

Social Program

PROBASTAT 2024

Wednesday, 22.5.2024



13:45 – departure - visit to **Majolica in Modra** and the town of **Modra**

alternative hiking to **Záruby** (only if the weather is suitable)

17:30 – expected return

19:30 – wine tasting

Modra Majolica is a traditional ceramic product originating from the Slovak town of Modra. This type of pottery has roots in the medieval period and is known for its colorful, hand-painted patterns that often depict folk motifs, flowers, birds, and geometric shapes.



Historical Context:

- **Origins:** Pottery production in Modra dates back to the 14th century, when this craft began to develop due to the rich clay deposits in the area.
 - **Development:** In the 19th century, Modra ceramics became a prominent export item, largely thanks to the work of significant potters such as Ignác Bizmayer.
 - **Present Day:** Today, Modra Majolica remains a vibrant tradition, combining historical techniques and designs with modern elements.
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Modra is a small historic town in Slovakia, located in the Little Carpathians region, about 30 kilometers northeast of the capital, Bratislava. The town is known for its rich history, winemaking tradition, and cultural heritage.



Historical Context:

- **Foundation:** The first mentions of Modra date back to the 12th century, and it was granted town rights in 1361.
 - **Middle Ages:** During the medieval period, Modra was an important center of trade and crafts, with fortified walls.
 - **19th and 20th Centuries:** In this period, Modra became a center of national revival and cultural life. A notable figure was Ľudovít Štúr, who worked here.
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Záruby is the highest peak in the Little Carpathians, reaching an elevation of 768 meters above sea level. It is located in the western part of Slovakia, within the Little Carpathians Protected Landscape Area. This peak is a popular destination for hikers seeking beautiful natural scenery and panoramic views.

Hiking to Záruby:

There are various hiking trails leading to Záruby, with the most common starting points being the villages of Smolenice, Plavecký Mikuláš, and Buková. The trails are well-marked and offer different levels of difficulty, so every hiker can choose according to their abilities and fitness level.

From Smolenice:

- Ascent: The trail starts in Smolenice, passes by Smolenice Castle, and continues along the red tourist trail to the summit of Záruby.
 - Length and Time: The hike to the summit takes approximately 2 to 3 hours, depending on the hiker's fitness.
 - Beautiful ridge views.
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