



## City Parks and Gardens

Take a break from the urban bustle and hustle and discover cozy, green corners right in the city center.

The history of these parks goes back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and today they are still places to relax, meet friends and enjoy various events.

Walk the promenade at **Hviezdoslavovo námestie 1** in the heart of Bratislava, with its alleys, fountains and plenty of occasions for celebration. Stop by the park at **Šafárikovo námestie 2** with the Duck Fountain, or sit on the grass of the **Medical Garden 3**, where performances take place. There is also a children's playground and a café to enjoy.



**Grassalkovich Garden 4** surrounds a historical palace, which is now the residence of the President of Slovakia. Its highlight is the row of trees planted by the heads of states during their visits.



*equestrian statue of Empress Maria Theresa, a place for children to have fun, outdoor exhibitions of modern art*



**Sad Janka Kráľa 5** on the right bank of the Danube is the oldest public park in Central Europe. It was established in 1774-1776. The park has walkways shaded by trees and spacious meadows. Growing here are plane trees over two centuries old, together with exotic trees. A stay in this green oasis is often accompanied by the sound of melodies from different musical genres.

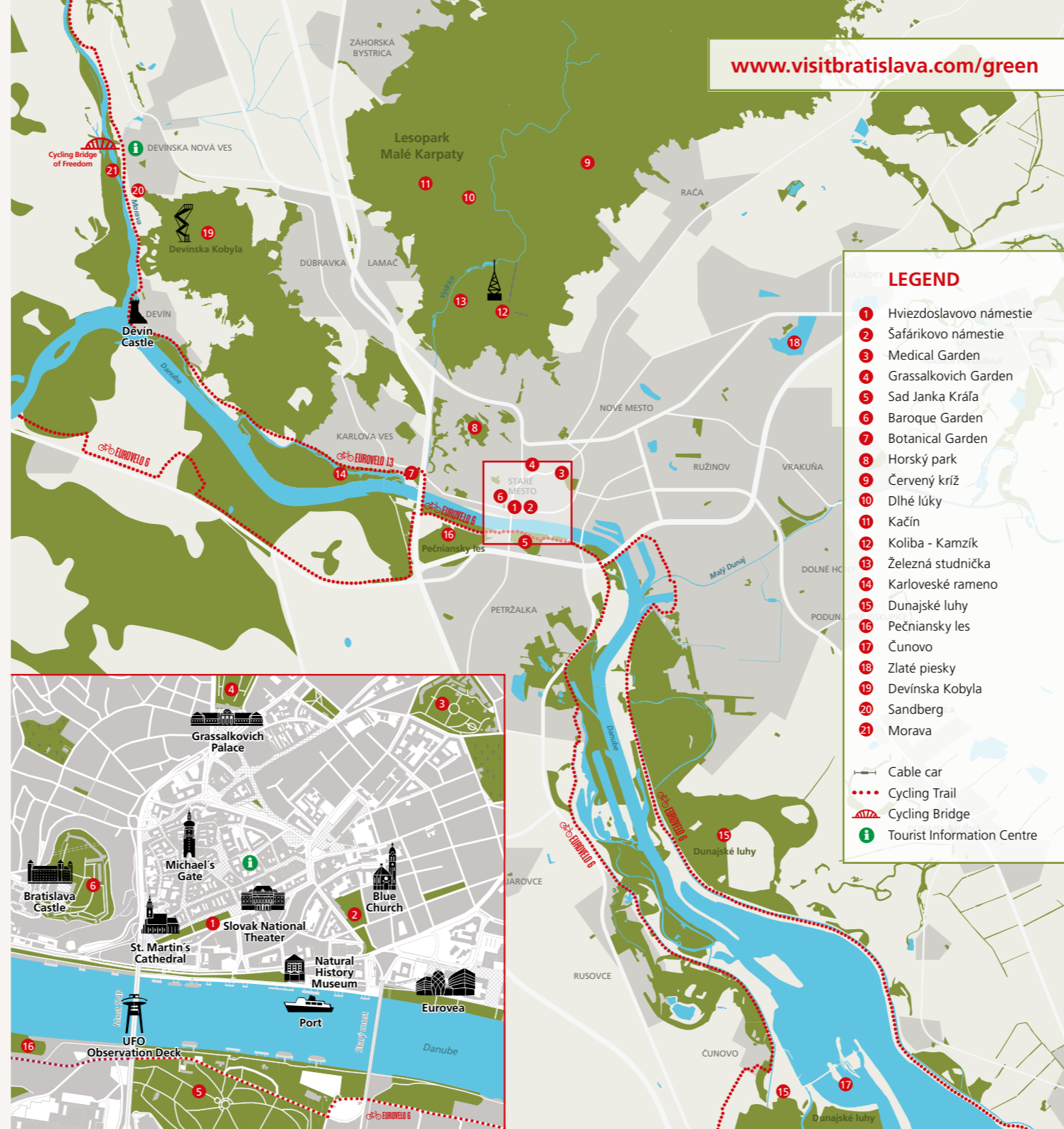
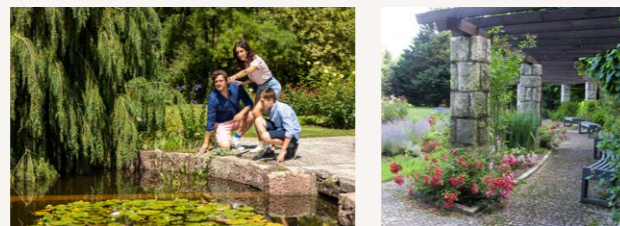
*statues depicting the zodiac signs, a gazebo from the original Franciscan church tower, a playground with attractions for children*



