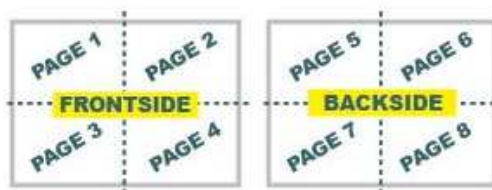




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BRATISLAVA

FREE MAP FOR YOUNG TRAVELLERS

MADE BY LOCALS

ACT LIKE A LOCAL

"Posonium", "Uratisslaburgium", "Wratisslaburgium", "Brezalapurc", "Breziziburch", "Pressburg", "Pozsony", "Istropolis"... During its 2000-year-long history Bratislava has changed more than 25 different names. People from other parts of Slovakia call it "Blava". Please don't do that - we don't like it. If you do use that word, you're officially NOT a local.

The Iron Curtain divided the world into East and West. But actually we like the term "central Europe" better. Do us a favor and try to remember.

If older people sometimes look a bit unfriendly, it might just be that they're not that good or confident in English. Try your best German, Russian or Hungarian. They'll quickly show their warmhearted souls.

Spirits are our friends, too. If we find a fruit, we try to make alcohol out of it. There are spirits made out of pear, plum, juniper berries, cherries... All of those are served as shots next to a beer, preferably. Try it, but don't blame us. Their taste is really strong (38-70% of alcohol), so better start with a half shot at first.

We complain a lot. About everything. No matter if it's the public transport, local architecture, warm weather, cold weather, foggy weather, sunny weather or any other possible issue. We'll even start complaining after the simple question "How is it?"

Be aware that some public transport drivers, shop assistants, waiters, window tellers and other different kinds of people working with people from time to time have a bad day and are not really friendly. Some have this kind of mood more often than the others. Depends also on the level of your demands or the reason you dare to bother them. If you meet with such a reaction, better stop, smile and vanish.

In Bratislava we like free stuff. Almost every weekend there is a free concert or a festival. We enjoy it, so feel free to enjoy it with us. Check the posters around the town or ask a local when the next free festival takes place.

Bratislavans like to practice sports. Football, cycling, skiing (in High Tatras, although that's become a bit expensive for us), swimming in the lakes in summer, running to catch a bus and many more.

We like watching people, commenting them and gossiping. It's not hard to attract our attention, though - an unusual couple, hair colour, high heels, dress... So check out whether you're being checked!

We make fun of every Slovak that doesn't live in Bratislava. They live in "the East", "the Zoo", "the Safari" and we need visa to go there. In fact it's just a friendly teasing.

1 WELCOME TO... OR THE FIRST IMPRESSION

Our main train station ain't exactly the best place for a first impression. It's an old building in communist style with lots of homeless people wandering around. Might be scary, especially when you arrive at night. Please don't flee back home! There's plenty of trolleys and buses leaving from here towards centre. Take bus No. 93 to „Zochova“ stop or 61 to get to the airport. At night all the night buses go once an hour 23:30 - 04:30. Give the city a second chance. And NEVER buy food at the train station!

2 HOMER KNOWS WHERE TO GO

(Mon to Fri 10:00 - 24:00 / Sat 18:00 - 24:00) **U OČKA** („Moc's bar“) will take you back to your student times. It's filled with rock and metal music, prices are just right, beer is good and the feeling even better!

3 EVERY CITY NEEDS A HUB

It is really hard to define **TRNAVSKE MÝTO**. As one of the most important traffic hubs in the city it connects the Old Town with the New Town. There's a famous big old marketplace and the cultural center **ISTROPOLIS** - an old communist building with a cinema that hosts various conferences, fairs, theatre plays and nowadays is loved by skaters for its marble front part. The popular underpass that was recently decorated by the local graffiti elite contains different small shops and fast food. It's always open, but during the night the place is a bit scary with some weird people around.

4 ALL IN ONE

(Every day / from 16:00) **YMCA** is a building with several bars in it: **RANDAL**, **HOPKIRK**, **MAJESTIC MUSIC CLUB**, **COBRA CAFE**. This means there is some night life, every day. Enjoy the outside terrace, a noisy metal pub, a live concert or just a coffee and a book to read. It just depends which door you'll open.

