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INTRODUCTION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS IN BRATISLAVA

The University of Economics in Bratislava was established in 1940 as the first higher education institution in Slovakia that focused on economic and business studies. Since then, the University has made continual leaps and bounds in bettering the education that is offered for students.

Today, students can work towards achieving their bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree through courses offered in a variety of world languages, including English, German and French among others. Each study program is consistent with the **European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)**.

UEBA now prides itself on a multitude of attributes, including but not limited to:

- A high employability rate of graduates,
- The largest proportion of students choosing to study abroad among all Slovak universities,
- Numerous lectures delivered by both national and international experts,
- A wide range of offered extracurriculars, ranging from sports activities to social and cultural events,
- The only economic library throughout the entire Slovak Republic.

The University is located in Bratislava, which is the capital and the largest city in the Slovak Republic.

UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS IN NUMBERS

Students	8 000
Teachers	550
Graduates	more than 100 000
Erasmus+ agreements	over 300
Bilateral agreements with universities	over 80



1st place

in Slovakia for the
number of students
sent abroad

Belongs to the

TOP 200

institutions in the EU
that sends students
abroad

Co-operates with
more than

350

universities abroad

Provides several double diplomas in



Allows students to study and practice around the world.

Welcomes

more than 500
students every year from abroad.



Offers more than 150 courses in foreign languages annually.

INTRODUCTION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS IN BRATISLAVA

The University of Economics in Bratislava cooperates with more than **300 international partner universities** under the Erasmus+ program.

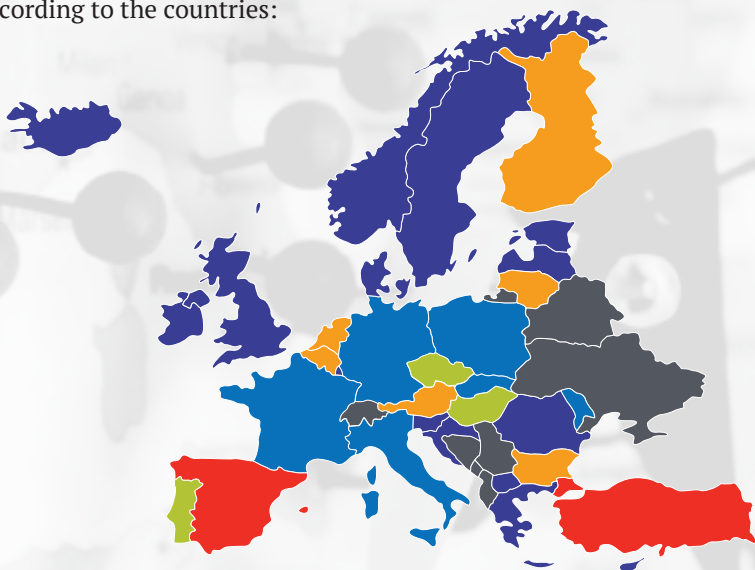
The aim of the program is to enable study stays at foreign universities, which last from 3 to 12 months, and to support internships in foreign companies.

The purpose of study stays and international internships is to allow students to complete a part of their studies at a partner university where they may gain knowledge and experience in their field of studies, improve their language competences, establish business contacts and create friendships with fellow colleagues abroad. The program also allows UEBA teachers and staff to work at foreign partner universities.

The University of Economics in Bratislava cooperates with a large number of universities in various countries. This number varies from one partner university in Malta to more than 40 partner universities in France.

Partner universities according to the countries:

- 1 - 5
- 6 - 10
- 11 - 15
- 16 - 20
- 20 - more



WELCOME TO SLOVAKIA

Slovakia is a country full of beautiful medieval castles, historical towns, breath-taking landscapes, mountain ranges, parks and caves. It is also rich in terms of folk culture, traditions and modern facilities such as spas or ski resorts in the Tatra Mountains.

Slovakia is a country with a very high Human Development Index rating (0,845 in 2016), a very high standard of living and favorable performance levels in areas of civil liberties, press freedom, Internet freedom and peacefulness. Slovakia has been a member of the European Union since May 2004 and later joined also the Eurozone on the 1st of January 2009.

