

The cable car on Mt. Lomnický štít is going to have the haulage rope exchanged

TATRANSKÁ LOMNICA (16th September 2014) – The suspension cable car, which operates between Skalnaté Pleso and Mt. Lomnický štít, is going to get a new haulage rope after 13 years. The operation and cable car transport to the second highest peak of the High Tatras is thus going to be limited from 22nd September to 3rd October. In this period, Mt. Lomnický štít will be available only on foot with a professional mountain guide. The Tatry mountain resorts, a.s. company is improving public services as well and offering a new possibility of buying tickets to Mt. Lomnický štít via the www.gopass.sk e-shop.

“Personal cableway transport requires high-quality maintenance, which counts among basic measures that need to be done to ensure a safe operation. The cable car operating to Mt. Lomnický štít needs to have the haulage rope exchanged, it has reached the end of its service life. That’s why we are asking all visitors who come to the High Tatras to be patient, the cable car transport to Mt. Lomnický štít will be limited for a maximum of 12 days. The new 3.8 km-long steel rope with a diameter of 26.5 mm and a weight of 2.5 kg/m is going to be brought from the city of Bohumín in the Czech Republic. The rope is going to be wound, connected with the old haulage rope and pulled up to the top of the peak,” informed Ján Slamený, the director of cableways in the High Tatras - Tatranská Lomnica.

The haulage rope was changed last time in 2001. The staff of café Dedo and the suite on Mt. Lomnický štít along with employees that work at the Observatory of the Slovak Academy of Sciences will be provided water and food supplies for 6 days and walking down from the peak (and up) on foot, accompanied by a mountain guide. The hours of operation at all cableways in the High Tatras are getting changed in the autumn. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

“We keep on improving the services for our customers. Once the haulage rope is exchanged, we plan to launch a modern and comfortable system of selling tickets to Mt. Lomnický štít via the www.gopass.sk e-shop. This means our clients will avoid queuing at ticket offices and get even more GOPASS points ascribed, which will guarantee benefits and discounts at our facilities in the Tatras,” said Vladimír Šarařín, the project manager of the GOPASS loyalty programme.

The suspension cable car started to operate to Mt. Lomnický štít in December 1941. The upper station is located at the attitude of 2,625 m and is still considered the highest inhabited place in Slovakia. Construction works in the section of Skalnaté Pleso – Mt. Lomnický štít began in 1936. The cable car underwent a reconstruction in late 1980s. The former system of one fixed cable and two haulage ropes was changed to a system of 2 fixed cables and one haulage rope, which increased stability and safety in strong weather. Since 1989, a cabin made by the Swiss Von Roll company has been operating to Mt. Lomnický štít. The cable car surmounts a vertical drop of 868 m, can reach maximum speed of 4.1 m/s, has a total transport capacity of 45 people/hour and completes its journey within 8.8 minutes. Until 1956, it was a world record holder due to its total length of 5,428 metres.

Tatry mountain resorts, a.s. is a top subject in the field of tourism in Central and Eastern Europe, which owns and operates attractive ski resorts and hotels. These include the resort Jasná Low Tatras and the following hotels in the Low Tatras: Wellness hotel Grand Jasná, Boutique Hotel Tri studničky, Chalets Záhradky De Luxe, Mountain Hotel Srdiečko and Rotunda Hotel. TMR also owns Aquapark Tatralandia, the largest Slovak water park with all-year operation, which offers a lot of water and other entertainment, a Tropical Paradise – a special tropical hall with sea water, a Fun Park and accommodation in bungalows and suites of the Holiday Village Tatralandia. In the High Tatras, TMR owns and operates resorts Tatranská Lomnica, Starý Smokovec and cooperates the resort of Štrbské Pleso. It also owns the following hotels: Grandhotel Praha Tatranská Lomnica, Grandhotel Starý Smokovec and Hotel FIS Štrbské Pleso. TMR owns 19% of the Melida, a.s. company, which leases and operates the mountain resort Špindlerův Mlýn in the Czech Republic. In Poland, TMR owns the resort of Szczyrk. The company also owns and rents hotels Slovakia, Kosodrevina, Liptov and Ski&Fun Záhradky and Bungalows. More than 190 million Euros were invested by the end of 2013 in the above mentioned resorts, to support development and modernisation. The TMR shares are traded on three European stock exchanges – in Bratislava, Prague and Warsaw.