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**BRATISLAVA OFFERS HUNDREDS OF KILOMETRES OF CYCLING ROUTES. FOR ICONIC VIEWS OF BRATISLAVA CASTLE, THE DANUBE, BRIDGES AND CATHEDRALS, CHOOSE ONE OF THE SHORTER CITY LOOPS (1, 2, 3). IF YOU ENJOY THE CALMNESS OF THE RIVER AND FLAT TERRAIN, TRY THE ROUTES ALONG THE RIVERS DANUBE AND MORAVA (4, 5, 6, 7). IF YOU PREFER FORESTS, HILLS, CLIMBS AND DESCENTS, THE LOOPS IN THE LITTLE CARPATHIANS WILL BE PERFECT FOR YOU (8, 9, 10). YOU CAN USE THE SERVICES OF BRATISLAVA'S SHARED BICYCLES - BIKE-SHARING - TO TRY THE ROUTES AND GET AROUND BRATISLAVA. YOU WILL FIND INFORMATION FOR EACH ROUTE ON WHETHER IT IS SUITABLE FOR RIDING SUCH A BIKE.**

### **HOW TO RIDE A BIKE SAFELY AND RESPECTFULLY**

- In the pedestrian zone of the city centre and on the pavement, the pedestrian has the right of way. Ride your bike slowly, in a straight line, with respect and attention. Be careful on street corners, doorways and near patios where pedestrians or waiters may walk out.
- Ride respectfully in traffic, keep a reasonable distance from the edge of the road, indicate a change of direction in advance and obey the rules of the road.
- Cross tram tracks carefully (especially when wet) and as perpendicular as possible.
- When on a bike path, stay on the right so that faster cyclists can safely pass you. Pass at a reasonable distance and pay attention.
- Brake with both brakes, especially on steeper descents.

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**MONARCHY. THE FIRST REPUBLIC. SOCIALISM. THE PRESENT. RIVER. PARKS. SQUARES. FOUNTAINS. SHOPPING MALLS. STREETS. ARE YOU READY TO REVEAL ALL THE LAYERS OF THE CITY'S HISTORY AND AREA? THIS ROUTE WILL SHOW YOU WHAT BRATISLAVA AND ITS IDENTITY ARE LIKE. HOW MODERN TIMES HAVE TRANSFORMED THE FORMER PREŠPOROK (HISTORICAL NAME OF BRATISLAVA). HOW COMMUNIST TOTALITARIANISM SWEEP AWAY WHAT STOOD IN ITS WAY OF BRIGHTER TOMORROWS. HOW THE DANUBE NEVER STOPS FLOWING THROUGH THE EVER-BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC CITY.**

Your route starts and ends at **at square Námestie SNP** **A**. Just as the bells have symbolically tolled for the former regime here, and we have begun listening to the people again. Behind the charming **Old Market Hall**, you will pass around the "first skyscraper" of Bratislava, the iconic **Manderlák** **B**. Next, on spectacular square Hviezdoslavovo námestie, feast your eyes on the **Slovak National Theatre building** and the **Ganymede's Fountain** **C**. Finally, the **Plague Column** **D**, a monument to an epidemic centuries ago at square Rybné námestie, will bring you to the bridge.

Cross the Danube in high style over the **bridge Most SNP** **E**, a controversial icon of Bratislava for half a century. To enjoy the views and have a coffee, take a lift on the **UFO** 85 metres above the ground. On the other bank, get some fresh air in the green lungs of the city. As one of the oldest parks of the former monarchy, the **city park Sad J. Kráľa** **F** also hides a medieval tower and the signs of the zodiac. To get back to the centre, cross the **bridge Starý most** **G**.

The views are unparalleled here. **Square Šafárikovo námestie** is an elegant entrance to the Old Town. Note the contrasts between the monarchy's decorated buildings and the First Republic's university and skyscrapers in the east. However, the delightful **Blue Church** **H**, the pinnacle of Prešporok's Art Nouveau, stands just around the corner. An obvious contrast to the modernist architecture of the **shopping mall** on square Kamenné námestie **I**!

A unique building from the socialist era is the **inverted pyramid of Slovak Radio** **J**. The nearby monumental **square Námestie slobody** **K** is dominated by a fountain in the shape of lime blossom. Apart from the socialist craze, you will find there the Government Office, which used to be the Archbishop's Summer Palace. You can also stop by the **Planet of Peace fountain** located in front of the **Presidential Palace** on square Hodžovo námestie **L**. Square Námestie SNP the destination of your route, is just a stone's throw from here.



