

EURO LURES DUTCH TOURISTS TO SLOVAKIA



It is more than a year since the Slovak Republic has adopted Euro. The change of the currency resulted in increased interest in the country among Dutch tourists, who enjoy lower prices and the hospitality of local people without the need to exchange money.

After more than a year when Slovakia has been getting used to the Euro currency adopted on 1st January, 2009, the latest statistics show the positive effects of the change. The Slovak Tourism Agency announced a steady increase of interest in the Central European country in the Netherlands. **The common currency, which eliminates the unpleasant exchange of money and enables easy comparison of prices, is a good motivation for the Dutch tourists to spend their holiday in Slovakia.**

According to the tourism board, Dutch travelers like visiting as many tourist attractions as possible in Slovakia. They admire the unspoiled nature of Tatra Mountains, hospitality of the Slovak people and good cuisine. Also, when on holiday they often seek information about the local culture as well as about the history of the region.

Most of the Dutch tourists prefer tours that include hiking, cycling, adrenalin activities, visiting thermal pools as well as historic towns and the seven Slovakian UNESCO sites. Many of them travel by RVs and stay in local camps, which allows for free movement around the region.

According to the official statistics some 25,000 Dutch visitors stay annually in the Slovak Republic. The actual number of tourists from the Netherlands is however even higher - approximately 35,000. The difference is caused by the fact that the official statistics do not cover visitors traveling in RVs, who are staying in camps or in private accommodation.

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