



Conference Guide

Conference Venue

Crowne Plaza Bratislava

The Crowne Plaza Bratislava, a first class hotel, combines the best central location with comfortable accommodation, modern conference facilities and a superb cuisine. The hotel is situated in the heart of the city – opposite the Presidential Residence, within the pedestrian zone and only a few minutes walking distance from the famous Bratislava Castle. The hotel offers 224 comfortable guest rooms & suites. 14 function rooms with more than 1.200 m² meeting space are equipped with state-of-the-art technology. Dining at the Crowne Plaza Bratislava is an unforgettable experience. Restaurants and lounges invite you for a culinary exploration that will without doubt exceed your expectations. For total indulgence and care, targeted training programs, massage lounges, a sauna as well as an indoor pool are offered in the hotel's ZION SPA.



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History of Bratislava

History:

Bratislava is geographically situated in Slovakia's south-western part, bordering Austria and Hungary. The city is well within the center of Europe, with bodies of river flowing across. The Danube River and Morava River runs a path through the city. The Carpathian mountain range and some rolling hills create a holistic view of the city. Bratislava is the 2nd largest city in Slovakia. Its location is close to other city capitals with only 65km from Vienna, 196km from Budapest and 324km from Prague. After the fall of the Great Moravian Empire, Slovakia became part of the Kingdom of Hungary from the 10th century until the end of the First World War when the Treaty of Trianon created Czechoslovakia, a country which Slovaks are widely proud of - for example, some Czechoslovakian representatives, such as Alexander Dubček and Gustáv Husák, were ethnically Slovak. Between 1939 and 1944, Slovakia was a German-controlled state. Then, it was conquered by the Soviets to recreate a new Czechoslovakia, but one that would be pro-Soviet and Communist this time. This lasted until the fall of Communist rule in Czechoslovakia, during the Velvet Revolution of 1989. In 1993, peaceful differences between Czechs and Slovaks when rebuilding their nation after the fall of Communism led to the dissolution of Czechoslovakia into two separate and independent nations: the Czech Republic, and of course Slovakia (Slovak Republic). To this day, Slovaks and Czechs have generally friendly relations, and the two nations cooperate together frequently on international issues. Bratislava was the capital (1536-1784), the coronation city (1563-1830) and the seat of the diet (1536-1848) of the Kingdom of Hungary for many years. Since 1960, it has been the capital of the federal state of Slovakia within Czechoslovakia and, since 1993, it has been the capital of independent Slovakia. Although today, Bratislava's population are mostly Slovaks, from the 13th to the early 19th century, the majority ethnic group in the city were the Germans, who remained the largest ethnic group until the First World War (in 1910, 42% were German, 41% Hungarian and 15% Slovak out of a total population of 78,000). Hungarians formed another important group in the city in the 19th century, but after the First World War, many Germans and Hungarians left for Austria and Hungary respectively, and the remaining Germans were expelled at the end of World War II.



How to get to Bratislava

By Air:

The Bratislava Milan Rastislav Štefánik Airport is the largest in the Slovak Republic. Direct bus services operating in approximately hourly intervals connect the airport with Vienna airport and the city of Vienna. Be aware that the staff might take some regulations especially seriously. For example, you will not be allowed a small handbag/laptop bag and hand luggage. If you are flying by Ryanair and have check-in luggage, do not let the small size of the airport fool you. Arrive at the airport well in advance of your flight, as the queue can get very long.

Vienna International Airport is located 40 km (25 mi) from Bratislava, near to the town of Schwechat in Austria, after which the airport is named. The airport is the home base of the flag-carrier Austrian and the budget airline Fly Niki. Most European airlines and a significant number of international airlines have direct connections to Vienna from their respective hubs. A quick summary of transport options:

Blaguss (Bus). 13 buses a day between Vienna Airport and Bratislava city centre. The buses alight at the bus terminal under the New Bridge and continue towards Bratislava Airport. €7.20.

Postbus/Slovak Lines (Bus). Bus run almost every hour between Sudtiroler Platz and Vienna Airport and Bratislava Bus Station, some buses run as far as Bratislava Airport. Please check the timetable. You are allowed to transport two pieces of baggage per person at €1.00 per piece. The baggage tags can be purchased from ticket window or from the driver. It is possible to buy tickets online or at a driver. They speak (or understand) English. €7.70, €4.30 return.