**Starting point:** Square Námestie SNP

**Route length:** 7.6 km

**Trip time** (including breaks): 1-2 h

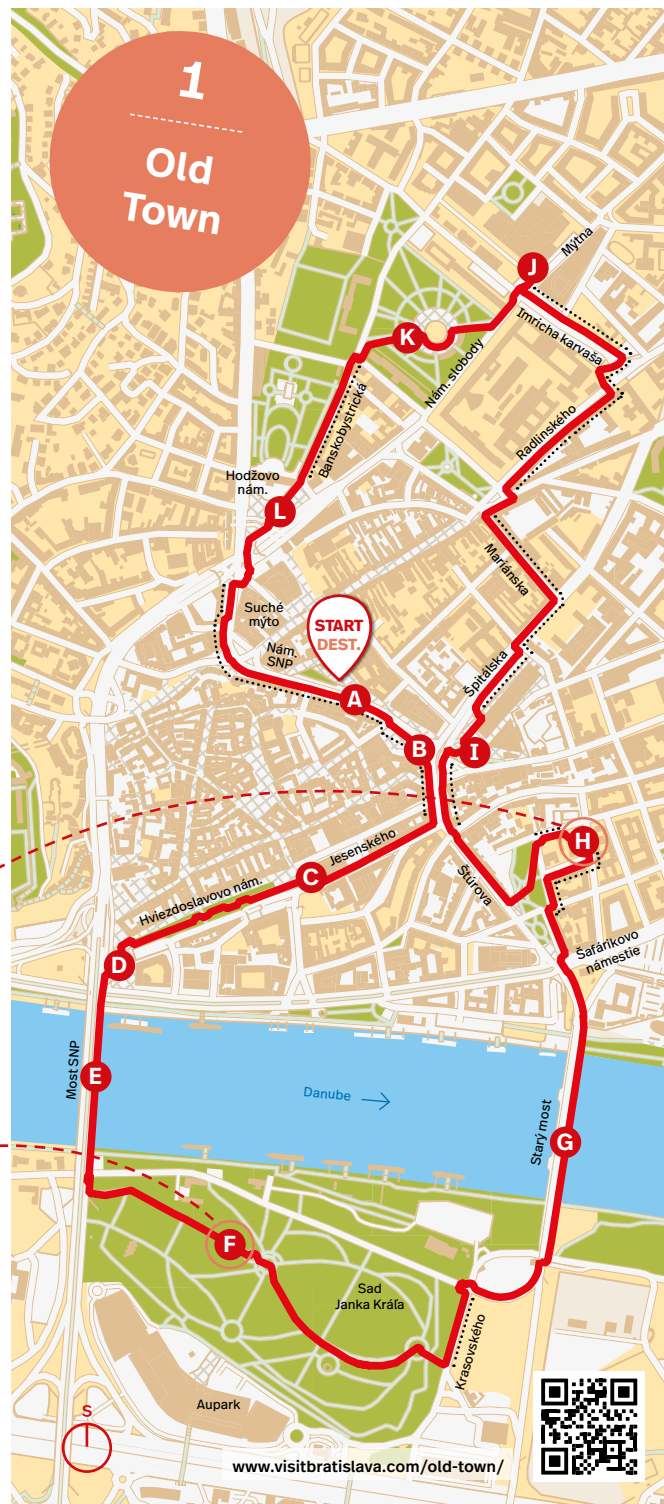
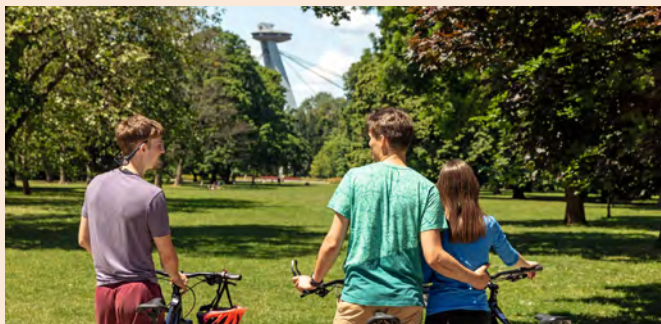
**Terrain:** flat

**Surface:** 100% paved

**In traffic:** 50% .....

**Difficulty:** easy

**Bikesharing:** yes



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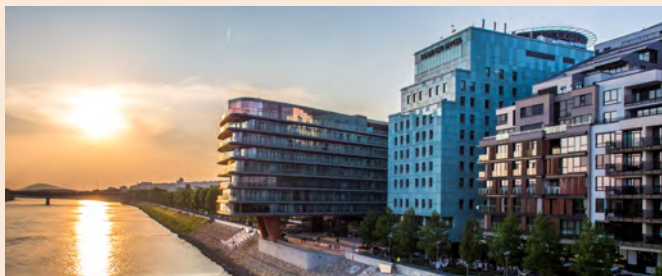
**BRATISLAVA, THE BEAUTY ON THE DANUBE. THAT'S HOW IT'S CALLED. AND IS IT? BRATISLAVA AND THE DANUBE ARE LINKED BY CENTURIES OF EVENTS. THE RIVER WAS FOR THE CITY A THREAT AND A GIFT AT THE SAME TIME. ON THIS ROUTE, YOU WILL DISCOVER THE DYNAMIC HISTORY OF THE RIVERSIDE DISTRICTS, THEIR TRANSFORMATIONS, BRIDGES, BEACHES, PARKS AND ICONIC VIEWS. AN EASY RIDE WITH NO CLIMBS OR TRAFFIC AWAITS YOU AROUND THE BEAUTIFUL BLUE DANUBE!**

You can enjoy the panorama of the majestic **bridge Most SNP** **A** on your way from the city centre. It is hard to miss it. You head west along the promenade. **Bratislava Castle** rises on the cliff to the right, while the waters of the **Danube** flow to your left. **Stará Vydrica** **B** and **Zuckermandel** **C**, apart from a few historic houses with a water tower, are giving way to a new era. On the other hand, the **mausoleum of the famous Jewish rabbi Chatam Sofer** **D** and the almost forgotten **St. Nicholas Cemetery** **E** remind us of the past. Next, you will pass through the modern **River Park** **F** and the former PKO (Park of Culture and Relaxation).

