Slovakia

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Basic information

- The population of Slovakia is approximately 5,4 million.
- Slovakia is surrounded by Czech Republic, Austria, Poland, Ukraine and Hungary.
- Slovakia is a democratic country
- the central of Slovakia is Bratislava

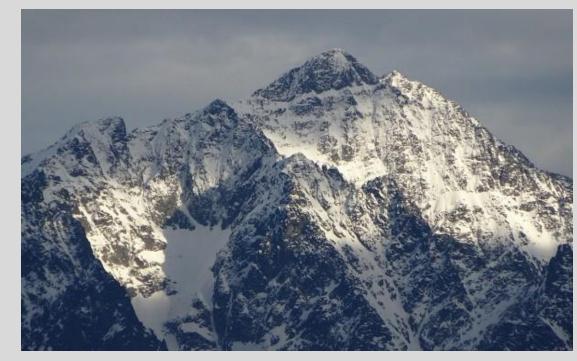




Landscape

 Slovakia has mountains, lowlands, caves and rivers. It also has a lot of national parks the most popular is Tatras National Park (TANAP). And the best known mountain is Tatra Mountains (Tatry) - the mountain range is located on the border with Poland, it consist from Western Tatras, High Tatras and Belianske Tatras.







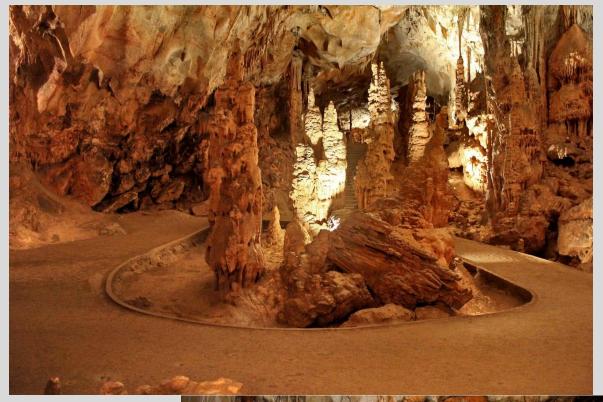
Popular places to visit

- The high Tatras- it's a great place for the tourists to go and see Slovakias beautiful nature. You can also go on the cable car and see the beautiful mountains from above.
- 2. Domica cave- it is the biggest cave in Slovakia. Sixteen bat species were found in the Domica Cave
- 3. The Andy Warhol museum in medzilaborce- Expositions of the Andy Warhol Museum of Modern Art showcase not only the unique works of **Andy Warhol**, with a thematic focus on his nearly wholelife work, but also works of contemporary Slovak and foreign artists.





The Andy Warhol museum



Domica cave



Traditions and folklore

- Each region, city, and municipality has a unique character and folklore – costumes, music, songs, architecture, customs, traditions, dances and dialects.
- The most important Christian holiday of the year is Easter. Young girls decorate Easter eggs for young boys on Monday. Easter Monday is traditionally connected with "šibačka" (whipping) and "polievačka" (water pouring) young boys go from door to door, pour girls with water, and gently whip them with a birch rod. In return, they receive painted Easter eggs and coloured ribbons on their rods from the young girls.

But they must recite an Easter rhyme, such as:

Šibi, ryby, mastné ryby, kus koláča od korbáča.

Ak mi nedáš dve vajíčka, daj mi aspoň makovníčka. Ešte k tomu groš, aby bolo dosť.

Šibi, ryby, mastné ryby, kus koláča od korbáča a vajíčka do košíčka. Šibi, ryby, mastné ryby, kus koláča, od korbáča, ja chcem iba máličko, maľované vajíčko.





šibačka







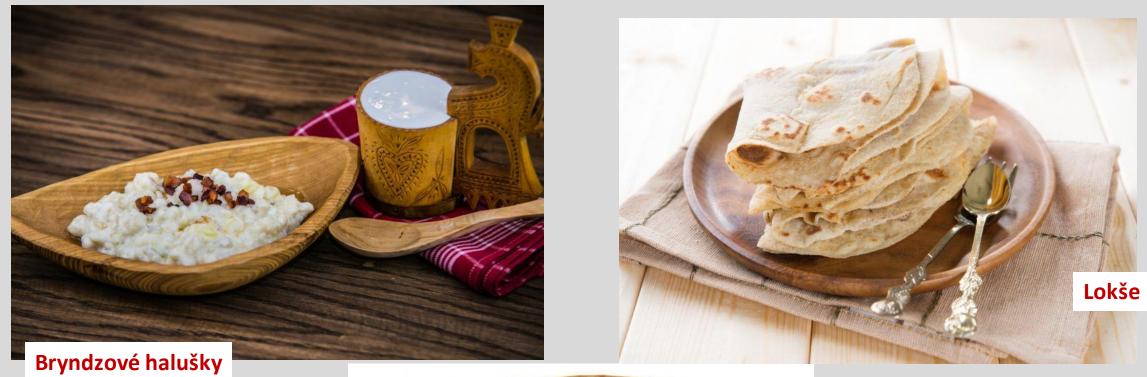


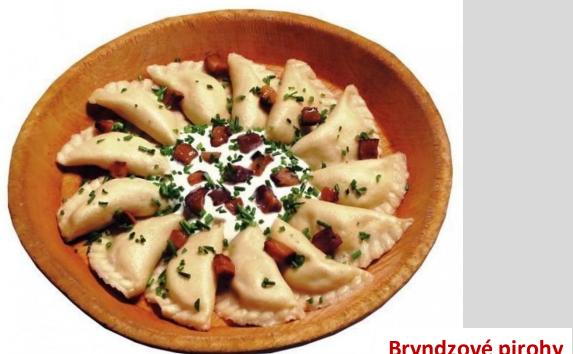
Slovak food

Slovak cuisine varies slightly from region to region across Slovakia. But the most popular foods are:

Bryndzové pirohy - Bryndza is product of a sheep milk cheese made mainly in Slovakia, Romania, Moldova and Serbia, but also in Poland, Ukraine, Hungary and part of Moravia in Czech Republic. Bryndza cheese is creamy white in appearance, known for its characteristic strong smell and taste.

Lokše: (pancakes made of potato dough baked directly on the stove) Bryndzové halušky: potato dumplings with bryndza.





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