

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**;

→ 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**;

→ **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.

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 - 18 years and over 60 can purchase discount tickets. (www.idsbk.sk/en/ for more information)

TAXI A mobile app provides convenient, user-friendly taxi service (hopin.sk, bolt.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 Schwechat (VIE), with buses leaving every 30 minutes to 1 hour from Bratislava. (slovaklines.sk, regiojet.sk, flixbus.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, arriva.sk)

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.

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



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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 a delicious dessert along with a good cup of coffee at the numerous cafés located in the hidden streets of old Bratislava: **Kaffe Mayer** (kaffeemayer.sk), **F. X. Messerschmidt Café** (messerschmidt.sk) and **Black** (black.sk), **Konditorei Kormuth** (konditoreikormuth.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 (fantastico.biz).



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 **Kamzík TV Tower** and its revolving restaurant (veza.sk) offer a view of the whole city and the forests of the Little Carpathians.



GARDEN TIPS

Relax right in the city centre with its plentiful historical gardens and parks, such as **Grasalkovich 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 TIPS

In the summer months, it is an ideal opportunity to play beach volleyball right by the Danube on **Tyršovo nábrežie** or to spend time in the **Danube branches in Karlova Ves** in a kayak (vodackecentrum.sk). 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** (lanovky.sk).

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 **Museum 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 a UNESCO monument - the ancient **Roman military camp** Gerulata in Rusovce and a national cultural monument - **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** (spolocne.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 (muzeumdoopravy.com), **the Waterworks Museum** (vodarenskemuzeum.sk) with a lovely green park for children, or enjoy a **ride on a socialist car SKODA** at the monuments of a bygone era with a local guide (authenticslovakia.com).



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)** (salonvin.sk), **Wine Bar at the Blue Church (Vinotéka pri Modrom kostolíku)** (monvin.sk) or **Winenot!?** (winenot.sk) - Hlavné námestie.



CULTURE TIPS

We recommend you to visit two most prestigious 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, the all-purpose building at **Stará tržnica** (Old Market Hall), the underground scene at **Nu Spirit** (nuspirit.sk), the subcultural club **WAX** (facebook.com/waxbratislava), new **Šafko club** (facebook.com/safkoklub).

PARTY TIPS

University **Club Unique**, cocktail bar at **Rio Grande Cocktail Restaurant**, **Night Bar & Café** or three-storey **Channel club** and the new **Great Club** (greatbratislava.sk).

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.com).

