains of fortifications dating from the 14th century. Nothing is known about them, but it is said that a king lived there while he was hunting.



### Bell Tower, Rohožník

This cultural landmark dates from Roman times and likely was used as a watchtower to secure trade routes. It is built of stone. The original sundial was later replaced with an electric clock.



### Plavec Castle, Plavecké Podhradie

The walls and towers that meander amidst the green forests of the Little Carpathians captures you from afar. However, the origins of the fortifications on the site of today's castle ruins dig deep into the past.



### Deravá Skala Cave, Plavecké Podhradie

The caves of the Little Carpathians provided shelter to the first inhabitants of the region thousands of years ago. Evidence of this comes from the many discoveries of primeval tools, hearths and the bones of animals, including enormous cave bears.



### Pohanská, Plavecké Podhradie

On this ridge near Plavecké Podhradie, a large Celtic oppidum or protected living area was discovered, surrounded by ramparts. Also found there was a large quantity of relics attesting to both Celtic and La Tène settlement



### Sight Reservation Plavecký Peter

An example of a typical 19th century farmstead found in southern and western Slovakia. The basic building material used was raw brick, with the lower part of the walls fashioned History and Monuments from stone.



### **Late Baroque Manor House, Senica**

The large columned hall and distinct entrance porch are remarkable to see. The manor is the home of the Záhorie Gallery, an exhibit documenting the region's artwork. There is a park next to the manor house.



### **Roman Catholic Parish Church of Our Lady, Senica**

The simple, plain façade is enlivened by four supporting pillars. A remarkable feature of the church is two chalices wrought from silver gilded with gold by unknown craftsmen.



### **Chapel of St. Anne, Senica**

The oldest architectural monument in the city, the wooden altar inside joins the stories of the New Testament and the life of St. John of Nepomuk. Hidden under the chapel is a barrel-vaulted crypt.



### **Škodáček Mill, Senica**

The last remaining mill in the region whose machinery is preserved, it is now a monument to both the milling trade and a reminder of how life used to be in the former village of Čáčov. There are two exhibits inside, showing the history of milling and of the village in photographs and three-dimensional displays.



### **Nyáry Manor, Sobotište**

Built in 1631, it is today a museum, library and the municipal building of the village with a ceremonial hall located inside. There is a part behind the manor house where rare trees grow.

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### Ruins of Branč Castle, Podbranč

The ancient ruin from the 13th century rises from Príťažlivá Ridge and the picturesque landscape with the castle has been the subject of many works by artists. It is equally appealing to hikers.



### Hlboké Memorial Rectory National Cultural Landmark

A shrine of the Slovak nation, it was here in 1843 that the literary Slovak language was codified by Ľudovít Štúr, Michal Miloslav Hodža and Jozef Miloslav Hurban. Hurban lived in Hlboké his entire productive life and it was also in this building that the Tatrárn association was established by his son Svetozár Hurban Vajanský.



### Korlátko, Cerová

In the forested terrain overlooking the village of Cerová towers the ruins of Korlátko Castle, whose roots stretch back to the 11th century. The castle has changed hands several times over the centuries. It is easily accessible and offers a wonderful view of the area.

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### Šaštín-Stráže

Šaštín-Stráže plays a venerable role in Slovakia's history, dating back to the arrival of missionaries St. Cyril and St. Methodius to the old country where the first Slovaks lived. Here an important fortress was built to protect the trade routes.

### National Basilica of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows

Life in Šaštína-Stráží is closely linked to the national shrine – the Basilica of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, the main patron saint of Slovakia. Its origins date back to 1736 and both the town and basilica are the destination of tens of thousands of pilgrims. The basilica is an example of Late Baroque and its organ is one of the largest in Slovakia.







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## Cultural Events

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#### **Fasching Carnival and Burying of the Bass, Plavecký Peter, Sološnica, March**

A longstanding tradition celebrating the end of winter and welcoming spring.

#### **Malacky Spring Music Festival, March and April**

A spring cycle of concerts of different musical genres lasting several weeks.

#### **Malacky May Day, 1st of May**

The largest event in the city and surrounding area, with a mix of music, culture, sports, food and fun entertainment.

#### **Malacky Museum and Gallery Day, May**

Free admission plus crafts fair, with the atmosphere further sweetened with music.

#### **Trdlofest, Skalica, May**

Day full of trdelník, wine and a good spirits.





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### **Spa Summer Season Opening, Smrdáky, May**

Traditional blessing of the healing springs along with a rich cultural program and wide selection of food specialties.

### **Beer Festival, Stupava, May**

A tasting of different types of this unique beverage.

### **Sacral Music, Skalica, May - September**

Church music and singing.

### **Maria Theresia Days, Holíč, June**

This two-day event includes a craft market and cultural performance for those interested in both history and modern times.

### **Stupavský Dubeň, Stupava, June**

International brass band festival.

### **Fairy Tale Forest, Šajdíkove Humence, June**

An enchanting walk through the pine forests with many surprises in store.

