

**Programme of the 3<sup>rd</sup> study visit**  
**Slovakia, March 2 – 7, 2026**

*Monday, March 2*

- 17.15 – meeting at train station, accomodation in hotel Saffron (<https://www.hotelsaffron.sk/>)
- 18.30 – dinner at Savage Garden bistro & restaurant (<https://www.savagebistro.sk/>)
- 20.00 – walk by the streets of Bratislava, glass of wine

*Tuesday, March 3*

- 9.00 – meeting at ÚĽUV:
  - o guided exhibition “A single inspiration, two paths. ÚĽUV 1945 – 1989”
  - o meeting with employees of Open Atelier and library of ÚĽUV, visit of a ÚĽUV shop
- 12.00 – lunch at Slovak Pub restaurant (<https://slovakpub.sk/>)
- 13.00 – guided tour through School of Crafts ÚĽUV
- 14.30 – discussion about the place of traditional crafts in our countries with the employees of ÚĽUV and ministry of culture (I attach the detailed programme)
- 16.30 – short look in the workshops of School of Crafts ÚĽUV with participants
- 17.00 – departure for Banská Bystrica
- 18.30 – dinner in Tekovská kúria restaurant (<https://tekovskakuria.sk/>)
- 20.30 – arrival at accommodation Penzión Alcorso (<https://www.alcorso.sk/>), potentially evening drink in the city

*Wednesday, March 4*

- 9.30 – our internal meeting, premises of ÚĽUV Banská Bystrica
- 11.15 – methodical seminar of ÚĽUV for the teachers from primary schools – presentation of GPS project and of the educational ways of our organisations, short discussion with teachers about their experiences with teaching the crafts
- 12.00 – lunch at Olivo restaurant (<https://www.olivo.sk/>)
- 13.00 – the workshop of weaving the Easter whips
- 15.00 – our internal meeting, premises of ÚĽUV Banská Bystrica
- 16.00 – free time
- 18.00 – dinner at Urpiner restaurant & pub (<https://urp.sk/>)

*Thursday, March 5*

- 9.30 – leaving Banská Bystrica through Očová (the homevillage of Erika) to the village of Vrbovce
- 12.30 – lunch in Tekovská kúria restaurant (<https://tekovskakuria.sk/>)
- 15.30 – arriving in Vrbovce at accomodation Biofarma Kaška (<https://www.biofarmakaska.sk/>), visit of local willow patch, house of Ján Patinka (strawbaskets maker from documentary film) and local museum
- around 19.00 – dinner at Vrbovčianska bašta (<https://vrbovcebast.sk/>) with local people, discussion about the past and present of basketry craft in Vrbovce

*Friday, March 6*

- morning – for some people the basketry workshops at village of Rudník from 8.30; for some people rest in the nice accomodation or nature in Vrbovce and maybe also the visit of the town Morkovice-Slížany in Czech Republic, where a basketry cooperative operated until the mid-1990s

- 18.30 – dinner at Vrbovce or city of Myjava (the place to be specified), short internal meeting
- evening – entertainment at the accomodation

*Saturday, March 7*

- 9.30 – Rudník – the “Unusual Shapes of Wicker” festival;
- 13.00 – 14.00 – my duties at this festival
- \* German friends – I will take you directly to Bratislava after 14.00 by car
- \* Polish friends – if needed, I can take you to the train station in Nové Mesto nad Váhom also earlier