Key facts about Slovakia include the following:

Population:	5,426,252 inhabitants	Area:	49 035 km ²
Population density:	111/km ²	GDP pc:	\$33,054 (PPP) ²⁰¹⁷
Country code:	+421	Timezone:	CET (UTC +1)



BRATISLAVA, CAPITAL OF SLOVAKIA

Bratislava is the capital city of Slovakia and is often called the “**Beauty on the Danube**” or the “**Little Big City**”. With a population of 421 801 (in 2016), it is situated in the south-west corner of Slovakia and is located on both banks of the Danube River. It also has foothills of the Little Carpathian Mountains. Due to its favourable position, it has always been a commercial centre. This strategically placed city has often played a big role in the history of Central Europe.

In the 14th and 15th centuries, Bratislava experienced a period of rapid development in trade. The opening of the Academia Istropolitana in 1467 strengthened the importance of Bratislava as the cultural and educational centre of the Kingdom of Hungary. After the Turks penetrated deeper into Europe, Bratislava was established as the new capital of the Kingdom of Hungary, the seat of the Hungarian Diet. It became the central administra-

tion and the coronation town of the Hungarian kings and queens. Eleven monarchs and eight royal wives were crowned in Bratislava between 1563 and 1830.

Offensives against the Turks and the Estates' rebellions in the 16th and 17th centuries interrupted the development of the town. In the 18th century, and particularly during the reign of Queen Maria Theresa, the significance of Bratislava increased again. A great amount of wonderful palaces and buildings still survive from that period.

The city became a centre of culture in the 19th century, and Bratislava was the cradle of the Slovak national emancipation. Revolutionary events, workers' movements and the First World War troubled Bratislava which, nevertheless, became the centre of the political, economic and cultural life of Slovaks after 1918.



Despite its extensive history as a city, Bratislava is actually one of the youngest capitals in the world, due to Slovakia achieving independence in 1993. Due to this and its critical role in Slovakia's accomplishments in economic development, Bratislava has taken on many contemporary qualities which have transformed the capital into quite a modern city. This modernisation has helped to attract foreigners from around the globe.

Bratislava is also famous for its old town charm, diverse restaurants and pubs, cultural, educational and free time opportunities and also for its cityscape, which is characterised by a mix of medieval towers, grandiose 20th century buildings and modern 21st century architecture.

Located on the Danube River, Bratislava is **easily accessible to everyone**. It is a great place to hang out with family, friends or just by oneself. The city is safe, friendly, hassle-free and there is always something worth doing; whether visitors are here for an afternoon, a week or a year. Its dynamic life will amuse visitors throughout their stay thanks to events such as perennial festivals, jazz concerts and art gallery showings throughout the year.

GETTING TO BRATISLAVA

Getting to Bratislava is very easy, customer friendly and comfortable. The most popular modes of transportation for the incoming guests and tourist are mentioned below.

GETTING TO BRATISLAVA BY PLANE

Bratislava is served by two international airports: **The M. R. Štefánik Airport**, which is located 9 km from the city centre and **Vienna International Airport (VIA)**, which is just 45 minutes away from Bratislava by bus or car. Both of these airports offer direct busses to and from the city.

The M. R. Štefánik Airport can be also accessed by **bus line 61**, which starts at the main railway station or by **bus line 96**, which has its starting point in the center of Petržalka.

The VIA situated near Vienna can be accessed by several bus lines. Most of them have their starting points either at the central bus station located in **Mlynské Nivy** or at the **Main railway station**. The most popular bus lines moving between Bratislava and the Schwechat Airport are **Slovak Lines, Flixbus and RegioJet**.



GETTING TO BRATISLAVA BY TRAIN

Bratislava's main railway station (**Bratislava hlavná stanica**) is about a 10-minute walk from the city centre. The average journey time between Vienna's main railway station and Bratislava's main railway station is **1 hour and 24 minutes** while the fastest journey time is **1 hour and 6 minutes**. On an average weekday, there are 18 trains per day coming from Vienna to Bratislava. The journey time may be longer on weekends and holidays. The first train from Vienna to Bratislava departs at 5:16 am. The last train from Vienna to Bratislava departs at 10:50 pm.