5 PANCAKES

OLIVER

(Mon to Fri / 11:00 - 21:00 / Sun 14:00 - 21:00) The homemade pancakes at **LACINKA** will take you back to the times when you were just tall enough to see your mommy baking pancakes. Typical original communist style comes as a bonus. Pancakes are really cheap: prices start at €0,50 - beat that! The menu is in Slovak but most of the staff can translate it for you. Say thank you by writing a kind note on your paper plate and pin it on the board!

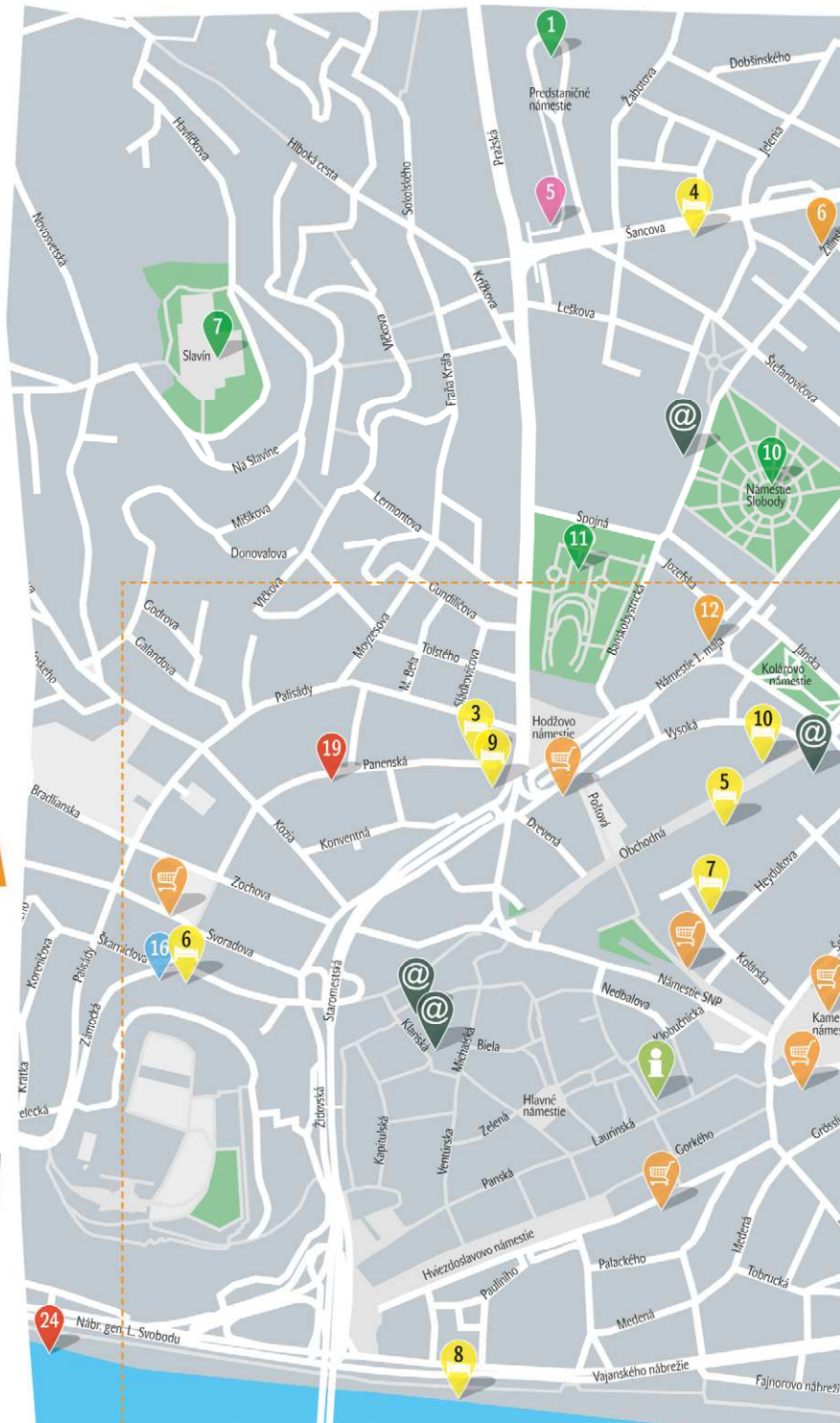
6 FRESH!

