# GEMER

# Worth seeing!

What do you imagine when you hear Gemer-Malohont?

One can imagine the deep forests of the Muránska planina plateau, the mysterious caves of the Slovak Karst, fascinating frescoes in the charming churches along the Gothic Route or technical monuments of the region which was once the "Kingdom of Hungary's iron heart". Legendary Muráň buns are delicacy for gourmets, the folklorist's heart will skip the beat at the thought of a celebration in Klenovec or Rejdová. All of these ideas are united by indescribable diversity.

Discover it with us!



Gemer-Malohont region offers something for road cycling enthusiasts as well as for mountain slopes lovers. On the wide plains in the south of the region and on winding mountain roads with amazing views in the north. A unique place for cycling is the Gemerské spojky or so-called Gemer Couplings representing unfinished railway connections from the period of Second World War. They also include the Slavošovce Tunnel, the official cycle route connecting Košice and Banská Bystrica regions. With its length of 2,401 m it is the longest cycle tunnel in Europe and the third longest in the world.

Let's experience the undiscovered Gemer-Malohont together! Tips for trips and more information about the region can be found at

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resentational purposes of this family. In the pleasant surround-

ings of the adjacent park, you will find many interesting nooks and

objects: the Masonic and Chinese pavilion, the Japanese bridge,

Hermes' well, a pond with water lilies or a large artificial waterfall -

the largest of its kind in Slovakia. The park has been included in the

list of artistically and culturally valuable parks in the world regis-

tered by UNESCO. The oldest monument of the village is the Roman

Catholic church of St. Elizabeth the widow fromf 14th century with

interesting vaults. The 18th-century Protestant church hides inter-

esting altar. Visit also the neighborhood of Nižná Maša where there

used to be a blast furnace and ironworks. Today, the site is declared

a national cultural monument and testifies to the industrial past

of the village. Unfortunately, the only preserved objects are apart-

In addition to the manor house, the village also outshines in its

hospitality with pleasant restaurants and accommodation such as

Barónka Bed & Breakfast & Bistrot, Penzión pri kaštieli Betliar or Pen-

zión TKM Betliar with sports facilities and a pizzeria. You can also

stay in nature - in a municipal cottage settlement near the manor

The yellow tourist sign will take you from the village to the most

famous point of the Volovské vrchy mountains- Skalisko in less than

4 hours. Your reward will be panoramic view of the Ore Mountains

is a village located 17 km northeast of Rimavská Sobota town. It is

known as home of the fairy tale writer and folklorist Pavol Emanue

Dobšinský. The Museum of the Slovak Fairy Tale has been estab-

lished in the memorial parish where he lived and worked for almost

24 years. The territory of the village is part of the protected area

Drienčanský kras known for karst caves, lakes, scrapes and ditches.

You can explore its characteristic natural conditions following edu-

cational trail. The most attractive stop is Malá Drienčanská Cave.

In its vicinity, the banks of the river Blh are decorated with ostrich

fern – our largest species of fern growing to length of more than

1 meter. All around the village you will find wooden statues, sundial

with fairy-tale characters, a wooden fairy-tale labyrinth, a bowling

alley or the memorial parish of Pavel Dobšinský where he is also

buried. The total length of the educational trail starting in the vil-

lage of Teplý Vrch is 7.5 kilometers. The karst circuit starting and

ending in Drienčany is 2.9 km long.

plateaus of the Slovak Karst National park and Spiš Castle.

Drienčany

ment buildings of the ironworks employees.

park or in log cabins Kamila and Ján.

tree – the largest in central Slovakia, with a trunk circumference for domestic and cross-country visitors.

rental with accessories.

#### Jelšava

14th century it was the second most important trading center and iron supplier in The Kingdom of Hungary. In the 19th century there was an incredible amount of forty bell-producing workshops whose products were highly valued for their sonorous tones and fine tuning and therefore shipped to whole Europe, parts of Asia and Africa. Dominant feature of city center is monumental Coburg manor house which is currently under reconstruction. In cooperation with the association Cierne diery it is planned to build a unique accomPoľná 344 (Phone +421 911 309 340) and Nostalgia Cafe & Restaurant on Námestie slobody 144 (Phone +421 905 741 050).