Trains that depart in the early morning hours or the very late evening may have sleeper services. Alternatively, some popular routes may run throughout the night at a reduced frequency. There may also be fewer services on weekends and holidays.



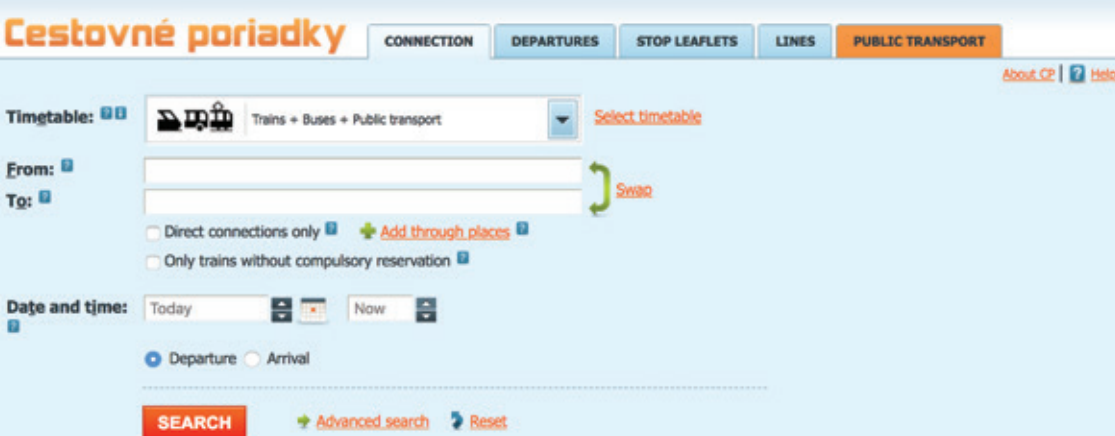
GETTING TO BRATISLAVA BY BUS

A convenient and the most economical way to reach Bratislava is by bus service provider **Regiojet**. More information can be found on their webpage <https://bustickets.regiojet.com>. The cost of a one-way ticket is around **€ 5 per passenger** (including luggage). Regiojet provides a transport service seven days a week with multiple trips scheduled each day (check their website for

a real-time schedule and seat availability).

There are also other transport alternatives, such as Slovak Lines or Flixbus. Each provider has its own time schedule that can be accessed either through their homepage or through **www.cp.sk**.

The **www.cp.sk** webpage is user friendly and provides several options of transportation to customers. It combines various service providers and means of transportation to find the best mode of transportation.



The screenshot shows the 'Cestovné poriadky' (Timetable) website. At the top, there are navigation tabs: CONNECTION, DEPARTURES, STOP LEAFLETS, LINES, and PUBLIC TRANSPORT. Below the tabs, there's a search section with a 'Timetable:' label, a dropdown menu for 'Trains + Buses + Public transport', and a 'Select timetable' link. There are input fields for 'From:' and 'To:', with a 'Swap' button between them. Below these fields are checkboxes for 'Direct connections only', 'Add through places', and 'Only trains without compulsory reservation'. There's also a 'Date and time:' section with 'Today' and 'Now' options, and radio buttons for 'Departure' and 'Arrival'. At the bottom, there's a 'SEARCH' button, an 'Advanced search' link, and a 'Reset' link.



OTHER WAYS OF GETTING TO BRATISLAVA

Bratislava can also be accessed from both airports by taxi or rideshare, which can both be accessed through different mobile applications. Given the rising popularity of alternative means of transportation, such as above- mentioned ridesharing, always check your Google Play or App store for the latest versions of applications such as BlaBlaCar or Waze app.



GETTING AROUND BRATISLAVA



BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Mass public transportation first emerged in Bratislava in 1848, when omnibuses started to transport people between the most important places. Omnibuses made several stops along routes. Since then, the continual increases in population, economical growth, and city expansion have constantly pushed for public transportation to adjust accordingly. The current public transportation network runs more than **85 lines each day**, with **20 routes served during the night**. 9 of the day routes are covered by tram lines and are a very popular way of getting around the city.