### **Lozorno Holiday of Music, June**

A European wide event devoted to live music.



## Cultural Events



### **Alojz Machaj Garden Gallery, Plavecký Štvrtok**

A major cultural event featuring carvings with a different thematic focus. Every year there are a number of creative symposiums.

### **Štvrtčan, Plavecký Štvrtok**

This civil association has revised folk culture and organizes presentations in traditional costumes. It includes two folklore ensembles.

### **Kuchyňa Air Base Open House, June**

Flight demonstrations, presentations of aviation equipment, dog training, firefighting and a varied accompanying program.

### **Aviation Day, Senica, June**

Flight demonstrations, sightseeing flights, tandem jumps and accompanying program.



### **Abeland – Village of Arts and Crafts**

A village of arts and crafts constructed from wood and straw houses can be found three kilometers from Lozorno in the heart of untouched nature. Located here are craft workshops, hermitages, a children's playground and shepherd's hut.



## Cultural Events

### **Dragon Boat Races, Season Opening at Kunovská Priehrada, Senica, July**

Challenge Cup races with bank music in the evening and fireworks from the top of the dam.

### **Morava Festival, Jabloňové, July**

One of the largest cross-border events taking place in the region.

### **Summer Village Festival, Kuchyňa, July**

Three day celebration with the motto of "It's Cut, It's Poured."

### **Fishermen's Feast (Rybárske hody), Lozorno Dike, July/August**

Tasty fish specialties together with good music.

### **Habaner Fair, Veľké Leváre, July**

Discover how the Habaner Hutterites lived, taste the cakes they made and enjoy fine music and dancing.

### **Summer Films under the Castle, Plavecké Podhradie, July**

Watch films in an open air amphitheater under the castle.

### **Skalica Music Fest, Skalica, July**

A music festival that takes place in Skalica.

### **Malacky Summer of Culture, July and August**

Outdoor summer events for both children and adults.



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### **Sahara and Slovak Sands, Záhorie Military District, July, August**

Meeting of historical military vehicle and military history clubs.

### **Castle Celebration, Podbranč, July**

It is mainly children that come under the castle for this event.

### **Senica Summer of Culture, July – August**

Open air concerts, exhibitions, stage performances, horse racing and side events along with a true Záhorie fair.

### **Hodové Slávnosti Celebration, Plavecký Štvrtok, August**

Folk costume parade through the village and a large program of events afterward.

### **Village Celebration, Rohožník, August**

Firefighting contests, celebratory Mass and farmyard.

### **Hunters Day, Malacky, August**

A presentation of hunting from all angles.





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### **Harvest Festival, Plavecký Peter, August**

Traditional feast to end the harvest.

### **Grape Harvest, Smrdáky, August**

Celebrating wine both as the drink of kings and in tribute to the people involved in making it.

### **Music in the City, Skalica, August**

Series of concerts.

### **Celebration Feasts, Podbranč, August/September**

Reviving folk traditions such as a presentation of craftwork, cooking jam and threshing grain, cutting cabbages and baking different kinds of cakes.

### **Open House - Haviareň and Plavecké Podhradie Caves, scheduled dates**

Visit caves otherwise not open to the public. Their mysterious and beautiful world will be revealed by the spelunkers of the Plavecké Podhradie Spelunkers Association.



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### **Vintage Motorcycle Races, Holíč, September**

Holíč has its own motorcycle track and even classic motorcycle riders have a chance every year to race.

### **Beer Festival, Senica, September**

Taste different types of beers on display at the Štramák Festival while watching music bands perform and enjoying a discotheque.

### **Skalica Days, September**

Three days of old customs, music and entertainment accompanied by a traditional fair.

### **Castle Beer Festival, Holíč, September**

Taste excellent beer and food as you listen to music and watch dancing ensembles.

### **Goulash Cooking Contest, Rohožník, September**

While the cooking and tasting is happening, a country music group sets the mood.

### **Potato Day, Sološnica, September**

A day devoted to potatoes, and more potatoes.

### **Mravenec, Plavecký Štvrtok, September**

International children's folklore festival.





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### **Podhoran Festival, Sološnica, September**

A parade featuring regional folklore ensembles and a presentation of traditional popular arts, crafts and customers.

### **Zejdeme sa na hambálku (Perching in the Henhouse), Malacky, September**

A week full of stage plays and mashed-up "henhouse" theater.

### **Days of Grapes and Wine, Lozorno, September**

An event dedicated to wine and viniculture.

### **Wine Hut Days, Skalica, October**

Tour vineyard huts and taste wine produced directly by the winemakers.

### **Show Jumping, Hubertova Jazda, October**

An event taking place at the historical Horse Breeding Farm in Kopčany and at Holíč Castle.

### **Open House, Smrdáky Spa, October**

On World Psoriasis Day, remarkable benefits and a wide program of activities are offered to all guests who visit.





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### **Apple (Jablko) Fest, Malacky, Stupava, Jabloňové, October**

An event devoted to apples and all the goodies made from them.

