



Take a look inside the city

Families with children can explore the Old Town in a comfortable way, riding on the very popular retro designed road trains 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 Primatial 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 35-50 minutes 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.
- ▶ **Posmieváčik**, **Schöne Náci**, **Napoleon 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 inverted 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** – is the last stop on board the tourist trains Prešporáčik/Blaváčik. More info: tour4u.sk, blavacik.sk



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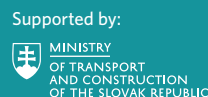


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- **free guided walking tour**
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Children under 6 years, when accompanied by an adult, have free entrance to most museums and galleries. Public transport within the Bratislava region is also **free** for children under 6 years. Children between 6-15 years can also benefit from **cheaper admission** to many museums, galleries and different attractions. These children can also benefit from lower ticket rates when travelling via public transport within the Bratislava region.



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Let's get into the forest!

Bratislava and its surroundings offer plenty of enjoyable 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 children.

Tips for family trips

- ▶ **By boat:** Devín Castle via a sightseeing boat on the Danube River (vyletno-plavbypodunaji.sk) or the Gabčíkovo Dam. In the city suburb Čunovo you will find the Action Park (actionpark.sk), the Water Sports Centre Divoká voda (divokavoda.sk) and the Modern Art Gallery Danubiana (danubiana.sk). Also, a daily-trip near Vienna is possible.
- ▶ **By bike:** 2 cycling routes of European importance pass through Bratislava - Eurovelo 6 and 13th.
- ▶ **On foot:** walk through Devínska Kobyla natural park, home to the paleontological reserve Sandberg at the feet of the Little Carpathians. You can also enjoy the popular summer bobsled track on Koliba hill and a visit to the Kamzík television tower. This area is preferred by sledge runner fans and skiers in the winter season.
- ▶ **For friends of animals:** Zoo and the Dino Park (zoobratislava.sk), Equestrian center with Rozálka Hotel (rozalka.sk), the family ranch Abeland in Lozorno (abeland.sk).



Near and far 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 (tigre.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 complex Slnčné jazerá**. Of course you can also pitch a tent or rent a bungalow or hotel room in Bratislava too, at the lakes of **Zlaté piesky**. The artificial lakes **Malý and Veľký Draždiak** in the city borough of Petržalka are also very popular.

Local food specialities

- ▶ **Fish specialities** in Čunovo | 10 min. from Bratislava (richtarskydvor.sk)
- ▶ **Original roast duck 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





Painting, statue, graphic...


Museums and galleries are no longer exclusively for adult visitors. You can experience this with attractive and interactive expositions directly in the city centre:

- ▶ **Bibiana - the international house of art for children** (bibiana.sk)
- ▶ **The Children's Museum** (detskemuzeum.sk)
- ▶ **The Slovak National Museum** (snm.sk)
- ▶ **The Slovak National Gallery** (sng.sk)
- ▶ **The City Museum Bratislava** (muzeumbratislava.sk)

Interesting tips

 Discover the glory days of transport in the **Transport Museum** (muzeum-dopravy.sk), including a 100 year old tram which once connected Bratislava and Vienna.

 Get the feeling for the element of water in the **Waterworks Museum** and enjoy the neighbouring a spacious garden for active children. Relaxation for whole family is also offered with a cycling route along the Danube in the borough Karlová Ves. (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)



Mummy's Yummies


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


First aid for hungry visitors can be found on Laurinská Street at **Street Food Orbis**. For families and groups we recommend **Flagship Restaurant** 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 **Leberfinger**. If your children would like to try out their own cooking abilities, try the restaurant **Primi** on the Danube bank.

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: Funky-Punky. More info: messerschmidt.sk, zeppelincafe.sk

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). (jemine.sk)

School for little cooks aged 4-12 years in English and German in Košická Street in Bratislava. (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.

Traditionally, every year during the last weekend in June, Bratislava witnesses the spirit of the coronation. In the streets of the city the crowning ceremony is recreated. There is a procession of nobles dressed in period costumes as well as many attractions for both small and big (korunovacie.sk).

Interesting tips

 **The Knights on the Castle Devín.** Every year in the summer children's knight plays, a knight fight and performances of historical dances are held at Devín Castle.

 **ViVat Bratislava!** Visit Michael's Gate, put on a magical coat and with some film effect trickery, you can discover the extraordinary feeling of being crowned king.

