

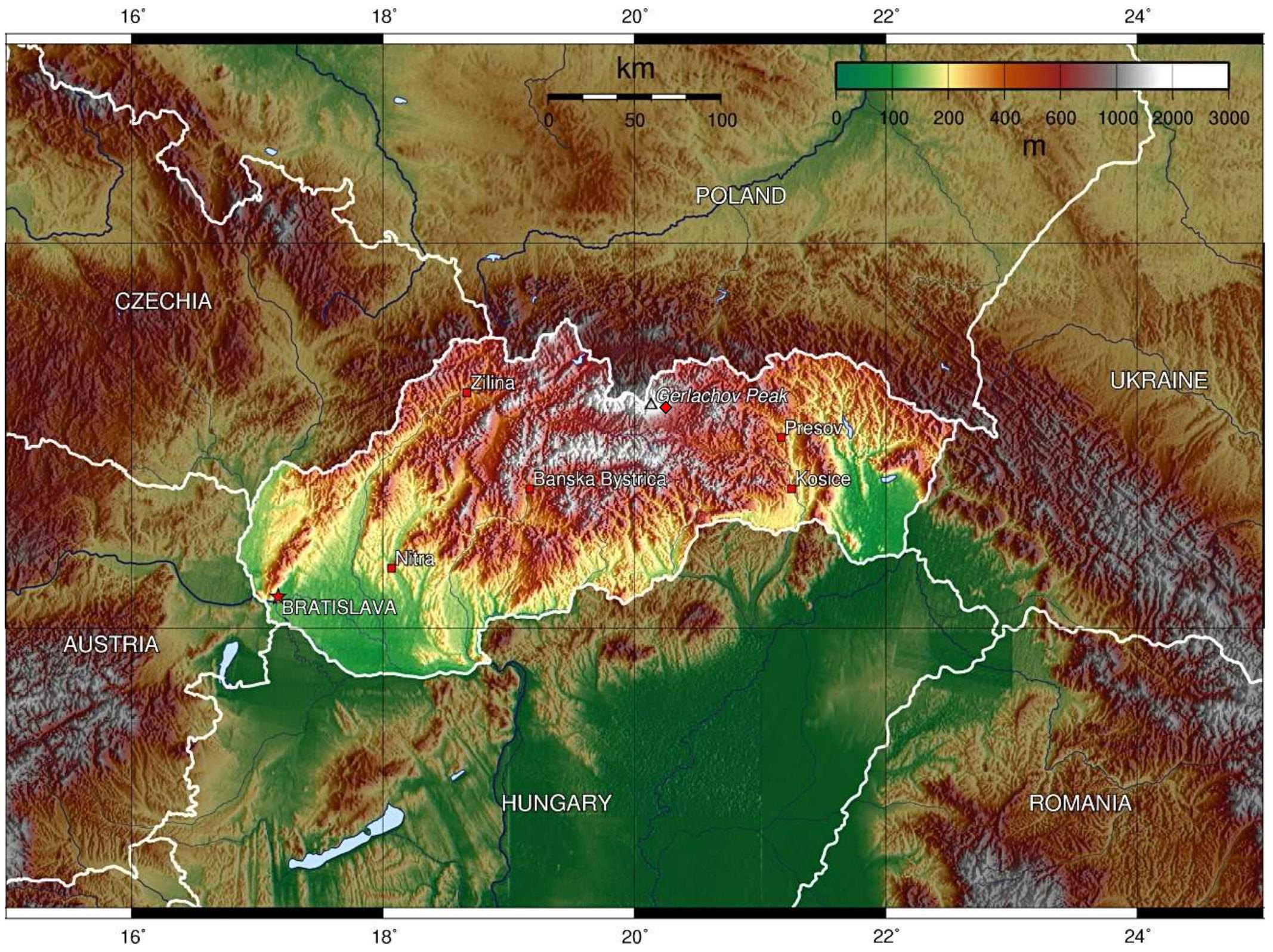
Welcome

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and
Tatranská Lomnica

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in his public speech at the main square
in Bratislava
President Bush
said that he was glad to be in **Slovenia**



radiocarbon dating puts
the oldest surviving archaeological artifacts
from Slovakia
at 270 000 BC, in the Early Paleolithic era

let us skip
270 830 years
and go directly to 830

around that time
the Earl Mojmir I
unified the Slavic tribes
settled north of the Danube
and created the principality of the Great Moravia

his successor, Rastislav (846–870)
asked the Byzantine Emperor Michael III
to send teachers
who would interpret Christianity and teach people
two brothers, Byzantine officials and missionaries
Saints Cyril and Methodius came in 863
Cyril developed the first Slavic alphabet

in the 16th century
our country became
a part of the Habsburg monarchy

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for comparison:

Honoré de Balzac wrote his excellent famous novels
and La Comédie humaine
before that time
(he died in 1850)

1905:
grand opening of the Grandhotel Praha
in Tatranská Lomnica

at the end of the World War I (1914-1918)
the Austrian-Hungarian Habsburg monarchy was dissolved

an independent Czechoslovak Republic
was declared on 28 October 1918

the economy and industry before the World War II
was very much developed
and Czechoslovakia was better than, e.g., Canada

during the World War II
Czechoslovakia was split
and Slovak state was declared (1939-1945)

soon after the World War II
Czechoslovakia became
a political satellite of then communist Soviet Union

Alexander Dubcek and his fellow communists
tried to introduce some democracy
and improve the political and societal situation
in an effort called Prague Spring in 1968

response from Moscow was quick and shocking:

armies of the Soviet Union, Hungary, Poland,
Bulgaria and Eastern Germany
invaded Czechoslovakia in August 1968

Dubcek was removed from the power,
and the new communist leader
introduced the so-called normalization
and political persecution

the terrible period of 20 years
with the Soviet army on the territory of Slovakia
finished
in November 1989
during the so-called Velvet Revolution

the statement on leading role of the communist party
was removed from the constitution

Czechoslovak Republic split into
the Czech Republic
and
Slovak Republic
at the end of 1992

- good or bad ??

on behalf of the local organizing committee

I wish you pleasant days

in Tatranská Lomnica and Slovakia