Train. Unfortunately, trains from Vienna to Bratislava do not stop at Vienna airport. However, there is a direct connection between both central train stations. It is possible to take the train (S7 or RSB7) from Vienna Airport to Wolfsthal on the Austrian border (45 minutes, cheapest ticket is 3 VOR-Zone for €5.40) and change to Slovak-operated regional bus 901 [21] that will take you to Bratislava city center (€1.50, €0.75 for under 26 years of age, children under 6 travel free) in just 15 minutes. The buses leave at 55 minutes past the hour, but be aware that the departures/arrivals of the bus are not always aligned with the trains so you run into risk of up to two hours of waiting in a small village 5 km from the border. Also note that the bus 901 does not stop at the railway station, the bus stop is at the main road (Hauptstraße 40) approximately 300 m away. Walking to Bratislava from here will take an hour and is not recommended though there is a path near the Danube. All in all, this is not a preferable way to get to Bratislava, but could be useful if schedules have been checked or if you have a back-up plan to arrange a ride or taxi (which can be hard to explain if you don't speak Slovak or German) from Wolfsthal.

Taxi. Cab Fare could be anywhere from 45 Euro to 145 Euro, depending on where you are going to in Bratislava and the Taxi Company you are hiring. It is very reasonable to book transportation in advance from a Private hire, which will lower your costs significantly and improve your comfort, because driver will wait for you directly at the Schwechat arriving hall.

Visa:

Before you start planning your travel to Bratislava in Slovakia you should visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' web page to see if you need to get a visa.

Information to Foreign Citizens:

http://www.foreign.gov.sk/en/consular_info/residence_of_foreigners_in_territory_of_slovakia

Visas info:

http://www.foreign.gov.sk/en/consular_info/visa

Bratislava Milan Rastislav Štefánik Airport

(BTS) Tel.: +421 2 3303 3353

URL: <http://www.bts.aero/>

Email: info@bts.aero

How to get from the Bratislava Airport to the Hotel

By Car:

The Airport is located in the eastern part of the capital city of Bratislava with a direct link to the D1 motorway by-pass. From the airport, get on E571/E58/E75 highway and drive towards Petržalka. Then take the D2/Route 61 exit from E571/E58/E75. Take most SNP, Staromestská and Kollárovo námestie to Hodžovo námestie in Bratislava.

Car Hire:

You will find the rental companies for car hire at Barcelona airport in both Terminal 1 and 2. The Car hire company in Terminal 2 is only in building T2B. Each of these companies is right next door to each other so you can be sure of cheap car rental prices. You can try arranging your car rental directly with the companies but often internet based reservation services can give you a better price as they have negotiated discounts for bulk reservations.

More information about the rates and contact details:

<http://www.barcelona-tourist-guide.com/en/airport/transport/car-rental-barcelona-airport.html>

By Public Transportation:

By bus

Bus No. 61 links Main Railway Station (Hlavnú železničnú stanicu) with the city centre in the direction from the Airport Bratislava and bus No. 96 in the direction to Petržalka, Prokofievova. Bus stop is located in front of Arrival Terminal.

Tickets' types and prices:

Bus drivers don't sell tickets in Bratislava so you need to get tickets in advance. Use the vending machines at the bus stop but note that you will need euro coins as the vending machines don't take notes (there are also two big red ticket machines in the terminal building close to arrivals,

which accept banknotes). You can also buy tickets in the tourist and exchange offices in the terminal, but they have only limited working hours. Be aware that the airport shops and kiosks are not very helpful when it comes to changing bills into coins. A screen in the arrivals hall displays actual departure times of next public transport buses and buses to Vienna. Coach lines connect Bratislava with all of Slovakia, a high number of Czech cities and a number of EU destinations, including London, Paris and daily buses also depart to Budapest, Prague. The most frequent international coach connection by far is Vienna though, with two lines running almost every hour from Vienna's Sudtirolerplatz near Hauptbahnhof via Vienna International Airport: Blaguss has tickets sold by the driver priced at €7.20, with stops in central Bratislava and Bratislava Airport. Slovak Lines has buses that stop at the Coach Terminal and Bratislava Airport, for a cost of €7.70. The tickets can be purchased from the driver or booked online. A trip from/to Vienna takes 1½ hours.