### **Haunted Castle, Holíč, October**

Come and get yourself pleasantly frightened by the ghosts and monsters lurking in the castle.

### **Kraut Days, Stupava, October**

Festival full of music, good food and sauerkraut.

### **St. Martin Lantern Procession, Senica, November**

Lantern parade and an interesting program, too.

### **Catching Carp in the Castle Pond, Holíč, November**

Every two years visitors can experience fishing at the castle pond and tasting different fish specialties on the grounds of the castle.

### **Katarínska (Cathy's) Hunting Fun, Rohožník, November**

An excellent atmosphere and hunting specialties, too.

### **Christmas Village, Senica, December**

For visitors there are many handmade items with a Christmas theme and refreshments for all, along with a cultural program not to be missed.





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### **Christmas Cabbage Cooked, Sološnica, December**

Cabbage soup cooking contest.

### **Župan Christmas, Stupava, December**

A rich cultural program with a wide range of accompanying events.



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### **Podhoran Civil Association**

Bringing together communities and organizations in the foothills of the Little Carpathian mountains and striving to develop them, including tourism. Lots of interesting information about the area can be found at their website.

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## Water Tourism

The countless number of water-filled gravel and sand pits, natural lakes and fishponds with beaches in the shadow of mammoth pine forests, as both the Morava River and historic Baťa Canal flow through the region alongside a bio-pool with blooming water lilies, all this makes Záhorie the ideal destination for anyone who loves water. There is something both for those who just want to place to do nothing and those who prefer to relax actively.

### **Adamovské Jazerá (Adamov Lakes)**

These lakes near Gbely were created when gravel was removed from the floodplain not far from the Morava. They provides ideal opportunities for fishing and summer recreation. The area offers accommodations, bathing, boating refreshments, bicycles for hire and also a chance to go fishing or rafting. Each year owners of historic vehicles also meet here to display them.

Recreational use of the lake is limited by the season, but it is still one of the most outstanding ornithological locations in Slovakia. More than 80 bird species nest here and nature reserves are located on both sides of the Morava. There are also many floodplain forests and meadows, wetlands, abandoned channels, cutoff lakes and standing water.



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Towers for observing Adamov Lakes' birds also provide a magnificent view of the countryside.

There are docks along the lakes for boats to sail to Kopčany and its remarkable Church of St. Margaret of Antioch, dating from the Great Moravian Empire, or to cross the border onto the Morava. Bicycles are allowed to be brought on the boats.

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### Baťa Canal

Built in the 1930s to irrigate the area, the canal was later used to transport coal. The boat route begins Otrokovice, Czech Republic and flows into Slovakia to end at the port in Skalica. It is partially comprised of manmade canals and partially of the Morava River itself. The Baťa Canal is a choice destination for active relaxation along with exploration of the Slovakia-Moravia border region. Cabin boats, motorboats and canoes can be rented at the Skalica port to sail the waterway. Likewise, sailing cruises are available for school and organized groups.



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Several sights and attractions are situated along the Baťa Canal such as the historical center of Skalica, the Plže wine cellars in Petrov, the open air folk museum in Strážnice and the historical water lift in Vnorovy. The entire length of the canal has docks and harbors that serve as a base for hikers and also provide tourist services.



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### Boating at the Castle Water Ramparts

Enjoy a unique experience at Holíč Castle, which is ringed by water ramparts. Cruising on a boat in the castle moat lets visitors see the blend of styles in the historic building from a whole new perspective.

### Gazárka

This recreational center near Šaštín – Stráže is composed of five lakes that were created when sand was extracted. It offers a place to lay down on groomed sand beaches with easy access to the water. The lakes surround a gorgeous, healthy forest of pine and oak stands which are fantastic places to pick mushrooms and forest fruit berries. Both hikers and bicyclists can enjoy the forest roads and trails, while a newly built nature trail lets visitors experience the beauty of the outdoors. Even fishermen and women like to come here.

The center offers a number of opportunities for sports and several cultural and sporting events take place here during the year.



## Water Tourism

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## Water Tourism



### **Zlatnícka Dolina Outdoor Pool**

This natural swimming pool in the Zlatnícka Dolina Recreation Center by Skalica can accommodate 2,500 swimmers in three pools – for swimmers, non-swimmers and children. There are also water chutes and smaller slides available. Other sports facilities include tennis and beach volleyball courts, table tennis and table skittles. Sports equipment can be rented and there is also accommodation and parking available.

### **Skalica City Pool**

A children's pool is also available and four new playgrounds have been constructed for beach volleyball and football.

### **Senica Summer Outdoor Pool**

In a nice and quiet park atmosphere there is a large pool and children's pool, both with water chutes, along with a kid's corner. Sports enthusiasts can enjoy the beach volleyball area and sports equipment is available for hire.

### **Malacky Summer Outdoor Pool**

Offers recreation and entertainment directly in the city. Besides a swimming pool with three water slides and a children's pool, there is also miniature golf, beach volleyball and a children's playground.

