

## 2. trip **Starý Smokovec – Hrebienok (by a cablecar/ on foot) - a trek 1-5** **(accessible from Hrebienok) – Starý Smokovec**

1 Téry's chalet 2 Zamkovsky chalet 3 Skalnaté mountain lake 4 Sliezsky house(chalet)

5 Reiner's cottage, waterfalls, walk around Smokovec town



**Téry's chalet** is the second highest located at the altitude of 2,015 m. It can be found in Malá Studená dolina (valley) near the tarns of Pät' Spišských plies. It was named after Edmund Téry, a "doctor of the poor" from Banská Štiavnica, who played a significant role in the development of tourism in the Tatras. The area near the chalet is full of saddles with tourist trails and the terrain is ideal for climbing, ski touring or relaxation near the tarns.

Estimated time: 3h5'' from Hrebienok.

**Skalnatá chalet** (1,751 m above sea level) was originally made of stone. Nowadays, it is managed by Ladislav Kulanga, a popular holder of several records in carrying goods to alpine chalets. Next to the chalet, there is a Skalnaté mountain lake and the observatory. Skalnatá chalet is a change place for the cableca to Lomnický peak – the second highest in the High Tatras.

Estimated time: 2h 30'' from Hrebienok.





**Mountain hotel Sliezsky dom** (1,670 m above sea level) is located at the beginning of Velická dolina (valley), where a former mountain chalet had been built in 1871. However, it burnt down in 1962. The present mountain hotel was built in 1968. The hotel is also surrounded by the Velické mountain lake.

Estimated time: 2h from Hrebienok

**Zamkovský's chalet** (1,475 m above sea level) is a cosy, alpine chalet located under the upper forest line, in the lower part of Malá Studená dolina (valley). It was built in 1942–1943 as a private chalet of Štefan Zamkovský, a climber. After the nationalisation of 1950's, it was taken under state ownership and returned to Zamkovský's descendants only in 1989.

Estimated time: 50'' from Hrebienok



The oldest Tatra chalet, **Reiner's chalet**, was used as a storage room and occasional hostel. The chalet was renewed in 1998. Inside, there is a small exposition depicting the past and present of mountain sherpas in the Tatras, and a collection of old climbing equipment and old skis that were used by our forefathers.

Estimated time: 25'' from Hrebienok



**Starý Smokovec** is located in the central part of the High Tatras and is one of its main centres. It is well located and therefore suitable as a starting point for hikes in the area. Starý Smokovec also offers a few kilometre long toboggan run. Other services are available very near - in Nový Smokovec (a bowling alley, a cinema etc.). Given the location in the middle part of the High Tatras, Starý Smokovec is also suitable for trips to other Tatra locations such as Štrbské Pleso, Tatranská Lomnica, Ždiar etc.

One of the tourist attractions in the High Tatras is the group of the cascaded **Vodopády Studeného potoka waterfalls**. These waterfalls are among the most frequently visited in the Tatras. They form a complex system of multi-terraced cascades. The upper is called Obrovský vodopád (The Giant waterfall), the name of the lower waterfall is Trojitý vodopád triple waterfall. It is hidden deep in the forest hence seldom visited. Below the confluence of the Veľký and Malý Studený potok brooks there are another four waterfalls – the Small waterfall, the Hidden waterfall, the Big waterfall, the Long waterfall.

Estimated time: 1h from Hrebienok



# 1.trip Spiš castle - Spiš chalet – Levoča

The **Spiš Castle** is a National Cultural Monument, with its area of more than four ha, and partially in ruins, is one of the largest castles in Central Europe. The Spiš Castle was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1993.

The construction of the medieval castle on a travertine hill dates back to the beginning of the 12th century. It served as a boundary fort, the seat of the head of the Spiš region for many centuries. In 1780 the castle compound was destroyed by fire and gradually fell into ruins. At present there are the collections of the Spišské múzeum placed in the castle documenting its history, along with medieval arms and feudal jurisdiction.



**Spiš chalet** is a restaurant decorated in a folk style serving traditional Slovak dishes such as gnocci with sheep cheese, piroggy with (fruit, potato, cottage cheese, meat) filling, žinčica (sour liquid made from sheep milk), and many others.



The town of **Levoča** is situated in the centre of the Spiš region below the mountain range Levočské vrchy. The town possesses a great number of architectural monuments linked with the glorious past of the town, therefore it is one of the most frequently visited places in the country. Levoča has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 2009.

High above the town towers the Mariánska hora Mt. (781 m). This is one of the largest pilgrimage places in Slovakia. Tens of thousands of pilgrims in long queues ascend to the mountain to render their gratitude to the Virgin Mary.