What Bratislava is

→ A metropolitan city with almost a half million population, **capital of the Slovak Republic** since 1993, part of the **European Union** since 2004 and whose official currency is the **euro;**

→ Only capital in the world **located on the border of three countries - Slovakia, Austria and Hungary,** and the closest to another capital - Vienna;

→ Once part of the lands **settled by the ancient Celts (Boii),** famous for building military camps to guard their territory and for **Biatecs,** the coins they minted. Remains of **Limes Romanus,** in a unique border defence called Gerulata, can be found in the **Rusovce** neighbourhood south of Bratislava.

→ Historically called **Pressburg, Pozsony, Prešporok,** it was the capital of the Kingdom of Hungary from 1536 to 1783;

→ Known for the "**BRATISLAVA PROMENADE**", streets lined with numerous original cafés and with a special atmosphere;

→ **Coronation town** of the Hungarian kings of the House of Habsburg between the years 1563 - 1830, where 11 kings and 7 royal spouses were crowned in the St. Martin's Cathedral, among them also **Maria Theresa** in 1741;

→ Its **compact historical centre** still has many architectural signs of its royal past - beautiful mansions and family villas of world-famous artists, architects and inventors such as **Johann Nepomuk Hummel, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Franz Liszt, Ludwig von Beethoven, Bela Bartók, Joseph Haydn, Rudolf von Laban, Franz Xaver Messerschmidt, Arthur Fleischmann, Wolfgang von Kempelen** and **Johann Andreas Segner;**

→ Remarkable legacies from **the Communist era in Petržalka,** Central Europe's largest neighbourhood of housing estates. Historically called Engerau;

→ **Surrounded by vineyards** producing quality wine that can be tasted at stylish wine bars scattered across the city centre and at typical cellars in Rača, Devín and Vajnory neighbourhoods, all of which offer a fantastic culinary experience;

→ An environmentally-friendly **city on the Danube** with unspoilt natural treasures and protected natural habitats of European significance.

Bratislava's biggest advantage is its **accessibility.** The vast majority of key attractions in its compact centre are within walking distance of each other, while an **integrated transport system** provides access to locations further away. Tickets can be purchased at dispensers situated at tram/bus stops or from newspaper stands, and are then validated by inserting the ticket in any of the machines inside the tram or bus. Children under 6 years do not have to purchase a ticket and those between 6 - 16 years can purchase discount tickets. (dpb.sk for more information)

Bratislava lies at the crossroads of major European highways. Distance to **Prague** is 330 km, to **Budapest** 200 km and to **Vienna** only 65 km.

TAXI A mobile app provides convenient, user-friendly **taxi** service (hopin.sk).

Convenient **bus and train connections** to many European cities and other regions of Slovakia. (slovakrail.sk, slovaklines.sk, regiojet.sk, flixbus.sk, eurolines.sk)

M.R. Štefanik Bratislava Airport (BTS) is located 15-20 minutes from the centre - take BUS 61 to the airport. (bts.aero) **Vienna International Airport** is situated 40 km away, in Swechat (VIE), with buses leaving every 30 minutes to 1 hour from Bratislava. (slovaklines.sk, regiojet.sk, flixbus.sk)

Bratislava can be reached by boat directly from harbour at Schwedenplatz and Handelskai in the city **centre of Vienna.** (twincityliner.com, lod.sk)

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Tastes of the City

Culinary specialties are an integral part to getting to know the culture. Stylish restaurants, beer halls and local breweries alongside modern bistros offer a wide range of diverse food: Different specialties of old Pressburg (Austro-Hungarian), traditional Slovak cuisine (influenced by rural shepherd culture) as well as high-quality international and vegan gastronomy.



COFFEE TIPS
Try Bratislava Rolls along with a good cup of coffee at the numerous cafés located in the hidden streets of old Bratislava: **Kaffee Mayer** (kaffeemayer.sk), **F. X. Messerschmidt Café** (messerschmidt.sk) and **Zeppelin Café** (zeppelincafe.sk).





SWEET TIPS
You may not know that one of the most famous sweet delicacies of Bratislava (old Pressburg) is the **Bratislava Roll.** The original pastry is prepared from yeast dough and filled with walnut or poppy seed filling (muzeumobchoduba.sk).