(starts really early) In communist times there always was a lack of fresh fruit, bread and even kids food. In fact - if there was a queue outside of a store, people would just go stand in line, because it meant **SOMETHING** had arrived in the store. But markets were usually good places to find what you needed. Of the surviving markets in Bratislava is **TRH ŽILINSKA**. Buy some fresh black bread, fruit, clothes or flowers... all in an old style communist atmosphere.

7 TRIBUTE TO FALLEN SOLDIERS

IČO

SLAVÍN is a memorial and a military cemetery on the „Machnád“ hill with almost 7000 buried Russian Red Army soldiers who died conquering the city in April 1945. A church tower was destroyed by the commies to ensure that no building was higher than this monument. The place offers one of the best views of the city especially when it's dark. It's a nice romantic place as well as a drinking spot for young people. If you don't like long uphill walks: take bus No. 147 from Hodžovo námestie **31** direction „Búdková“ and get off at „Slavín“. On the way down we recommend walking as it's along a calm residential area with a nice view. Don't be afraid to get lost: any way down will do.



SHOCKING!

We complain a lot. About everything. No matter if it's the public transport, local architecture, warm weather, cold weather, foggy weather, sunny weather or any other possible issue. We'll even start complaining after the simple question "Ako sa máš?" (How are you?). It's not just a polite phrase and therefore we expect the true answer. Like it or not, it's the way we are!

We do not drink Coca-Cola, we drink Kofola. If you would like to look like a local at the pub/disco/anywhere ask for Kofola. You can also try the variations like "Kofrum" (rum with kofola) or "Bororo" (Slovak gin with kofola). But be careful with „Kofotiny“ - fake versions of Kofola that have similar names but do not taste the same. Stick with the real stuff!

In Slovakia we produce dozens of beers. And we drink them. A lot. Seriously. So try them, but better don't try to compete with us.

When we drink alcohol we toast by saying "Na zdravie". It's really important to look straight into the eyes of the other person. Looking anywhere else is NOT ok. Also: hit each others glass, and then put it to the table with a gentle knock (only with beer).

Don't be shy and leave a tip. In a bar, it depends on how much you paid, but usually around €0,30 is ok. You don't tip if the waiter wasn't friendly, of course. If you want your change back (also in a taxi) tell them what price you want to pay. For example: if the bill is €3,50 and you want to give a €0,50 tip: say €4 is okay.

Let elderly people sit down in the public transport. It is polite and nice. And besides: if you don't, even the most peacefully-looking grandma might turn into a wild ninja using her walking stick.

YOU'RE BEING CHECKED!

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If you see a dancefloor full of dancing girls, and a bar full of big chested, mostly bald beer-drinking guys, better think twice before taking your chance and inviting a lady to dance.

Girls: construction workers (and men in general) will whistle at you. That's the way it is, and we've learned to live with it. If it doesn't happen you probably have a very bad hair day. They might yell or send air kisses as well. But if they jump off of their scaffolding and come after you: run for your life, that's not normal.

For the English gents coming here to celebrate their stag parties with cheap alcohol. Please feel welcome. We know it's fun to get drunk. But in our local culture destroying statue sand bathing naked in the fountains is not a part of decent behaviour. Cheers!

Most of the restauraunt offers „daily menu“ („Denné menu“) which is communist version of Happy hour. Between 12:00 - 14:00 you can choose from 3 dishes which cost €3 - €4. Soup and one soft drink is included in price.



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8 DRUNK PYRAMID Don't drink and design. If you do so, it may end up like the upside down pyramid of SLOVENSKÝ ROZHLAS (Slovak Radio Broadcast). It's a crazy building, that once was N°12 in a list of the most ugly buildings in the world, but there are often classical music concerts inside. If you carry your suit in your backpack, try it. Some concerts are for free. No suit? Go ahead and take a picture of yourself in front of the building standing on your hands. If you have the guts: post your picture on facebook.com/UseItBratislava. Thanks!

