

# LEVOČA LEVOČA

Levoča as the Pearl of the Spiš and the gem of the Presov Region invites you to join one of its gates (Košická, Poľská, Menhardská - Kosice, Poland, Menhard) into the once royal city (<http://www.royal-towns.sk/>), which today boasts with the almost completely preserved walls with the six bastions (from the original 15).

This place will become a temporary abode of some strangers for three days, who wish to attend the international meeting of the Leaders from European countries, under name "LeaderFEST 2012".

There will take place the craft market and various cultural events at the largest square in Europe, with the medieval form of a rectangle and with sides in the ratio 3:1.

The historic town centre, which was in 1950 declared as an urban conservation area, together with the adjacent buildings will be place for the implementation of workshops and final conference.

The lovers of history and cultural heritage can have a pleasure in the Church of st. Jacobs, with the highest Gothic altar (18.62 m) made of the linden wood by Master Paul from 16<sup>th</sup> century, then in the Town Hall as the administrative and judicial centre, or in an only well-preserved cloister in Slovakia situated in the building of the Old Monastery of Minorities from 14th century, even in other important historic buildings belonging to wealthy burghers and monarchs.

The great classical large and conterminous small county house declares the fact that the city was the County seat of Spis region till the year 1922.

We also can't forget of the Levoča Seminary, where the most famous Slovak writers worked for and studied.

At the very most, the unthinkable is that Levoča is the largest pilgrimage site in Slovakia and the symbol for pilgrims is the church "Mariánska hora (Mariánska Mountain)". The Pope John Paul II. visited this place in the year 1995 and served a Mass for 650 000 joyful pilgrims.

With a range of monuments and artistic treasures Levoča is one of the most beautiful historic cities in Slovakia and precisely therefore is included in the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

**... So .... Welcome!**

More information about Levoča:

3D panorama in English [http://www.levoca.sk/?program=51&module\\_action\\_0\\_id\\_ci=6732](http://www.levoca.sk/?program=51&module_action_0_id_ci=6732)

<http://www.spis.sk/regiony/levoca/en.html>

[http://travel.spectator.sme.sk/articles/1552/levoata\\_whittled\\_to\\_perfection](http://travel.spectator.sme.sk/articles/1552/levoata_whittled_to_perfection)