By taxi

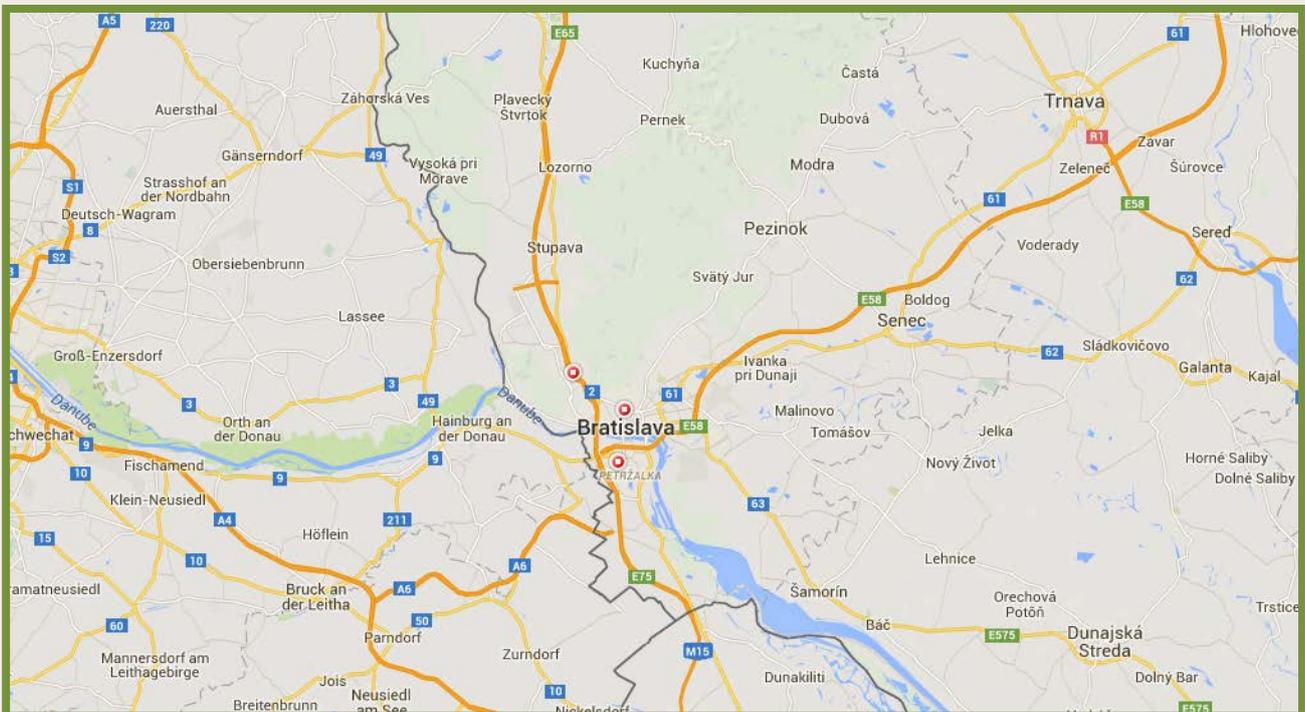
Taxis are inexpensive, usual price when ordering taxi by phone for whole 9km journey from airport to city centre should be not more than €10-15, if hailed on street expect double prices €20-30, always make sure taxi driver use taxi meter, if he refuses don't get in the taxi. Avoid unofficial black taxis which will overcharge you.

You book your taxi at: + 421 2 16 505, + 421 948 888 881, +421 2 16 916

By Train

You can get to the Main Railway Station from the Airport Bratislava by the public transport network (MHD) bus no. 61.

For more information you can visit: <http://www.zsr.sk/>



PLACES TO VISIT

Historical Museum-Bratislava Castle

Bratislava Castle or Hrad is located on a hill above the historical city centre, overlooking the River Danube. Initially a Roman frontier post, there has been a castle at this site since the 9th century. In 1881, it was reduced to rubble due to a fire and wasn't reconstructed until the mid 1900s. A large section was devoted to art – approximately 3500 paintings, statues, and prints by domestic and foreign artists grouped according to theme. Religious art in one room, painting and portraits of royalty such as Maria Theresa and Maria Antoinette in another, more portraits and finally, sculpture and modern art such as Julius Koller's question mark canvas. One of the highlighted displays was copies of 15th century altarpieces and church statues done by Paul of Levoča and many of his students. It is a 15-minute walk from the city centre or can be reached via public transport by taking trolleybus 203 or 207 from Hodžovo námestie.

