

# RELAX BY THE WATER

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# Zemplínska šírava

- Zemplínska šírava is the second largest body of water, following the Orava water reservoir and it covers an area of 33 km<sup>2</sup>, is 11 km long and 3.5 km wide. The maximum depth of water in the reservoir reaches to value of 16.5 m and the average summer temperature of water is 25 °C, water freezes in winter and creates natural ice skating rink. As regards the large number of tropical days and nights, this area belongs to the warmest places in Slovakia and has optimal conditions for recreation, bathing, water sports, fishing or walking. Some winter sports can also be practised here during winter. This recreational area is a centre of tourism in Zemplín and town Michalovce is considered as a gateway to the area. Zemplínska šírava offers several recreational resorts that are accessible from the main road, stretching along the water reservoir and every visitor can find here a wide range of accommodation and gastronomic facilities, opportunities for fun, attractions, places to relax, sport activities and wellness activities.



Surroundings of Zemplínska šírava provide indeed beautiful and quality areas and places for this kind of recreation and therefore thrive in great popularity of camping lovers.

At the same time, thanks to excellent climatic conditions, it is an ideal place for vacationers who love the wind in their sail, the speed of windsurfing or water skiing.

Zemplínska šírava is also home to a large number of protected species of water birds, fish and plants.



## Kamenec

- The recreational centre Kamenec, which covers an area of 16,000m<sup>2</sup>, is the most frequently visited and very popular resort that is situated in the picturesque bay with the gravel beach. It has gained its popularity mainly through pools, water slide and entertainment attractions. Children can amuse themselves in an amusement park and adrenaline lovers have at their disposal a kart track called KrisCar.



Kamenec offers its visitors all sorts of water sports during summer season. Pedestrian zone is fringed by market stalls and buffet facilities. There are several accommodation facilities available, tourists can put up at chalets, guesthouses and hotels. The resort is also a popular camping site. The campsite has a capacity of ca. 50 tents. During the season, Disco Motel Kamenec arranges every weekend great fun-filled events with interesting musical guests. Thanks to its favoured position, dazzling scenery and wide range of attractions, it is just Kamenec which is from the visitors' point of view the most interesting locality.





## Medvedia Hora

- The resort Medvedia Hora is attractive for its location. Peninsula's raised headland of the volcanic origin divides it into two parts. The recreation site has a groomed gravel beach, campsite, pedalo and boat rentals. There are ca. 200 private chalets situated in the northern side of the site, in which you can find a quiet accommodation in forest environment.



## Hôrka

- Hôrka represents one of the recreational sites, also called as "Slnečný lúč". Typical feature of this recreational centre are gravel and sandy beaches and wide range of services, cultural and sport facilities. There is shipping harbour, large sport area with tennis courts, volleyball and streetball playground, mini football, minigolf or children's area.

Various social and cultural events such as Zemplín Folk Festival and music festivals are already traditionally hosted here. Šírava Water Games and International Motorcycle Rally of Svet motocyklov also take place here. Visitors can use services of Hipocentrum, yacht clubs or visit a natural gallery of wooden sculptures.



## Prímestská - Biela Hora

- The resort of Biela Hora lies only 3 km from Michalovce and is thus the first recreation site of Zemplínska Šírava. Western margin of the site is formed by a forest park and terrain is slightly sloping and grassy. Beaches are gravel and with a gradual entry to water.

Specific feature of this resort is a huge range of private chalets, some of which offer tourists individual accommodation. Besides water sport activities, Biela Hora provides its visitors also with beach volleyball, mini football, minigolf and diverse hiking trails or cycling routes.



## Klokočov

- The recreational area Klokočov lies 12 km off Michalovce close to the village Klokočov, which is a famous pilgrimage spot. Magic picture is found in the premises of the Church of the Virgin Mary's Ascension – Icon of the Mother of God, who was shedding tears when heretics disparaged her. A campsite and complex of various pools are located in the resort.



## Paľkov

- The Paľkov resort is optimal for lovers of watermanship, sport fishing and water sports. It is mainly suitable for family recreation because it provides a wide variety of quiet nooks. Campsite and non-swimmers' pools can be found in the resort.



# Vinianske Lake

- Vinianske Lake lies in radiant forest environment 11 km from Michalovce. Due to a quite small area and surrounding forests' protection against wind, it can boast of extremely warm water which marks it an ideal place for relax by the water and the lake is therefore undoubtedly a big enticement to tourists. The lake is also renowned abroad and many tourists from Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Ukraine, Germany and the Netherlands come here for its beauties. Thanks to its excellent climatic conditions and indeed marvellous countryside, the lake belongs to the most sought-after tourist destinations in Slovakia.

