

TRAVEL GUIDE BOOK

BRATISLAVA

CITY OF CORONATIONS & SUSTAINABLE CHOICES

A Sustainable & Plant-Based Mini Travel Guide



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Travel Guide



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Introduction & Overview



Bratislava is not just a destination – it's a city that welcomes you with warmth and soul. Its charm lies in the blend of medieval streets, riverside promenades, and lively cafes where locals and travelers meet. From the hilltop Bratislava Castle to the cozy corners of the Old Town, every step reveals a story.

The city's spirit is felt in its markets, its music, and its people. Cycling along EuroVelo 6, tasting local varieties in the Small Carpathians, or enjoying a sunset by the Danube Promenade – each experience shows why Bratislava is remembered not only for its landmarks, but for its heart.

Landmarks Awaiting You in Budapest

BRATISLAVA CASTLE (BRATISLAVSKÝ HRAD)

— Hradné námestie 1

Inhabited since prehistoric times, it became a Great Moravian fortress in the 9th century and later a crown jewel of the Kingdom of Hungary. Empress Maria Theresa transformed it into a Baroque palace in the 18th century. Rebuilt after an 1811 fire, it today houses the Slovak National Museum.

BEST AT LATE AFTERNOON



OLD TOWN

— Hlavné námestie, Michalská Street

Known as Staré Mesto, this district preserves medieval streets, Renaissance and Baroque houses, and civic squares. Coronation City: Between 1563 and 1830, St. Martin's Cathedral hosted coronations of 19 Hungarian kings and queens.

BEST AT MORNING & DAY



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Landmarks Awaiting You in Budapest

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KEY SQUARES:



Hlavné Námestie:

- Main Square

Civic heart with the Old Town Hall and lively cafes.



Hviezdoslavovo Námestie:

Treelined promenade with the Slovak National Theatre.

Atmosphere: Cobblestone lanes, quirky statues, hidden courtyards, and vibrant nightlife.

Landmarks Awaiting You in Budapest

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BLUE CHURCH (MODRÝ KOSTOLÍK)

— Bezručova 2

Built in 1909–1913 in Art Nouveau style, dedicated to St. Elizabeth. Designed by Ödön Lechner (the "Hungarian Gaudí"), its pastel blue façade, mosaics, and glazed roof tiles make it one of the city's most charming gems.

BEST AT EARLY MORNING



DEVÍN CASTLE (HRAD DEVÍN)

— Muránska 1050/10

Perched dramatically on a cliff over the confluence of the Danube and Morava rivers. An ancient fortress offering panoramic views over Austria and Slovakia, rich in archaeological artifacts.

BEST AT AFTERNOON

Modern Icons & Brewing Heritage

UFO TOWER & MOST SNP

— Bridge SNP 1

A retro-futuristic observation deck standing 95 meters above the Danube River. Offers 360-degree panoramic views of the castle, Old Town, and surrounding hills.

BEST AT SUNSET



TIP:

Tickets are best purchased online to avoid queues. Vegans should note that the top restaurant offers limited plant-based options.

BEER HERITAGE

"Beer Built Bratislava's Walls"

Beer has been part of Bratislava's identity for centuries. A medieval legend says that brewers paid taxes in barrels of beer delivered straight to the castle! Today, craft pubs keep that spirit alive with local lagers and modern brews.

Top Traditional Pubs:

- SLOVAK PUB – OBCHODNÁ 62
- ZÁMOCKÝ PIVOVAR – ŽIŽKOVA 17
- FABRIKA THE BEER PUB – ŠTEFÁNIKOVA 4
- BEER PALACE – GORKÉHO 5



Sustainable Stays in Budapest

In Bratislava, there are several ecofriendly hotels and guesthouses where you can relax knowing your stay supports sustainability. Many of them use renewable energy, reduce waste, and even offer plantbased dining options. Choosing these places means you're not just visiting the city – you're also contributing to greener tourism and leaving a lighter footprint.

LOFT HOTEL BRATISLAVA – Štefánikova 4, Bratislava

One of the city's top-rated 4-star hotels, blending industrial-chic design with comfort and convenience. Sits between the Old Town and the railway station, offering stylish rooms, a craft beer pub, and a wine lounge.

Fabrika the Beer Pub – part of the hotel, known for its buffet breakfast, house-brewed craft beer, and a summer terrace popular for BBQ dishes. Over 200 wines, including Slovak vineyard selections.

Parking: Large underground garage (extra fee) with EV charging.