Relax in the green area near **Bratislava Castle 6** overlooking the city. Visit also the Baroque garden of the castle, reconstructed according to designs used during the reign of Maria Theresa.

*exhibit at the Museum of History of the Slovak National Museum, castle restaurant, cultural and culinary events*

**The Botanical Garden 7** located on the Danube waterfront soothes the soul and provides a feast for the eyes. Here you can find all colors of flowers, trees from all over the world and exotic plants in greenhouses. A garden with 120 different kinds of roses offers a spot for fragrances to dazzle.



## The Forest in the City

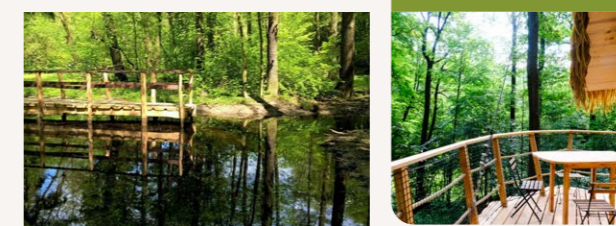
In just a few minutes find yourself in the silence of nature, walking on forest roads and green meadows.

**Horský park 8** established in a virgin forest is located in the heart of Bratislava. It is the ideal place for walks or sports. Learn about the history of the park along the educational trail and then have a snack at the 130-year-old historical forester's house.

*Bratislava's oldest garden pub, children's playground, outdoor statue gallery, educational trail*

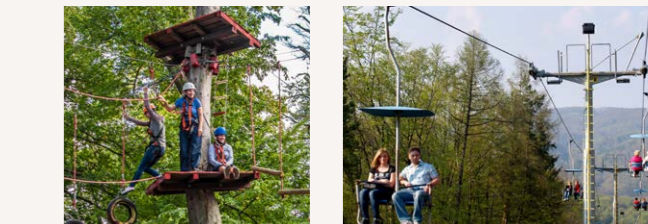
The **Bratislava Forest Park** is part of the Little Carpathians, a protected landscape area and an oasis of green for nature and sport enthusiasts, a popular destination for family excursions, a place to picnic with friends and a secret hideaway for romantic souls. There are different areas within the forest park to pleasantly relax, along with restored forest paths, gazebos, playgrounds and adventures at **Červený Kríž 9**, **Dlhé Lúky 10** and **Kačín 11**.