Tickets for public transport can be bought at several places and offices around Bratislava. The most popular public transportation offices are at the Main railway station, the Central bus station at Mlynské nivy or in the passage on Hodžovo square, which is located underground. Tickets can also be bought at ticket machines. Machines accept coins from a value of 5 cents up to € 2. Old ticket machines are being replaced with the newest version, which enables contactless payments.

The cost of basic and reduced tickets can be seen in the following chart. Note that the reduced ticket prices apply to students with an ISIC card, elderly people with local senior passes and children up to 15 years old.

VALIDITY	BASIC	REDUCED
2 zones / 15 minutes	€ 0.70	€ 0.35
2 zones / 30 minutes	€ 0.90	€ 0.45
3 zones / 60 minutes	€ 1.20	€ 0.60
4 zones / 60 minutes	€ 1.50	€ 0.75
5 zones / 90 minutes	€ 1.80	€ 0.90
6 zones / 90 minutes	€ 2.10	€ 1.05
7 zones / 120 minutes	€ 2.30	€ 1.15
8 zones / 120 minutes	€ 2.50	€ 1.25
9 zones / 150 minutes	€ 2.80	€ 1.40
10 zones / 150 minutes	€ 3.10	€ 1.55
180 minutes (unlimited zones)	€ 3.60	€ 1.80

For journeys within Bratislava city, only the time validity of a single journey ticket is taken into account. Prices of the tickets are valid as of 01. 03. 2018.

The ticket duration corresponds to the scheduled trip duration (i.e., in case of traffic delays, a 15-minute ticket is sufficient for a scheduled 15-minute journey even if the actual journey takes longer).

Many of the bus and trolleybus stops in Bratislava are request stops and on the night routes, all stops are request stops. Passenger needs to use the specialized button “**Znamenie vodičovi**” or “**Zastávka na znamenie**” to get off the bus. Passengers wishing to get on the vehicle at a request stop should stay visible on the platform. You must mark your purchased ticket in the validation machine immediately after entering the public transport vehicle.

Ticket inspectors from the Bratislava Transport Company occasionally do spot-checks. They enter the bus, trolleybus, or tram at a random stop and check all passengers' tickets. A passenger without a valid ticket or a monthly/yearly pass can be fined up to 100 times the payable fare (i.e., usually € 70). The Bratislava City Card is offered by the Bratislava Tourist Service and includes free travel on the city's public transport system.



ON FOOT

Many of the city's main attractions are in and around the Old Town area and are reachable on foot. However, it is likely that visitors will need to use some sort of public transportation at some point during their stay.



BY TAXI

Using taxis to get around in Bratislava is getting more popular thanks to several applications, which can be accessed through smartphones. The most recognized taxi companies in Bratislava include:

- Easy Taxi (+421 918 555 555),
- Fun Taxi (+421/2 16777),
- Hello Taxi (+421/2 16321),
- Profi Taxi (+421/2 16222).

It is recommended that guests to use mobile applications such as Hopin or Taxify. Customers are able to receive a fare estimate before each ride, can pay cashless, see reviews of each driver and can book via smartphone. Access Google Play or Apple AppStore and download one of the above mentioned apps to access their services.

GETTING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS IN BRATISLAVA

Incoming guests have multiple options to get to the University of Economics in Bratislava, which is situated at the beginning of Bratislava-Petržalka. The bus stop that serves the university is called Ekonomická univerzita. There are different routes to and from different parts of Bratislava. To plan your trip, use this website: <https://imhd.sk/ba/public-transport>. IMHD also has its own application.

Example 1:

To travel from Bratislava's main bus station (Autobusová stanica Mlynské Nivy) to the University of Economics in Bratislava, put Mlynské Nivy as the origin and Ekonomická univerzita as the destination point. You will find similar bus lines with corresponding bus numbers, transfers (if any), and different time options to choose from.

