

## ONE-DAY SIGHTSEEING TRIP



Dobšinská Ice Cave

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Fall in love with Slovak historical and nature treasures, whose value has already been appreciated by the whole world!



### VISITING

Dobšinská Ice Cave (UNESCO),  
Ochtinská Aragonite Cave (UNESCO),  
Betliar Mansion and the Slovak "Taj Mahal"

#### DOBŠINSKÁ ICE CAVE

Dobšinská Ice Cave ranks among the largest nature unique and beauty sites of Slovakia. It is one of the largest accessible ice caves in the world, which is further emphasized by its location outside the Alpine region. Since 2000, it has been listed in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Dobšinská Ice Cave is also known for its abundant history, which corresponds to the great public interest in this unique cave since its discovery. It is one of the first electrically lit caves in the world, and as early as in 1878 a cultivated mountain park was built on the access road to the cave.

#### OCHTINSKÁ ARAGONITE CAVE

Ochtinská Aragonite Cave is one of the European rarities and is one of the few publicly accessible aragonite caves in the world. Its interior is decorated with enchanting needles hanging from the ceiling. These are extremely thin sinter snows (stalactite formations), which, by their variety, seem to embody the infinite variability of nature formations and thus evoke the idea of stone rain. The most precious aragonite formation in the cave is the so-called iron flower appearing like coral. The cave prides itself by its registration in the UNESCO World Heritage List.

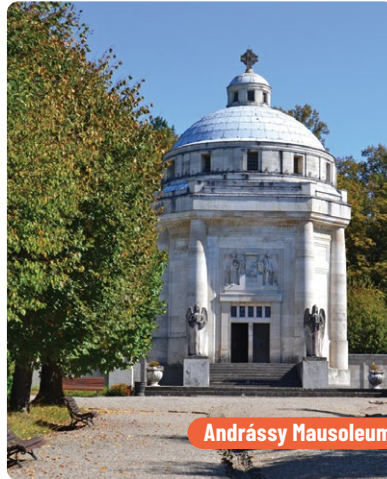
#### COUNT DIONYSUS AND FRANCISCA ANDRÁSSY MAUSOLEUM

The architecturally unique Art Nouveau building built in 1904 called the "Slovak Taj Mahal" is the final resting place of Count Dionysus Andrassy and his wife Countess Francisca. In 1903-1904, the Mausoleum was built by Count Dionysus himself, the last male representative of the Monock branch of the Andrassy family, after the death of his wife, Francisca née Hablavcová, as a sign of their inseparable love. The Mausoleum is clearly one of the largest architectural gems in this country and is located near the beautiful Mansion of Krásna Hôrka, which until 2012, when it burned out, had been open to the public.



## BETLIAR MANSION

The Betliar Mansion is our most visited and also the most beautiful castle in southeastern Slovakia. Situated on the outskirts of the village of Betliar, it is surrounded by a beautiful park with rare trees, romantic buildings, and wildlife. It is a truly luxurious mansion built to represent its owners. Betliar was one of the manor houses, which after 1945 avoided war looting, and so its interior and family collections have been preserved to this day. Everything in the manor house belonged to the Andrássy family, whom we consider to be the most important aristocrats in Europe in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



Andrássy Mausoleum



Betliar Mansion



**THE TRIP IS GOOD FOR  
ALL THE TRAVELLERS**



### TIME SCHEDULE

- 1 Transfer Košice » Dobšinská Ice Cave (UNESCO)
- 2 Cave tour
- 3 Lunch
- 4 Transfer to Ochtinská Aragonite Cave (UNESCO)
- 5 Cave tour
- 6 Tour of the Betliar Mansion
- 7 Tour of the Count Dionysus and Francisca Andrássy Mausoleum
- 8 Return to Košice



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



**Route start/end**  
Košice  
**Length in km**  
ca 320 km



**Locality**  
Historical Gemer region



**Trip availability**  
15 May - 30 September



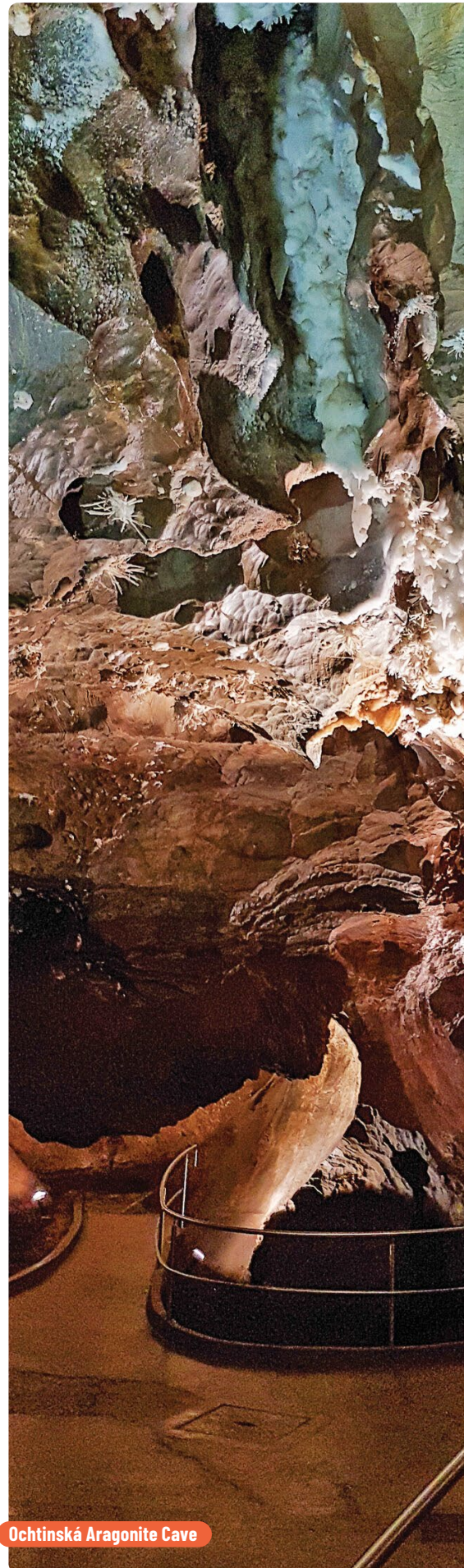
**Recommended clothing**  
Comfortable clothes

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Ochtinská Aragonite Cave