*Experience true, back to nature romance, spending the night in a tree house at Kačín or Dlhé Lúky.*



A prominent landmark in the Koliba section of the forest park is **Kamzík (439 meters) 12**, whose television tower is perched on the peak of the ridge. Take in a panoramic view of the surrounding area either from the tower revolving restaurant or the 15-meter-high wooden view tower, or from the cable car that runs between Kamzík and Železná studnička. Exercise at the outdoor fitness park, hike along the park's marked trails or try out mountain bike trails.

*summer bobsled track with lift, treetop rope course featuring 42 obstacles, World War I era artillery bunker*



**Železná studnička 15** is a recreational center located in the valley of the Vydrica brook. This brook was part of a system of four lakes that used to drive nine water mills, of which the eighth in line, Klepáč, has been preserved. The reconstructed mill serves refreshments and has activities for children. You can also lounge on a boat at Lake 4.

*Partizánska Lúka free-time center offers a fitness park, sports fields, picnic benches with gazebos and fireplaces, a natural amphitheater and an education trail.*



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## Along the Danube Banks

A refreshing part of the city center is the Danube with attractive promenades along both its banks.

Take a stroll along the waterfront, discover the sculptures of personalities and works of art, walk to the other side of the river along Bratislava's four bridges, lie down on the lawn in front of Eurovea and taste local specialties at restaurants overlooking the river. Visit the Botanical Garden at Lafranconi Bridge and then continue to **Karloveské rameno**, a natural water sports paradise where watercraft can be rented.

observation deck and café on the bridge Most SNP, Museum of Natural History at Vajanského nábrežie, Waterworks Museum near Karloveské rameno



Relax in the green belt between the bridges Starý most and Most SNP on the right bank of the Danube or enjoy the summer on the Magio Beach. Finally, let the waves lull you to sleep at one of the botels docked on the Danube.



Experience a cruise under Bratislava's bridges on a boat sailing either to Devin Castle or to Čunovo. You can also take a boat to Austria or go paddling, float on the many oxbow river channels and relax in untouched nature.



## Relax at the Water

The greater Bratislava region offers something for nature enthusiasts and people who enjoy water sports, too.

Part of the **Dunajské luhy** protect- ed landscape area along the Danube lies within the borders of the capital city. The floodplains and forests along the river run from the Old Town, at the forest **Pečniansky les** on the right bank and continue past the Petržalka dam at Jarovské Rameno, Lake Rusovce and Lake Čunovo before reaching the Divoká Voda white water **rafting sports complex at Čunovo**.

Rusovce Park near the mansion, Gerulata Rusovce - a Roman archaeological site, a modern art gallery Danubiana situated on a peninsula and artificial rafting channel in Čunovo



Dunajské luhy habitat is the home of rare plant and animal species and also an important bird area. Take advantage of organized water bird watching to observe protected egrets and herons.

See also the recreational areas by the lakes, that are located directly in the city, such as **Zlaté piesky**, Kuchajda and Veľký Draždiak. Relax under the trees, invigorate yourself in the water, ride a jet boat, learn to water ski or try extreme wakeboarding.

More tips on green zone activities:  
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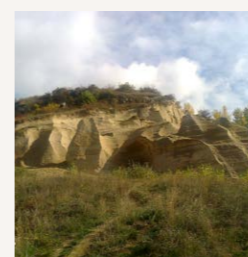


## Protected Area by the Morava

The former Iron Curtain limited human impact along the Morava River, conserving precious natural wealth.

**Devínska Kobyla** is at 514 meters the highest peak in Bratislava, lying within the eponymous national nature reserve. Inside these protected areas, visitors are allowed to move only along marked trails. There are magnificent views of the Morava River along the education trail between Devínska Nová Ves and Devín.

dendropark with original trees, the cycle bridge across the Morava between Devínska Nová Ves and Austria, Iron Curtain Museum, Geological Museum in Nature, Devin Castle



**Sandberg** is a sandstone deposit with remnants of the sea that was here 15 million years ago. More than 350 fossils of ancient marine animals, bivalve shellfish, shark teeth and whale vertebrae have since been found. The beauty of this exceptional paleontological site can be admired from the educational path that runs to Devín.

