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It can't happen here



Slovakia's government plans to ban its citizens from [leaving the country for recreational purposes](#), subject to parliamentary approval. This is in reaction to complaints that people can't go from one district to another but are allowed to travel abroad. Similar complaints are being heard in [Germany](#), where people can't book a hotel room over Easter but can go on vacation in Mallorca. A ban on recreational foreign travel couldn't happen here, lawyers told [Novinky.cz](#). It would be unconstitutional, according to Jan Wintr of Charles University's law school. Unconstitutional or not, such a ban is already in effect for residents of the Cheb, Sokolov and Trutnov districts, which are under a strict health lockdown. By government decree on [Feb. 11](#) and again on [Feb. 14](#), residents of these districts are allowed to leave the areas for 11 strictly defined reasons. Leaving the country is not one of them. These residents are being denied their constitutional right, but no one seems to be bothered by it.

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