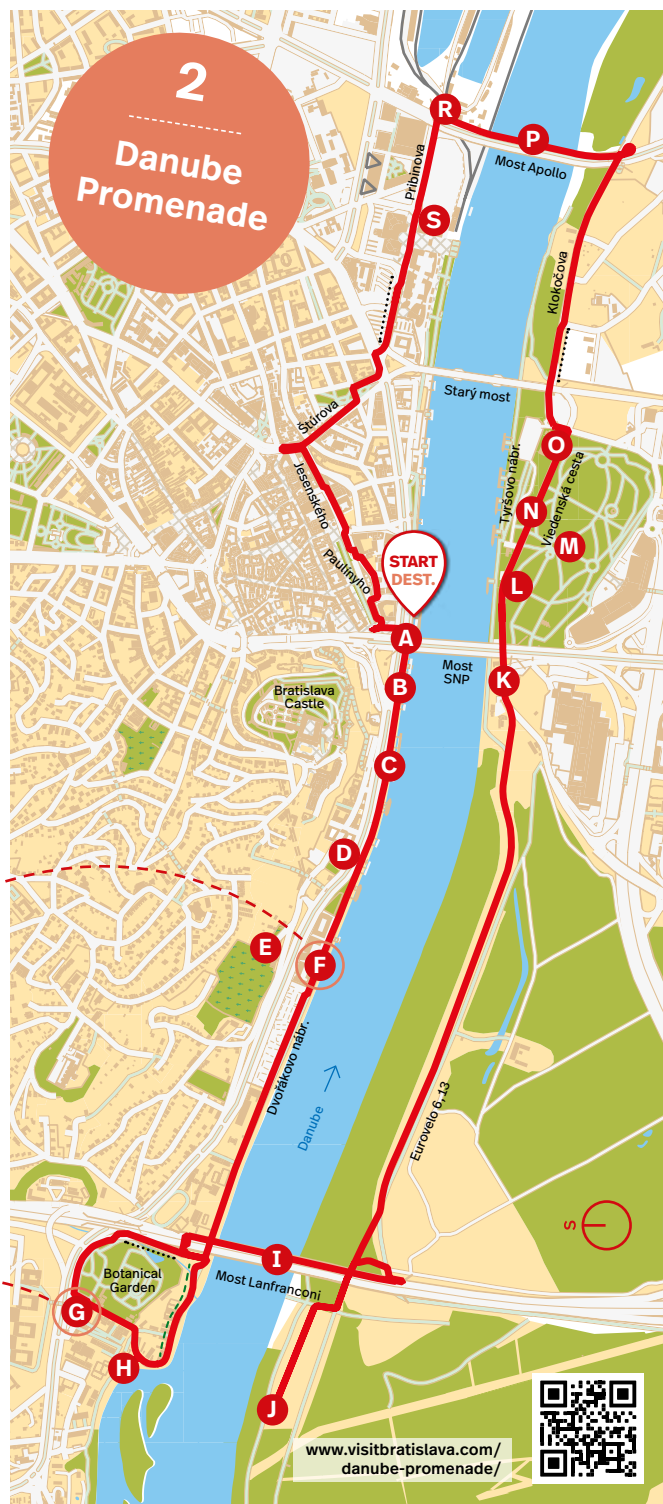
Past **bridge Most Lanfranconi**, let the colourful flora draw you into the **Botanical Garden** **G**. Finally, the waters of the Danube calm down in the green oasis of the **Karlova Ves cove**. The best way to experience it is with a glass in your hand in the iconic **Mark Twain pub** **H**.

After crossing the river to the south bank via **bridge Most Lanfranconi** **I**, the untouched pebble beaches of the **Pečnian Riviera** are hidden beneath the treetops **J**. This is the Danube in its natural state before it was tied

down by the city's promenades. A concrete cycle highway (Eurovelo 6,13) will bring you back to the city centre. Just before the bridge **Most SNP** on the left, notice the functionalist **Slovak Rowing Club** in the shape of a boat **K**. On the right, behind one of the first restaurants in Bratislava, **Leberfinger** **L**, is the beautiful city park **Sad J. Kráľa** **M**. On the left is the **embankment Tyršovo nábrežie** **N**, with spectacular views of the city. Just past the elegant **Aréna Theatre** **O**, you will cycle under the **bridge Starý most** and through the shipyards and gardens, which will soon give way to new construction. Get on the other side of Danube again via the **arched bridge Most Apollo** **P**. It is named after the former refinery. The industrial zone has been replaced by modern districts, offices and shopping malls. The contrast of the latest architecture with the harshness of the cranes and giant ships in the **Winter Harbour** **R** is fascinating. **M. R. Štefánik Square** near **Eurovea** **S** is dominated by the statue of this historical figure, **the dome of Warehouse No. 7**, the semicircle of the new building of the **Slovak National Theatre** and a lively promenade.



**Starting point:** Square Rybné námestie  
**Route length:** 13.8 km  
**Trip time** (including breaks): 2 h  
**Terrain:** flat  
**Surface:** 97% paved, 3% natural ---  
**In traffic:** 10% .....  
**Difficulty:** easy  
**Bikesharing:** yes



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**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SEEING BRATISLAVA FROM ABOVE AND ARE NOT AFRAID OF HILLS, THEN THIS ROUTE IS FOR YOU. JUST A FEW STREETS AND VERTICAL METRES ABOVE THE CITY CENTRE, YOU WILL FIND PEACEFUL NEIGHBOURHOODS WITH VIEWS AND A LOT OF GREENERY. YOU WILL DISCOVER THE WILD HORSKÝ PARK, THE GRANDIOSE SLAVÍN MONUMENT AND BRATISLAVA CASTLE.**

The route starts at **square Hodžovo námestie A** in the city centre. At the end of the 19th Century, the **palisades** leading to **Bratislava Castle** became the showcase of the social elite of Prešporok (former name of Bratislava). There are **wealthy townhouses** along the side streets as well.

