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 6–18 years and over 63 can purchase discount tickets.

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.**

TAXI A mobile app provides convenient, user-friendly **taxi** service.

M.R. Štefaník 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.

Convenient **bus and train connections** to many European cities and other regions of Slovakia.

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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.



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.



TRADITIONAL TIPS
To experience the flavours of traditional Slovak and old Pressburg cuisine, visit one of the charming restaurants in Bratislava's historic Old Town, where regional specialities are prepared according to time-honoured recipes.



ALTERNATIVE TIPS
Lovers of modern gastronomy will find plenty to enjoy in the city's local bistros and street-food spots, which offer creative combinations of flavours, including vegetarian and vegan options.



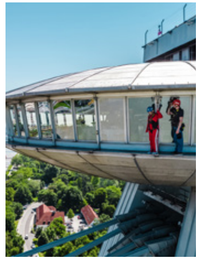
Green City

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, while the **Bratislava Koliba forest park** with the **Kamzík TV Tower** which offers panoramic view over the city and surrounding forests of the Little Carpathians reachable also by a cable car from Železná studnička.

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 TIPS
In the summer months, it is an ideal opportunity to play beach volleyball practice outdoor yoga, right by the Danube on **Tyršovo nábrežie** or to spend time in the **Danube branches in Karlova Ves** in a kayak. The south route winding **along the Danube** is



very popular among inliners, cyclists and joggers, skateboarders can use the skate park under the SNP bridge on the right river bank.

EXTREME SPORTS TIPS
Thrill seekers will surely enjoy the downhill course at the **Rohatka Bike Park**, **bicycling trails in the Little Carpathians**. Water sport enthusiasts can raft, water-ski and hire sea scooters, wake board, ride hydrospeed boards or surf at the **Sports Complex in Čunovo** or directly at **Zlaté Piesky (Golden Sands) Lake**.

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.



TIPS FOR CHILDREN
Families with children can enjoy a variety of interactive exhibitions designed for young visitors, including those dedicated to the city's transport heritage with historic trams, or the history of Bratislava's water supply. A special experience can also be an unusual city sightseeing tour in a themed vehicle with a guide.

You can also spend a fun day at the zoo, visit interactive galleries full of optical illusions, or explore creative children's centres featuring play and learning zones. For active families, sports complexes offer seasonal and year-round activities, including opportunities to try adrenaline and action sports.



Away From the City Hustle

Being in Bratislava comes with a unique advantage, from the city centre, you can **reach forests or vineyards in just 15 minutes**, and be in the **countryside within half an hour**. Bratislava and its surroundings have plenty to offer, from a rich culinary scene featuring **locally grown wines** and **traditional dishes**, to **outdoor sports** and activities in nature or on the Danube, and even the authentic experience of staying with a local family.







After the Sun Goes Down

Bratislava is a popular and vibrant destination even after dark. Its unique atmosphere comes alive through the city's lively nightlife, from strolling through the charming Old Town streets and along the Danube promenade, to enjoying live music in clubs, tasting local wines in historic cellars, savouring craft beers from local breweries, and experiencing cultural events throughout the city.



WINE TIPS
Taste the best of local wine production in modern wine bars or in the traditional cellars hidden beneath much of the Old Town or visit the largest wine archive in Central Europe. You can also experience unique themed tastings, such as wine degustations in complete darkness.

CULTURE TIPS
Music lovers can enjoy prestigious classical music festivals and open-air summer concert series, which each year bring internationally acclaimed performers to the city.

ALTERNATIVE TIPS
For those seeking something off the beaten path, the city also offers underground music venues, multidisciplinary cultural centres, and smaller stages where alternative music, theatre, and visual art come together.

PARTY TIPS
Bratislava's club scene features music bars, dance clubs, and elegant cocktail lounges. Visitors can choose between live performances, DJ sets, or intimate evenings with special programmes.

MARKET TIPS
Every Saturday, historic venues and squares come to life with farmers' markets offering fresh local produce, handmade crafts, and a lively accompanying programme.



BEER TIPS
Local craft breweries offer a wide range of flavours from traditional lagers to experimental beer styles. In some venues, visitors can even watch the brewing process during their visit.

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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 Hungarian 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.



DANUBE WATERFRONT
The district, which is growing into the modern downtown of Bratislava, includes a popular shopping center, a new building of Slovak National Theatre, the one and only skyscraper in Slovakia, and a promenade with many cafes, bars, restaurants, and a relaxation area along the Danube embankment.



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.



JANKO KRÁĽ PARK
The oldest public park in Central Europe and one of the oldest in the entire region. Situated in Bratislava's Petržalka district on the southern bank of the Danube, it offers beautiful panoramic views of the city's skyline and landmarks.



BRATISLAVA STATUES
Bratislava statues belong to the most photographed attractions in the city. Meet Schöne Náci—a dandy in tails with cane and top hat, Čumil (Ruberneck) curiously peeking out of the manhole, a Napoleonic solder, or Hans Christian Andersen, a famous storyteller.



BRATISLAVA STREET ART
Around Kamenné Square, you can find several large-scale murals, including the largest piece of street art in Central Europe on the facade of a former hotel.



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. Discover many surprisingly beautiful places **cycling in the forests of the Little Carpathians.**

TIPS FOR CRUISES
Enjoy **cruises along the Danube** within the city cruise under the bridges, to Devín Castle and Gabčíkovo Dam, eventually use catamaran for trip to **Vienna**. Anyone looking to see untouched nature will enjoy canoe trips on the **Little Danube**.

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 TV Tower**.



WINE-TASTING IN THE LITTLE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS
The Little Carpathians Wine Route starts right at the gates of the town and continues towards the countryside offering tasting and events for wine lovers all year round.

SHOPPING TIPS
Bratislava city centre has **four shopping malls** offering anything you need in fashion, jewellery, electronics, home décor, and books as well as furniture.





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Old Town Route / Est. distance 2 km
Primate's Palace Old Town Hall Bratislava City Gallery – Mirbach Palace 10 Michael's Gate Statues Bratislava City Gallery – Pálffy Palace 11 St. Martin's Cathedral Citywalls Slovak National Theatre

Castle Route (self-guided tour) / Est. distance: 3 km
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