The **Morava River basin** has a preserved complex of floodplain forests, meadows and oxbow lakes. This ecosystem has become a refuge for rare plant and animal species. Observe birds and follow the river along Slovakia's longest educational trail with 39 stops. Cyclists are also welcome here.



## On Two Wheels

Adore the countryside from your bicycle seat! Ride the cycle trails either along the Danube or directly in the woods.

From the city center there are connections to two international bicycle trails: **Danube Cycle Trail** (Eurovelo 6) and **Iron Curtain Trail** (Eurovelo 13). Enjoy the forest Pečniansky les on the Petržalka side of the Danube and continue toward Austria. You can also reach Devin Castle by bicycle and continue on to the cross-border cycle bridge at Devínska Nová Ves. In the opposite direction from the center of Bratislava, the cycle trail runs along the Danube embankment to Čunovo and then to Hungary.

**Information about cycle trails:**  
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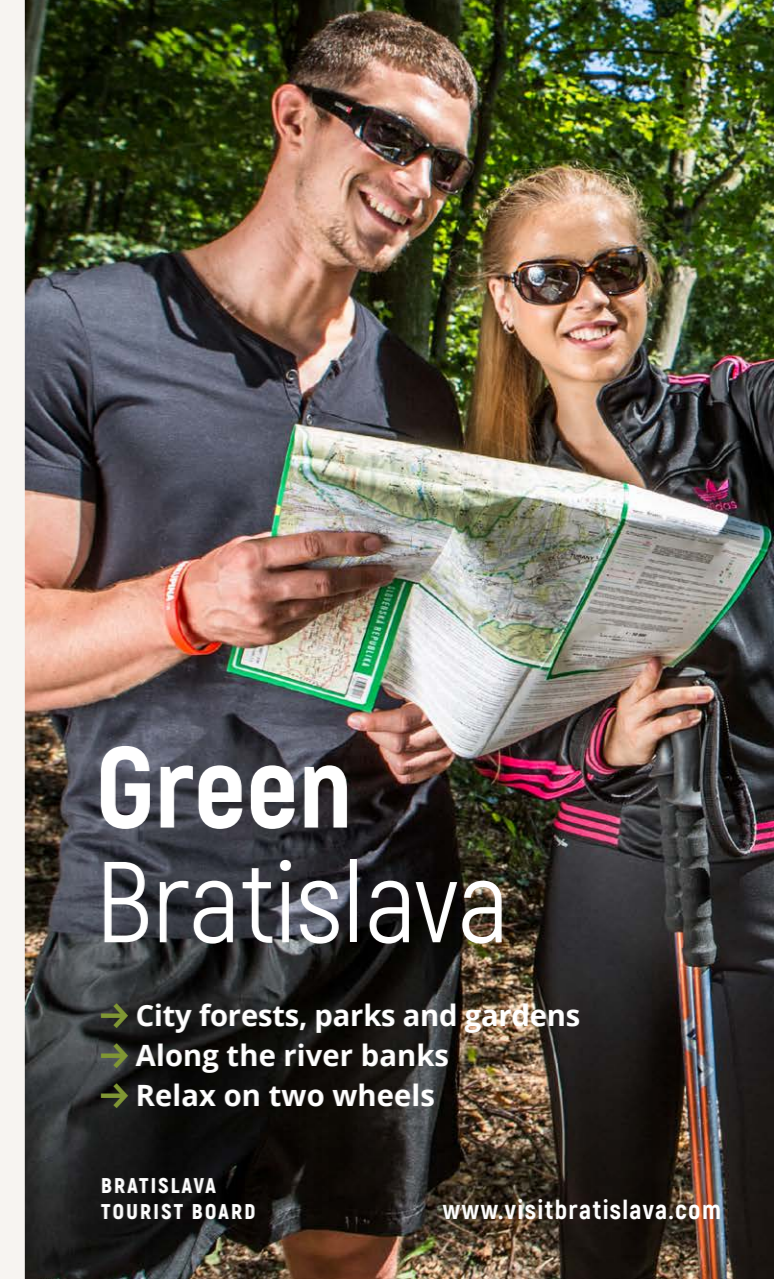


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