9 TEA WITH THE ELEPHANT (Every day 16:00 - 22:00) ČAJOVŇA U VESELÉHO SLONA (Tearoom At the Happy Elephant) for those who like drinking tea and want to know everything about it. The friendly staff will answer all your questions. They also have a little shop with hundreds of kinds of tea, so you can take your favourite one with you.

10 FEELING OF FREEDOM NAMESTIE SLOBODY is familiarly known as „Gotko“, after the first communist labourers' president Klement Gottwald. It's the biggest square in Bratislava with a surface of 400 m². Except the Government Office of the Slovak Republic that's located on the side, the square's dominant feature is the biggest fountain of the city called „Družba“ (Friendship) in the shape of a linden flower, the symbol of Slovans. The statue of Klement Gottwald that used to be here until 1990 was a fine example of sturdy communist architecture. When we tried to remove it, the foundations proved so solid, that the only solution was to saw it off by the feet. Today the plaza has lost all of its status and popularity and serves as a meeting place for youngsters enjoying their alcohol from the nearby non-stop shop 12. Don't even think about a swim in the fountain: it's been dry since 2007.

11 COLLECTING PRESIDENTS (Summer 07:00 - 21:00 / Winter 08:00 - 18:00). Behind the Palace of the Slovak president lies GRASALKOVIČOVA ZÁHRADA, a historical garden ideal for relaxing, jogging or playing petanque. The trees with memory plates of Slovak presidents and famous world-leading visitors make the garden look a bit like a graveyard from the future. If you stay late enough, an old guy on a bicycle will try to hunt you out with a flashlight. Nice game.



12 24/7 SUPERMARKET If you need to buy something in the middle of the night, this is the right place to go. You'll see the shopkeepers are prepared for everything you might yearn for. The prices may be a little bit higher, but this is the tax for your late night shopping. The nearby square 10 used to be a popular preparation place for before-parties. Recently its popularity has decreased.

13 GARDEN OF LIFE

ONDREJ ZÁHRADA (Every day / 10:00 - 18:00 / open longer in summer) **MEDICKÁ ZÁHRADA** is a breathtaking small park, located right next to the Faculty of Medicine. So perhaps you'll meet a future doctor who will one day save your life. It's one of the favorite drinking places of young people as well as the place for various games. Moreover, there is always something happening. In summer (May till August) there's a nice tea tent, so enjoy the green and the tea. If you are here in June, bear in mind the Gurman (Gourmet) Festival takes place in here, so come hungry.



14 TIME MACHINE (Mon to Fri 10:00 - 23:00 / Sat and Sun 18:00 - 23:00) **OMAMA SHOP CAFE** is a living museum of commerce. The old advertising plaquettes on the wall make it feel like an early 20th century Bratislavan café. There's retro graffiti all over the walls, in German, Hungarian and Slovak as a memory of Austro-Hungarian times. If the sun is shining the terrace in the back is like a piece of heaven in the middle of Bratislava. Walk around the corner to see the **RICHTAR JAKUB** brewery. Daily menu for €3,60.

15 MOVIE GOURMANDS Movie club **NOSTALGIA** freshly moved to an old cinema building. It's a bit outside of the Old Town, but they are playing mostly foreign movies in English. And the best part: it's only €3 a movie. Programme: www.nostalgia.sk.

16 KING'S TEA (Every day / 15:00 - 23:00) Tea traditions are very popular with young Bratislavans, so we have a lot of „čajovňa“ (tea houses). **ČAJOVŇA NA ZAMOCKEJ** is the oldest and the most popular one. Good tea, interesting people and if you're lucky you'll meet the owner's nice big dog.

5 MINUTES OF HISTORY

KNOW MORE THAN THE LOCALS!
(thumb up/thumb down icon or both according to whether the fact is positive or negative)

2nd century BC.
In the area of today's Bratislava Celts formed an important oppidum (fortified town) which became famous for its coin minting. Each coin carried an inscription, usually BIATEC - which was also minted on our ex currency coin, the 5-Slovak crown one.

8th century
Bratislava Castle 71 as well as Devin Castle are important centres of the Principality of Nitra and since 833 of Great Moravia. The first written reference to the city (as Brezalauspurc meaning Old-time Castle) appears in 907.

