

Invitation to High Tatras



General: High Tatras are granite mountains with peaks between 2300 - 2655 metres and difficulties from scrambles up to a spectacular steep granite walls with many routes for both summer and winter climbing. The usually altitude difference for a route is 800-1200metres with 200-300metres of climbing difficulty the rest is usually some kind of scrambling.



October 2008



Best Time:

October - lovely autumn colours and few people

February, March - the best winter conditions depending on season, in winter there is manageable avalanche danger, few people

Weather:

In High Tatras the weather is rather continental, which means that weather is pretty settled in February and March, i.e. not necessarily nice, it can be snowing and cloudy for 3 weeks (March 2009, February 2005) and it can be bright sky and freezing for 3 weeks too (March 2008, February 2003).

The temperatures in February and March are usually: -4°C during the day, with breeze.

I don't have so many experience in October, but usually dry, and chilli.

I prefer winter, because we are going there with our club each year - I would like to manage both in one term and I have more experience with this period.

The most probable term in this year is 5.-13. February 2011

February 2009





Huts: there are 5 huts for mountaineers with prices around 15EUR/night, without food, food is paid extra again around 15EUR for breakfast and dinner.

Zbojnicka chata - the cheaper one, a lot of easy routes around, but I don't know the valley so good

Chata pri Zelenom plese - the cheaper one with great Slovak cuisine, my favourite



Terryho chata - reasonably cheap, with bad crew



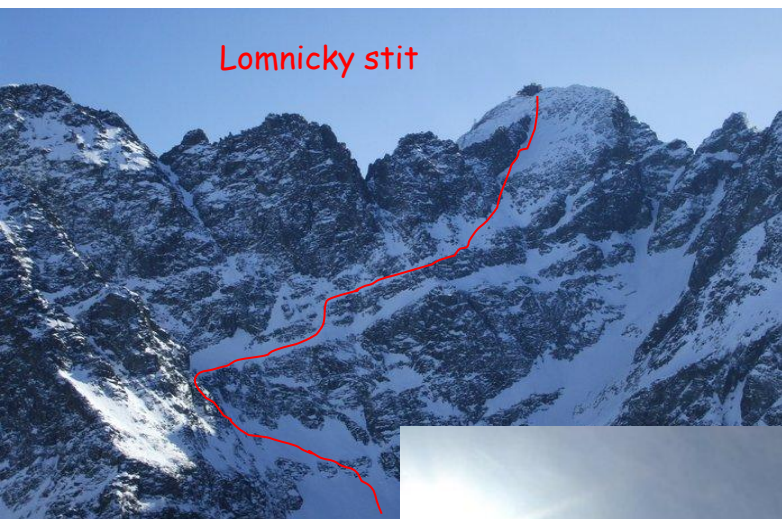
Sliezsky dom - the most expensive, a mountain hotel from communist era, very comfortable, the start point for routes to highest summit of whole Carpathian Ridge



Chata pri Popradskom plese - reasonably expensive, comfortable, good cuisine, better for summer climbing, in winter mostly hiking



Which routes I would choose in the valley of "Chata pri zelenom plese" during winter