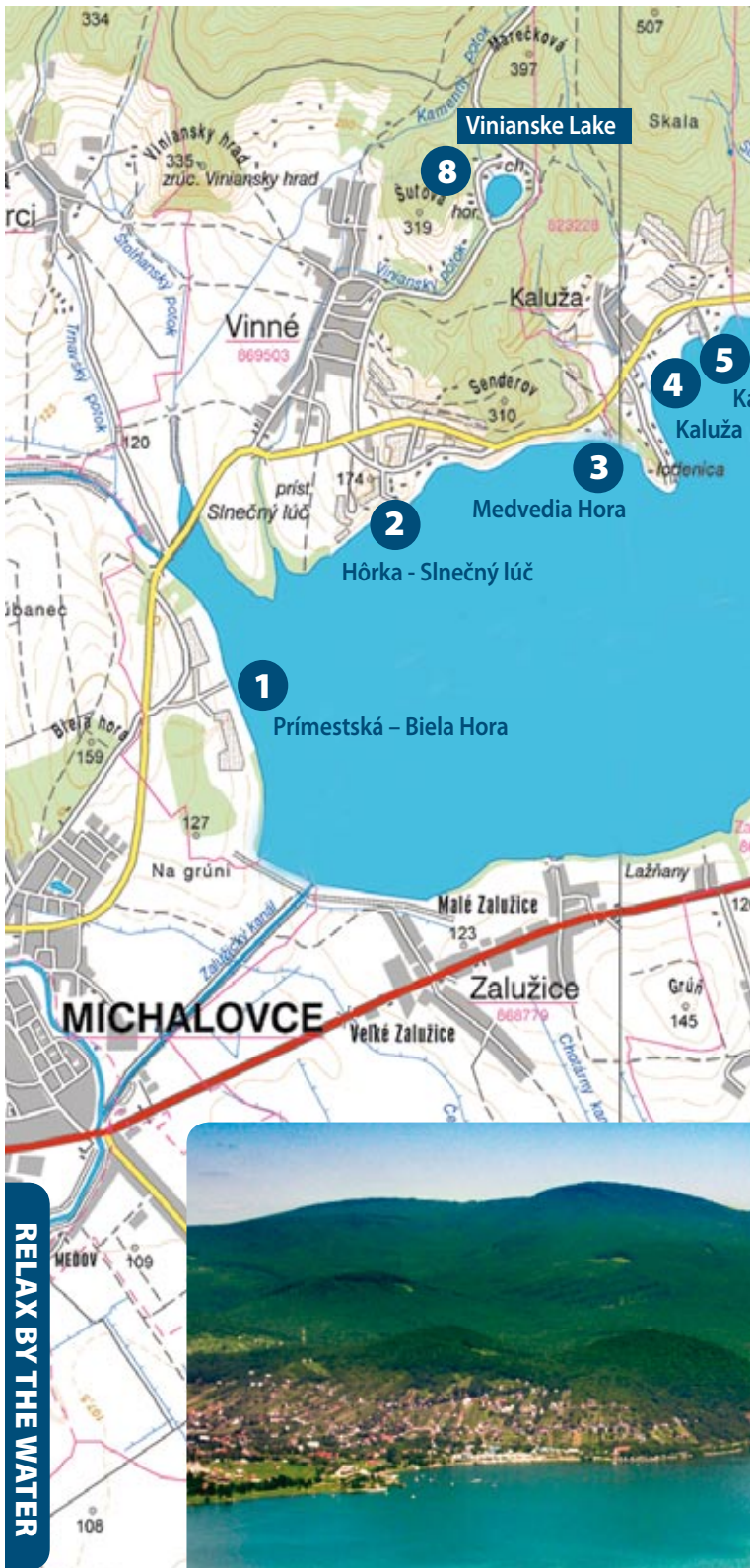


It is appealing during every season of the year. In summer, it gains its popularity thanks to bathing, in autumn thanks to mushroom picking and fishing, in winter due to cross-country skiing and ice skating. It is a sought-after place for hiking and relaxation stays all year round.

The lake was formed in the saddle at the foothills of two hills, Marečková and Šutová by creating an artificial dam with water supply from the Viniansky Brook. The artificial lake covers the area of 8 ha and has an average depth of 3 m. The site provides multitude of accommodation and restaurant facilities as well as other services for sport activities.







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# Swimming Pools and Pools



## Town Swimming Pools

- An indoor swimming pool is situated in the town centre. The swimming pool is in operation from October until August, during the summer months, the pool offers sunbathing opportunity on the grass area in the swimming pool's premises.
- Summer swimming pool in Strážske offers a few pools – large swimming pool, smaller pool with water slide and circular pools for the youngest children. The swimming pool has built a good reputation not only among local visitors, but also among visitors from other districts.



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- The swimming pool in Sobrance will comfort above all swimmers through its 33 m long pool. Non-swimmers have at their disposal smaller pool and the youngest ones can play in a children's pool in which water is changed every day. Premises of the swimming pool offer area for other favourite sports such as beach volleyball, streetball and tennis. Children's playgrounds with swings and jungle gyms are included in the area.