#### Muránska Huta

Muránska Huta is located 760 m above sea level in the picturesque

Thanks to the riding club you can make beautiful trips to the surroundings in a horse saddle. Muránska Huta is a suitable starting point for wandering through the rural landscape above the neighboring Muránska Zdychava or hiking: across the Predná Hora to Muráň castle, next to the waterfall directly above the village for free-grazing horses on Veľká lúka and from there to Muráň cas-

the village. The frescoes inside proves the uniqueness and important role of the village Rákoš in the history of the Gemer region.

This beautiful city located in the valley of river Muránka was one of the most important historical centers of Gemer in mining and national history. Its surroundings are decorated with natural beauties, the remains of mines, smelters and hams while in the center you will be enchanted by historic buildings. Tourists can visit several National Cultural Monuments among which the building of the First Slovak Grammar School.

of the entire city and its surroundings.

majestic viaduct and to Čertova Dolina valley reminding the gorges of the Slovak Paradise National Park.

The city itself has a lot to offer too. You can find there a spring of widely popular mineral water Šťavica or "Vachtové jazierko" lake named after a rare buckbean plant growing in this area. Do not miss the Forest Open-Air Museum or the Cog Museum at the railway station. Dominant features of city center are Protestant church and the town hall with museum - its exhibits are dedicated to history, ironworks and crafts. Other valuable tips for tours, excursions, accommodation and restaurants will be provided in INFO Bookstore Information Center.

## Γornaľa

Tornala is a town located in the south of Revúca district. The rarest historical monuments in the town include almost 500 years old the Calvinist church, the Catholic church built in 1931 and the Evangelical church built in 1933. The Zoltánka city park, whose history is rich and dates to the 13th century is also worth a visit. During ownership of the Tornally family the park was transformed into an english garden full of rare exotic trees. Most notable are two 350-year-old sycamore trees. On the outskirts of the city there is a swimming pool spreading in area of almost 2 hectares. The artificially created water surface is

filled with water from the Morské oko, a unique natural phenomenon

of the artesian spring of groundwater. On the edge of the swimming

pool there are springs of mineral water so-called Šťavica. One of them

The village of Veľké Teriakovce lies north of Rimavská Sobota city,

The natural path "Follow the Footsteps of Maginhrad" refers to the

Myth of Maginhrad. You can learn a lot of information about the

history of the surrounding villages and the region. Magical atmos-

phere is reinforced by wooden fairytale statues of knights, shep-

Rich history is also proved by the Gothic church in Malé Teriakovce

with one of the oldest decorated coffered ceilings in Slovakia. Hard

work of our ancestors and their lives are presented in the interactive

exposition of more than 200-year-old Water Mill. There is a museum

of agriculture, milling, bakery and traditional crafts, a unique col-

lection of Kyjatice toys, a traditional Teriakovce room and kitchen.

Accommodation is offered by family bed and breakfast Salaš pod

Maginhradom which is inspired by the traditional shepherd style

and folk architecture. Both body and soul will be delighted by new-

ly built wellness center and traditional regional cuisine with shep-

Kazetový strop v kostole Malé Teriakovce

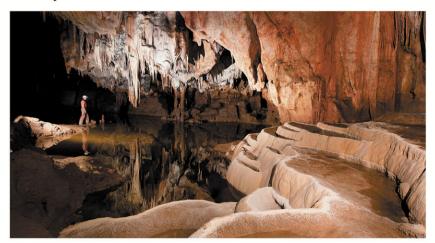
also fills the well-known bottled mineral water Gemerka.

The state nature protection of the Slovak Republic has a nationwide scope and focuses mainly on providing natural and landscape protection, including the management of caves, national parks and protected areas. In the Gemer-Malohont region you can discover the beauty of the national parks Muránska planina plateau, the Slovak Karst and the Cerová vrchovina Protected Landscape Area. No other region of Slovakia has such a variety of accessible caves as Upper Gemer. From the Dobšinská Ice Cave in the north, through the most famous dripstone cave Domica in the south, its smaller sister Gombasecká Cave, to the most beautiful aragonite cave in Europe - Ochtinská aragonite cave.



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Rožňava Mining Museum

The Mining Museum in Rožňava owns rich archeological, historical and technological collections as well as an exceptional mining and metallurgy collection of Gemer region.