### Cottages at Plavecký Štvrtok

There are three locations for renting cottages in town, at Feld, Vampíl and Pieskovňa, where a water area is located nearby with opportunities for swimming and fishing. The surrounding evergreen forests are suitable for walks and picking mushrooms.

Bezedné Nature Reserve is also located here, and is a part of the NATURA 2000 network of protected areas. It is a peat bog and alder forest with a small lake growing amidst the pine forests. Rare plant species can be found here such as the carnivorous round-leaved sundew. Water birds nest here and beavers can also be seen.

### Lozorno Reservoir

The lake created by the reservoir is a pleasant place to relax and to swim and lounge during the summer, to fish in the autumn and to take winter walks. The reservoir is located behind the village and can be reached on foot or by car or bicycle.

### Water Areas at the Foothills

There are two reservoirs located near Kuchyňa at the foothills of the Little Carpathians - Vývrat and Kuchyňa. Close by, garden houses and cottages have been built. The reservoirs are destinations for family outings and a favorite spot for fishermen large and small. They are also starting points for hikes to the Carpathians.

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## Rafting the Morava

The Morava was once the most closely guarded river and a border for Slovakia, but today is a popular destination for excursionists.

A trip on the Morava is undemanding as its quiet flow is suitable for rafting or canoeing even by less experienced boaters, families with children or older people. Moravský Svätý Ján is the starting point for a two-day rafting trip on the Morava to its mouth at Devín. While riding the river, you can admire the beautiful coves and, with a little luck, can encounter the beavers that live along the banks.

Find out about rafting with professional instructors at **TIK Malacky**

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### Kunovská Priehrada (Kunov Dam)

This suburban recreation area near Senica has a 250-meter-long sandy beach, while the water is suitable for swimming, boating with no motor and fishing (a guest fishing license can be purchased).

There is a nature trail open to hikers, bikers and inline skaters that links the city to Kunovská Priehrada with wonderful views along the Teplica Stream.

The recreational area boasts a large parking lot, all necessary services, a dock where rowboats and pedal boats can be rented and also sports grounds.





## Biking and Hiking

## Biking and Hiking

Záhorie provides opportunities for hikers and cyclists of all abilities. The less skilled or families with children can roam the beautiful pine forests or along the Morava, while the more savvy and demanding will feel right at home in the Little Carpathians, where hilly trails and even rock climbing opportunities can be found not too far away.

### **Niva Rieka Morava (Riverbank Trail)**

The Niva Rieka Morava trail was created for bicycling enthusiasts, offering completely new horizons and opportunities, especially the chance to see nature undisturbed. There are many places where the cycling trail can be reached and to connect to other places from there. The terrain is relatively flat and the trail is part of EuroVelo 13 – The Iron Curtain Trail that crosses Europe. For those who prefer to walk, fish, observe and listen to nature, there is the interesting Niva Morava Nature Trail. It is a linear, self-service two-way path open year round. There are 16 information panels and four entrance panels with text in three languages. The nature trail runs past wetland ecosystems that are unique in Central Europe. The trail is not demanding and can be walked in six hours.

### Little Carpathians Protected Landscape Area

Numerous marked hiking and biking trails weave through the Little Carpathians. Some are easy while others require more caution. The magnificent ridgeway trail runs from Bratislava through Pezinská Baba to Smolenice and Senica.

### Bubbly Springs, Caves and Canyons

Borinský Kras contains a lot of karst phenomena, including the bubbling springs near Stupava at Borinská, Pajštúnska, Údolie Prepadlé (the underground limestone cave is a natural monument) and Medené Hámre. The Borinka Stream meandering through this deep canyon valley one time powered water mills that processed copper.

### Stone Quarry

The quarry at Borinka is a friendly place for grilling, hiking or walking, or to take a rest from a longer hike or biking trip. The fantastic scenery around the old quarry is quite remarkable and a point of interest on an all-day trip to the ruins of Pajštún or Dračí Hrádok.

### Unique Vrchná Hora

The top of this negligible hill overlooking Stupava happens to be the location of scientifically studied vegetation unique and protected in the so-called "Little Carpathian Vineyard Steppes. These are abandoned vines that have formed unique steppe communities.

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The most beautiful time of the year to walk to the top of Vrchná Hora is in May when enormous amounts of irises and orchids are blooming in a single place.



### **Košariská Recreational Center**

This tourist hiking spot located between Borinka and Lozorno can be reached on foot or by either car or bicycle. Košariská is a popular resting place for hikers and cyclists and has its own drinking water springs. There is a hiking lodge located in the center that serves snacks and refreshments as well as a campground and place for pitching tents and open areas for ball games or, in winter, for sledding down the hill.

### **Pajštún Castle and Rock Climbing**

Only the ruins of the one-time Pajštún Castle remain on the limestone cliff at 486 meters above sea level, yet the top provides an imposing view of the Borinka Lowlands and the valley around the Stupava River. The castle rock is also well-known among climbers and a favorite spot is the tectonically smoothed limestone rock rising behind the village at Medené Hámre, where the quarry begins.