You will not miss two magnificent buildings on **Hlboká cesta**. The **former sanatorium** on the left has been turned into a restaurant and apartments. To the right of it an **elegant red-brick primary school building rises**, a former orphanage **B**. Here begins the ascent without traffic. Street Hlboká cesta was carved into the rock back in the 15th Century.

Leave your bikes by the stairs built in stone on the right hand side of the road and discover probably the most peaceful place in Bratislava. The **Lourdes Cave C** was founded in a former quarry in 1889 by a local countess after visiting the French Lourdes.

Refresh yourself in the **legendary Funus pub D** or in the cosy **Horáreň Horský park E** a little way further

on. There is also a mini zoo, a nature gallery on the opposite side and the peacefulness of the forest of Bratislava's wildest park. Street Novomestská ulica will take you to the memorial of the fallen Soviet soldiers, **Slavín F**. The views both east and south are spectacular. However, please get off your bike in the Slavín area; cycling is not allowed here.

Continue cycling with the panorama of Bratislava Castle on your left. From street Radvanská ulica, you will get new views **G** over the west, the **Danube and Austria**. **Bratislava Castle H** is just down the hill. Lock your bike outside Parliament and walk to its terrace or explore the castle grounds, enjoying views of the river and the **Old Town**.

Then, get down to the town along the castle walls. Watch out for pedestrians and cobblestones. You will come back to the starting point through **street Židovská ulica** with a view of the majestic **St. Martin's Cathedral I**, the city walls and the **Capuchin Monastery J**.



**Starting point:** Square Hodžovo námestie

**Route length:** 6.7 km

**Trip time** (including breaks): 2 h

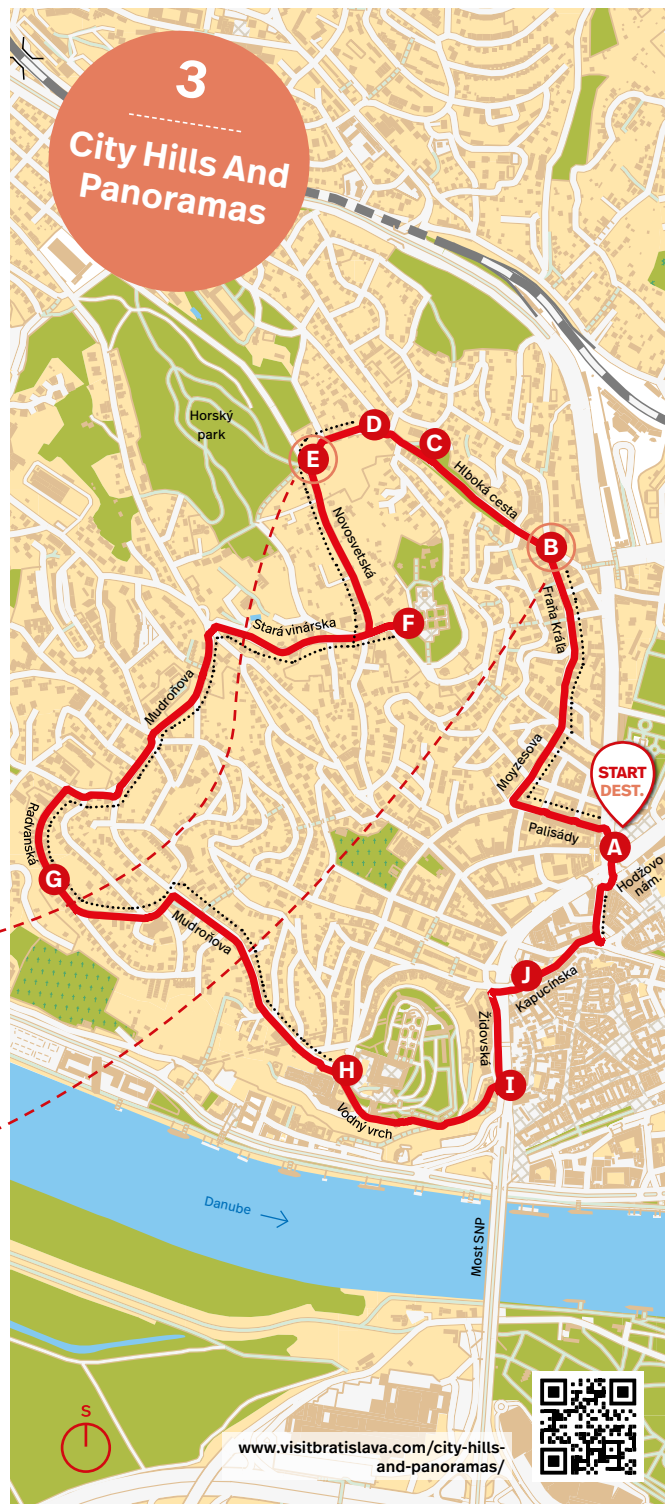
**Terrain:** hilly/elevation: 175m

**Surface:** 100% paved

**In traffic:** 73% .....

**Difficulty:** moderate

**Bikesharing:** yes



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**PREFABS AND WILDERNESS.** SOUTH OF THE CITY CENTRE YOU WILL FIND EXCITING CONTRASTS. EXPLORE THE LARGEST SOCIALIST HOUSING ESTATE IN THE FORMER CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHICH IS FLANKED BY THE MAJESTIC DANUBE. HOWEVER, THERE IS MORE TO PETRŽALKA THAN JUST APARTMENT BUILDINGS. YOU WILL ALSO DISCOVER MONUMENTAL ART ALONG THE ROUTE, AN ABANDONED MILITARY BUNKER AND THE LARGEST SUNDIAL IN SLOVAKIA.

