

We prepared interesting facultative trips in the region of the „LAG Lion“ at the occasion of the LeaderFEST 2012 which will take a place in Levoča

Notice: The price of the trips is not concerned to the participant fee and it is necessary to pay for it at the place. To participate on one of the offered trips is necessary to fill in the registration form and send it on this contact: hradiska@maslev.sk not later than 30/04/2012

Optional programme nm.1 „Spiš castle“

Price 40€



The Spiš castle is one of the unique architectural monuments, even more also deserves a general attention to its important position in the history of the region and the whole country.

The Spiš castle directly links to the many historical events, or the weird of the historical figures.



We invite you to soak up the atmosphere of the castle of yesteryears, not only to show itself in the form of the castle walls breathing by the history. You will also feel and smell the taste of the castle kitchen, taste and try to bake traditional wine scones by the contemporary recipes and for the moment you become diners at Castle board. You will perhaps find the castle lady in one of the most intimate moments. We introduce you how the ladies of the castle population had a bath and how they maintained the hygiene.

You will taste the herbal infusions, which will drive all ills out from the body and experience the suffering of prisoners in the castle tortures rooms.



You will not only see the creepy castle tools of the hangman, but maybe he chooses you to torture.

And finally you will drop the tragic fate of the legendary beautiful Hedwig and if you have



luckiness, you will look up her as she strays on the walls.

In addition, you can see the permanent exhibition and may be the battle of the swordsmen will appear at the courtyard of the castle entrance, or you will watch the performance of the hawkers.

It seems that imagination had no boundaries in the middle Ages. Witness is the rich arsenal of torture instruments.

It is said, that an unknown artist carved the Hedviga's face in stone, whose face changes in a wonderful Hedviga each night and in a white dress is wandering the castle, looking for her little trustee Barbara.

Optional programme nm. 2

„Seeing the countryside with own eyes“

Price 20€



Let us invite you to a village known since the time of the Great Moravian Empire – named Nemešany, which is widely well known for its hospitality.

And otherwise it is the same at a present!



The Nemešany inhabitants materialized the respect for the traditions of their grandparents throughout the craft house, which was opened in the previous ruins which were reconstructed and equipped with the thanks to EU funds and the Leader Programme. However, there is not only a museum and weaving room, but also library, fitness gym, lounge and internet room. Multifunctional object is beneficial for all generations. The older people play different party games in the lounge; mothers with children use it as a maternity centre. The contemporary room refreshes memories of the old traditions, which maintained for generations.

In the modestly furnished little rooms, you can find the antique furniture, typical area costumes, or everyday objects, which combine elements of nostalgia and rarity. In the next room the weaving comes alive.



But no fear, only lord Gaduš with love and joy sits at a weaving loom and under his skilled hands are appearing the wonderful, glowing colourful carpets. In this weaver workshop you can see the manufacture of carpets - from the processing of pale flax to weaving itself. You alone will be able to try by your own hand, how hard our grandparents created the values.

The crafts' house will surely gratify your soul, mind, sight and touch and we certainly don't forget on your other senses.

Handy local women will show you how are the feasting days and eating in the Spiš hitherto.

Scent of traditional Spiš potato's dishes will not leave you indifferent and we guarantee that you truly will lick greasy fingers.

And you will even not leave without a recipe for the traditional delicacies.

The menu will be: potato pies with butter, with sour cream and the lards; dumplings with poppy seeds or breadcrumbs, cracklings, potato balls, potato pancakes, dumplings with sauerkraut, sponge baked cakes, or traditional noodles.



Enjoy your meal!

BRUTOVCE – SLOVAK FOLK MUSICIAN MUSEUM



In the village Brutovce, there is a unique museum in one of the wooden houses, owned by producer of pipes and musician PaedDr. Michal Smetanka. In addition to the typical whistles of Levoča Hills, here you can see musical instruments from other parts of the world, on which the owner can excellently play the music. How much of the instruments you can find here, the owner really doesn't know. There are dominated aerophonical musical instruments in his collection. You can see the rare pipe "Valaská whistle" from Brutovce. On the walls there are hung pipes from the Balkans, Egypt, Thailand, Burma, and Armenia, Nagorno-Karabakh, Scotland, Ireland and our Slovak pipes. When questioning Michal what value have been the tools for him? He said: "For someone who is a penchant for typical old musical instruments, it's priceless."

If you have not been interested in any trips, then you would certainly not refuse the invitation to the Optional programme nm.3

Note: This program is for free for participants who paid the registration fee. Other interested people will be charged for at the place.



St. Jacobs's church in Levoca is one of the biggest gothic churches in Slovakia. It is a lively church which is working already 700 years as the main church of the king's town Levoca. It has a rich history and many artistic sights are located in this church. It is the national cultural sight. The most famous is the gothic wooden altar – the piece of Master Paul of Levoca.

The Protestant Church

There is a Greek-cross-shaped building in the south of the square, with a huge dome. It was built in Classicistic style by Anton Povolny between 1825 -1837. There is an organ, archives and a valuable library. In this church, there is a well-preserved Baroque wooden cross and another, forged, cross. A famous painter from Levoca, Jozef Czauzick, made the large altar picture of Christ walking on the sea.



The Town Hall was built in the gothic style in the 15th century, and it was rebuilt in the renaissance style at the beginning of the 17th century. The bell tower from 1656 - 1661, which in the 18th century gained some baroque features is connected to the Town Hall. The

former Town Hall is today a museum of Spiš culture. In front of the Town Hall, there is a so-called "cage of shame" from the year 1600, which was originally placed in front of the Evangelic church. It was used for punishing and introducing the minor delinquencies and even so there were locked girls and women, who were guilty against the strict rules of those times.

At the time of LeaderFEST 2012 you can look up the exposition "Restoration creation of Anna Svetková"!



There is a big exposition in the historical house, whose the oldest known owner was Master Paul from Levoča. There is situated an exhibition of one of the most important masters of the late Gothic – the sculptor and carver Master Paul.

Visitors can closely see the famous „Last Supper“ from the highest Gothic altar in the world – as the main altar of the Church of St. Jacobs, also the sculptures from the altar "Birth", or from the altar of St. Johns and many other interesting works.

Spiš Museum belongs to the oldest museums in Slovakia; its history is associated with the development and operation of Spiš Historiographical Association. It's initiatives are focused on the research of the historical development of the town Levoča. Spiš museum manages the national cultural heritage Spiš castle.



At the time of LeaderFEST the museum will offer an exhibition "Goddess and saint in the art of 19th Century"!