### **On the Trail of the Forest Railway**

Shortly after Czechoslovakia was established, a sawmill and narrow-gauge railway were built near



## Biking and Hiking

Lozorno for hauling wood. Only a few remnants can be found today. But anyone can still walk almost the entire length of the former track. Only a few remnants can be found today. But anyone can still walk almost the entire length of the former track. It only requires a bit of searching and good orientation, but the experience of walking the trail is worth it. The remains of rail bridges over streams and of embankments can still be seen along the trail. The most interesting section is past the Lipníky Reservoir rising to the saddle ridge at Košariska. For a detailed description of the entire trail, go to Places of Interest at **[www.lozorno.sk](http://www.lozorno.sk)** (only in Slovak).

### Plavecký Kras Nature Trail

The trail entrances are in Plavecký Mikuláš and Plavecké Podhradie and the trail itself has nine information panels. The path passes attractions such as the caves at Deravá Skala and Tmavá Skala, the Celtic hillfort at Pohanská and Plavec Castle. Beautiful forest growth and interesting karst pits can be seen from along the trail. At Plavec Castle there is a fantastic view of the surrounding area.

Plavecký Kras's caves are open to the public only on special occasions organized by local spelunkers. For more information contact na **[www.kike.sk/speleopp](http://www.kike.sk/speleopp)**

### Roštún National Nature Reserve

The diversity of the land formations, strong segmenting of the relief and the protruding rock provide a home for a rich variety of plant and animal species, includes those rare and endangered. The nature trail crosses Vápenná (Roštún) Massif, where the top offers a magnificent view.

### **Lipovec and Korlátko Observation Towers**

These towers provide a wonderful 360° view, while the observation area have information panels outlining the panorama that also display features of the landscape.

### **Little Carpathians Bicycle Route**

Winding through the foothills of the Little Carpathians from Vysoká pri Morave through Lozorno to Plavecký Peter and then on past Buková to Trstín, it offers fantastic views.

### **Záhorie Bicycle Route**

It runs from Devín past Zohor, Malacky and Šaštín – Stráže, and through Holíč and Skalica until it reaches Senica, offering the opportunity to become acquainted with the most remarkable places in the region.

### **Skalica Cycling Route**

Follow the blue trail to Zlatnícka Dolina (23 km) and then the yellow trail to the Baťa Canal (3.2 km) or the green trail past Skalica's vineyards to Vrádište (16.7 km).

### **Holíč Floodplain Forest – Valša**

A wooded rest area in the floodplain forest whose age is estimated to be 80 years. It is a mixed deciduous forest where a point of interest is the presence of rare black walnut trees.



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Valša is the start-off point for an exhilarating hike through Holíč's floodplain forest and the Kátovské Rameno oxbow lake. The hiking experience trail starts from the "Forest to Forest following the Footsteps of History" nature trail at the windmill and continues through the city past historical monuments until it reaches the Holíč floodplain forest called Valša and ending at the Chvojnica River at Zelený Most.

### Kopaničiar Cycle Trail

This trail links Záhorie and Považie regions over beautiful terrain and can be entered, for example, at Senica, where it connects to the Záhorie Bicycle Route.

### Walking to Zlatnícka Dolina, Skalica

The trail between Zlatnícka dolina and- Čupy – Vrbovce is not demanding and goes through a pleasant natural environment with many views of the scenically interesting neighborhoods in the Kopaničiar region.

### Sobotište Observatory

An excursion to the observatory in Sobotište is definitely worthwhile. It helps find the way to a wonderful branch of science, which astronomy undoubtedly is. The observatory can be reached by bicycle from the cycle route that runs through Sobotište, Častkov, Havran, Chvojnica and Vrbovce.



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### **Senica to Starý Hrad**

This 12-kilometer hiking trail leads to the Starý Hrad (Old Castle) hunting lodge, bringing you to a place where a hillfort once stood more than 5,000 years ago. Even today there are still noticeable signs in the forest vegetation of the earthen mounds that formed the fortifications.

### **Viktor Beniak Trail, Senica – Kunov – Branč**

The peaceful beauty of the silently flowing Teplica River, the embankment of the Kunov Dam, a ridge called Medzi Krúžim (Between the Wheels), the acacia grove and the Myjava River whose flowing waters and the banks are a protected area, the old water mill standing under centuries old lime trees vainly seeking to hide from the ravages of time and Branč Castle; all of this can be seen on this unique trail named for the founder of the local hiking club.

### **Senica – Šajdíkové Humence (Sand Pits)**

This easy to walk trail was featured in a poem written by illustrious Senica native Ladislav Novomeský. It leads deep into the pine forests that grow on the wind-blown sand. The area around Šajdíkové Humence is a favorite place to pick mushrooms.

### **For The Most Fantastic Views (Sobotište – Pecková)**

Pecková Ridge is well-known among paragliders, but hikers enjoy reaching the top, too.

