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## Take a look inside the city

Families with children can explore the Old Town in a comfortable way, riding on the very popular vintage vehicles with a multilingual tour guide on hand. During the journey you can get to hear about the secret stories of each street, as well as places, houses and the old city walls.

You will see the Primate's Palace, stop at the famous St. Martin's Cathedral and also drive past Michael's Gate – the last preserved city gate of the town. Your ride will take between 35-60 minutes (until 2 hours) and you can also see:

- ▶ **The Main Square with the Old Town Hall and James's House.** Enjoy a spectacular birds-eye view of the Main Square from the tower of the Old Town Hall.
- ▶ An exciting view over Bratislava offers also the restaurant **UFO** over the SNP Bridge and the **Kamzík television tower** on the **Koliba hill**.
- ▶ **Posmievačik, Schöne Náci, Napoleonic Soldier** or **H. Ch. Andersen** – these iconic statues are as much a part of Bratislava as is the Danube River. Tourists should not forget to take a picture with the curious **Čumil** looking out from beneath a canal cover.
- ▶ **The inversed Pyramid** – it's the building of Slovak Radio, which has been broadcasting for almost a hundred years now.
- ▶ **Grassalkovich Palace** – the current residence of the Slovak president.
- ▶ **Bratislava Castle** – the most important stop on board the tourist trains **Prešporáčik/Blaváčik**. More info: [tour4u.sk](http://tour4u.sk), [blavacik.sk](http://blavacik.sk), [floratour.sk](http://floratour.sk).



## Let's go into the forest!

Bratislava and its surroundings offer plenty of lovely locations for families preferring fresh air and exercise.

At almost a finger's length from the historic Old Town is a city park called **Horský park**, currently a 22 hectare forest park, where you can find an original historic gamekeepers house. Aside from the many sweet baked delights of Bratislava, there is also a playground for children and a small petting zoo. The little ones can also ride a pony here. Another green oasis with a big playground for kids is the park **Sad Janka Kráľa**. One of the most popular places for families is also the natural area of **Železná studienka** with the possibility to paddle on a lake or to reach the **Koliba hill** via cable car. On it's very top you will find the **Kamzík television tower**. Neighbouring close by are the sporting grounds of **Partizánska lúka (Partisan Meadow)**, where a trampoline and different sports activities and grounds as well as a public grill await for children and their parents.

#### Tips for family trips

- 🚤 **By boat:** Devín Castle via a sightseeing boat on the Danube River ([boats4u.sk](http://boats4u.sk), [speedboats.sk](http://speedboats.sk), [lod.sk](http://lod.sk)). In the city suburb Čunovo you will find the Water Sport Resort **Divoká voda** ([divokavoda.sk](http://divokavoda.sk)) and the Modern Art Museum **Danubiana** ([danubiana.sk](http://danubiana.sk)). Also, a day trip to Vienna is possible.
- 🚲 **By bike:** 2 cycling routes of European importance pass through Bratislava - Eurovelo 6 and 13.
- 🚶 **Trekking lovers:** walk through **Devínska Kobyla** natural park, home to the paleontological reserve **Sandberg** at the feet of the Little Carpathians. You can also enjoy the summer bobsled track and **Lanoland** rope centre on **Koliba hill** and a visit to the **Kamzík television tower** ([bobodraha.sk](http://bobodraha.sk), [lanoland.sk](http://lanoland.sk)). This area is preferred by sledge runner fans and skiers in the winter season.
- 🐾 **For animal lovers:** **ZOO Bratislava** ([zoobratislava.sk](http://zoobratislava.sk)), Equestrian center with **Rozálka Hotel** in **Pezinok** ([rozalka.sk](http://rozalka.sk)), the **Farm Pod Gaštankou** in **Modra** ([podgastankou.sk](http://podgastankou.sk)), the family ranch **Abeland** in **Lozorno** ([abeland.sk](http://abeland.sk)).

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# Family time



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## Neighborhood treasures

The Little Carpathian region hides plenty of treasures and mysterious castles which await their explorers.

Around 40 kilometres from Bratislava, the castle of Červený Kameň (Red Stone) looms high (hradcervenykamen.sk). Here the famous fairy tale series Princess Fantaghiro was filmed. This castle is where you'll find a falcon club showing the biggest collection of birds of prey in Slovakia. Not far from this Castle you'll find the Castle of Smolenice (Smolenický zámok) with a unique spirit of the era. East of Bratislava, on the bank of the Little Danube lies the village of Jelka. Here you can admire a technically unique water mill, regarded as an extraordinary piece of engineering throughout Central Europe. Not far away from Jelka, families can discover the oasis of the Siberian tiger near the village Kostolná pri Dunaji. In recreated wild conditions, 29 tigers and a pride of lions live here freely in nature (tigre19.webnode.sk).

In just a half hour's drive you will find yourself on an organic farm in the town of Stupava. Children can get up close and personal with horses, sheep and other animals as well as taste the tradition Slovak kitchen (biofarma.sk).