Style: Industrial chic – exposed brick, vintage decor, modern urban vibe.



[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#) ~€90 /NIGHT

WHY CHOOSE LOFT HOTEL BRATISLAVA

- ✓ Perfect if you want modern comfort near Old Town but away from the noisy nightlife zone.
- ✓ Great for beer lovers thanks to Fabrika the Beer Pub.
- ✓ Ideal for couples and groups – large rooms, stylish design, lively atmosphere.
- ✓ Business-friendly: laptop safe, workspace, and reliable WiFi.

Sustainable Stays in Budapest

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HOTEL SAFFRON — Radlinského 27

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ECO FRIENDLY APARTMENTS

— Near the centre

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NOTE:

Accommodation in the very centre can be noisy — nightlife and music often last until morning.

Markt & Local Stories

Bratislava's markets are more than just places to shop – they are living stages where history, flavors, and community spirit come together. Strolling through them, you'll hear the buzz of vendors, smell fresh pastries, and see locals mingling over coffee or craft beer.

STARÁ TRŽNICA

The "Old Market Hall," dating to 1910

Hosts weekend food festivals, craft beer tastings, and cultural events – where tradition meets innovation.



FRESH MARKET

Organic & sustainable products

Perfect for eco-conscious travelers looking for fresh fruit, artisanal bread, and healthy street food.

CENTRAL MARKET

A lively spot where locals buy seasonal produce, flowers, and traditional Slovak snacks – the best place to feel the city's everyday rhythm.



Vegan Options — Growing Fast

Bratislava may be known for hearty Slovak cuisine, but its vegan scene is growing fast, offering creative dishes that blend local ingredients with global inspiration.

VEGAN KAFÉ

📍 Klariská 13

A charming Old Town café serving homemade soups, wraps, and desserts – relaxed vibe, friendly staff.



MADE WITH LAF

📍 Špitálska 53

A modern vegan bistro with jackfruit burgers, Buddha bowls, and raw cakes – Instagram-friendly and sustainable.



VEGAN BAR

📍 Obchodná 48

A casual spot with hearty vegan fast food – burgers, kebabs, and loaded fries. Great after exploring the city or enjoying Bratislava's nightlife.

Vegan Options in Budapest

-Tradition Meets Innovation
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GREEN SPACES

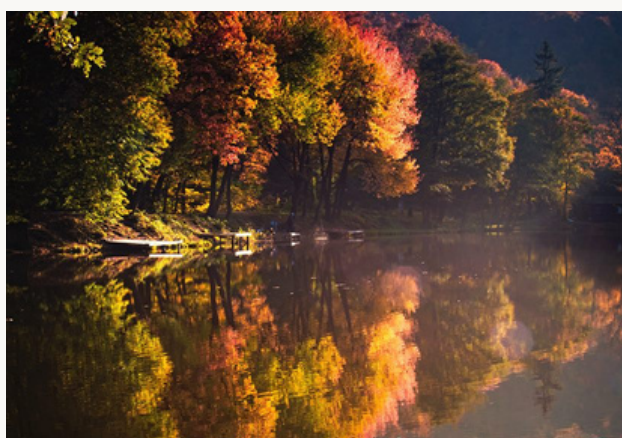
● Sad Janka Kráľa — Petržalka

Considered Europe's oldest public park, laid out in the 18th century. A leafy retreat perfect for picnics, cycling, or simply escaping the city buzz.



● Železná Studnička — north of the city

A forest park with lakes, hiking trails, and picnic areas. Locals come here for weekend walks, cycling, and family outings.



● Danube Promenade

A riverside path lined with cafés and cycling lanes — ideal for evening strolls with views of the bridges and the UFO Tower.



Cycling Routes Around Bratislava

Bratislava is a cyclist's dream: flat riverside paths, forest trails, and cross-border adventures all within easy reach – safe, well-marked, and full of history.

OLD BRIDGE

→ DANUBIANA MUSEUM

Cross the Old Bridge (Starý Most) into Petržalka, then follow the Danube south along EuroVelo 6. ~25 km round trip, flat and scenic, ending at the Danubiana Meulensteen Art Museum. Loop back through Čunovo and Apollo Bridge for a different skyline view.



DEVÍN

CASTLE ROUTE

A classic riverside ride upstream along the Danube, ~12 km one way, flat and family-friendly, leading to the medieval ruins of Devín Castle at the Morava-Danube confluence. Local wine stalls and panoramic views make it a perfect half-day trip.