The right bank of the Danube is as flat as a pancake; you won't break a sweat. After the **bridge Starý most** **A**, the natural heart of Petržalka, the **Chorvátske rameno** (water arm of Danube) **B**, will lead your way. Look for frogs, fish, and beavers. After the footbridge to the other side, make a detour through the small forest to the only existing **monumental mural "Peace"** **C**, on the wall of a prefab with 450m<sup>2</sup>. Thanks to local activists, the original work from 1985 has been restored after being insulated.

Two kilometres further south, past the Petržalka "skyscraper" Technopol and the modern **Holy Family Church** **D**, you will see a large lake **Veľký Draždiak** **E**. It was created as a gravel pit during the construction of a housing estate and, today, with its beaches and clean water, it is a pleasant place to refresh oneself. You can also stop by the snack bar for a lángos and kofola, beer or sausage.

Not far from the lake and behind the giant Antolská hospital on the right side of the water arm, there is a piece of concrete hiding in the bushes, and it is not just any piece of concrete.

#### The massive BS-13 "Stoh" bunker

**F** was built by the Czechoslovak army before World War II as part of the fortification of Bratislava when Hitler's Germany began to get its claws out. Eventually, it was left standing without a fight. But, if you are brave, it is worth a peek.

Further along the arm, you will get to the Petržalka dam. This cycle highway (Eurovelo 6) of Bratislava will lead you northwards back to the centre. However, before getting there, turn left under **bridge Prístavný most** to see the **Sundial** **G** near the University of Economics. The Sundial is the largest in our country and has been showing the time from 7 am to 5 pm since 1986. If you want to do some arm workouts, you can climb over them, as they also serve as an original climbing wall.

It's just a stone's throw back to the city centre from the Sundial along the dam and across the bridge Starý most. A different world. However, Petržalka remains one of the distinctive identities of Bratislava. And the cycling here is excellent.



**Starting point:** Square Šafárikovo námestie

**Route length:** 14.5 km

**Trip time** (including breaks): 2 h

**Terrain:** flat

**Surface:** 100% paved

**In traffic:** 8% .....

**Difficulty:** easy

**Bikesharing:** yes



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**MASSIVE CONCRETE BUNKERS, LIKE SILENT WITNESSES OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, STILL SURROUND BRATISLAVA. THE BARBED WIRES OF THE IRON CURTAIN ARE MEMORIALISED ONLY BY A SMALL EXAMPLE OF THE WIRES AND AN ASPHALT PATH FOR BORDER GUARDS. NOWADAYS, IT WILL LEAD YOU ALONG THE DANUBE THROUGH THE RIPARIAN FORESTS AND FIELDS ON THE WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF BRATISLAVA.**

The loop starts at **square Šafárikovo námestie** in the city centre. Continue under the **bridge Most SNP** to the other bank, surrounded by the greenery of **city park Sad J. Kráľa A** and the **embankment Tyršovo nábrežie**. The concrete cycling highway (Eurovelo 6) will lead you to **bridge Most Lanfranconi**. Turn into the jungles of the riparian forests to the beaches of the **Pečnianska Riviera B**. It is worth making a turn onto one of the forest paths.

**The first of the 15 military bunkers** of the defensive line against Hitler's Germany can be seen not far from the beaches right by the road. However, the wild interior of the **BS-1 bunker "Štĕrkovište" C** is only for the more adventurous. A few hundred metres more, and you are already wandering along the border with Austria.

A barbed-wire demonstration with an information board commemorates the period of attempts to escape to the West **D**. The left turn after it will lead you to the **BS-4 bunker "Lány" E**. Enthusiasts also do occasional tours here. Cross the road before the border crossing to Austria **F** and continue along the border through

the fields. At the **symbolic stone**, where you can stand with each foot in a different country, go to the second restored **bunker with museum "Hřbitov" G**, referring to the local military cemetery from the First World War. There is also a **demonstration of the Iron Curtain border**, an anti-tank barrier, and an army shelter demonstration.

Just before the Slovakia/Bratislava border sign, stop at the **memorial to Hartmut Tautz H**, a student from East Germany who died here in 1986 while trying to escape to his dream West. Finally, you can return to the city centre via the cycling path on **Kopčianska Street**. The former industrial district is gradually giving way to modern construction.

Near Petržalka railway station, notice the **historic house** built at the end of the 19th Century using the "Fachwerk" method **I**. From here you continue along the pleasant cycling route of the Petržalka promenade, "petržalské korzo" **J**. At the bridge **Stary most**, you will reach **Viedenská cesta**, and by crossing the bridge **Stary Most** you will return to square **Šafárikovo námestie**.



**Starting point:** Square Šafárikovo námestie

**Route length:** 18.5 km

**Trip time** (including breaks): 2 h

**Terrain:** flat

**Surface:** 95% paved, 5% natural ---

**In traffic:** 0%

**Difficulty:** easy

**Bikesharing:** yes



**CYCLE ALONG THE BEAUTIFUL BLUE DANUBE THROUGH THE RIPARIAN FOREST TO THE PENINSULA OF ART. GET ON THE BRATISLAVA CYCLE HIGHWAY (EUROVELO 6) AND DISCOVER THE NATURAL SECLUDED PLACES ALONG THE WAY. THE DANUBE DAM WILL LEAD YOU FROM THE CENTRE ALONG FORESTS, MEADOWS AND BANKS TO THE INSPIRING DANUBIANA MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, WASHED BY THE WATERS OF THE GREAT RIVER. YOU CAN TAKE THE FERRY AND GET TO THE OTHER BANK, LEADING YOU BACK TO THE TOWN.**

From the centre, cross the Danube over the **bridge Starý most A** and get to the Petržalka dam. Whizz under **bridge Most Apollo** and then **bridge Prístavný most**. Behind it an area of meadows and pebble beaches open up with a view of the **industrial chimneys of the refinery B**. After the wilderness, go across the **Starý háj** to the abandoned BS-15 military bunker.