25 minutes by car via the motorway away from Bratislava is the town of Senec, there is a camping site for tents and caravans as well as an exciting aqua park located at the water resort Slnčné jazerá. Of course you can also pitch a tent or rent a bungalow in Bratislava too, at the lakes of Zlaté piesky. The artificial lake Veľký Draždiak in the city borough of Petržalka is very popular as well.

### Local food specialities

- ▶ Slovak specialities in Rusovce | 10 min. from Bratislava (restauraciasluk.sk)
- ▶ Original roast goose with potato pancakes in the villages Chorvátsky Grob and Slovenský Grob | 25 min. from Bratislava (gurmanskygrob.sk)
- ▶ Skalický trdelník from Skalica – hollow baked pastry with nuts prepared according a traditional receipt | 65 min. from Bratislava



## Let's learn & have fun

Bratislava offers children and families alike many interesting interactive expositions as well as attractive leisure activities to learn something new in a funny way and thus make a visit to the city a memorable one.

- ▶ Bibiana – International House of Art for Children (bibiana.sk)
- ▶ The Slovak National Museum (snm.sk)
- ▶ The Slovak National Gallery (sng.sk)
- ▶ Bratislava City Museum (mmb.sk)

### Interesting tips

- ▶ Discover the glory days of transport in the Transport Museum (stm-ke.sk/sk/pobocky/muzeum-dopravy-v-bratislave).
- ▶ Get the feeling for the element of water in the Waterworks Museum and enjoy the neighbouring a spacious garden for active children. (vodarenskemuzeum.sk).
- ▶ Take an adventurous visit to the BS-8, the biggest military bunker in Slovakia, in the city borough of Petržalka on an iconic GAZ 69 military vehicle (what-bratislava.sk).
- ▶ Visit the Aurelium Science Centre (aurelium.sk) or the Gallery Multium (multium.sk) to train your brain and imagination or test your stamina in Jump Arena (jumparena.sk).



## Mummy's Yummies

The historical diversity of Bratislava is still sustained today, with a great scope of restaurants and street food bistros offering European, regional as well as local Pressburg delicacies.

First aid for hungry bellies can be found on Michalská Street at Enjoy Coffee (enjoycoffee.sk) or at Mondieu bistro & café on Laurinská and Panská streets (mondieu.sk). For families and groups we recommend Flagship Restaurant (bratislavskarestauracia.sk) on SNP Square with its traditional Slovak dishes. In the park Sad Janka Kráľa, on the right Danube bank you can enjoy the traditional Pressburg kitchen in the restaurant Leberfingler (leberfingler.sk).

### Local delicacies

- ▶ Bratislava rolls with traditional walnut or poppy seed filling.
- ▶ Strudel with poppy seed-sour cherry or apple-walnut filling with cinnamon.
- ▶ Confectionaries and Ice Cream Parlours: Cafés with excellent cakes: Zeppelin and Messerschmidt, Ice Cream Parlours: Koun and Luculus, Pancakes for the whole family: Funki-Punki. More info: messerschmidt.sk, zeppelincafe.sk, koun.sk, funki-punki.sk
- ▶ Bon Manufaktur – unique concept of confectionery, with production entirely from natural ingredients. Customers have an opportunity to produce their own sweets. Needs to order one day in advance (bon-manufaktur.com).

### Interesting tips

- ▶ Visit the Old Market Hall (Stará tržnica): on Saturdays there is a farmers' market supplied by local producers (staratrznica.sk).
- ▶ An interactive cooking course for children aged 6-12 years in Old Market Hall / Stará tržnica (foodkut.sk).
- ▶ School for little cooks aged 4 – 12 years in English and German on Košická Street in Bratislava and in Digital park (chefparade.sk).



## Once upon a time...

Bratislava, once known as Pozsony or Pressburg was the capital of Hungary for more than 200 years. Eleven Hungarian kings and seven royal consorts were all crowned here, with the most famous being Maria Theresa, crowned on June 25, 1741.

Follow the coronation path via the little golden crowns placed into the sidewalks of the Old Town. Today, observers cannot help but notice the 150 kg gold-coated replica of the Hungarian crown atop the church tower of St. Martin's Cathedral.

Watch the royal past come to life during the Bratislava Coronation Days, when visitors get involved directly in the ceremonies as they are reenacted by actors and enthusiasts wearing period costumes. Multi-day celebrations are accompanied by a number of events, jousting tournaments, theater and music performances, lectures, exhibitions and fun for all.

### Interesting tips

- ▶ The knights at the Devín Castle Every year in the summer children's knight plays, a knight fight and performances of historical dances are held at Devín Castle.
- ▶ Chairlift Get on the chairlift from the Železná studnička to Kamzík, and enjoy the view of the oldest forests in the Malé Karpaty. The cable car will also take your bike. (lanovsky.sk).

