

DRIVE ROUTE:

BUDAPEST – HIGH TATRAS SCENIC ROAD

Enjoy fantastic views of Budapest and Hungary, and discover World Heritage sites of the Slovakian cultural landscape with its beautiful lakes and picturesque towns and villages.

1. After your stay at Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest, hit the road and drive along Andrásy út, the Hungarian Champs Elysees, enjoying views of the Opera House, Heroes Square, the City Park and Széchenyi Bath. Next, drive onto the M3 and merge onto the M0 towards E77 - Slovakia.
2. Take Exit 71 towards E77/the M2 towards Slovakia.
3. Enter Slovakia, then continue on Route 66/E77.
4. Change to Road 51 towards Banska Stiavnica. On this road, you will find Chateau Saint Anton, a 15th-century baroque manor, and its English Garden, and later on you'll find Banska Stiavnica, which is an old historical town and UNESCO Heritage site.
5. Continue to Zvolen and visit Zvolen Castle, which is a medieval, well-preserved gothic castle located on a hill in the centre of Zvolen. Louis I of Hungary built Zvolen Castle in 1382 as his hunting castle.
6. Leave Zvolen, continue on Route 66/E77 and drive through Banska Bystrica. After leaving Banska Bystrica, you will enter Low Tatras National Park, with breathtaking views, especially in the autumn and winter months. Stop at Donovaly, the famous Slovakian ski paradise and mountain pass at 960 m (3,149.6 ft) above sea level, and enjoy the view of the surrounding peaks.
7. Continue on Route 66/E77. Just a stone's throw before Ruzomberok, there is a picturesque village called Vlkolinec, which is another UNESCO World Heritage site. It shows the traditional architecture and lifestyle of 19th-century Slovaks. It is a remarkably intact settlement with the traditional features of a Central European village. It is the region's most complete group of these kinds of traditional log houses, often found in mountainous areas.
8. Enter Ruzomberok and continue towards Tatranska Cesta on Route 18, then follow the E50 Highway. On this highway, you can enjoy views of Liptovska Mara, which is the largest reservoir of Slovakia and lies at the foot of the High Tatras Mountains. It is often called the "Slovakian Sea".
9. Take the Vazec exit for Route 18, and from Route 18, turn left to Horska.
10. Continue onto Route 538, turn right onto Route 537, then turn left to Szentivanyho and follow the signs to Strbske Pleso and Grand Hotel Kempinski High Tatras.

TOTAL DISTANCE: 353 km – TOLL ROADS: yes

