

ISL 06 BLACK CASTLE

ZLATNO, reg. ZLATE MORAVCE

13/08/2023 - 19/08/2023

Type: RENO/ARCH

Vols: 6

Language: English

Age: 18+



Partner: The association Black Castle is focused on promoting Black Castle ruins for the local tourism. It is involved in carrying out archaeological research and restoration of the castle. The archaeological excavations are performed in the cooperation with The National Bureau of Monuments of the Slovak Republic by using traditional methods and materials during the restoration works. Workcamps have been organized here since 2005.

Work: Reconstruction work in the area of perished medieval castle from 13th century – “Black Castle”. It will involve manual work on the ruins of the castle, such as walling, preparing mortar, cleaning the working area in and around the ruins of the castle, sorting stores, carrying materials (rocks, sand, ...) to the castle, cutting grass. No building and archeological experience are needed. The working hours will be from Monday to Friday, approximately 9:00 – 15:00, including a lunch break.

Accommodation & Food: This is a unique possibility for volunteers to experience one week in beautiful surrounding of the castle without electricity and wifi signal. Accommodation will be provided in the house in the forest. Volunteers will sleep on beds. It is necessary to bring a **sleeping bag**. The toilets are dry (outhouses) and the showers will be provided in the house in the village. There will not be access to running water, so water will be delivered or taken from a well. Food will be cooked by leaders and the volunteers themselves. They will be divided in the kitchen teams and will prepare meals together; the groceries will be provided. On request, vegetarian meals can be provided.

Location and leisure: The place of the camp is situated in the village of Zlatno, 17 km north-east from town Zlate Moravce, app. 130 km east from Bratislava. Be careful, there is another Zlatno (region Poltar) in different region of Slovakia. Zlatno was one of the many villages in Slovakia known for gold washing in the middle ages. This was also a reason why the castle was built in such a remote place, far from the trading routes and cities. Volunteers can learn more about history of the Black Castle and other castles in the region. The surrounding area offers many opportunities for hiking.

Terminal: Airport, bus, train in Bratislava, then train or bus to Zlate Moravce. Then continue by bus to Zlatno, last stop. Please keep in mind that the journey from Bratislava to Zlatno takes around 4 hours.

Meeting point: Zlatno – last bus stop, on 13.08.2023 around 5 pm. More info will be provided to accepted volunteers in the infosheet send at least 4 weeks before the start of the workcamp.

Remarks: Sleeping bags, working clothes, gloves, warm clothes, raincoat, strong boots, flashlight and good spirit :) are needed. You can also bring some games from your country.

Study Part: The volunteers will prepare the "Feast of cultures" - an international food evenings, and will join the "volunteering footprint" workshop. Our camps will follow the rules of the Sustainability campaign.

Attention: The camp is for history and nature lovers and for those who are not afraid to accept the challenge of living without electricity, running water and wifi for one week surrounded by beautiful nature!

For more info about the project, please visit: www.ciernyhrad.sk

Summary: Find the hidden treasure at the mysterious Black Castle in Slovakia.