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GRAND HOTEL KEMPINSKI HIGH TATRAS

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IN THE ARMS OF MOUNTAINS

Grand Hotel Kempinski High Tatras is located in a national park, sitting directly on the bank of lake Štrbské Pleso, at an elevation of 1,351 meters with the lake and elevation creating the "spa effect". This particular effect makes the destination perfect for relaxation and recovery. Engaging in sports at high altitude is beneficial for the human body and increases sports performance. For this reason, Štrbské Pleso has attracted professional sportsmen, as well as tourists. The location of the hotel is very convenient for winter sports lovers, thanks to the nearby Štrbské Pleso ski resort, which is

popular among fans of downhill skiing. Lovers of cross-country skiing also find excellent conditions at Štrbské Pleso, since they can enjoy eight different tracks here, the largest resort in Slovakia. The mountains offer amazing opportunities for spending free time throughout the spring, summer and autumn. Favourite activities include walking and hiking, where visitors have an opportunity to experience magnificent views. Recently, Slovakia has emerged as a leading tourism destination, with visitors to the mountain areas focussing on outdoor adventures and ecotourism.



— THE HOTEL —

ICON ON THE BANK OF A LAKE ŠTRBSKÉ PLESO

Grand Hotel Kempinski High Tatras represents an oasis of luxury on the banks of a glacial lake, overlooking the majestic peaks of the High Tatras. The hotel complex was created after a careful reconstruction of three historic buildings, naturally shaping the panorama of Štrbské Pleso. Inside the hotel, which is considered a national landmark, one can feel the charm and romance of the old times,

and, at the same time, the luxury and comfort of the present day. The hotel has been a part of Kempinski, the oldest European hotel group, since 2009, offering its guests five-star comfort and the best service in Slovakia. Consisting of 98 spacious rooms and suites with views of a valley or lake Štrbské Pleso and High Tatras' panorama, the property is one of the leading luxury hotels in the country.



— HISTORY —

The hotel building consists of three historic buildings standing next to each other, built over 34 years: Jánošík (1893), Kriváň (1906) and Hviezdoslav (1923). They differ in their various architectonic styles, starting from belle époque, through secession and up to a modern 1920s style. Invited by nobleman Jozef Szentivanyi, the founder of Strbske Pleso, the most senior members of the aristocracy experienced the

comfort and beauty of Jozef villa. Among past guests, one can find members of the Habsburg and Coburg dynasty or King Milan of Serbia.

After the establishment of Czechoslovakia, the villa was renamed Jánošík after a Slovak national hero. Later on, the other two buildings, Kriváň and Hviezdoslav, joined the Jánošík building.

THE STORY OF A LEGEND

At the time of opening, the grand hotel Kriváň was one of three grand hotels in the Tatras and one of the most luxurious hotels in Europe. The elegant building, designed in a fine secession style, with a spa and a French restaurant in 1906, was meant to attract wealthy guests. The hotel was drawn up and built by a renowned architect, Mr Guido Hoepfner, in cooperation with Mr Géza Györgyi. There was electricity, a lift and telephones in the hotel, which was a great novelty at that time. Among the first guests of the grand hotel, one could find Archduke Charles Stephen with his family.