TRADITIONAL TIPS
For traditional Slovak or Pressburg cuisine try these restaurants in the city centre: **1. Slovak Pub** (slovakpub.sk), **Zylinder** (zylinder.sk), **Leberfinger** (leberfinger.sk), **Savoy** (savoyrestaurant.sk) or **Bratislava Flagship Restaurant** (bratislavskarestauracia.sk).



ALTERNATIVE TIPS
Discover local bistros offering deli dishes at **Regal Burger** (regalburger.com), **Orbis Street Food** (orbisfood.sk), **Veg life** (veglife.sk) and **Bistro Soho** (bistrosoho.sk).



Green City

Bratislava's clean natural lakes, public parks and gardens are the green lungs of Bratislava. Forests and vineyards reaching almost to its centre are an important part of the city ecosystem.

PARK TIPS
Horský Park (Mountain Park) features a historical gamekeeper´s lodge and traditional Pressburg café (horaren.sk), while the **Bratislava Koliba forest park** with the **Kamzik TV Tower** and its revolving restaurant (altitude.sk) offer a view of the whole city.

GARDEN TIPS
Relax right in the city centre with its plentiful historical gardens and parks, such as **Grassalkovich Palace** (where the President of Slovakia has his office), **the Baroque Garden** and **Medická záhrada (Medicine Garden)** in the Old Town. A favourite spot for Bratislava residents and one of Central Europe's oldest public parks is **Sad Janka Kráľa,** on the right bank of the Danube in Petržalka. Devoted botanists can also visit the **Botanical Garden.**

SPORT AND ADRENALIN
Bratislava offers many opportunities for active recreation, including jogging and cycling routes. Try **a running tour of the city,** a non-traditional way of seeing its main attractions (gorunningtoursbratislava.com). The south route winding **along the Danube** is very popular among inliners, cyclists and joggers, while those not wishing to hike long distances can take the cable car between **Koliba** and **Železná studienka.**



EXTREME SPORTS TIPS
Thrill seekers will surely enjoy **bungee-jumping from Lafranconi Bridge** (jairo.sk), the downhill course at the **Rohatka Bike Park** or bicycling trails in the **Little Carpathians.** Water sport enthusiasts can raft, water-ski and hire sea scooters, ride hydrospeed boards or surf at the **Divoká Voda (Wild Water) Sports Complex in Čunovo** (divokavoda.sk) or directly at **Zlaté Piesky (Golden Sands) Lake** (wakelake.sk). Fans of off-road go-karts, rope parks and trampolines can enjoy the **Čunovo Action Park** (actionpark.sk) or try the motor **go-kart arena** (kartarena.sk), **a summer bobsleigh track** (bobodraha.sk), the **Tarzánia Rope Park** (tarzania.sk), **curling** (icearena.sk), or try **real vertigo on skywalk** (skywalk.redmonkeygroup.com).

Museums and Galleries

Bratislava offers more than 65 specialised museums and galleries ranging from Slovak contemporary art to examples of the city's rich cultural past.

BRATISLAVA CITY GALLERY (gmb.sk)
Slovakia's second-largest gallery exhibits extensive collections of Slovak and international fine art in two buildings: Mirbach Palace 10 and Pálffy Palace. 11

SLOVAK NATIONAL GALLERY (sng.sk)
More than 60,000 pieces of art of national and international origin are included in its collection. The gallery primarily has exhibitions of original art and offers a number of cultural, social and educational programmes for the public. 14

NEDBALKA GALLERY (nedbalka.sk)
Permanent exhibitions of original Slovak modern fine art are shown in an incredibly impressive interior reminiscent of the Guggenheim Museum in New York. 12

SLOVAK NATIONAL MUSEUM (snm.sk)
Comprises 18 specialised museums located throughout Slovakia. In Bratislava there are museums of **history** 2, **archaeology** 3, **natural sciences** 1 and **minority museums (Museum of Carpathian German Culture and Museum of Hungarian Culture in Slovakia).** 9



BRATISLAVA CITY MUSEUM (muzeum.bratislava.sk)
Exhibitions of local history provide visitors a wide range of information about **Bratislava's past** 4, its **winemaking** 5 and horological traditions, pharmacies and the life and times of celebrities born in Bratislava like Johann Nepomuk Hummel and Arthur Fleischmann. The Bratislava City Museum operates several national heritage sites such as the **Roman military camp in Gerulata** and the ruins of the **Devín Castle.**

MUSEUM TIPS
Check out the unique **Museum of Jewish Culture** 6 (snm.sk), **Museum of Trade** 7 (muzeumobchoduba.sk) and **Gas Industry Museum** (sppolocne.sk/muzeum).