They can be seen in the Historical building on Šafárikova 31. In the Gallery situated on Námestie baníkov 25 you can see exhibitions of fine art or take part in creative workshops and

discussions. Andrássy Picture Gallery in Krásno horské Podhradie. In order to have an authentic insight into a miner´s work underground visit the Discovery Centre SENTINEL

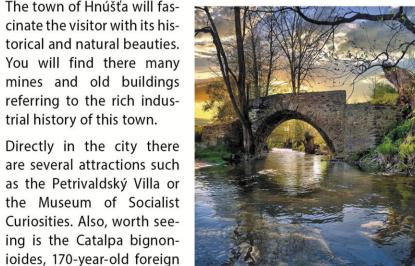




real mining train or explore the 3rd oldest steam cylinder in the world! You will find there also exhibitions: Mining and Metallurgy, Steam Time, Mining Workplaces and the Nature of Slovak Karst. Majority of them are accessible also to visitors with reduced and limited mobility.

## Betliar

The village is well known and popular mainly due to luxurious residence of the Andrássy family. The manor house in Betliar is the only one in Slovakia that has been preserved after 1945 with its original equipment and collections. Its interior full of historic furniture, rare paintings, books, weapons and exotic trophies will transfer you into the lives of the most important aristocrats of the 19th century in Europe.



Turkish Bridge

Kaštieľ v Betliari

Classicist mansion, Roman Catholic and Reformed church. Approximately 500 m from the railway station stands one of the three military bunkers in Gemer, the light fortification building 37, which is is a photogenic view of the narrow hills whose pastures are home to the largest colony of ground squirrels in the Cerová Highlands. The highest of the peaks hides the remains of Kapla castle. From there, follow the blue tourist sign to the heart of the Cerová Highlands and to the Ragáč hill, the second youngest volcano in Slovakia. It is possible to continue along the green route to the village Hajnáčka with easily accessible castle or in the opposite direction to Steblová rock – its high basalt columns of lava origin resemble church pipe organ.

Drienčany – drevený rozprávkový labyrint

# There are 2 popular tourist attractions in Jelšava. The first is rec-

reational rafting on the river Muráň. Lovers of water tourism can discover the beauty of Muráň river individually or in groups in oneto four-seated kayaks. All the equipment can be borrowed in the Jelšava Municipal Services. The second attraction is the possibility to rent mountain scooters with a subsequent descent from the Hrádok hill to Jelšava, 6 km away and 360 meters below. There are 5 sprung scooters for adults and 3 for children with helmets, protective gloves and child protection. The transport of tourists to the starting point is offered as part of the service. Do not miss the Ochtinská aragonite cave in Hrádok (only 1 km away from the start of the scooters). It belongs to the most valuable aragonite caves

modation in the highest part of this manor. Magnificent Catholic

church of St. Peter and Paul and renovated Municipal Museum in its

neighborhood are also worth seeing.

### Jesenské

Jesenské is a village located in the southwestern part of the Rimavská kotlina, 10 km south of Rimavská Sobota town. It is the largest village in southern Gemer and an important railway crossroad. Express trains on the Bratislava-Zvolen-Košice route also stop here.

in the world due to its richness and diversity aragonite filling forms.

In the village you will find historical monuments: late Barogue and being renovated by a group of enthusiasts. From the bunker there

Pleasant accommodation is provided in Tourist hostel near the railway station, Restaurant and pension Ascona Club on the street

# Muráň

Rákoš – gotický kostolík

A small village under the rock cliff Cigánka is one of the most visited places in Gemer. Upon arrival, visitors will be enchanted by beautiful nature of the Muránska planina National park with its vast and mysterious forests. The ruins of once famous Muráň castle starring in many legends, myths and poems stands proudly above the village. It is possible that the castle lords once treated themselves with legendary Muráň buns.

Connection of the village with surrounding nature is very strong. The latest curiosity of the locality is currently very popular. Until recently, it was an exceptional experience to see ground squirrels in the wild. Thanks to a meadow near the village there is an opportunity to make direct contact with this cute little animal. Dozens of tourists visit this unique place every



Rákoš – freska v gotickom kostolíku

day. However, think careful-

on sunny days from March to September.

