

Oponice

Visit Oponice village, located 24 km from Nitra northward. The main attraction is the **Renaissance Appony chateau**, nowadays a luxury hotel. It houses a unique **historical Baroque library** of this old noble family. There is also the Apponyi's hunting museum in the village. **The ruin of Oponice castle**, directly above the village, is a popular tourist destination, too. It was built in the 13th century as an important point in protection of the town of Nitra and Nitra Prince's castle against the raids of the Tatars and Turks. It was very well fortified and its famous massive watchtower called Tereš served as a „safe“ during the Turkish Wars – many noblemen from the region stored their valuables there.

Historical Library of the Chateau Appony ****

Opening hours:

June – August

Tue – Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sat, Sun: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

September – May

Tue – Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sat. – entries 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sun. – entries noon – 3:00 p.m.

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Mojmírovce and Poľný Kesov

The Baroque – Classicistic **chateau in Mojmírovce**, which is located 15 km from Nitra, is a perfect place for taking some rest. It is embraced by an English garden, including a 300 years old cellar and an outdoor shooting range. There is a **Regional Museum Mojmírovce** with an exhibition of contemporary furniture and wine making exposition in the village. You can also marvel at old books of the parish library.

Not far from Mojmírovce, in a village of Poľný Kesov there is a thermal Lido and Spa **ThermalPark Nitrava**. The thermal water in the pools has healing effects on the musculoskeletal system, rheumatism and central nervous system, and helps with bones and joints regeneration, recovery after injuries and muscle relaxation. It is open all year round.

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Regional Museum of Mojmírovce

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Opening hours:

Tue – Thu: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sat: 1:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sun: upon appointment

Did you know that thermal water in the swimming pools of Podhájska has similar properties to water from the Dead Sea? Thanks to its high mineral content it has many beneficial effects on the whole body.

ThermalPark Nitrava

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Thermal Lido and Spa Podhájska

The Thermal Lido and Spa in the village of Podhájska, located in the south of Slovakia near the town of Nové Zámky, is a perfect place for relax all year round. The so called **Slovak “Dead Sea”** is unique in the world and has many beneficial effects on the human body. Water from Podhájska spring is highly mineralized and its healing properties are beneficial especially for patients with musculoskeletal problems, respiratory diseases, and skin eczema.

Contact:

The Thermal Lido and Spa “Termálne kúpalisko Podhájska”, no. 493, 941 48 Podhájska, e-mail: wellnesscentrum@tkpodhajska.sk, Phone: + 421 (0)918 708 742

Tourist lookout Tower Radošinka and the Nové Sady Castle

Lovers of nature and hiking will definitely like the lookout tower, which is located in the territory of the village Čab, 218 meters above the sea level. It offers **extraordinary views** of the nearby mountain ranges “Malé Karpaty”, “Považský Inovec”, “Tribeč” and “Strážovské vrchy”. In case of a clear sky you can see the whole lowland as far as to the capital city Bratislava. Combine your trip with visit of Museum in **Chateau Ghýczy** in Nové Sady.

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Tourist View Tower Dolná Nitra

Another tourist view tower is located in the vineyards of the Klasov village. It is made of red spruce wood and is 15 meters high. From the top of it is a beautiful view of Zobor hill and the mountain ranges “Tribeč”, “Pohronský Inovec”, and “Štiavnické vrchy”, and the lowland spreading to the south of Slovakia.



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Topolčianky and surroundings

The village of Topolčianky is located approximately 36 km from Nitra and has several places of interest to offer. You can visit the **Chateau Topolčianky** with an interesting exhibition of historical furniture and a library, the **Hippological Museum**, or the nearby **Bison Park**. On the way from Topolčianky to Skýcov there is a village of Hrušov with a ruin of a Gothic castle from the 13th century.

Chateau Topolčianky

At the northern end of the village there is a large English garden nicely embracing a picturesque monumental Classicist chateau. In the 1920's the chateau used to be the official summer residence of the Czechoslovak presidents. In the Classicist wing there is a **museum** with an exposition of **historical furniture** and home accessories, in the three Renaissance wings there is a modern hotel.

The **chateau library** contains more than 14,000 volumes, of mostly scholarly and scientific literature, with works of French, English and German authors from the Age of Enlightenment, many encyclopedias as well as botanical and zoological atlases. The first Slovak grammar book "Grammatica Slavica" by Anton Bernolák can be seen there. The Library is one of the few completely preserved chateau libraries in Slovakia.

Opening hours of the museum:

Winter season: 1 October – 30 April

Monday: closed

Tuesday – Friday: Entries at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday, Holiday:

Entries at 12:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

Summer season: 1 May – 30 September

Monday: closed

Tuesday – Friday: Entries at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday, Holiday:

Entries at 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

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The first President of Czechoslovak Republic **Tomáš Garigue Masaryk** used to spent in Topolčianky almost every year since 1923. For the 2 months his office officially moved there, creating a nice opportunity for recreation of the president.