DANUBIANA MEULENSTEEN ART MUSEUM (danubiana.sk)
Located on a peninsula jutting into the Danube River, Danubiana presents a symbiosis of fine art, modern architecture and natural treasures. 13

TIPS FOR CHILDREN
Bibiana - International House of Art for Children 15 (bibiana.sk), and the **Museum of Transport** 8 – see the 100-year-old tram that once ran between Bratislava and Vienna (muzeumdopravy.com), **the Waterworks Museum** (vodarenskemuzeum.sk) with a lovely green park for children, or experience the **adventure of BS 4, a real military bunker with stylish GAZ 69 military cars** (what-bratislava.sk).



After the Sun Goes Down

Bratislava is a very popular, sought after destination at night. Enjoy the atmosphere of the city promenade and explore the different music clubs and wine cellars hidden underground.

WINE TIPS
It makes a difference where a glass of local wine is tasted and the best place to taste it is in an underground wine cellar like the **Slovak National Collection of Wine (Národný salón vín)** (nsvsr.sk), **Wine Bar at the Blue Church (Vinotéka pri Modrom kostolíku)** (monvin.sk) or **In Vino** (invino.sk) on Palisády Street.



CULTURE TIPS
We recommend you to visit two most prestigeous festivals of classical music: **Bratislava Music Festival** (bhsfestival.sk) and the summer **festival viva musica** (vivamusica.sk).

ALTERNATIV TIPS
For alternative music, the places to be are **Majestic Music Club** (majestic.sk) for concerts, **Babylon** for unplugged music (babylonatelier.sk), the all-purpose building at **Stará Tržnica** (Old Market Hall), the underground scene at **Nu Spirit** (nuspirit.sk), the countercultural **Subclub** (subclub.sk), the multicultural **kc_dunaj** (kcdunaj.sk).

PARTY TIPS
Luxury nightspot **The Club;** new **Great club; Unique,** a hangout for university students; the cocktail bar at **Rio Grande Restaurant; Night Bar & Café;** the exquisite **Masquerade bar** and the three-storey **Channels Club** are the places in Bratislava to go to party.

MARKET TIPS
Gourmets looking for fresh, sustainable food can come to the farmers' market at **Stará Tržnica** (staratrznica.sk) any Saturday or to an authentic marketplace on **Miletičova Street** (mileticka.sk).



BEER TIPS
Bratislava's breweries are a separate world with their own unique life and atmosphere. Taste local beers of all kinds such as **Dunajský pivovar,** (dunajskypivovar.sk), **Meštiansky pivovar,** (mestianskypivovar.sk), **Kláštorný pivovar** (klastornypivovar.sk), **Fabrika** (fabrikapub.sk) and **Minipivovar Richtár Jakub** (richtarjakub.sk)



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1 BRATISLAVA CASTLE

Originally a royal residence and today the symbol of Bratislava and the home of the Museum of History, its 47-metre-high crown tower, where the royal coronation jewels were once stored, offers a stunning view of the city.



2 ST. MARTIN'S CATHEDRAL

This 15th century Gothic cathedral is the former coronation church and its claim to fame can be seen in a gilded replica of a crown on top of the 85-metre-high cathedral tower, a reminder of when Hunagrian kings were crowned here.



3 OLD TOWN HALL

Originally the seat of the municipal government, since 1868 it has been the home of the Bratislava City Museum, Slovakia's oldest museum. A narrow stairway leads to its 45-metre-high tower, offering a beautiful panoramic view of the Old Town.



4 PRIMATE'S PALACE

It was in this 18th century Neo-classical palace where representatives of the French Republic and the Emperor of Austria signed the Peace of Pressburg, following Napoleon's victory at the Battle of Austerlitz. It is currently a gallery housing a unique collection of six English tapestries dating from the 17th century.



5 MICHAEL'S GATE

The only remaining gate from the city's 14th century fortifications, the upper terrace of its 51-metre-high tower offers an impressive view of Bratislava Castle and the Old Town. The tower itself houses the Museum of Arms.



6 GRASSALKOVICH PALACE

A Rococo summer palace from the 18th century used to be known for its rich social life and a famous composer Joseph Haydn also performed here. Since 1996 it serves as the seat of the President of the Slovak Republic.