Journey Planner "Autobusová stanica (Bus station)"
» "Ekonomická univerzita"

I travel from:
I travel to:
☒ I depart at
☐ I arrive
[MORE OPTIONS](#)

Departure	Arrival	Duration*	Connection	Price*
21:30	21:37	7 min	88	0.70 €
21:33	21:43	10 min	50 68	0.70 €
21:45	21:52	7 min	88	0.70 €
21:48	21:58	10 min	50 68	0.70 €
22:00	22:07	7 min	88	0.70 €

Example 2:

To travel from Bratislava's main railways station (Hlavná stanica) to the University of Economics in Bratislava, put Hlavná stanica as the origin point and Ekonomická univerzita as the destination point. The service will find you the most suitable options to travel to the University of Economics in Bratislava. Again, you will get several bus lines with corresponding bus numbers, transfers needed and different time options to choose from.

Journey Planner "Hlavná stanica (Central Railway Station)"
» "Ekonomická univerzita"

I travel from:
I travel to:
☒ I depart at
☐ I arrive
[MORE OPTIONS](#)

Departure	Arrival	Duration*	Connection	Price*
21:21	21:43	22 min	201 88	0.90 €
21:25	21:46	21 min	81 88	0.90 €
21:29	21:52	23 min	210 88	0.90 €
21:36	21:58	22 min	201 88	0.90 €
21:44	22:07	23 min	210 88	0.90 €

RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS

Bratislava offers a variety of pleasant restaurant and café options for locals and visitors. Most of these are located in the Old Town. There are also other restaurants and cafés in the Aupark Shopping Centre and Eurovea Shopping Mall near the Danube embankment and the Apollo Bridge.

HERE ARE SOME RECOMMENDED PLACES TO VISIT:

A) Flagship – Slovak food served with glamour in a former theatre building. This restaurant can be visited from the SNP Square (Námestie SNP), which is near the old market in the Old Town.

B) Mondieu – Jump-start your day with delicious coffee and a dessert or a salad if you insist. Mondieu has several branches and all of them are located within the pedestrian zone of the Old Town. Just look for the “typical french lady”.

C) Prašná Bašta – A traditional Bratislava restaurant in the Old Town's 16th century fortifications. Prašná Bašta is located almost in the heart of the Old Town near Michalská brána.

D) Bistro Soho – Fresh and modern Asian food and 40 types of beer from all around the world. You can visit it at Dunajská or Laurinská street in the Old Town.

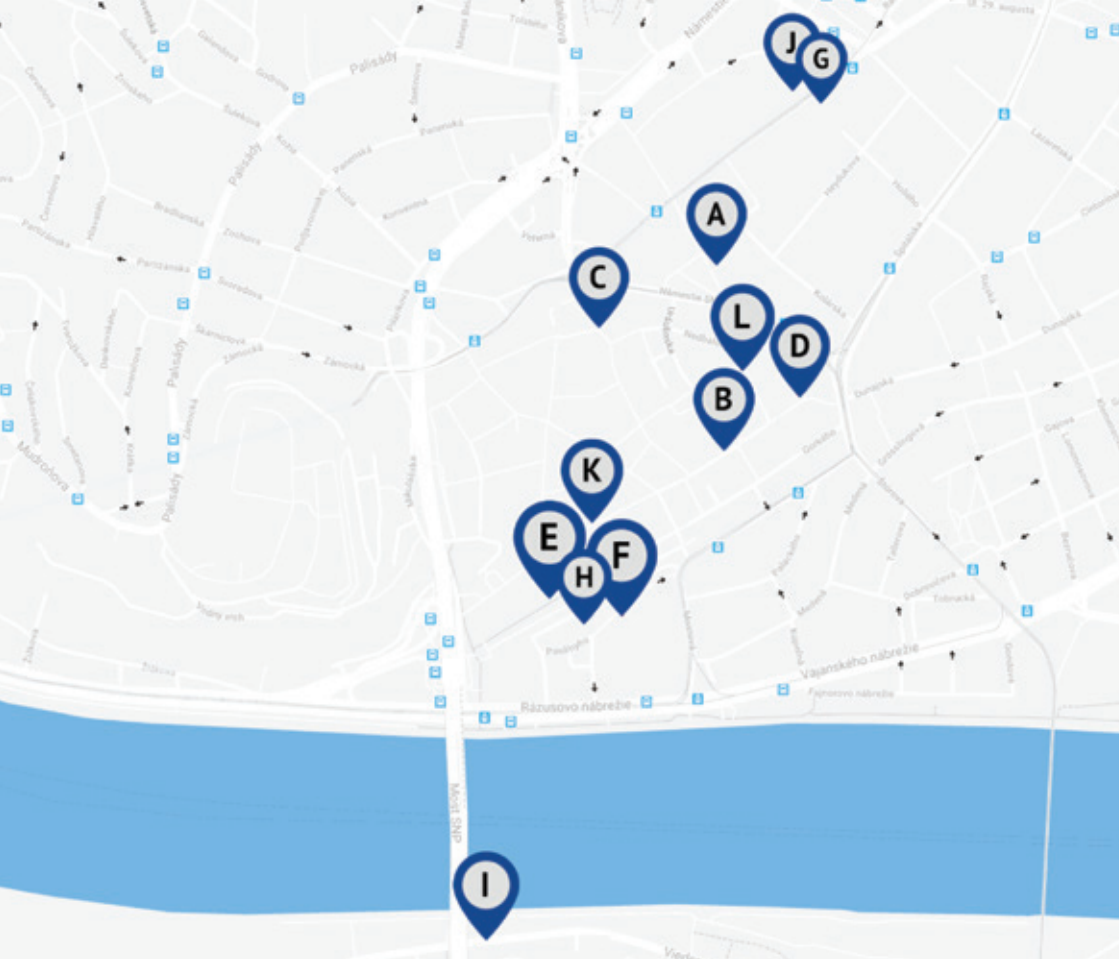
E) Luculus Ice Saloon – One of the best ice-cream parlour in town according to many locals and tourists. Luculus Ice Saloon is also located in the pedestrian zone on Hviezdoslavovo Square.