Address: Bratislava, 811 06 Old Town

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday 09.00-17.00

Fees: Adults: 6 €

Reduced admission fee: from 3 €

E-mail: bratislavskyhrad@snm.sk

URL: <http://www.snm.sk/>

Slovak National Theatre

Bratislava's opera house – known officially as the historical building of the Slovak National Theatre – is a Neo-Renaissance-style building opened in 1886 as the City Theatre, according to the design of Viennese architects F. Fellner and H. Helmer. The busts of famous musical composers appear in the oval openings in the facade, as well as a stone sculptural group, the Muse of Thalia, figures of children symbolising tragedy and comedy. Tilgner was the designer of the superb Ganymede's Fountain at the entrance to the theatre. The building is the seat of the Slovak National Theatre opera and ballet ensembles.

Address: Pribinova 17, 819 01 Bratislava

E-mail: snd@snd.sk

URL: <http://www.snd.sk/>

To find out more about the tickets and program of the theatre, visit the site.



St. Martin Cathedral

A Gothic St. Martin cathedral, with gold-plated representation of the Hungarian royal crown, is situated just below the castle. This threenaved gothic cathedral is the most eminent sacral construction of the city. It is located on the Rybn? square, in the place of the original roman church. A neological synagogue used to stand just beside the cathedral, but in 1967 it was pulled down due to construction of the New bridge. The interior of the cathedral contains works of many famous artists. St. Martin cathedral belongs to National Cultural Monument.

Address: Rudnayovo namestie 1, 811 01 Bratislava

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 09.00-11.30, 13.00-18.00
Sunday 13.30-16.30

Tel: +421 2/544 313 59

Museum of Transport Bratislava

Highway transportation represents collection of vehicles from the first motor devices with engine and without him trough bicycles, motor and commercial cars of interwar era until vehicles from 60th - 70th years of 20th century. Prototypes which were developed after World War II by slovak automobil factory and military vehicles could be very interesting for visitors. There is also selection of steam, motor and electric locomotives, freight truck and rail vehicles of Slovak railways on railyard. One of the exhibition hall is devoted to exhibition of railway signalling devices and communications, devices for track maintenance, uniform and other things from hisotry of railway in Slovakia.

Address: Šancová Ulica 1/A, 811 05 Bratislava

Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 10.00-17.00
Saturday to Sunday 10.00-17.00

Tel: +421 2/524 441 63

Entrance Fees: Adults €3,30
Family Admission €8,00

URL: <http://www.muzeumdopravy.com/> (in Slovak)



Primatial Palace

The Primatial Palace (1778-1781) was built on property originally belonging to the archbishop of Esztergom. The Treat of Bratislava between France and Austria was signed in the palace's Hall of Mirrors on 26 December, 1805. Today the palace is the office of the mayor of Bratislava, and the superb Hall of Mirrors is now used to host concerts. The palace also contains a rare collection of English tapestries from the 17th century. The exquisite fountain of St George, depicting the legendary knight slaying the dragon, stands in the square inner courtyard of the Primatial Palace. According to one legend the figure of St George represents the archbishop, and his fight with the dragon symbolises the efforts of the Catholic Church to banish the Reformation from the city. Legend has it that St George saved the virgin Dubravka from the dragon, and as a reward gained her hand in marriage.

Address: Primaciálne námestie 1, 811 01 Bratislava

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00-17:00

Tel: +421 2 593 563 94

Slovak National Gallery Bratislava

Slovak National Gallery offers wide selection mainly from the Slovak art containing all disciplines. Offers the most unique art expositions, which you can find in Slovakia. You can admire vast collections mainly of Slovak art from all areas. The whole collection of Slovak National Gallery consists of approximately 55.000 art works and the art of european origin is a part of it as well. Slovak National Gallery was established in the premises of the former building of the town police on Danube embankment and it is also called the Water barracks today. Besides the vast collection of permanent exhibitions, Slovak National Gallery also offers variety of seasonal exhibitions and cultural events today.