11-12 centuries
Many attacks on the city. Beside others, the German king Henry III intended to conquer Bratislava. Although the city kept resisting for many years, finally the poor thing ended up all damaged.

1465
The first University in Bratislava was founded - Academia Istropolitana located on Ventúrska street (close to 35). It only existed until 1490, when the King of Hungary died. Nowadays it's the seat of the Faculty of Theatre. As a memory, there's a little planet Istropolitana named after the University.

1536
Thanks to its favourable location and strong fortification, the city became the capital of the Kingdom of Hungary. It became the seat of the aristocracy, the church, the king, the archbishop and the most important country's institutions.

16th century
Protestantism reached the Kingdom of Hungary. The majority of Bratislava's citizens converted to Protestantism.

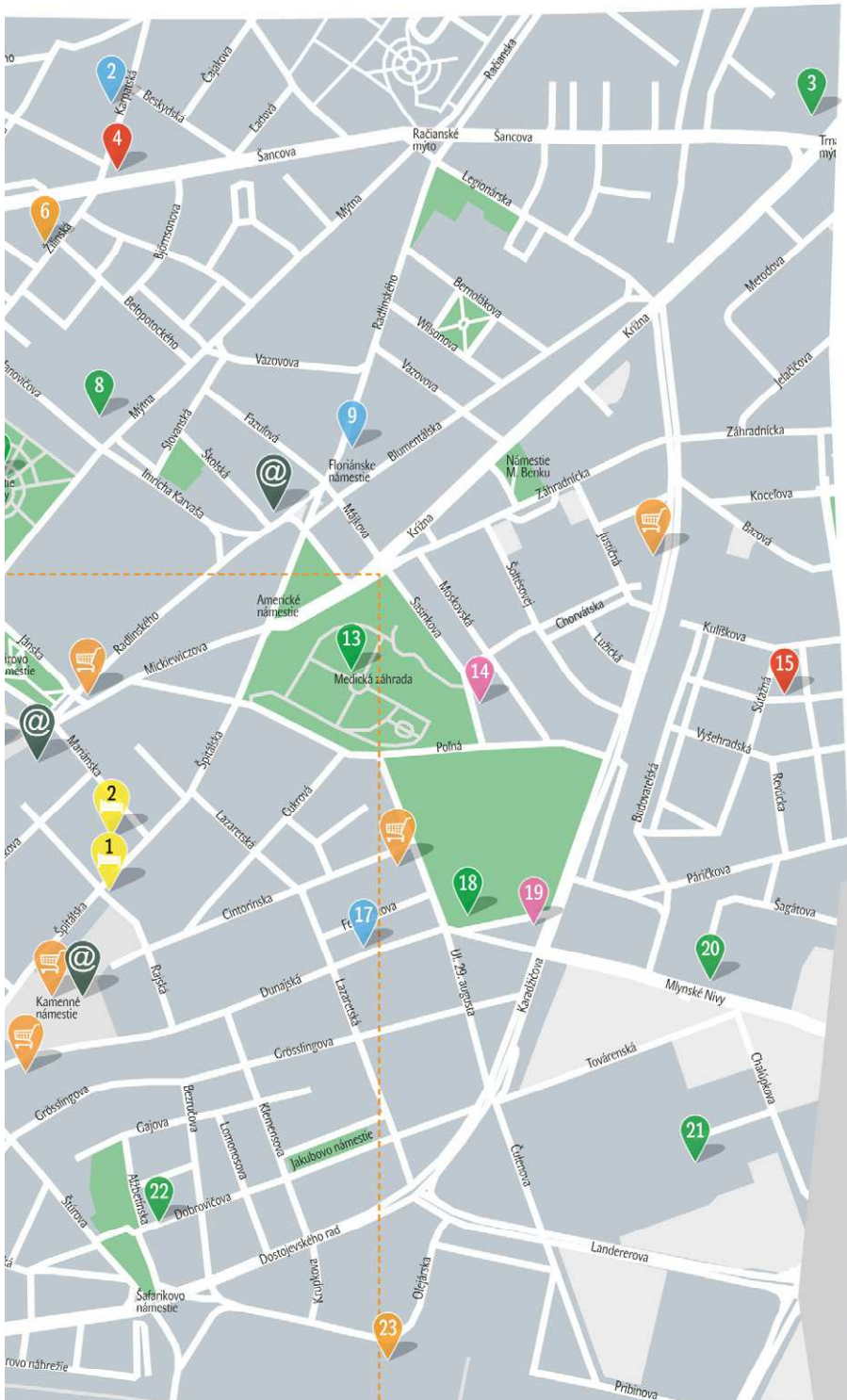
17th century
Catastrophic century! The city suffered from several floods (mainly in 1622), big fires (1642, 1647, 1660) and the plague epidemics (Plague column close to 76)