You then leave the town and, on the left hand side, the paths lead you to the **dead arms of the river with houseboats of various styles C**. Will you also discover the massive **Veľký Zemník reservoir** with a length of more than 2 kilometres? After the newest bridge in Bratislava, refresh yourself in one of the snack bars. After that, turn left, and you will reach an excellent asphalt road along the Danube. It is impossible to get closer to the water. Turning right, you will arrive at the limpid **Rusovce Lake D**, a little piece of the jungle just outside the city. Then, near Čunovo, enjoy the view of the vast surface of **Hrušov water Reservoir E**. The Hydroelectric Power Plant **F**

and **Gabčíkovo Dam** transformed the local Danube landscape years ago and supplied Slovakia with massive amounts of energy. Next, you will be greeted by the modern, boat-shaped **Danubiana Museum G** on a charming peninsula past the water sports area. A fascinating combination of contemporary art and the water element all around.

Finally, you will be transported to the other bank to **Hamuliakovo** by the **bicycle ferry** from the nearby port **H**. For ferry hours, visit [www.yachter.sk/cyklokomp](http://www.yachter.sk/cyklokomp). Alternatively, return by the same route or take bus No. 90. From Hamuliakovo, to the centre you cycle again along the water surrounded by greenery. Stop by the **bird observatory** near Kalinkovo **I** or in one of the snack bars along the dam.

The town will welcome you with massive cranes and boats in the harbour **J**. After **bridge Most Apollo**, you will find yourself near the **Eurovea K** shopping mall in the hustle and bustle of the city.



**Starting point:** Square Šafárikovo námestie  
**Route length:** 40.8 km  
**Trip time** (including breaks): 4 h  
**Terrain:** flat  
**Surface:** 100% paved  
**In traffic:** 10% .....  
**Difficulty:** moderate  
**Bikesharing:** yes



THE RUINS OF DEVÍN CASTLE, SITUATED ON A MASSIVE CRAG, ARE WASHED BY THE WATER OF TWO RIVERS, THE DANUBE AND THE MORAVA. THE DEVÍN AREA HAS A MAGICAL ATMOSPHERE AND A CHARMING LOCATION. WANDERING TO THE WESTERN END OF BRATISLAVA IS LIKE TRAVELING BACK IN TIME. IT IS LAYERED WITH THE PAST OF PREHISTORIC SEAS, FOSSILS, ANCIENT SETTLEMENTS, MEDIEVAL FORTIFICATIONS AND STORIES FROM THE COLD WAR ERA.

Start your trip at **square Rybné námestie** near the bridge **Most SNP**. Head west along the Danube promenade. Past **bridge Most Lanfranconi**, the charming **Karlova Ves cove** **A** and the elegant **Waterworks Museum** **B**, you will reach the cycling route along the Devínská cesta. However, it soon ends, and you then continue along the road in traffic for less than 5km to Devín.

The embankment leads you under the majestic **Devín Castle** **C** with a view of the flowing Danube and the ships crossing the centre of Europe. Note also the **original sculptural works** commemorating milestones in local history. At the **confluence of the Danube and the Morava** stand two **memorials to the victims of the Iron Curtain**. In the parking lot behind the gate, you will find the castle grounds entrance and snack bars.

Heading north, you continue along the bike path with the Morava River on your left and the **Devínská Kobyla** forest-steppe on your right. The giant **Wait's quarry** **D** is a remnant

of mining. The **Sandberg** **E** sandstone rock is a cliff of the retreating Tertiary sea. Stop by the **bridge Cyklomost Slobody** **F** leading from Devínská Nová Ves to Schloss Hof Castle in Austria. The turbulent history of the 20th Century is commemorated by a **military bunker**, a barbed wire demonstration and a board with the names of the victims attempting to flee to the West. Take the alley to the right to reach the local information centre.

The cycling route continues through a charming riparian landscape. In it rises the brick-arched **Marchegg Viaduct** **G**, one of the longest in the former monarchy. After a few more bunkers and the picturesque meanderings of the Morava River, you will arrive at **lake Devínske jazero**. To return to Devínská Nová Ves, you cycle on the side road. You can refresh yourself in the snack bar **U Starého bicykla** **H** with a western atmosphere. You can return from Devín to the city centre by bike, boat or bus.