F) Koun - One of the best, if not the best ice-cream parlour in the town according to many locals, tourist and several foreign reviewers and webpages. Koun serves its ice cream at the Hviezdoslavovo Square near Hotel Carlton.

G) Slovak Pub – Typical Slovak food, ingredients produced at an organic farm, and a cosy interior resembling a wooden cottage. Slovak Pub is situated on Obchodná street and the closest public transport stops include Vysoká or Poštová.

H) SkyBar Lemontree – A stunning view, Mediterranean cuisine, and a cocktail bar. SkyBar can be accessed from Hviezdoslavovo Square near the Bridge SNP (Most SNP).

I) UFO - watch.taste.groove - A very special restaurant located above the Bridge SNP (Most SNP). Spectacular view and amazing food - all of it is waiting for you!



You can find all the mentioned restaurants and cafés on this single map of Bratislava with coloured map tags. In addition to the previously mentioned places it is recommended to visit:

**J) Green tree pub on Obchodná street,
K, L) La Putika cafeterias around the Old Town.**

However, visitors should not only focus on these – Bratislava has much more to offer.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Bratislava offers foreign and also domestic tourists attractions ranging from historical buildings and castles to museums and churches. Thanks to its rich history and detailistic architecture, which can be found especially in the Old Town, the city offers a wide range of diversity and colours. Some recommendations on where to visit in and around Bratislava.

BRATISLAVA CASTLE

Dominating the southwest part of the Old Town on a hill above the Danube, the castle today is largely a 1950s reconstruction; a fire in 1811 left the fortress ruined for more than a century, and renovations continue up to the present. Most of the castle buildings contain administrative offices. However, there is also museum portraying Slovakia throughout the ages and lawns and ramparts that provide great vantage points from which visitors may overlook the city. A trip to Bratislava is not complete without making the climb up to the whitewashed castle building. When many people think of Bratislava, they think of the castle; it is the most recognized symbol of the city. From the very centre of the Old Town it is only a 10- to 15-minute walk up the hill to the castle entrance.

DEVIN CASTLE

Dedicated castle aficionados will want to get their daypacks and head out to Devin Castle, 9 km west of Bratislava. Once the military playground of the ninth-century warlord Prince Rastislav, Devin is packed solid with historical intrigue. The No. 29 bus links Devin with Bratislava's Nový Most bus stop.

KAMZIK TV TOWER

The Kamzik TV Tower, also known as the "Bratislava TV tower", stands nearly 470 metres above the city and is a great place to check out if you have a few hours.