1740-1780
The blooming of the city was definitely during the reign of Maria Theresa, the Queen of Hungary and Bohemia. She was one of 11 kings and queens crowned in St. Martin's Cathedral 74 in years 1536-1830.

1805
The Peace of Pressburg (Bratislava) was signed between France and Austria. It didn't last long, though. In 1809 Napoleon's army bombarded the city, Devin Castle was turned into ruins, the castle burned down in 1811 and remained derelict until 1950.

1843
Ludovít Štúr, the famous politician, poet, journalist, publisher, teacher, philosopher, and last but not least - linguist - codified the present-day Slovak language based on central Slovak dialect. The very popular café 40 was named after him.

1895
Opening of the city's electric railway (tram), one of the first in Europe.



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- ### HOSTELS
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|---|--|
| 1 Hostel Blues
Špitálska 2205/2 | 6 Art Hostel Taurus
Zámocká 24-26 |
| 2 Patio Hostel
Špitálska 35 | 7 A1 Hostel Bratislava
Heydukova 1 |



SOUVENIRS

If you want to buy a souvenir please make us a favor and do NOT buy stuff like „Matryoshka“ (wooden dolls placed one inside the other) or fur hat with red star. It is typical tourist trap and you will look like idiot with no idea about Slovakia. Rather buy some of this stuff:

Wood carved "noise maker" called **RAPKÁČ** is typical for our sport fans. It was used as substitution for church bells. It can be from 10cm to one meter long.

ŠÚPOLIENKA dolls. These small dolls are made of 'šúpolie' (corn leaves). It is impressive what can be done from such a „rubbish“. Products made of wire are also traditional for us. For example a little hook for a towel is easy to pack, practical and nice to see on your wall.

Good present is also **PERNÍK**, our own version of gingerbread. But be careful, the tasty are the ones with just white topping. The ones with 256-colors topping are good to hang on the wall, but not so much for eating.

Slovak alcohol - **MEDOVINA** is made of honey and it's very sweet, weak but tasty. You can drink it hot or cold. Another one is **BOROVÍČKA**. After drinking it you may feel coniferous forest in your mouth and fire in your throat. New, but very popular alcohol is **TATRA TEA**: it's not a cheap one, but sweet with different flavours and power from 22% to 72%. The cheapest bottles are in hypermarkets.

WHERE TO BUY
On special occasions there are markets at „Hlavné námestie“ (in front of 66) or „Hviezdoslavovo námestie“ (around 77, 78). When the weather is nice, at the bridge of Michael's gate there are few local artists selling their products like beautiful enamel earrings, wooden toys or decorations. But be careful, not everything what is said to be hand made is really hand made.

If nothing of mentioned work, go to the Tesco store in MY Bratislava at Kamenné námestie (opposite to 58) and opposite to main entrance, behind the escalators, there is a small shop with souvenirs, much cheaper than ones from main street.

MINI DICTIONARY

Ahoj. - Hello.
Ďakujem (pekne). - Thank You (very much).
Slovan je najlepší.
- Slovan is the best.