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There are spectacular views in all directions and in the right visibility conditions even the peaks of the Alps can be seen. Astronomers have come here to observe the stars and romantics to see the sun set.



### **SCK Záhorák Bicycling Club**

Organized bicycling excursions around Záhorie and elsewhere.

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The Upper Záhorie Partnership is presenting a joint picture of our region, focusing on development of the area.  
You can find much more interesting information at our website.

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### **Branč Micro Region**

**The villages of Častkov, Chvojnica, Koválov, Lopašov, Podbranč, Prietrž, Rohov, Rovensko, Rybky, Smrdáky, Sobotište and Vrbovce**

have banded together to develop themselves, including in tourism. Visit this picturesque area offering plenty of opportunities for hiking

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# Spas and Wellness

## **PARK Wellness Hotel\*\*\*, Malacky**

This hotel amidst the pine forests not far from the city of Malacky has a wellness center open to the public and provides the opportunity for both body and soul to relax. There is a 12 x 6 meter cross current and waterfall pool available along with a whirlpool bath for five people, a cozy children's pool, a salt steam sauna, an herbal aroma sauna, an infrared sauna, cooling showers and a room to relax. There are also massages, beauty treatments and a variety of other treatments available. The hotel offers wellness stays with the option of renting bicycles.

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## **Borovica BIO Pool**

Swim in clean water and enjoy the maximum comfort a natural swimming pool brings. The difference from a chemically cleaned pool is that absolutely no chemical agents are used. Natural pools have advantages over conventional swimming pools, but still respect the environment and your health. "Bio-pools" operate with their own water purification system that is provided by the filtering action of hydroponic plants. Add the surrounding natural environment, beautiful blooming water lilies, pleasant seating in the restaurant and lodging in the hotel and you will have a warm, comfortable feeling staying here.

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### Malina Sport Hall Pool and Sauna

In addition to sports facilities, the Malina Sport Hall also offers opportunities to relax. Free your body while you play water sports in the 25 x 13 meter pool. There is also a 9 x 4 meter children's pool available for kids. Even swimmers enjoy relaxing after a swim in its warmer water. But there is also the option of relaxing in a sauna with a cooling pool and a separate room to relax, with the possibility of a massage, too. Additional services provided by the center are a solarium, buffet restaurant and fitness center.

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### **Smrdáky Natural Health Spa – Experts in Treating Your Skin**

Smrdáky Spa is known globally as one of the most effective spas for treating skin diseases in combination with diseases of the musculoskeletal system.

The unique, natural healing mineral water, rich in hydrogen sulfide, in combination with curative sulfur mud, the individual approach taken by our medicinal staff and further modern therapeutic methods and devices are the foundation for treatment, regeneration and relaxation. The spa grounds are themselves peaceful and idyllic, set in the middle of a harmonious rural landscape in West Slovakia. A mild climate plus quiet, clean air not only positively influences treatment of the human body, but it also lets both patients and spa guests completely relax.

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### **St. LUDMILA Relaxation Center, Skalica**

Discover the magic in your own body as you stay in a beautiful environment and escape into the world of wellness. A massage with aromatic oils brings out other sensations in your body while applying lava stones warms it and relieves pain in your back and joints.

A photograph of a spa and wellness area. In the foreground, a person is lying down, receiving a massage on their back. The background features a large, curved swimming pool with a stone border. To the left, there is a wooden structure with a waterfall. The room is decorated with plants and a hanging basket.

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You can choose a classic massage to release your body, a massage of the lymphatic system, a reflexology foot massage or try out chromo-therapy for the first time. Sitting in a Finnish, steam or salt sauna also releases your body, while spending time in the whirlpool with your friends will let you forget all your worries.

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## Hotel St. Michal, Skalica

All guests looking to relax after a hectic day are welcome to come to the Relaxation Center, located at the top of the hotel. Here you can recharge your batteries and bring relief not only to your body, but to your mind as well.





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The Relaxation Center offers a hydro-massage tub, Finnish sauna, hydro-massage cabin with a steam sauna, massage chair and solarium. Choose from among a number of different massages: classic, relaxation, cupping therapy, Chinese energy massage, Hawaiian, Indian head massage or a detoxification massage with honey and/or chocolate.

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### Senica Indoor Pool

The year-round public indoor swimming pool measures 25 x 12.5 meters and has a capacity of 100. Children can also take basic and advanced swimming lessons at the indoor pool. Adults can also use the dry and steam saunas with a cooling pool and relaxation room. There are also massage and turbo showers available along with a summer rain and ice bucket treatments. Refreshments can be found in the buffet lounge, while you can opt to sunbathe in the solarium or work out in the sport hall fitness center.