**Starting point:** Square Rybné námestie

**Route length:** 46.9km

**Trip time** (including breaks): 5h

**Terrain:** flat

**Surface:** 99% paved, 1% natural ---

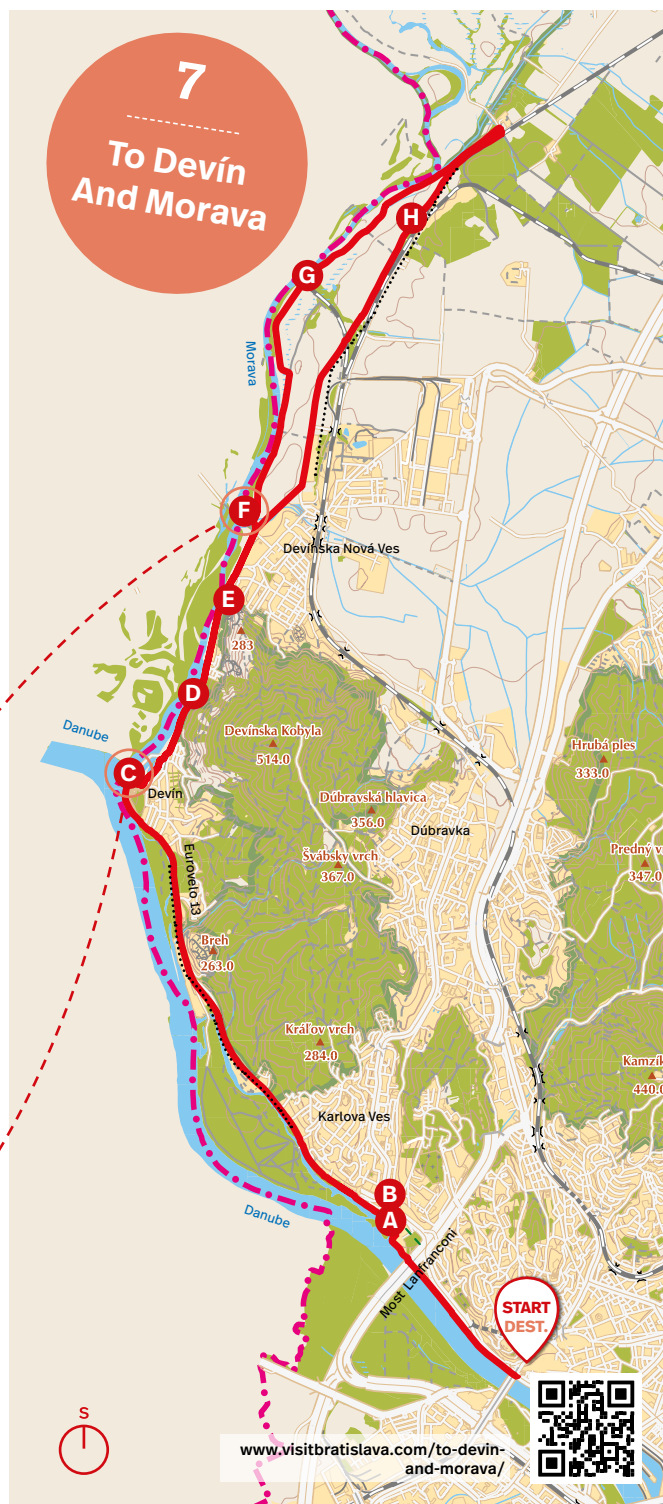
**In traffic:** 40% .....

**Difficulty:** moderate

**Bikesharing:** yes



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IN BRATISLAVA, WINE IS ALWAYS WITHIN REACH. EVEN THE VIEW FROM THE CITY CENTRE OF THE WOODED HILLS REVEALS STRIPS OF VINEYARDS. THE VILLAGES AND TOWNS ON THE SOUTHEASTERN SLOPES OF THE LITTLE CARPATHIANS ARE LINKED TO CENTURIES OF WINEMAKING HISTORY. WITHIN BRATISLAVA, VITICULTURE IS STILL ALIVE, ESPECIALLY IN RAČA. HEAD HERE FOR A TASTING TOUR FROM THE CITY CENTRE THROUGH CHARMING VINEYARDS AND CARPATHIAN FORESTS WITH EXCELLENT CITY VIEWS.

The route starts in the park at **Račianské mýto** **A**. Today: a busy traffic junction - in the past: vineyard houses, orchards, gardens, homesteads and a cemetery. Note the **diversity of local architecture** - socialist realism, functionalism and rondocubism. On the northern side behind the park, you will see the pink facades of the first prefabricated housing estate in Bratislava, "**Februárka**".

From street Pionierska ulica, cross over the railway to the new district, whose local vineyards are already giving way. Before the underpass from street Sliačská ulica, turn left towards the gardens and vineyards. The bike path will lead you further along the railway tracks to **street Pekná cesta**. If you don't feel like going uphill, continue straight on the cycling route to Rača.

Turn left into the Carpathian forests. Surrounded by the cool forest, you

climb up to the **gamekeeper's lodge**. **B**. After it, turn right and after 800 metres stop by the rock formation **Stone Faces** **C**. Follow the blue trail left to the viewpoint **Malá Baňa** **D** to get views over the treetops. A few hills up and down, and you are at the former ski slope **Slalomka** **E**.

To Rača **F** it is just downhill through a lovely forest valley and family houses. Enjoy a well-deserved **glass of local wine** in one of the traditional wine bars. Then, head back to the centre of Bratislava through the charming wine houses on street Alstrova ulica and through the vineyards back to **street Pekná cesta** and the same way to Račianske mýto. Take the tram back to the city centre if you are too tired after the wine tasting. To get to a tram stop along the railway tracks is only a stone's throw away.



**Starting point:** Park Račianske mýto

**Route length:** 22.2km

**Trip time** (including breaks): 3h

**Terrain:** hilly/elevation: 370m

**Surface:** 95% paved, 5% natural ---

**In traffic:** 50% .....

**Difficulty:** hard

**Bikesharing:** no



FROM BRATISLAVA TO THE COUNTRYSIDE, IT'S JUST A STONE'S THROW. THE HOUSES ARE ROOTED IN THE GREEN HILLS OF THE LITTLE CARPATHIANS. THE MOUNTAIN RANGE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CITY'S PANORAMA. THE LOCAL FORESTS ARE CRISS-CROSSED BY TENS OF KILOMETRES OF GREAT CYCLING ROUTES. HEAD INTO THE HEART OF THE CARPATHIAN COUNTRYSIDE AND ENJOY SMOOTH ASCENTS THROUGH THE VALLEYS OR JOYFUL DESCENTS. DISCOVER THE WILDEST PART OF BRATISLAVA.