Address: Rázusovo Nábrežie 199/2, 81102 Bratislava

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday 10.00-17.30

Tel: +421 2 544 32081

Entrance Fee: Adult €3,30

URL: <http://www.sng.sk/>



Tours

Bratislava Cycling Route

The Low Carpathians mountains are very suitable area for cyclists of all categories. Thanks to their gentle gradients you will be able also to get through the local cycle paths with any special training. The pleasant trips on bikes around the surrounding forests can be connected with visit of interesting places, such as trip to Červený kameň, or to the castle Devín. Just from Devín Castle the nature cycle trail, focused on the nature, culture and the environment, leads from this castle. Those of who prefer a long-distance cycling can use an opportunity to ride on Bratislava dam. Getting to know the Low Carpathians mountains on your bike will be certainly an interesting and entertaining thing for you.

Trails

For more information about the routes visit the link below:

<http://www.visitslovakia.com/bratislava-cycling-path/>



Danube Cycling Route

It ranks among the most popular cycling routes in Central Europe and its the most frequent cycling route in Europe. The Danube cycling route passes through the border crossing of Berg - Bratislava. Leads to the barrage of Danube across Petržalka. In Bratislava you can see especially skaters, the surface is up to the wharf Gabčíkovo asphalt. Danube are properly extends thanks Hrušovský abstain - components of water works Gabčíkovo. In Bratislava, on the right side of the river passes through the path of the urban area Čunovo alongside water sports.

Schedule	Altitude	Distance
Bratislava - Hodžovo námestie	140 m	1,0 km
Nový most	140 m	3,0 km
Prístavný most	132 m	5,5 km
Povodie Dunaja	135 m	16,0 km
Kalinkovo horáreň	131 m	22,0 km
Hamuliakovo	129 m	51,0 km
Gabčíkovo - plavebné komory	122 m	



Carpathian Castle Ruins Tour

Slovakia is a country with unexpectedly high density of castles and castle ruins. Hundreds of them are hidden in Carpathian forests, built as a protection against Tatar invasions in 13th century, serving for the next 500 years. Off-the-beaten-track places without souvenirs, but with special medieval atmosphere instead. We offer the best selection of the ruins you can see during one-day trip from Bratislava.

Fees: €55 / €85 (2 participants), €45 / €60 (3 participants), €37 / €50 (4-7 participants)

Availability: all year round

Meeting point: Your hotel in Bratislava at 8:00am (long tour) or 9:00am (short tour)

Contact information

Phone number: +421 915 705 392

Email: info@authenticslovakia.com

URL: <http://www.authenticslovakia.com/tours/carpathian-castle-ruins-tour>



Bratislava Post Socialist City Tour

Funky retro tour in a legendary 70's Czechoslovak Škoda car (or minivan) through off-the-beaten-track places of communist past and recent transformation in Bratislava. Visit concrete housing estate area, soviet monument Slavín, abandoned factories, riverside developments, bunker line from 1938 and loads of socialist architecture. Local insight guaranteed. Get an authentic overview of Bratislava from above. Walk around the largest cemetery for Soviet soldiers under the magnificent Slavín monument. Take a look on the largest socialist realism square in Bratislava with the largest fountain of unexpected shape. Enjoy 1970's architecture of the House of Trade Unions and the hi-tech market hall. Take a ride through the largest housing estate area in Central Europe - legendary Petržalka district. Visit unique Iron Curtain zone at the edge of Bratislava with the line of bunkers from 1938.

Fees: Per person (2/4 hours): €32/€49 (2 participants), €27/€39 (3 participants), €22/€32 (4-7 participants)

Availability: all year round

Meeting point: Your hotel in Bratislava or SNP square

Contact information

Phone number: +421 915 705 392

Email: info@authenticslovakia.com

URL: <http://www.authenticslovakia.com/tours/post-socialist-city-tour>



Dinning in Bratislava

Bratislava, the capital town of Slovakia has a variety of restaurants and cafes to suit all kinds of tastes. Whether you wish to have a simple snack or a gourmet-style, multi-course meal at a fancy restaurant, you will definitely find a place to your liking in Bratislava. The majority of restaurants are located in the historical centre where you can try the local cuisine by ordering the featured traditional Slovak and Pressburg dishes. Otherwise, there are plenty of highly recommended International restaurants for those who are not willing to try the local cuisine.

Soupa Bistro

Soups are an inseparable part of the Slovak culture. Although we prefer them more in winter than in summer, good soup never comes amiss. In Soupa it is possible to try different kinds of soups which can evoke you those Sunday lunches at home.

Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 07:30-19:00

Address: Kozia 602/11, 811 03 Bratislava, Slovakia

Tel: +421 948 611 544

E-Mail: info@soupa.sk

URL: <http://www.soupa.sk/>

Bratislavský Meštiansky Pivovar (Restaurant & Brewery)

Traditional, conservative, sound and hearty cuisine which goes with beer tries to follow original Pressburg formulas. Naturally, the cuisine is today technologically totally different but some traditional procedures in recipes work till nowadays. The chef Frantisek Sipos stresses the seasonality of some meals or raw food like asparagus, mushrooms, venison or slaughter season which will vary the rigid menu a la carte.

Opening hours: Monday 11.00-23:00, Tuesday 11.00-23:00, Wednesday 11.00-23:00, Thursday 11.00-24:00, Friday 11.00-24:00, Saturday 11.00-23:00, Sunday 11.00-22:00

Kitchen stops one hour before closing.

Address: Dunajská 2294/21, 811 08 Bratislava, Bratislava, Slovakia

Tel: +421 948710888

E-Mail: dunajska@mestianskypivovar.sk

URL: <http://dunajska.mestianskypivovar.sk/>



Ashoka Indian Restaurant

Every dish is prepared with the original Indian ingredients, spices or herbs, imported from India, cooked by Indian chefs, and approved by the Indian owner. Demanding gourmets will appreciate the original recipes and the care put to every single order. In the restaurant is offered a variety of vegetarian food.

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 11.00-22.00, Sunday 12.00-22.00

Address: Hurbanovo námestie, 811 06 Bratislava-Staré Mesto, Slovakia (Hotel Crowne Plaza)

Tel: +421 2/524 449 09

E-Mail: info@ashoka.sk

URL: <http://www.ashoka.sk/>

Primi Michalská

Primi is known for its pleasant atmosphere on both floors, a beautiful garden with winter service, its great Mediterranean cuisine, carefully selected wines, modern cocktails, and an excellent visit rate.

Opening hours: Monday to Thursday 11.00-01.00, Friday to Saturday 11.00-03.00, Sunday 11.00-24.00

Upper floor is closed on Monday and Sunday.

Address: Michalská 19, 811 03 Bratislava, Slovakia

Tel: +421 914 346 952

Email: primi@primi.sk

URL: <http://www.medusagroup.sk/primi>



Pizza Mizza

The meals are typical for a pizzeria and include a wide assortment of Italian pizzas baked in a classic wood fired oven, pasta, and complete menus containing appetizers, soups, grilled meat specialties, salads, and desserts. Original Italian coffee served in various manners is a true delicacy. We also offer branded Slovak wines and draft beer.

Address: Tobrucká 82/5, 811 02 Bratislava

Tel: +421 2/529 650 34

URL: <http://www.pizzamizza.sk/>

Cafe Verne

Tasty simple food, good prices, center location, cute antique decor, a great summer terrace, lively ambience. A great value place where locals like to meet up. Verne is indeed a local favorite and it gets pretty busy during lunch and dinner. Make sure you don't miss it!

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 09:00–00:00

Fri 09:00 – 01:00

Sat 10:00 – 01:00

Sun 10:00 – 00:00

Address: Hviezdoslavovo námestie 18, 811 02 Bratislava

Tel: +421 914 346 952

Email: primi@primi.sk

URL: <http://www.medusagroup.sk/primi>



More options to dine in Bratislava:

<http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-Bratislava.html>

<https://www.likealocalguide.com/bratislava/restaurants>

Sources: <http://www.visitslovakia.com/bratislava-1-1/>

<http://www.visitbratislava.com/>

[http://www.virtualltourist.com/travel/Europe/Slovakia/Bratislava-686020/Things To Do-Bratislava-TG-C-1.html](http://www.virtualltourist.com/travel/Europe/Slovakia/Bratislava-686020/Things_To_Do-Bratislava-TG-C-1.html)

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g274924-Activities-Bratislava_Bratislava_Region.html

<http://www.bratislavavisit.com/what-to-do-attractions/6-bratislava-culture-top-10-sights-bratislava.html>

<https://www.likealocalguide.com/bratislava/restaurants>

<http://wikitravel.org/en/Bratislava>

<http://www.bts.aero/en/passengers/>