Equestrian tourism

The **National Stud Farm** in Topolčianky, founded in 1921, is a specialized national centre for breeding and cultivation of horses of both traditional and sport breeds. Breeding of 550 horses in total of 4 different breeds makes it a European rarity. During the visit you can ride a horse, a carriage or you can visit the nearby **Hippology Museum**, which is the only one of its kind in Slovakia. In its 4 pavilions you can see exhibitions of horse harnesses, coaches and carriages, traditional blacksmith, wheelwright and saddle maker workshops, horse breeder's house and exposition devoted to sport successes.

Riding hall and Hippology exposition tours:

May – October: Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, Holiday: 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

Tours in Hippology exposition upon appointment

Contact:

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Bison Park

Do not miss visiting the **Bison Park**, which is only 6 km away from the center of Topolčianky. It is the only place in Slovakia where you can see the **European Bison**, the largest European mammal. The **Bison Park** in Topolčianky was founded in 1958. Its mission was to contribute to saving the **European Buffalo** from extinction, because at that time there were only 150 individuals of this species worldwide. The Park was originally designed for 12 animals.

Opening hours:

daily 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Feeding of Bisons: at 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m.

Contact:

National Forest Authority, Topolčianky Station "Lesy SR, Š.p., Odštepny závod Topolčianky", Parková street no.7, 951 93 Topolčianky, Phone: +421 (0)37 640 3424 Tours for organized groups: topolcianky@lesy.sk



The Mlyňany Arboretum



This evergreen park is located in the village of Vieska nad Žitavou and belongs to the largest in Central Europe. It was established in 1892 by Dr. Štefan Ambrózy – Migazzi, who also built a **Neo-Classicist mansion** on the premises. The park consists of 5 thematic sections and own nursery with coniferous and ornamental plants shop. **Ambrózy Park**, the oldest part of arboretum, is located right behind the mansion. There are sections dedicated to dendroflora of East

Asia and North America. You can also find a separate section dedicated to Slovakia. The area close to the entrance to the park is dedicated to blooming perennials and rosarium.

Opening hours:

26 October – 31 March → Monday – Sunday, Holiday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1 April – 25 October → Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday, Holiday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Contact: The Mlyňany Arboretum "Arborétum Mlyňany SAV", Vieska nad Žitavou no.178, 951 52 pošta Slepčany, tel. +421 (0)37 633 4211

Jelenec and surroundings

The village of **Jelenec** is located 11 km from Nitra. It is a place ideal for relax and recreation. The must see of the area is the **Gýmeš Castle** located on the southern slope of the mountain range **Tribeč**. In the valley above the village is a water reservoir **Jelenec** with a campsite and weekend cottages. On the northwest slope of the **Dúň** hill there is a **Protected Area of Jelenec Chestnut Grove**. In the nearby village of **Kostoľany pod Tribečom** you can visit a **Romanesque church of St. George**, which is one of the oldest preserved **Romanesque architectural monuments in Slovakia**.

Gýmeš Castle

The village of **Jelenec** lies in the mouth of a wide valley of the creek "Jelenský potok". It is also known under the former name **Gýmeš**. Long history of **Jelenec** is closely connected with the **Gýmeš Castle**, which

ruins sit on the quartz top of the hill **Dúň** covered by forest. The castle was built around 1253 as a residence of the noble family **Forgáč**, one of the most affluent Hungarian families. It owned the castle for almost seven centuries. The castle was burned and destroyed several times. In 1950 the ruin of it became a state property.



Jelenec Chestnut Grove

The **Jelenec Chestnut Grove** is a remarkable and unique protected area. The subject of protection is the old grove of chestnut trees, which was established by the **Forgáč** family below the **Gýmeš** castle in the 13th century. It was one of the oldest introductions of forest trees in Slovakia. It is located at an altitude of 430-450 m above the sea level and is surrounded by natural oak-hornbeam forest. During the period of ripening of chestnuts (October-November) the grove is closed to the public. This also applies to the green hiking trail, which passes through the grove.

Did you know, that in the grove there is already the third generation of chestnut trees? It covers an area of 3.8 hectares and is a home of 200-400 years old trees. The height of trees varies from 14 up to 24 m.

Kostoľany pod Tribečom

In the wide valley of the creek **Drevenica**, between the hills of **Dúň** and **Ploská**, lies the picturesque village of **Kostoľany pod Tribečom**. On the outskirts of the village the **Church of St. George** catches your attention. It is a national cultural monument. The church is unique due to remarkable **medieval frescos** on the walls of the older ship and the presbytery, depicting the Life of the Virgin. What is so remarkable about them is that an unknown artist probably coming from the **Zobor** monastery in **Nitra** used a modern technique of painting upon wet plaster that was unusual at that time.

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