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## Golf

### **Eurovalley Golf Park, Malacky**

The White Eurovalley Golf Park is the first ever 27-hole golf course in Záhorie, located in a pleasant spot among lovely pine forests. It is part of the Black & White Resort along with Slovakia's oldest golf course, the Bratislava Golf and Country Club in Bernolákovo, which together offers golfers a total of 55 greens. Eurovalley Golf Park has an 18-hole course and includes a Golf Academy operated by Head Pro Brett Brasier, a member of the PGA, four practice greens, a 300-meter driving range where golfers can hit from either end, and eight covered tees.

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### **Penati Golf Resort, Šajdíkove Humence**

Spread over 217 hectares in Záhorie's fabulous, breathtaking natural scenery, it is located directly in the pine forests of the Little Carpathians near Senica. The resort offers a choice of two 18-hole courses: the Nicklaus Design Legend Course and the Heritage Course.



## Golf

Golfers can enjoy playing along fairways lined with sand dunes that are natural features of this region. The course's sandy subsoil lets the landscape retain its original character, even after rain, so golf pulsates here from early spring to late autumn. The resort's special attraction is the longest hole in Europe - 716 meters long with 11 tees. Penati Golf Resort is Slovakia's largest golf course and has been rated among the best golf courses on the Continent in the Leading Golf Courses of Europe.

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## Golf

### **GRAFOBAL GROUP GOLF RESORT SKALICA, a. s.**

Where the White Carpathians slope down to the Morava River and the harmony of nature and active sports add to the taste of the reputable wines is the Skalica Golf Club, the home course of Grafobal Group Golf Resort Skalica.

The 18-hole championship golf course was completed in 2009 among the vineyards of the royal town of Skalica, in a quiet and pleasant environment.

The course's architecture is in the style of the most famous golf courses in England, Scotland and Ireland such as the Old Course at St. Andrew, Royal Birkdale and Turberry Ailsa and includes a driving range, putting green, chipping green, pitching green, clubhouse and restaurant. The variability featured in the course will definitely challenge all players of the game.

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## Restaurants, Cafes and Wine Taverns

### **HotelAtrium\*\*,Malacky**

The hotel is located in the center of Malacky and offers excellent and delicious local cuisine as well as various specialties. It also caters celebrations, weddings, christenings, graduations, wakes and other customer requested events. In addition to the restaurant, there is also a small lounge, large lounge and the Atrium Hall available.

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### **SPARK\*\*\* Wellness Hotel, Malacky**

Come and savor the unforgettable atmosphere of Spark's exclusive hotel restaurant, with its unique architecture and stunning views of the countryside and lake. The restaurant offers a selection of excellent dishes made from the highest quality ingredients that are always fresh. Indulge yourself in the taste of the specialties prepared by top chefs that are waiting for you.





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The restaurant seats 100 and has a summer terrace for a further 50 people. It is the ideal venue for weddings, luncheons, birthday parties and different family and other get-togethers.

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### **KOLIBA Restaurant, Malacky**

The Koliba offers a pleasant atmosphere in a traditional Slovak cottage along with a wide selection of nontraditional dishes, grill specialties, more than 40 different fine wines and an attentive staff ready to delight you.

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### **FINE Restaurant & Apartments, Malacky**

A luxurious restaurant offering the finest quality cuisine, it features a summer and winter garden suitable for small family celebrations and corporate events. Fine also provides professional level catering services.

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### **NEW caffe bowling, Malacky**

A pleasant place to sit down with friends, sample excellent drinks, watch fantastic entertainment and enjoy the best party scene in Malacky. In addition, there are two professional league bowling alleys that also offer interesting contests for amateurs.

Facebook – [NEW caffe bowling](#)

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### **Kamenný Mlyn, Plavecký Štvrtok**

The Kamenný Mlyn (Stone Mill) recreation center provides quality services in a restaurant that can seat 50-200 people. Besides excellent cuisine, it also offers opportunities for holding various seminars, courses, training sessions, wedding receptions and other events. It also has a daily menu, a la carte dishes and catering services, too.





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For entertainment events either a live band or disco music played by a disk jockey can be provided.

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## **Hotel St. LUDMILA, Skalica**

This stylish restaurant with handicapped access provides both Slovakian and international cuisine and delicious wines produced by local vintners. Guests can sit during the summer on the terrace with a view of the hotel park.

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### **Hotel St. Michal, Skalica**

Enjoy traditional Slovak specialties as well as European cuisine at our hotel restaurant. There is also the Hole-in-One Restaurant located at the Skalica golf course, while Café St. Michal offers a wide range of coffees, beverages and desserts.

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### **SOŠ Holíč, Námestie sv. Martina 5**

The Collégium is a restaurant operated by the Holíč Secondary Business School (SOŠ) from its building, where Hotel Academy students, cooks and waiters prepared meals and drinks under the expert supervision of teachers. Emphasis is placed on the



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quality of ingredients, their freshness and innovation. In addition to a daily lunch menu, the restaurant also offers a pleasant cup of coffee and fresh pastries alongside mixed drinks.