- 1 Špitálska 2205/2
- 2 **Patio Hostel**
Špitálska 35
- 3 **Downtown Backpackers Hostel**
Panenská 31
- 4 **Hostel Posonium**
Šancova 20
- 5 **City Hostel Bratislava**
Obchodná 38
- 6 Zámocká 24-26
- 7 **A1 Hostel Bratislava**
Heydukova 1
- 8 **Botel Gracia**
Rázusovo nábrežie
- 9 **Hostel Petit**
Suché myto 19
- 10 **Hyde Park Hostel**
Obchodná 53

MINI DICTIONARY

Ahoj. - Hello.
 Ďakujem (pekne). - Thank You (very much).
 Prosím. - Please.
 Dobré, Hústé. - o.k. / Good.
 Poď so mnou na izbu. - Let's go to my room.
 Máš pekný zadok. - You have a nice ass.
 Jedno pivo. Dve. Tri. Štyri. - One beer. Two. Three. Four.
 Stratil som sa. - I am lost.
 Mate študentskú zľavu? - Do you have a student discount?
 Máte to zadarmo? - Is it for free?
 No nič. Idem ja na kafe. - Well then, I am going for a coffee.

Slovan je najlepši.
 - Slovan is the best.

Aké je vstupné / lístok?
 - How much is the entrance fee / ticket?

Hoj. No - Yes.
 Necece - No.

- 17 **ENGLISHMAN IN BRATISLAVA**
 (Every day / 10:00 - 02:00) Shane came from Ireland to Bratislava and gave us **GOBLINS PUB**. He managed to join a pub with karaoke and a teahouse. There's always some foreigners having conversations over a glass of Guinness or some other refreshing beverage.
- 18 **SLOVAK ROBINSON**
 The **ONDREJSKÝ CINTORÍN** cemetery was founded in 1784 and lies on the border of the old and the new city part. It's full of wonderful neo-gothic, neo-renaissance and classical gravestones. The most legendary neo-gothic grave belongs to the Slovak Robinson Crusoe, Karol Jetting. He shipwrecked during a voyage to Senegal in 1760 and survived 9 months on a deserted island. If you don't know all the famous and important Slovaks that are buried here, you can also just use the cemetery as a park to find a bit of temporary peace in your heart.
- 19 **WORKING CLASS**
 (Mon to Fri 08:00 - 16:30) Want cheap lunch like our Slovak mums would prepare it? Don't mind standing while eating? Try **UOR-BÁNA**. This is the true „jedáleň“ (old-style canteen) atmosphere. People didn't mind standing, because it was fast and practical. This is one of the few restaurants like this left, and you'll be surrounded by builders, grannies, and businessmen in suits. Like this place? Try **70**.

- 20 **CONNECTING POINT**
 The 70' architecture of **AUTOBUSOVÁ STANICA MLYNSKÉ NIVY** will probably never win a design award, but it is the main hub for bus travels from and to Bratislava. There are connections with the main train station **1** (trolley bus 210) and the city centre (bus 70, trolley buses 202, 204, 208). You won't get bored in here - there are boutiques, fast food shops, luggage storage, homeless people, smugglers and other dangerous folks. Take care of your wallet and don't leave your stuff unattended.
- 21 **ONE METRO STOP**
 Bratislava has one metro stop. We know it's absurd. We started building in 1985, finished one year later, then in 1988 started again and stopped for good in 1990.

- 22 **MÓJ DOM - MÓJ BAR**
MY HOUSE - MY BAR
BEBE
 (Mon - Fri 08:00 - 22:00 / Sat 10:00 - 22:00 / Sun closed)
 Step out of the downtown noise and enter the home. Mój dom - Mój bar (**MY HOUSE - MY BAR**) is the place. Family atmosphere, helpful and smiling staff, homelike decoration, homemade lemonades and snacks, long wine card and ... have you ever seen a popcorn sheep?

- 23 **SHOPPING MALL + NEW RIVER BANK**
MICHAL
 (Every day / 10:00 - 22:00 / cinema and bars longer) The new shopping mall **EUROVEA** is the same kind of the mall you can find all over Europe. However it's unique for being next to the Slovak National Theatre and the statue of Slovak politician-diplomat-astronomer Milan Rastislav Štefánik and a 6-ton lion with the sign of Czechoslovakia which was removed from a place where it stood for over 20 years. The renewed river side has lots of bars, all pretty posh and expensive, but the workout machines and the green grass are for free. So you can either lay down lazily or train your muscles, with a view of the river.

