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Castles of Slovakia - they are everywhere!

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Each has their own special character, but all had a defensive purpose so you get to do a lot of walking - UPHILL.

Bojnice Castle has room after room of elegant furnishings.



Nitra Castle was designed as the location for the Archbishop of the region.



Bratislava Castle overlooks the Danube

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Devin Castle also overlooks the Danube and was originally a Roman outpost



That's Austria across the river from Devin.



We reached Stretno Castle by rafting down the Vah River



Krasna Horka Castle - the roof is being replaced after a fire in 2011 begun when kids in a nearby field set the dry grass on fire while smoking. The wind carried the fire to the castle.



Spis Castle covers a huge area



Stara Lubovna Castle is a few miles from my grandmother's village



She would find very different structures in America when she arrived at age 17 back in 1900

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GINIEMIE

Love your pics. When I took students to France we did the Loire Valley and saw some, but some of these are absolutely amazing. Thanks for sharing your tour.



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KELLIEBEAN

Amazing. Just spectacular views.

I think Onekidsmom summed it up perfectly!

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BOOKAPHILE

My husband has said he'd love to see the castles in that part of the world. Thanks for the photos... now I want to see them, too.

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MARYJEANSL

Fabulous places, and fabulous pictures. Now I want to go there someday SO badly.

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SUZYMOBILE

Good heavens! Did you find yourself getting "castled out" after a while? We got "watted out" when we were in Thailand. (A "wat" is a Buddhist temple there.)

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EGRAMMY

Wonderful and thank you . I so appreciate this tour.

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CLAIREXML

Great pix!

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LINDAKAY228

Wow! So many amazing castles! Thanks for sharing them.

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CD12054749

Beautiful! Thank you for sharing!

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TRAVELGRRL

Oh MY GOSH! We have done a lot of traveling but not to Slovakia...I showed your photos to DH and now it's on our bucket list! WOO HOO. Thanks for sharing your beautiful pictures.

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CELIAMINER

Thanks for sharing more of your adventure!

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WOLFKITTY

Cool! Thanks for sharing!

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WATERMELLEN

Disney but for real . . . how picturesque!!

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CD12146214

Why is it everytime I look at castles I think of Robin Hood! Love the pics.

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DR1939
Loved the castles.
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MISCHAKEO
I have always loved castles. Thanks for the lovely pictures.

AWESOME

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SLIMMERJESSE
Wow, how beautiful!
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SWEDE_SU
wonderful pics - thanks for sharing! what an adventure you are having!
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ONEKIDSMOM
Breath-taking views. From an historical perspective, I see these in their broad sweeps of countryside, and think about the times when they were built... to protect people and villages when raiders, hordes, or opposing armies would come. Castles are defensive outposts, protecting natural routes, usually.

We look at them and think romantic thoughts of days gone by, but they had practical purposes that with the change in the technology of weaponry have become ineffective. But they are a graceful remainder and reminder of the desire to protect what mankind held dear.



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Well Done!

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SWEETNEEY

AWESOME

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HICKOK-HALEY
Looks like a wonderful trip. Good pictures!
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CD5563494
I loved the pics!! Totally amazing!!
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