- Water sports area, a summer swimming pool in Trebišov, operates from June until August and visitors can use three pools. Two of them are swimmers' pools and one is children's pool. It is also possible to play minigolf, volleyball, handball or table tennis in the area.





# Swimming Pools in Zemplínska Šírava



- Equal non-swimmers' pools with dimensions 112 m X 12 m and depth of 1.2 m have been opened in the recreation resorts Kaluža, Klokočov and Paľkov since 2003. Other two children's pools at depth level 0.4 m belong to them.



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# Camping Site Mária



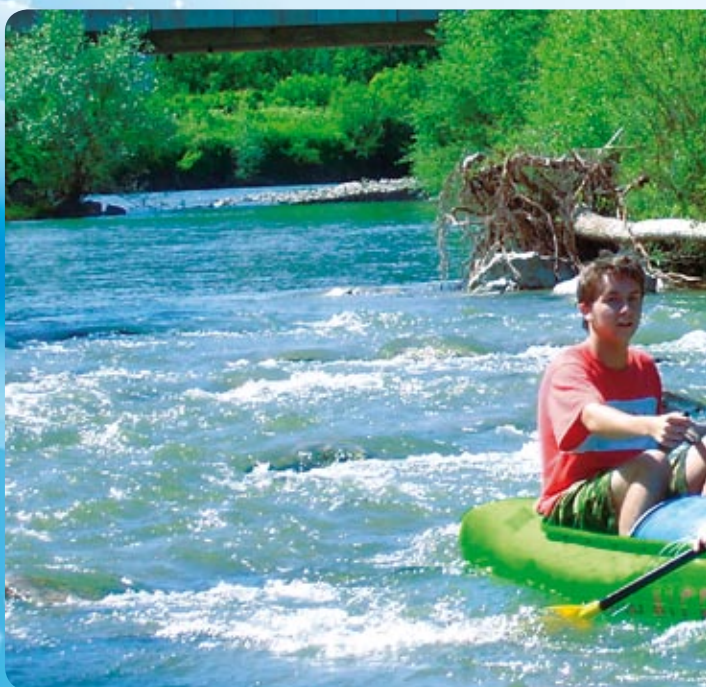
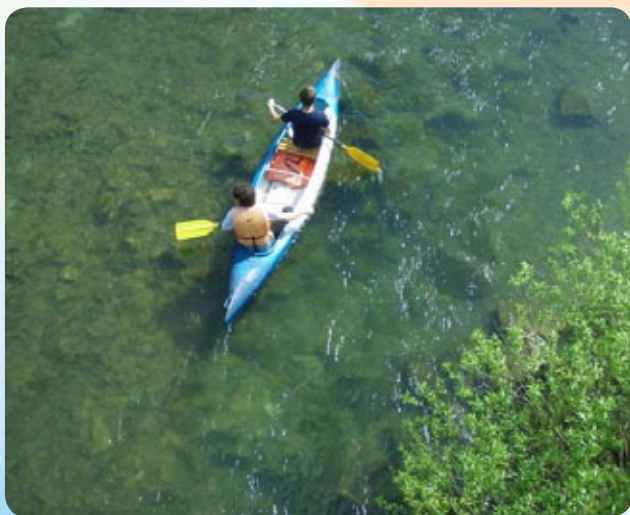
- This recreation centre can be found on the halfway between Trebišov and Slovenské Nové Mesto lying in the immediate closeness to the Slovak-Hungarian state borders.

In the complex, there is a guesthouse, camping site and sport-relaxation section with heated swimming pools and playgrounds.



# Boating on the Lower Reaches of Lower Zemplín Rivers

- The Laborec River is attractive for lovers of paddling sports. The river is boatable all year long from Strážske to its mouth and is mostly convenient for undemanding water tourism. The upper reach of the Laborec flowing in Strážske direction is more appealing for watermanship but is boatable only at high water river level (Krásny Brod minimum 70 cm).





- The Ondava River is boatable along its entire length. In its upper reach, the Ondava River flows briskly forming cascades, though boating on the river remains safe. The starting point for boating trips depends on the river water level on a particular day (Svidník 90 cm, Stropkov 50 cm, Domaša 161 cm boatable all year round). Boating on the Ondava River offers nice places for camping and it is possible to restock on your way. You can take a break in camps by the Domaša water reservoir (Valkov, Kelča) or just to camp down by the shore, e.g. nearby the village of Bžany.
- Demanding watermen come into their own by boating other Zemplín river. On the Latorica River, the point is not to boat the rapids but to boat the river that is full of peace and tranquillity, surrounded by real wild nature.
- The Bodrog River is the only river in eastern Slovakia that is used as a waterway. The river is boatable by larger ships and depending on the water level has a minimum depth of 230 cm.



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