7 BLUE CHURCH

The unusual blue colour of the Art Nouveau church of St. Elizabeth, constructed at the beginning of the 20th century, provides a marvellous sight for visitors. The church features detailed façade work with the frequent use of mosaics.



8 SLAVÍN

The largest military monument in Central Europe, its 52-metre height also makes it one of the city's dominant features. 6,845 Soviet soldiers who died in the liberation of Bratislava during the Second World War are buried here.



9 SYNAGOGUE

The synagogue was constructed in 1923 – 1926 in the Cubist style according to the plans of the architect Artur Szalatnai-Slatinský. The permanent exhibition of the Jewish Community Museum is installed upstairs and is open to the public during the summer season.



10 UFO OBSERVATION DECK

Enjoy an extraordinary view of up to 100 km from the observation deck on this 95-metre-high bridge pillar. Combined with a truly outstanding culinary experience at the restaurant here, the UFO observation deck is one of the must-see places in Bratislava.



M DEVÍN

The ruins of the former castle, rising from a high rock above the confluence of the Danube and Morava Rivers, are a major historical and archaeological site. Moreover, it offers charming natural scenery with incredible views.



BRATISLAVA STATUES

Bratislava statues belong to the most photographed attractions in the city. Meet Schöne Naci - a dandy in tails with cane and top hat, Čumil (Rubberneck) curiously peeking out of the manhole, a Napoleonic soldier casually leaning over the bench or Hans Christian Andersen, a famous storyteller.

Discover the City

Tours are offered in the comfortable **historical vehicles Prešporáčik and Blaváčik.** (tour4u.sk, blavacik.sk)

Themed tours of the city and Bratislava region are offered by the BTB Tourist Information Centre, Klobučnícka Street 2. A one-hour walking tour starts every day at the TIC with guides speaking Slovak, English or German (sign up 2 hours in advance). **Contacts:** +421 2 5443 4059, +421 905 848 407, guides@visitbratislava.com

Tourist Information Centre
Klobučnícka 2, Old City, tel: +421 216 186, touristinfo@visitbratislava.com



BRATISLAVA CARD

→ Free public transport
→ Free guided walking tour and free admission to selected museums and other discounts up to 50 %
→ Information and online sale at visitbratislava.com/bc



Experience the City

CYCLING TIPS

Cycling routes labelled "C" are direct connections to **Eurovelo 6 and 13.** Bicycles can be hired for the whole family (bike-bratislava.sk, upcity.sk). Discover many surprisingly beautiful places **cycling in the forests of the Little Carpathians.**

TIPS FOR CRUISES

Enjoy **cruises along the Danube** to Devín Castle and Gabčíkovo Dam, to the Danubiana Gallery and Divoká voda area in Čunovo, eventually use catamaran for trip to **Vienna** (floratour.sk). Anyone looking to see untouched nature will enjoy canoe trips on the **Little Danube** (authenticslovakia.com, canoetrips.sk).

WALKING/HIKING TIPS

Walk through the **Devínska Kobyla National Natural Reserve** at the foothills of the Little Carpathian Mountains and visit the **Sandberg Paleontology Centre** with its amazing prehistoric fossils, **Koliba** with its summer bobsleigh route and **Kamzík** with a panoramic view from the revolving restaurant, and in winter take advantage of the opportunities for sledging and skiing (ekovylety.sk).

TIPS CAR LOVERS

Take a chance to **rent a fully electrical vehicle Wolkswagen e-up** and discover hidden places in Bratislava, or rent an **electrical bike, even electrical scooter** for more fun with your family or friends (upcity.sk).

FOR WINE-TASTING TO THE LITTLE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS

The Little Carpathians Wine Route starts right at the gates of the town, offering tasting and events for wine lovers, filling a specialized calendar all year round. (mvc.sk).



SHOPPING TIPS

Bratislava city centre has **three shopping centres – Eurovea** (eurovea.sk), **Aupark** (aupark.sk) and **Central** (central.sk) offering anything you need in fashion, jewellery, electronics, home décor, and books as well as furniture.