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## Morava Restaurant

Definitely visit the Morava Restaurant on the grounds of Smrdáky Spa, which features a café and summer terrace. Besides a wide range of Slovak and international cuisine regularly enlivened by seasonal specialties, you can taste delicious wines not just produced in Záhorie but also from around the world, as well as the spa's own Smrdáčka Roláda.

## Záhorie Wine Route

Winemaking began to develop in Skalica after it was named a free royal city. A line of vineyards now stretches from the eastern border of the city. Skalica has especially become famous for its red wine, with its strong aromatic scent both harsh and at the same time elegantly delicious with an unmistakable color that gives the wine its name – ruby red.







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The wine region is attractive to tourists offer of local wines, delicacies, wine, original wine cellars and either the name of the wine road Záhorie.

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### **ZORNO Restaurant**

ZORNO is located right in the center of Lozorno, 20 kilometers from Bratislava. The restaurant is decorated in a modern, elegant style and divided into the main dining area and a cafe. There is a wide selection of dishes and beverages available along with a wine list offering fine Slovakian and foreign wines. The restaurant itself reflect the taste of Mediterranean cuisine.

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### Bzdúšky

This is a salty pastry whose main ingredients are pork cracklings and plum jam. It goes together well with red wine. The combination of cracklings and plum jam gives the pastry a distinctive flavor and aroma.



### Skalická torta

A very fragile pastry difficult to make by hand. It was created as part of wedding customs in Skalica. A proper Skalica wedding used to last a week, so the cake had to stay fresh and not spoil. At the same time, it developed into a gorgeous decoration and a part of any wedding.



### Zelníky

This local specialty is a combination of dough and cabbage on a confection. It has a very strong cinnamon flavor and is served sweet. It is considered to be a quite popular delicacy.



### Smrdácka roláda

Have you ever tried the best dessert in Záhorie? It's called Smrdácka roláda (Smrdáky jelly roll) and its ingredients include butter, cocoa, eggs and vanilla, but how it is actually made remains a secret closely guarded by Smrdáky spa.



### Skalický trdelník

This sweet specialty made from dough and walnuts has enjoyed a long tradition. The recipe was supposedly brought to Skalica at the end of the 18th century by a chef from Transylvania. Skalický trdelník is still produced today from the original method for baking it over an open fire according to the traditional recipe. The dough is wound around a wooden roller, or "trdlo" in Slovak, and baked on a fire at the Franciscan monastery's "Black Kitchen". In October 2007 Skalický trdelník became the first Slovak food product to be trademarked in the European Union.



## Lodging

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### **HotelAtrium\*\*,Malacky**

This hotel located in the center of Malacky provides excellent local cuisine daily and a solarium besides comfortable accommodation in both the hotel and hostel sections. There is also a fitness center, gift shop, tailor, discotheque, second-hand shop, car wash and pawn office located alongside the hotel.

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### **SPARK Wellness Hotel\*\*\*, Malacky**

The Spark Hotel offers the most modern and highest quality accommodation in Malacky and the surrounding area. All rooms and suites are elegantly furnished in natural, warm colors to provide guests with a comfortable and pleasant atmosphere.





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Each room has stylish new furniture, its own bathroom with shower, hairdryer, robe, Wi-Fi, direct dial telephone, color LCD television with program selection and individual climate control. Also available for guests is a wellness center, restaurant with terrace and a small park adjacent to the hotel with a lake.

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## **FINE Restaurant & Apartments, Malacky**

The hotel offers accommodation in modernly stylish, air-conditioned suites. These apartments are completely furnished and include kitchen utensils and appliances.

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## **Hotel Rozália at Kamenný Mlyn, Plavecký Štvrtok**

Offering lodging with a total capacity of 112 beds and also bungalows with a total of 56 beds, the hotel operates throughout the year. The reception area is open 24 hours a day. Accommodation for dogs is available. The hotel also provides free Wi-Fi.

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## Lodging

### **Hotel St. Michal\*\*\*, Skalica**

There are 14 rooms with a total of 32 beds available for guests. The seven loft rooms are air- conditioned. Select from different types ranging from cozy single rooms to luxury apartments and an exquisite wedding suite furnished in the style of Louis XIV. The hotel offers attractive weekend and golf styles.

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### **Hotel St. LUDMILA, Skalica**

Surrounded by a park and nestled in the Skalica wine region, the hotel offers 42 comfortable rooms, four luxurious suites, a relaxation area, a restaurant and attended parking. The unique buildings on the grounds include a private barbeque area, an original centuries-old wine cellar and the Chapel of St. Francis Xavier built in 1710.

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### **Senica City Recreation Center**

Kunovská Priehrada:

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- Hostel for hikers and tourists
- OKÁL Cabins

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### Atlas Pension, Senica

Lodging for guests traveling on business and working groups as well as long-term accommodation. The pension provides guests with double, triple and quadruple rooms.

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Záhorie is well located at the crossroads of major European transport systems, reachable from the D2 Motorway and railway line between Bratislava and Prague, airports at Bratislava, Vienna, Brno and Prague and from the international Port of Bratislava.





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