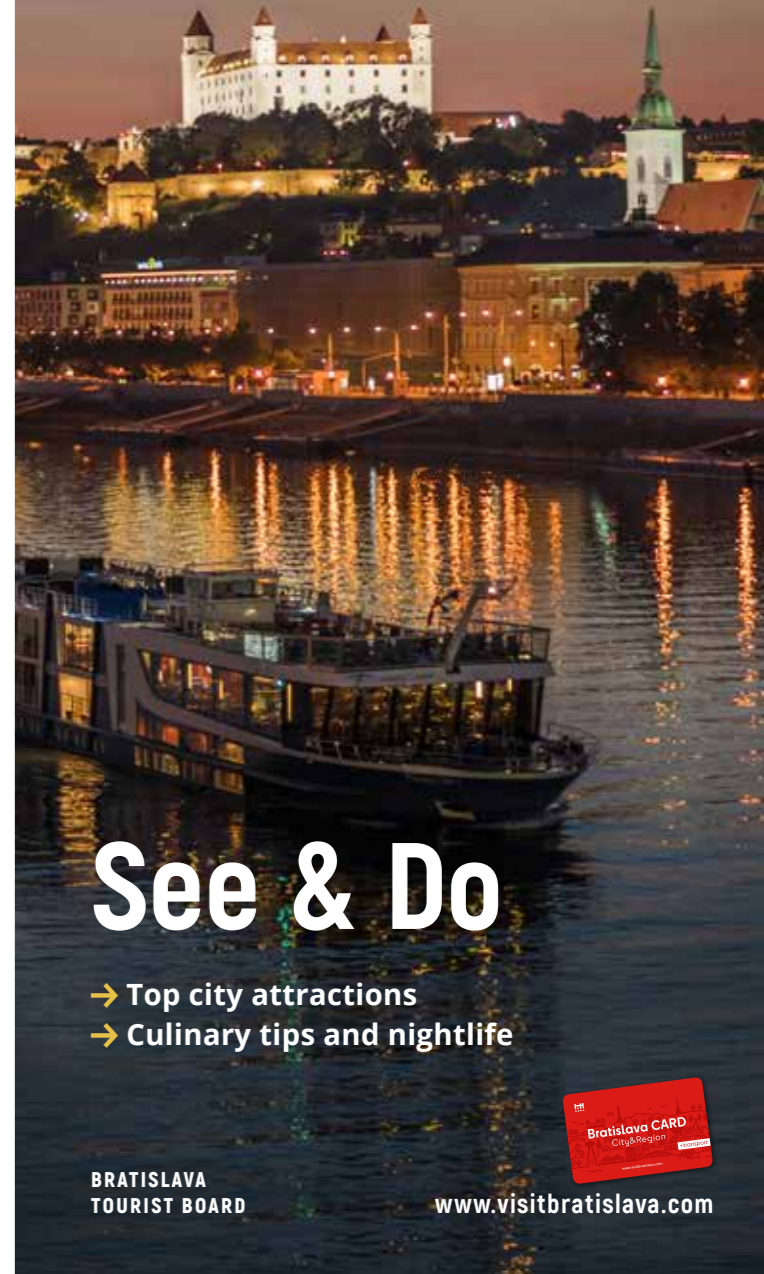


BEER TIPS

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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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.



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.



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.



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.



EUROVEA WATERFRONT
The combination of the promenade, the Eurovea shopping center, the Danube river-side and the Slovak National Theater is an exceptional urban element. Here you can also find many cafés and restaurants or relax on the Danube riverbank.



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.



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.



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.



DEVÍN CASTLE
A castle ruin built on a high rock towering above the confluence of the Danube and Morava rivers is one of the most important historical and archaeological localities in Central Europe. Moreover, it offers enchanting natural scenery with unique views.



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.



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, 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, Kloboučnícka Street 2. 75 minutes walking tour starts every day at the TIC with guides speaking Slovak, English or German (sign up 2 hours in advance). **Contacts:** +421 2 5935 6651, bratislavacard@visitbratislava.com
- Tourist Information Centre**
Kloboučnícka 2, Old City, tel: +421 216 186, touristinfo@visitbratislava.com

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Experience the City

CYCLING TIPS
Cycling routes labelled "C" are direct connections to **Euroveo 6** and **13**. Bicycles can be hired for the whole family (slovaftbike.sk, rekola.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 **Kamzik** with a panoramic view from the revolving restaurant (veza.sk), and in winter take advantage of the opportunities for sledding and skiing (ekovylety.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 **four shopping centres** - **Eurovea** (eurovea.sk), **Aupark** (aupark.sk), **Nivy** (nivy.com) 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 Park (zooobratistava.sk), **Gallery of optical illusions 3D Land** (3dland.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), Kloboučnícka 2
Old Town Route (Use an accredited tourist information centre guide on this route for a more worthwhile tour)
1 Primate's Palace 2 St. Martin's Cathedral 3 Citywalls 4 Slovak National Theatre

Castle Route (self-guided tour)
1 Primate's Palace 2 Bratislava Castle 3 Museum of Jewish Culture 4 Bratislava City Gallery - Mirbach Palace 5 Michael's Gate, Statues 6 Bratislava City Gallery - Pálffy Palace 7 St. Martin's Cathedral 8 Citywalls 9 Slovak National Theatre



The map shows the city of Bratislava with various sightseeing routes highlighted in red and blue. Landmarks are marked with icons and numbers corresponding to the routes. A legend on the right side of the map identifies the icons: Information (i), Top attractions (star), Museums/Galleries (book), Old Town Route (red line), Castle Route (blue line), Bus station (bus icon), Train station (train icon), Museum (museum icon), Theatre (theatre icon), Gallery (gallery icon), Church (church icon), Synagogue (synagogue icon), Park, Garden (tree icon), City walls (wall icon), Fountain (fountain icon), Port (port icon), Cinema (cinema icon), Police station (police icon), Hospital (hospital icon), Shopping centre (shopping icon), Toilet (WC icon), Wi-Fi (Wi-Fi icon), and No Entry (no entry icon).