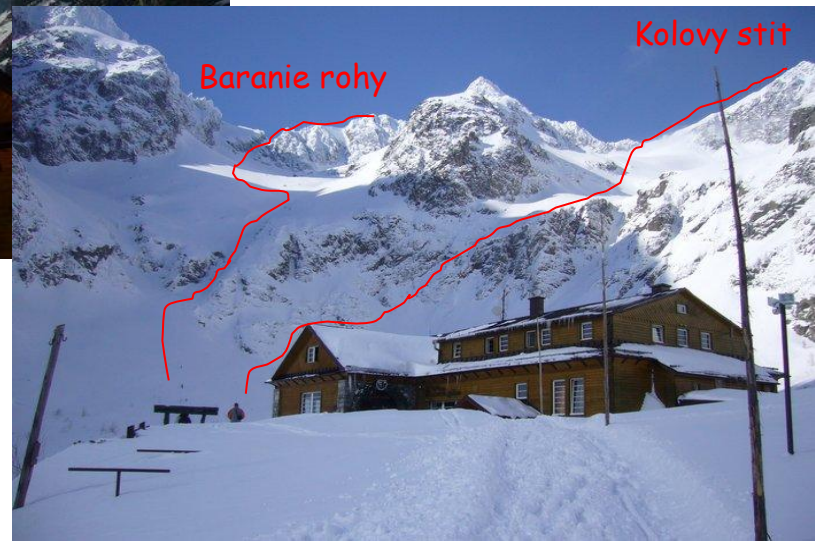
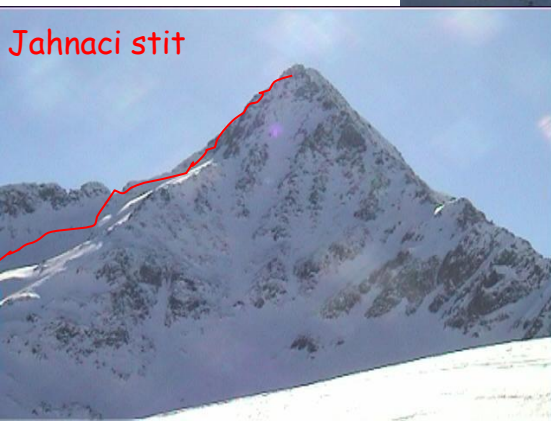
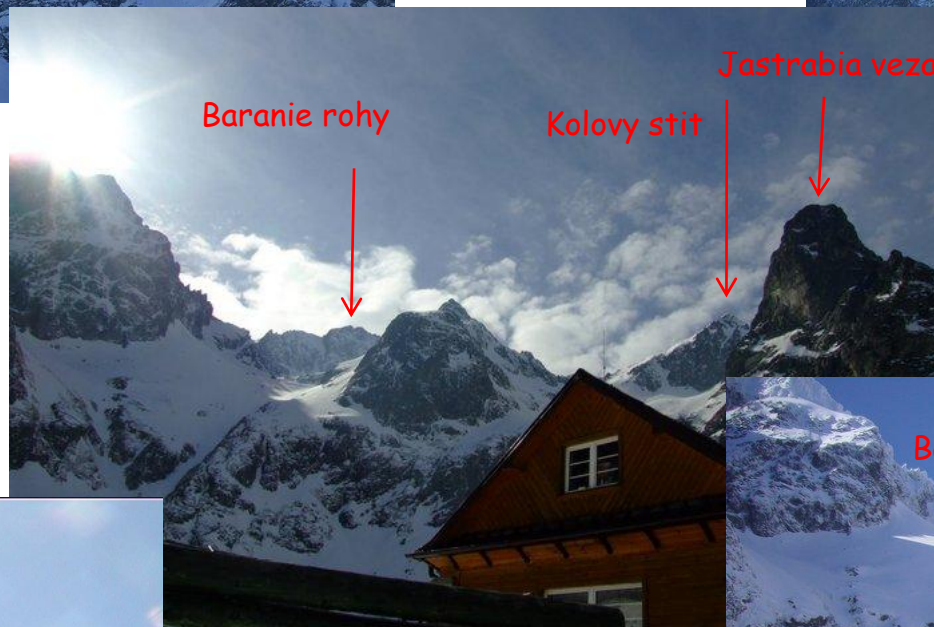
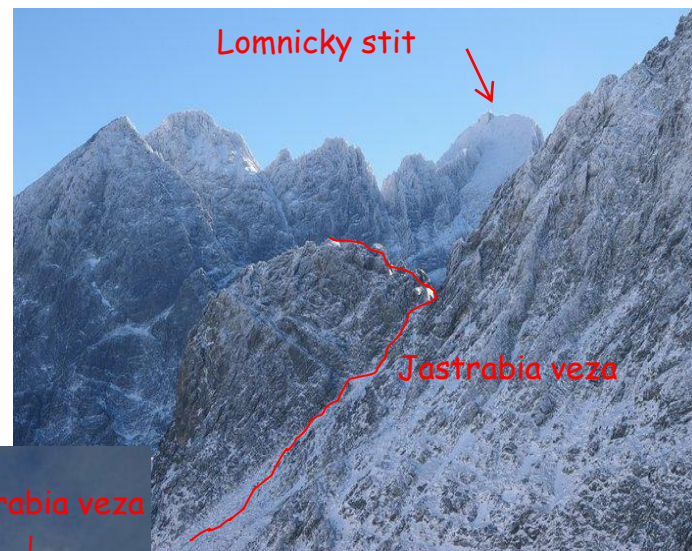


Useful links:

www.tatry.nfo.sk

www.summitpost.org

Just look for
mentioned items





Travel:

I would fly from Manchester to Prague around 50EUR in early bid and then by night-train to Poprad-Tatry. You will learn the typical atmosphere of Czech-Slovak trains, without losing time, and probably have few hours to visit Prague. The price would be 17EUR for train, i.e. below 70EUR for one way ticket. The alternative is to fly directly from Manchester to Poprad which is served only on Saturday or Wednesday, and is a bit more expensive i.e. around 70EUR for one way.

In both cases you will have to take local trains/buses after - around one hour of journey for 2EUR.

My choice would be Friday from Manchester, night train to Slovakia i.e. on Saturday in hut; then next Saturday walk down, night train to Prague, short visit of Prague and flight to Manchester/Leeds on Sunday

My price guess:

7x40EUR (Saturday-Friday) for accommodation, all food, snacks, beers etc. = 280EUR

20EUR for food during way back

2x70EUR for travel

Total 440EUR for all inclusive

