



NÁRODNÝ TRST

Learn Traditional Thatching Techniques in Beautiful Central Slovakia

The working holiday: Help us to repair the last remaining building with a thatched roof in the upper Tekov region in Bartošova Lehôtka, central Slovakia. This is our property which we have been restoring for the last seven years and although small, it is a very rare example of a classic folk architecture building. We will teach you how to build and repair a unique thatched roof in a traditional way using straw and reeds, under the leadership of three local experts and volunteers. You will be taught thatching techniques and although the majority of the work will take place at ground level in front of this single-storey building, there will be some ladder climbing involved. Participants must therefore have a good level of fitness.

We welcome experienced thatchers who are keen to share information in an international environment as well as people with an interest in learning. Please note that English is spoken on this working holiday.

In your leisure time you will be able to enjoy the beautiful Slovakian countryside and visit the completely-preserved medieval towns of Banská Štiavnica, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Kremnica, famous for its mint which was originally established in the fourteenth century and is still producing coins almost seven hundred years later.

Accommodation: In a local B&B. Bedding and towels are provided.

Dates: 01/08/2019 – 08/08/2019

Price: 220 €

This working holidays is organised by the National Trust of Slovakia (NTS), a non-governmental organisation established in 1996. Its mission is to secure permanent protection and sustainable use of the historic environment – heritage sites, objects of great value and sites of natural beauty for the benefit of Slovakia and its people. The NTS is a founding and active member of INTO.

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