The village of Rákoš located in the southeastern part of the Slovak Ore Mountains at the foot of Železník hides incredible historical and natural wealth. This still undiscovered locality has a rich mining tradition. In the local part of Rákošská Baňa visitors can learn about its history presented in the local museum. In the mining exposition you can explore various mining tools from the end of the 19th century, interesting minerals, period documents and photographs. Especially unique is also The Natural Path of Small Bats which passes along secured mining works which became winter shelters of bat colonies. They can be observed in the autumn and spring months. Visitors will then get to the ruins of the Rákoš castle. The atmosphere of the old mining village is completed by a Gothic church tower above

ly about the time of your visit as ground squirrels can only be seen

cies of moore-peat plants. Thanks to the Riding Club Pod Okrúhlou skalou you can also get

ic steam train Zubačka. Unique cogwheel track with a slope up to 50.2 ‰ will take you to the Zbojská saddle. Explore Zbojská Chalet and a panoramic tower located in this charming environment. You can follow the path of bandit Jakub Surovec leading under



Bunker ROP Jesenské



# Recreational area Predná Hora

The Predná Hora recreational area near the National park Muránska planina offers complex services in the area of recreation and relaxation on an area of 17 ha. It includes top wellness facilities, sports facilities, several accommodation units, a restaurant and a family brewery. You can stay in a guest house, wooden cottages in folk style, a hut with its own gazebo and fireplace or in separate cottages.

Regeneration of body and mind awaits you in the wellness center, which includes many pools, hydromassage, a vital world with a whirlpool and, in addition to traditional saunas, a mountain sauna, menthol and herbal, ice well and tepidarium. Don't miss specialties like

a beer bath, a seaweed bath in a wooden tub or a salt cave. In the pleasant environment you can taste craft beer specialties served directly from the tap tanks of this family mini brewery. Refresh yourself with these specialties directly at the pool bar.

## Apartments Planina.sk Predná Hora

Rekreačný areál Predná Hora, Predná Hora, 049 01 Muráň

Phone: +421 910 923 535, www.prednahora.sk

Are you looking for calm and quiet places? The National park Muránska planina and Stolické vrchy mountains are such places.

Discover with us the beautiful nature around Predná Hora as hikers, cyclists, runners or even in winter on cross-country skis. Stepping on the pedals and enjoying the sun-drenched Veľká Lúka or treading the first cross-country ski trail on Stolica in fresh snow – these are experiences that are difficult to describe in words...

You can walk around Coburg's mansion, chat over a glass of good wine and relax in the sauna stars... Come and experience it in the apartment houses and cottage Planina. New alpine-style and cozy apartments are only fev

Hora resort. They provide plenty of space, privacy, the opportunity to spend pleasant moments on a wooden balcony which comes with each apartment and room or relax in the new wellnes. Chatová osada Planina.sk, Predná Hora 479, 049 01 Muráň

### **Guest-house BUCK Tornal'a**

Phone: +421 904 855 744, www.planina.sk

Bed and breakfast BUCK is located near the center of Tornal'a, just opposite the train station and provides accommodation in 10 rooms with a total capacity of 22 beds. Each room has a bathroom with

steps away from the main

car park of the Predná



have a snack or sit down Turistická ubytovňa BUCK, Štúrova 1017/32, 982 01 Tornaľa

## Phone: +421 474 892 174, www.penzionbuck.sk

Guets-house Mamut Revúca se Mamut continues the long tradition of the best

pub in the town of Revúca and expands the offer with accommodation. It will provide 4 double rooms and 4 family apartments with kitchen and ground floor there wil

breakfast for guests and meals throughout the day. Penzión Mamut, Terézie Vansovej 1191, 050 01 Revúca,

## **Guest-house Kráľov dom Revúca**

The Kráľov dom guest-house is located in a historic building right in the heart of Revúca. The charming building dominates the entire square and has also been declared a national

The guest-house has been renovated and offers accommodation in 6 elegant and spacious hotel rooms with suite facilities or in a cozy apartment. It also has fully equipped conference facilities and it

own parking lot protecte

by a camera system

be a restaurant providing

Phone: +421 905 919 252



#### Penzión Kráľov Dom, Muránska 380, 050 01 Revúca Phone: +421 911 962 770, www.kralovdom.sk

Rožňava Tourist Information Office

The Tourist Information Office (TIK) is located in the town hall building in Rožňava. It provides free regional information on tourism, events and local institutions as well as tickets to access the Watchtower with a beautiful view of the city, its surroundings and the cliffs of

the Slovak Karst National park In the office it is possible to buy souvenirs and gifts from local artisans. It also provides a guide around the city, sales of maps, book publications, tickets for selected events, information on accommodation, copy services, sales of travel tickets to RegioJet,