THE OLD TOWN

The Old Town is the busiest part of the city and the first stop for many tourists. Cobblestones, winding lanes, and historic buildings are just some of the things you will notice when you are walking through the Old Town. The area is full of pubs, restaurants, shops and hotels.

ST. MARTIN'S CATHEDRAL

A relatively modest interior belies the elaborate history of St Martin's Cathedral: 11 Austro-Hungarian monarchs (10 kings and one queen, Maria Theresa) were crowned in this large 14th century church.

THE CHURCH OF ST ELIZABETH/THE BLUE CHURCH

Built in 1908, the Church of St Elizabeth (locally known as the “Blue Church”) is an interesting building to check out while you are wandering around downtown. It is located only a 5 to 10 minute walk from the heart of the Old Town.

THE SLOVAK NATIONAL MUSEUM

The Museum of History forms an important part of the complex of specialized museums within the Slovak National Museum. The Museum of History has almost 250 000 objects from the fields of national history, arts, painting, traditional and artistic crafts, numismatics, ethnography, warfare, the economy and the history of Slovaks living abroad.

THE SLOVAK NATIONAL THEATRE

The National Theatre Company stages quality operas (both Slovak and international productions), ballets and dramas at two venues: the gilt decoration of the historical theatre building is a show in itself, whereas the modern theatre building has a café and guaranteed English-speaking reservation line.

THE SLAVIN WAR MEMORIAL

Located high above the city is the Slavin War Memorial. The statue and memorial can be seen from much of the city and surrounding areas.

THE UFO BRIDGE WITH ITS RESTAURANT

Most SNP, also known as the “UFO Bridge”, is a focal point of Bratislava tourism and was built to connect the core of the city to the suburb of Petržalka. The bridge is a modernist marvel from 1972 and is one of the main sights in Bratislava.

ADDITIONAL TIPS



TIPPING

In general, tipping in Slovakia is lower compared to other Western countries. For a small order, you can round up to the nearest euro. For larger orders, leave around a 10% tip. If you really do not like the service, you do not need to leave anything.

For example, if you pay a ticket of € 8.30 with a € 10, note, you tip the waiter by saying „nine.” They will understand that they should give you back one euro. Always tell the waiter the final sum you want to leave at the place when paying.



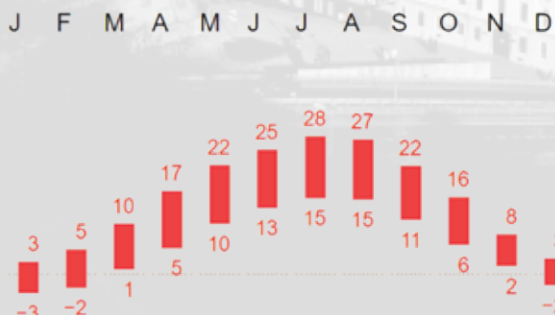
SMOKING

All restaurants are fully or partially non-smoking. Most cafés and pubs still allow smoking, but they cannot serve food due to the anti-smoking law requirements. Most tea houses are strictly non-smoking, and in cake shops and fast-food restaurants smoking is prohibited by law. Smoking is permitted in most open areas with some exceptions. According to the Slovak law, smoking is prohibited on trains (except for designated smoking carriages), on all public transport vehicles, at sanitary facilities and at schools and universities. Smoking is also prohibited at the train and bus stations as well as on platforms and at bus stops.



WEATHER

Bratislava is located in a mild continental climatic zone and is characterized by significant differences between temperatures in summer and winter. There are four distinct seasons in the year. The following chart shows the average high and average low temperatures through the year.



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Room A3.13 is located on the 3rd floor of the new building. **There are differences in room signs between the buildings.** Rooms and offices located in the **old building** (the smaller one, located on the left side) are **WITHOUT** a dot – examples **B108** or **4D33**. Rooms and offices in **new building** (taller building located on the right side) are **WITH** a dot – examples **B1.03** or **E4.24**.

Internet access is provided at almost every part of both buildings. The network name is **euba-wifi** and password is **eubawifi**.



The new building



The old building



Assembly Hall



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