

Belianska Cave

Welcome to the Belianska Cave. It is situated in the Kobyli Hill 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 guides are considered as discoverers. They penetrated into the cave on 22nd July 1881. It was opened to the public in 1882 and electric lights were installed in 1896. The total measured cave length is 3,829 m at present. The tour is 1,370 m long and takes 70 minutes. 866 stairs help to overcome the elevation difference (112 m) 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.

We must inform you that touching and damaging the karst decorations, smoking, littering and touching electrical equipment 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 excavated passage. We can see here kettle-shaped hollows in the cave ceiling and walls which were created by water corrosion. Later on the tour we shall see the Green Pool, opposite of which there is 26 m deep shaft called Devil's Throat on the left side of path.

2/ High Dome (Vysoký dóm): The height of this dome is 28 m. After the retreat of water from here, the dripstone decoration was formed from seeping water that contained excessive amount of dissolved calcium carbonate. Dripstone and flowstone are technical terms for it. Cave formations which hang from above are called stalactites, those which grow from below are stalagmites. A column is created when stalactite connects stalagmite.

3/ Palm Hall (Palmová sieň): We got into the Palm Hall with the Mirror Pool in which we can see palm-shaped stalagmite. On the right hand side we can see a group of stalagmites – the Cactus Grove. We shall continue through partly dug Passage of Misery into Highwayman's chamber where we stop off again.

4/ Outlaw Chamber (Zbojnícka komora): It is named after calcite column above the stairs which reminds us sitting Janosik, a famous Slovak national hero from the 18th century. We can see a Treasury with Golden Pool in the background. We are going to continue through the highest accessible point in the cave – 1,002 m above sea level.

5/ Great Dome (Veľký dóm): A great limestone waterfall 56 m high dominates this space. The tour led over the waterfall in the past. Now we are going to pass the most beautifully decorated part of the cave – the Gallery, which is situated above the Musical Chamber.

6/ Musical Hall (Hudobná sieň): The greatest accessible space of the cave is named according to a sound of falling drops on the pool surface. Musical concerts used to be regularly organized here in the past. We are going to pass through the White Dome, Deep Dome and Dome of Ruins on the way to the exit. We thank you for the visit and recommend to visit some other show cave in Slovakia. We wish you a pleasant stay in Belianske Tatras and hope to see you again. Goodbye.