Flixbus and plane tickets. TIK Rožňava,

Námestie baníkov 32, 048 01 Rožňava, Phone: +421 948 205 226, www.tikroznava.sk

### Hotel Hrádok

Mountain Hotel Hrádok is situated 670 meters above sea level in a quiet mountain environment surrounded by nature. It is 9 km far from the town of Jelšava, only 1 km from the Ochtinská Aragonite Cave. It is suitable for families with children, romantic stays for newlyweds or for couples in love.

In addition to accommodation, the hotel also

runs a restaurant with a wide range of food and beverages. It also offers facilities for famiin the area with capacity up to 40 people.

Hotel Hrádok, Phone: +421 584 860 220, www.hotelhradok.sk



Zjazd na Kolobežkách Jelšava

It was built as a hunting lodge and served primarily for the rep-

of almost 4 meters and a height of 11 meters can be found in the Mariássy Garden. The so-called Turkish Bridge located near the Maša neighborhood has recently become the most popular locality

During summer months the town of Hnúšťa runs a swimming pool, a cinema in the amphitheater and a cycle bus to the Muránska planina National park. The Tourist Information Center located in the lobby of the House of Culture offers a more detailed overview of the city attractions and its surroundings as well as bicycle and e-bicycle

Jelšava is a town with rich mining and ironworks tradition. In the

landscape on the border of the National park Muránska planina and is the northernmost village of the Revúca district. A part of the village is also the neighborhood Predná Hora with a manor house and a hunting lodge of the Bulgarian Tsar Ferdinand Coburg. There is a permanent exhibition of his museum exhibits. Predná Hora also offers recreation with the possibility of year-round accommodation, restaurant, sports and wellness.

tle or deeper into the heart of the national park.

A museum located in this building will take you to the most important period in the history of Slovakia in which Revúca was of one of the main centers of Slovak national and cultural life in the 19th century. There is also a Tourist Information Center offering visitors all information about visiting the sights and attractions of the region. There is also Kaviareň Národovcov Café with a beautiful garden. The tower of the nearby Protestant church offers a panoramic view



Veľké Teriakovce

in the Rimava valley. It

also includes the local

parts of Malé Teri-

akovce and Vrbovce.

In their centers there

are many interesting

historic houses with

preserved elements

of folk architecture.

The mythical hill Mag-

inhrad rising above

this village hides ruins

of a medieval castle

and a 17m high look-

out tower offering

magnificent views.

herds, giants and more.

herd's specialties

the Slaná canyon, Silická plateau cliffs, the calvary, the observatory and also the towers of several churches and a square surrounded by magnificent manor houses. In order to visit the tower, go to the nearby Tourist Information Office (TIK), where they will recommend other places you should

Rožňava is the center of Upper Gemer. Its heart is a historic square,

the largest of its kind in Slovakia, with a Renaissance watchtower

in the middle. The tower offers wonderful circular views of the city,

The rarest and oldest cultural monument in Rožňava is the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. Inside of it there is a unique panel painting from 1513 of St. Anna Samotretia which is the oldest depiction of mining activity on the altarpiece in Central Europe. Rožňava is an optimal starting point for trips to the surroundings, for visiting caves (Krásnohorská, Domica, Gombasecká), discovering

## hiking and cycling.

Jelšava – Kostol sv. Petra a Pavla

not miss when walking around the city.

Rožňava

Tisovec Tisovec is a town at the foot of the National Park Muránska planina.

history (Betliar Manor, Andrássy Mausoleum, Krásna Hôrka castle),

Beautiful mountains, cliffs and deep valleys stretching along the roaring streams provide the best relax. Set off on a full-day hike from Tisovec to the source of river Rimava or along the nature trail "Follow the scents of Voniaca with a taste of history". Beautiful views can also be enjoyed from the nature trail Hradová hiding the remains of a medieval castle presented in many legends. Botanical and tourist attraction is also the Trstie plateau known for rare spe-

to know the surroundings of Tisovec in a horse saddle.

A great experience during summer season is ride on the histor



