

## DOBŠINSKÁ ICE CAVE/ DOBŠINSKÁ ľADOVÁ JASKYŇA

Dobšinská ice cave is a cave near the mining town of Dobšiná in the Slovak Paradise. Since 2000 it is on the UNESCO World Heritage list. The cave was discovered in 1870 by a royal mining engineer, though the entrance was already known by shepherds and hunters as *Studená diera* (Cold Hole). The cave was opened to the public one year after its discovery. In 1887, it was the first cave in Europe with electric lighting.



The annual temperature average stays around 0°C. The age of the cave is estimated at approximately 250,000 years. The total length of the cave is

1,232 m of which 475 m plus individual 43 m are open to the public from May to September. The cave is closed on Mondays.

From Levoča - Poprad - Stratená/Dobšinská ľadová jaskyňa (3h 10min)

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An old castle from the 16-th century, rebuilt in the Classicistic style. It is surrounded by 700 000 m<sup>2</sup> large park with exotic trees and bushes, numerous Classicistic and Romantic buildings. The manor house lost its Classicistic design after it was rebuilt in 1880. It started to be used by hunters and nobles. In 1945, it became the property of the Slovak state and a National Cultural Monument.

Nowadays, in the manor house there is a museum of historical flat culture, furniture from the 15-17-th century, classicistic and empire equipment. Among the rooms are a historical library filled with fine and very old volumes, winter garden, 8 bathrooms and many other stylish house-places. There are numerous paintings, decorations, souvenirs from hunts and abroad travels (for example an Egyptian mummy or samurai's armature), collection of hunting rifles, combat weaponry and many hunting trophies. The castle is open from Tuesday to Sunday from 9.30 to 15.30.