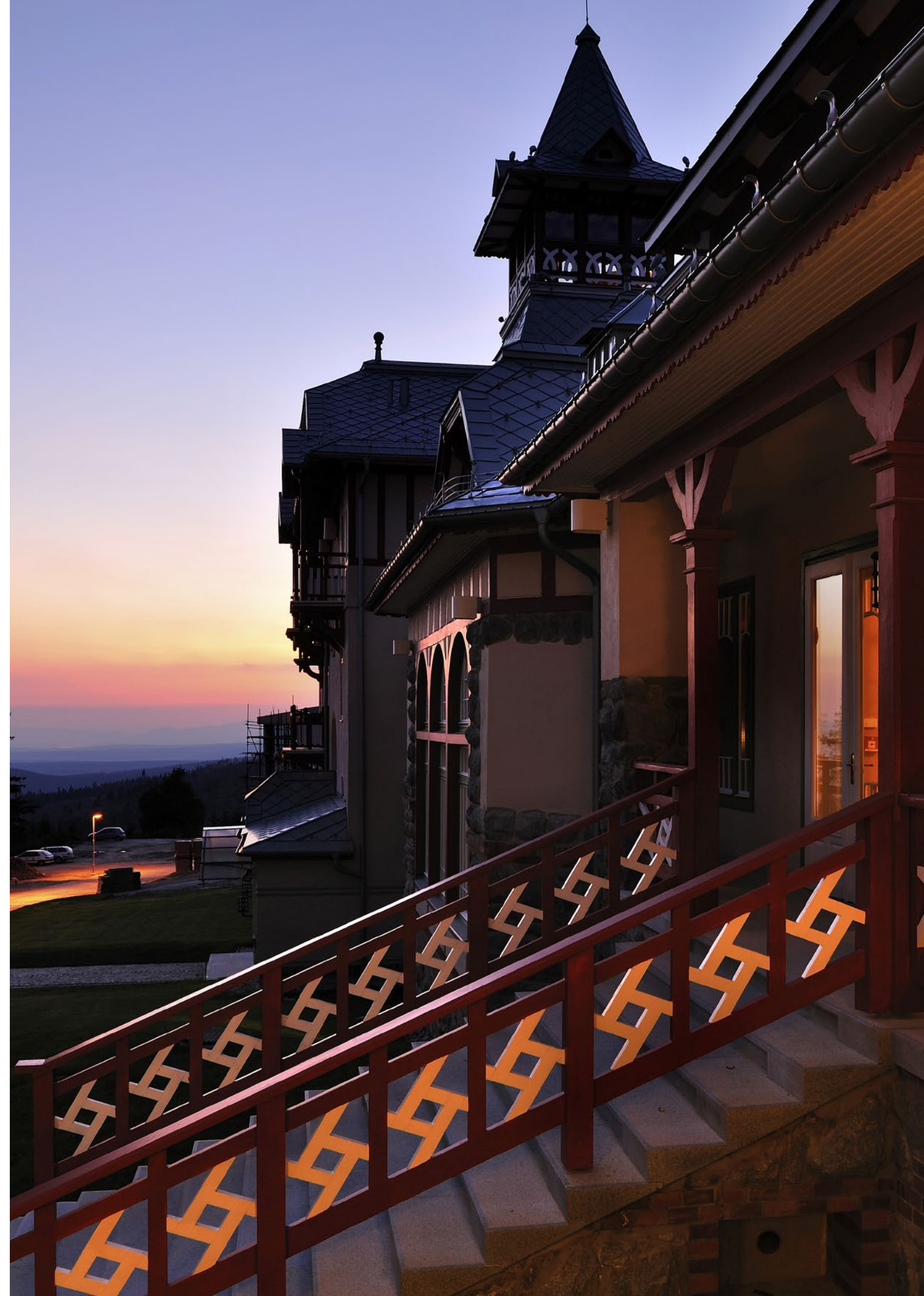
The Hviezdoslav building is named after a great Slovak poet. Prominent designers designed the hotel fittings and furniture in an extraordinary style, the so-called Rondocubism, a national style of Czechoslovakia at the time. The hotel buildings had served for sanatory purposes since 1953, but they gradually went to ruin and later closed. In 2003, the architect Peter Černo proposed a new study and reconstruction of the then-called Hviezdoslav spa medical treatment building. The aim was to convert it into a five-star hotel which would meet the requirements of Kempinski.



PRESERVATION OF ORIGINAL ARCHITECTURE

During the reconstruction, architect Peter Černo aimed to come as close to the original historical look as possible. He researched archived materials, historical pictures and other documents, which he and his team used later on. A spacious underground area was added and the restaurant, conference hall and ballroom were rebuilt according to old photographs. Moreover, with the help of historical drawings, they managed to complete towers, dormer windows and balconies and restore them to their former glory. At the same time, the wellness centre and apartments were finished. Architects used authentic colours and materials to restore the historic look of

the buildings. More than 70 original features were preserved, such as light fixtures, stairs, balconies, the ceiling in the Grand Restaurant, the painting and an antique-glass pane in the Hviezdoslav building. The rebuilding of the hotel was an extremely demanding process, taking over four years. The project of reconstructing and finishing the building to turn it into a five-star hotel, received several prestigious awards: the Bronze American Architecture Prize 2016 in the category of Architectural Design/Heritage Architecture; and the Iconic Awards 2017, with the winner awarded by a special board in Germany.





— ROOMS —

BREATHTAKING VIEWS

The hotel offers 98 spacious rooms including suites with contemporary design and breathtaking views over the idyllic High Tatras mountains, alpine lake Štrbské Pleso and the valley. These elegant rooms offer lavish marble bathrooms with some of Europe’s most beautiful scenery. All rooms are equipped with heated marble floors in the bathrooms, Wi-Fi Internet, interactive TVs, telephones, safes and private mini-bars.

ROOMS	SUITES	SIGNATURE SUITES
77 rooms 35 - 45 sq m (377 - 484 sq ft)	21 suites 45 - 186 sq m (484 - 2,002 sq ft)	Presidential and Romantic Suite

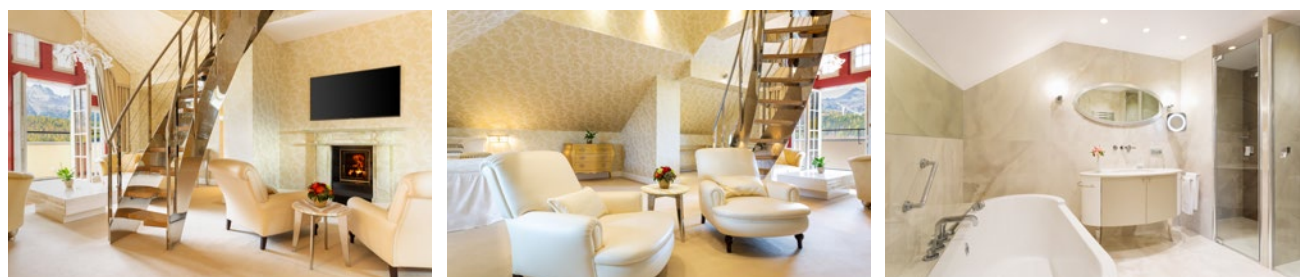


— SUITES —

ROMANTIC SUITE

The Romantic Suite features a large, comfortable bedroom, with its fireplace and a spacious bathroom finished in white marble. Stairs from the grand living room of the suite bring guests right to the hotel

tower with a private rooftop hot tub, where they can enjoy a 360-degree view over the Tatras nature. At night, it feels as if one could touch the stars. The Romantic Suite ensures jaw-dropping moments.



PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

The Presidential Suite is a real jewel of the hotel. Through the hall, guests enter into an area of 186 sq m (2,002 sq ft), experiencing perfect comfort, thanks to two bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, two living rooms, a kitchen and a dining room, which can also serve as a prestigious meeting room. This most luxurious suite in the High Tatras also features a private entrance and a lift, making it an ideal place for those seeking privacy. It is furnished with custom furniture,

wardrobes and accessories by world-famous designers. The Murano chandeliers on the ceilings and tailor-made paintings create the pleasant atmosphere of this suite, along with a wood-burning fireplace.

Besides accommodation, the Presidential Suite can be used for holding important meetings or for pre-wedding arrangements. The Suite has been awarded "Slovakia's Leading Hotel Suite" in the World Travel Awards.

— THE RESTAURANT —

THE HIGH TATRAS ON A PLATE AT GRAND RESTAURANT

Chef Miroslav Zamiska leads the culinary team at the Grand Restaurant, the property's signature dining venue. With a seasonal menu featuring the best ingredients at every time of year, Chef partners with local suppliers and nearby farms to ensure only the freshest local produce. Besides a culinary experience for

individual guests, the restaurant also transforms into the venue for the most exclusive events at the highest level. The restaurant ranks high on the lists of the best restaurants in Slovakia. In addition to the Gurman Award, the Grand Restaurant regularly wins "Best Hotel Restaurant" in the World Culinary Awards.



TOWER DINNER

The most romantic dinner in all of High Tatras can be enjoyed in the privacy of the hotel's View Tower featuring an incredible view of the High and Low Tatras and the calming surface of Lake Strbske Pleso. At sunset, guests can enjoy

an intimate candlelit dinner featuring culinary specialties.

View Tower provides a beautiful setting for a proposal, birthday or anniversary celebration.

— ZION SPA LUXURY —

INDULGING WORLD OF RELAXATION

With an area of more than 1,300 sq m (13,993 sq ft), the most charming spa in Slovakia offers a fitness centre, a relaxing indoor pool with massaging jets, a hot tub, Finnish, steam and infra-red saunas, thematic showers and an ice rain shower, in addition to six treatment rooms and the VIP Spa Suite. The ZION SPA LUXURY is located at the same elevation as the surface of the lake. Therefore, guests

can enjoy unforgettable views over lake Štrbské Pleso and the High Tatras peaks.

ZION SPA LUXURY regularly receives multiple prestigious awards. For several years in a row, the expert jury and the public in the World Travel Awards and World Spa Awards have awarded the spa first place in the Best Hotel Spa category.





— MEETINGS —

The High Tatras have been an excellent meetings destination for more than a century, offering perfect conditions for a range of events and for concluding important agreements. In the heart of nature, far from the rush of a city, the most prestigious venues, visited by international guests, can be found at Grand Hotel Kempinski High Tatras. The hotel features two charming ballrooms and several other rooms for meetings. The Gerlach Ballroom (126 sq m / 1,356 sq ft) in its classic style, with a grand marble fireplace and views over the lake, is equipped with the

latest visual and audio technology and can hold up to 150 people. The Krivan Ballroom is ideal for hosting cocktails, receptions or workshops, as well as smaller meetings. Large windows and a balcony offer breathtaking views over lake Štrbské Pleso and the valley. Spread over an area of 102 sq m, the Ballroom has capacity for 80 guests, based on seating arrangements. Event Planners appreciate the hotel's location and the stunning natural landscape that surrounds the property, allowing meeting guests and attendees to relax and recharge pre and post event.

— WEDDINGS —

The day when a couple say “I do” is one of the most important in life. The Grand Hotel Kempinski High Tatras's location provides an amazing setting for fairytale weddings. Especially attractive is the idea of hosting a wedding ceremony in the hotel's garden by the lake, with the majestic High Tatras peaks standing as witnesses to the newlyweds' love. The beautiful and elegant Gerlach and Krivan ballrooms may also be used for the ceremony and celebration. The future husband and wife

can stay in the Presidential Suite and use it for pre-wedding arrangements. A great feature of this suite is that it can be divided into two – a bride's half and groom's half, with both halves being rejoined after the ceremony for the newlyweds to enjoy their time together. Flexible spaces for various types of events allow guests to "grow" with the hotel. Guests celebrating their children's christenings, birthdays, weddings, or wedding anniversaries will find suitable spaces here.



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