The route starts under the **bridge Červený most** at the beginning of the Železná studnička recreational area. You can cycle here from the centre via **street Hlboká cesta** or **Mlynská dolina**. Alternatively, take trolleybuses 47 or 42, or the train from the main railway station. The parking lot is usually quite busy, especially at weekends. **Partizánska lúka A** is a popular place. You can find ponds, a snack bar, an amphitheatre, playgrounds, and even a historical tank here.

Up the valley, you will come to two more ponds **B**. There have been water mills here since the Middle Ages, and since the 19th Century there used to be a famous spa with restaurants, a place of excursion for the people from Prešporok.

**Snežienka C** is a large meadow and the **lower station of the chairlift**, which you can take to **Kamzik** even with your bicycle. You ascend steadily through the valley on asphalt, passing meadows, gazebos, wells with drinking water, ponds and abandoned quarries.

Refresh yourself in the snack bar **U Slivu D**. The ascents from here are more challenging. If you start missing wine or civilization, there are several opportunities to go to **Rača** or **Krasňany**. The hills of the final leg after **Červený kríž E** will be challenging, but you'll enjoy the reward at **Biely kríž F**. A meadow, two snack bars and a gamekeeper's lodge – already a cult place for Bratislava cyclists.

The way back is more adventurous. From Biely Kríž to **Kačín** you will go along a forest path with a natural surface. Here you will enjoy long **descents through the Vydrica valley G**, over a small ford, bridges, fallen branches and a rest area with the **Malý Slavín** monument. From Kačín, **H** you will cycle again on the asphalt road to Železná studnička and back to the bridge Červený most.



**Starting point:** Bridge Červený most  
**Route length:** 29.6km

**Trip time** (including breaks): 3h

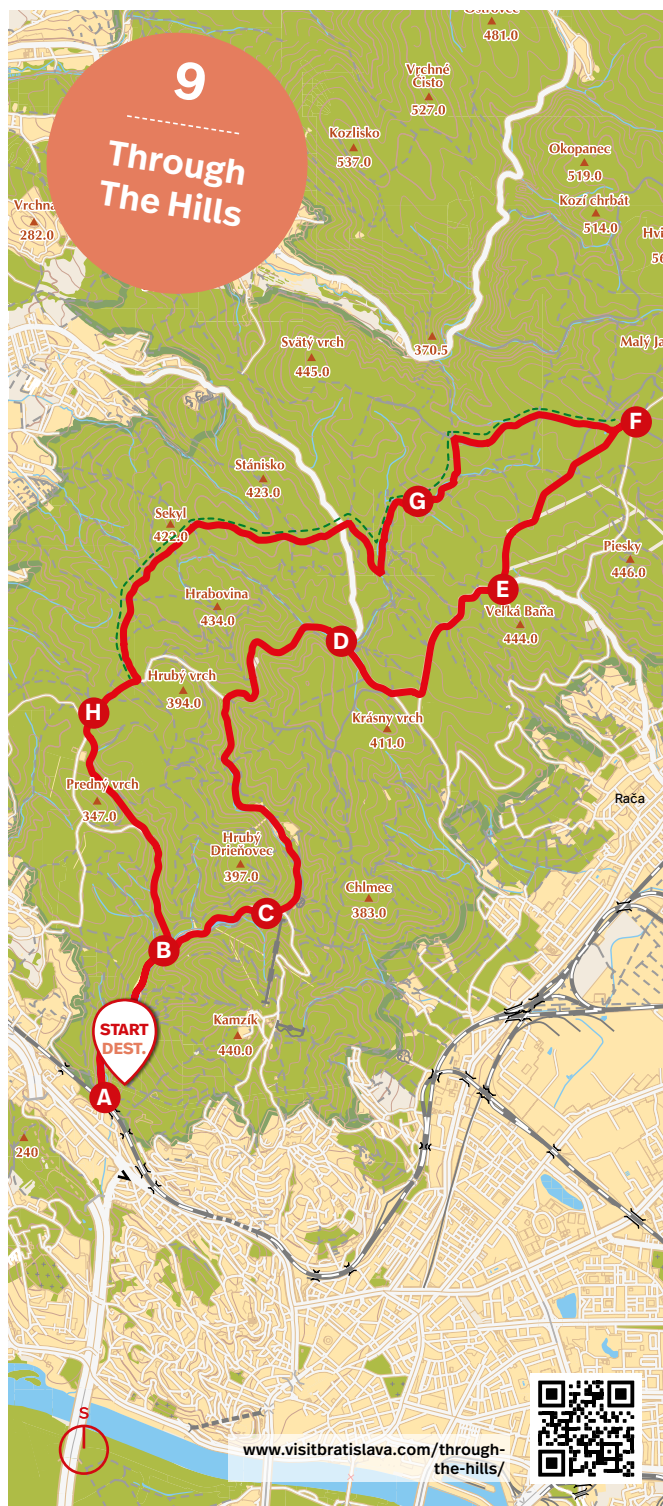
**Terrain:** hilly/elevation: 500m

**Surface:** 70% paved, 30% natural

**In traffic:** 0%

**Difficulty:** hard

**Bikesharing:** no



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