

The Belianska cave

Welcome to the Belianska Cave. It is situated in the hill of Kobyli in the eastern part of the National Nature Reserve Belianske Tatras, in the territory of the Tatra National Park. Johan Britz and Julius Husz who were mountain leaders are considered as discoverers. They penetrated into the cave on 22nd July 1881. It was opened to the public in 1882 and in 1896 electric lights were installed there. The total measured length of the cave is 3829 m at present. The sightseeing tour is 1370m long and takes 70 minutes. 866 stairs help to overcome the difference of level (112m) in the cave. Average annual temperature is from 5.0°C to 6.3°C. Eight species of bats out of 24 species living in Slovakia were discovered in Belianska Cave.

Touching and damaging the karst decorations, smoking, littering and touching electrical equipments is strictly forbidden. An extra fee is charged for taking pictures and video recording.

1/ Entrance hall (Vstupná dvorana – Rázcestie):

These parts of the cave are accessible through partly dug passage. In these lower parts of the cave we can see kettle-shaped dolines on the cave ceiling and walls which were created by water corrosion. We are going to see the Green pool, opposite which is 26m deep shaft called Devil's throat on the left side of path.

2/ High dome (Vysoký dóm):

The height of this dome is 28m. After disappearing of water from dome, dripstone decoration was formed from seeping water that contained superfluous amount of dissolved calcium carbonate. Sinter is technical term for it. Sinter formations which hang from above are called stalactites, those which grow from below are stalagmites. Sinter column is created when stalactite connects stalagmite.

3/ Palm hall (Palmová sieň):

We get into the Palm hall with the Mirror pool in which we can see palm-shaped stalagmite. On the right side we can see a group of stalagmites – the Cactus grove. We are going to continue through partly dug Passage of misery into Highwayman's chamber where we stop off again.

4/ Highwayman's chamber (Zbojnícka komora):

It is named after sinter column above the stairs which reminds us sitting Janosik, famous Slovak hero from 18th century. We can see Treasury with Gold pool in the background. We are going to continue through the highest accessible point in the cave – 1002m above the sea level.

5/ Great dome (Veľký dóm):

The great 56m long limestone waterfall dominates here. Sightseeing tour led through the waterfall in the past. Now we are going to pass the most beautiful decorated part of the cave – the Gallery which is situated above the Musical chamber.

6/ Musical chamber (Hudobná sieň):

The greatest accessible space of the cave is named according to a sound of falling drops of water on the pool level. Musical concerts were regularly taking place here in the past. We are going to pass through the White dome, Deep dome and Dome of ruins. Then, there is the exit of the cave already. Thank you for your visit. We recommend a visit of any other show cave in Slovakia. We wish you a pleasant stay in Belianske Tatras and hope to see you again. Goodbye.