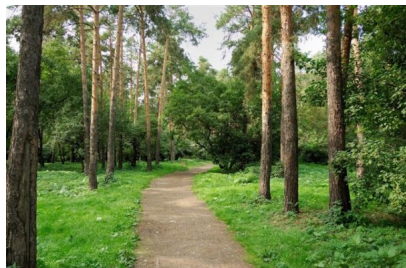


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Mala Fatra in Slovakia lures tourists not only because of the famous outlaw Janosik but also because of the spectacular scenery. The Highlands in the Czech Republic attracts visitors because of picturesque towns with interesting historical sights.

There are many places in Slovak national park Mala Fatra, which remind tourists of a legendary Slovak highwayman Juraj Janosik. The man who robbed the rich and gave the loot to the poor was born in the local village of Terchova. The region is known for its beautiful scenery as well. Janosikovy diry, a canyon with beautiful waterfalls, is definitely worth seeing.

While visiting the region, tourists can stay at the guest house Janosikov dvor (Janosik's Court) or in period cottages where the prices for a night are a little higher. Traditional Slovak dishes are excellent and they are served at Janosikova krcma (Janosik's tavern). **The tavern also features an artistic representation of local hero's life.** According to the server Tyden.cz, there are paintings and drawings that show all the stages in Janosik's life. The region is also known for its numerous hiking trails or various cultural events that take place there.

The Bohemian-Moravian Highlands in the Czech Republic is an exciting place to visit, especially for tourists who are interested in historical sites and lovely landscape. The town of Policka, which can be found there, is the birthplace of an excellent Czech composer Bohuslav Martinu. The picturesque town is also known for its 14th century town walls, which have remained well preserved until today, a baroque town hall and a neogothic church.

Litomysl, another beautiful town in the region, is not far from Policka. **It is the birthplace of another famous Czech composer Bedrich Smetana.** The monumental renaissance chateau is a great tourist attraction of the town. Lubna is a small village that lies on the way from Litomysl to Policka. The village is interesting because of its baroque farm-house that was converted into a pension. The owner of the pension had a self-service bar arranged in one of the rooms so that the guests can fill the glasses with beer from the tap on their own.

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