ŽELEZNÁ

STUDNIČKA

Just 8 km from the centre, this forest park offers shaded trails, lakes, and picnic spots. A gentle climb ideal for a morning ride.



Cycling Routes Around Bratislava

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SMALL CARPATHIANS WINE ROUTE

Head north into rolling hills and vineyards. Towns like Pezinok and Modra welcome cyclists with wine tastings, cellars, and local food. 25–30 km with moderate climbs – best for a full-day cultural and culinary adventure.

HAINBURG AN DER DONAU

A 15 km ride across the border into Austria. The medieval town of Hainburg offers castle ruins, preserved city walls, and charming cafés – flat, and follows EuroVelo 6.

CARNUNTUM ROMAN CITY

Continue past Hainburg for a 30 km ride to one of Europe's most fascinating archaeological parks – reconstructed Roman houses, an amphitheatre, and museums bringing ancient history to life.



Cycling Routes Around Bratislava

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EUROVELO 6 – Bratislava – Štúrovo

● Route overview:

The trail enters Bratislava from the west, follows the Danube riverbank, and crosses the Prístavný Bridge. From the centre it continues via Zimný prístav to the Danube dam, then through Šamorín, past the Gabčíkovo hydroelectric plant, to Komárno and Štúrovo, crossing into Hungary via the Mária Valéria Bridge.

● Length

The Slovak section is about 155 km (Bratislava – Štúrovo).

● Difficulty

Easy, almost flat (elevation gain 34–62 m) – suitable for families and less experienced cyclists.

● Surface

Asphalt, well-maintained embankment along the Danube.



💡 PRACTICAL TIPS FOR CYCLISTS

- ✓ Best time: spring and autumn, with pleasant temperatures.
- ✓ Equipment: trekking or city bikes are sufficient – the route is fully asphalted.
- ✓ Bike transport: Slovak Rail allows bicycles on most trains.
- ✓ Navigation: marked with EuroVelo signs, but a map or app is recommended for longer tours.

Cycling Routes Around Bratislava

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Bratislava is compact and easy to explore. The public transport system (trams, buses, trolleybuses) is reliable, while cycling routes along the Danube and into the surrounding hills make it perfect for eco-friendly travel – take a tram or bus to the edge of town, then continue by bike into nature or across the border.



HOW TO RENT A BIKE

1

Slovnaft BAjk:

The official city bikesharing system. Unlock via the mobile app, pay per ride or buy a pass, return to any station.

2

Local Rentals:

Shops like BikeBratislava offer daily or weekly rentals – ideal for longer routes such as Devín Castle or Danubiana Museum.

3

Tour Operators:

Guided cycling tours include bike hire, maps, and local insights – popular for Hainburg or the Small Carpathians Wine Route.

4

Hotels & Hostels:

Many eco-friendly stays provide bikes for guests, often free or at a small fee.



TIPS FOR RENTING

- ✓ Bring a valid ID or passport for rentals.
- ✓ Helmets are recommended, especially for longer rides outside the city.
- ✓ For cross-border trips (Austria, Hungary), check if your rental includes insurance.
- ✓ If you plan multiple rides, a day pass or weekly rental is usually cheaper than paying per hour.

Tram & Bus Lines Tickets & Passes

Public transport in Bratislava is simple, affordable, and well organised. Trams, buses, and trolleybuses cover the entire city, and tickets are valid across all modes. Buying tickets is easy through the IDS BK app or machines at stops.

TRAMS

- **Line 1** – Railway Station to Old Town
- **Line 4** – Petržalka to Centre
- **Line 9** – Ružinov district

BUSES

- **29** – Devín Castle
- **61** – Airport
- **31 / 39** – Zoo and Kamzík TV Tower



€0.90 / €1.20

Single ticket – 30 / 60 minutes

€4.50

Day pass – unlimited 24h rides

Tourist Pass:

The Bratislava City Card includes unlimited transport plus discounts at museums, restaurants, and attractions. Buy at ticket machines, kiosks, or via the IDS BK app.

Conclusion

Bratislava isn't just a place you visit – it's a city you feel. Its warmth, history, and charm stay with you, while your choice of eco-friendly stays, cycling adventures, and plant-based dining makes your journey part of something bigger. Every step you take here becomes a step toward greener tourism and a lighter footprint for the future.

Wishing you many nice sustainable journeys and wonderful experiences! Safe travels! 🌍💚🌿



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