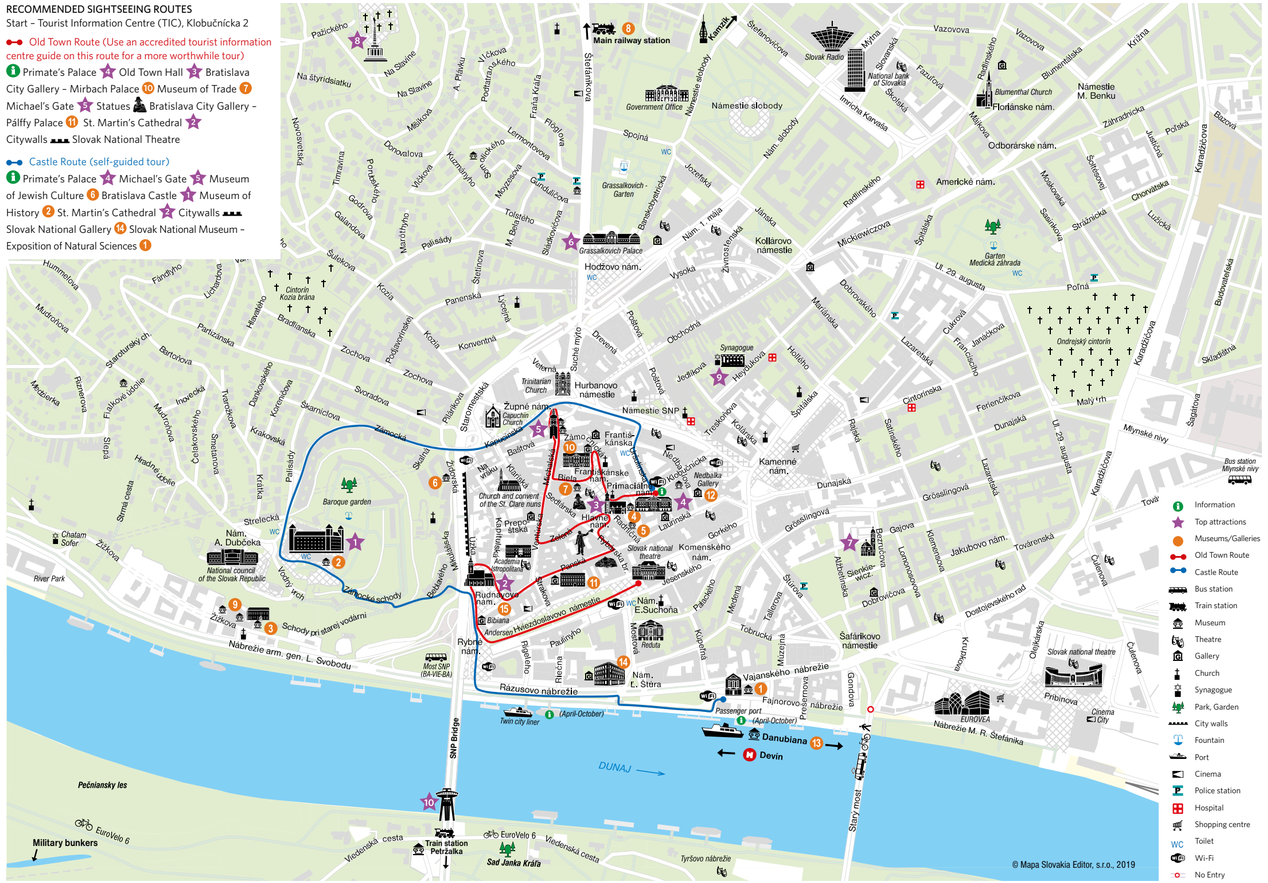
TIPS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Bratislava Zoo and Dino Park (zoobratislava.sk), **Stupava Farmhouse** (biofarma.sk), the indoor **Kidshouse** (kidshouse.sk) and **X-Bionic Sphere** – an all-year sporting and **water complex** (x-bionicsphere.com) located in Šamorín, just 20 kilometres from the city centre.

RECOMMENDED SIGHTSEEING ROUTES
Start – Tourist Information Centre (TIC), Klobučnícka 2

Old Town Route (Use an accredited tourist information centre guide on this route for a more worthwhile tour)
Primate's Palace, Old Town Hall, Bratislava City Gallery – Mirbach Palace, Museum of Trade, Michael's Gate, Statues, Bratislava City Gallery – Pálffy Palace, St. Martin's Cathedral, Citywalls, Slovak National Theatre

Castle Route (self-guided tour)
Primate's Palace, Michael's Gate, Museum of Jewish Culture, Bratislava Castle, Museum of History, St. Martin's Cathedral, Citywalls, Slovak National Gallery, Slovak National Museum – Exposition of Natural Sciences



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