- 25 **UFO**
 (Every day / viewpoint 10:00 - 23:00 / restaurant 12:00 - 23:00 / adults €6,50 / students €3,25) Visit the symbol of Bratislava. The top floor offers an incredible view of the old city centre and. This 85 meter tall communist masterpiece is nowadays one of the most expensive restaurants in the city. Forget about eating here, just ask for a cup of tea or go directly up to the viewpoint. But do make sure to stop for a pee. Boys may be more at ease with the excess of floor-glass than girls, but it will definitely be an incredible experience whatever gender you belong to.

- 26 **JANKO KRÁL'S ORCHARD**
 Relax and enjoy the nature in **SAD JANKA KRÁLA**, the park named after our famous Slovak writer. It's one of the oldest public parks in Europe and looks almost the same as in 1839. Have a seat in your own Zodiac sign-circle or take a picture of yourself in the former church tower (hard to find but totally worth getting lost a bit). Or just lay down on the grass and let the green calm you, meditate, refresh in one of the sprinkler systems, have a picnic or play frisbee. There's enough space for everyone.

- 27 **RIVER BEACH**
 (Summer only) During the summer half of Bratislava's citizens are laying around on **T-COM PLÁŽ**, an artificial beach on the south bank of the Danube. It's a great place to sunbathe and chill out but there's also plenty of sports equipment to be used for just a deposit. Nice addition: the home training bikes with a view on the river.



31 LUXURIOUS HOME

Guess who lives in this roomy house? **GRASALKOVIČOV** or **PREZIDENTSKÝ PALÁC**, built for count Anton Grassalkovich in 1760, is currently the home of our President, Ivan Gašparovič. Situated on Hodžovo námestie which is another traffic hub and meeting place. However, because of its previous name "Mierové" (Peace) square, we often call it "Mierko". Some also say "Hodžko" from the present name. In front of the palace you can observe the "Fountain of Peace" and behind it there's a peaceful garden 11.

32 SALUTE!

(Mon to Fri 11:00 - 23:00 / Weekends 12:00 - 23:00) **U MAJORA ZEMANA** looks a bit different than you'd expect from a pizza place, but sometimes sacrificing everything for style is a great idea. Flash back to the time when secret police and army observed every aspect of ordinary peoples lives... Staff could be a little more flexible, but the beer and food is just great.

33 ALTERNATIVE SHOPPING

(ART FORUM on to Fri 10:00 - 20:00 / Sat 09:00 - 14:00, KOMPOT Mon to Thu 10:30 - 19:00 / Fri 10:30 - 18:00) If you're bored with those big malls that all look the same, Panenská street is an up-and-coming street with some interesting small shops. Visit **ART FORUM** for a good collection of art books (mostly in Slovak, of course), some cd's and a small café. **KOMPOT** offers T-shirts sold in glass jars, original Slovak souvenirs and totally useless but funny items like a pig-flu toy, all designed by young local designers. If you are lucky enough you will see the "Dobry trh" street market that takes place every now and then. **NEXT APACHE** is a good bar for after shopping drinks: good coffee and lots of second hand books (also in English).

34 OLDEST GAY CLUB

(Men only / Mon, Tue, Thu 18:00 - 03:00 / Wed, Fri, Sat 20:00 - 05:00 / Sun 20:00 - 01:00 / Disco from 22:00) **APOLON GAY CLUB** is the oldest gay club in Bratislava. Lots of famous Bratislavan actors and artists who don't want to present their orientation publicly can be spotted on the theme party nights held here. Even if there's a lot of gay people in Bratislava, the city is still a bit homophobic. Kissing on the street isn't dangerous, but you might get some strange stares or people saying stupid things. Don't worry - it will be in Slovak, so you won't understand anyway.

35 COOL DOWN

(Depends on café, at least daily 10:30 - 19:00). **GREENTREE CAFE** won a prize for the best Bratislava coffee shop in 2011 and 2012. Rightly so: they have the best homemade ice cream in Bratislava in summer and perfect coffee in winter. It looks a bit posh but prices are ok - that's why we like it.

36 TRADITIONAL PUB

(Mon to Thu 10:00 - 24:00 / Fri to Sat 10:00 - 02:00 / Sun 12:00 - 24:00) If you ask 10 passers-by for a typical bar/restaurant, 10 would send you to this **SLOVAK PUB**. With all the historical portraits and shabby wooden furniture it's the ultimate traditional pub. There's even a room named after "Jánošík", the famous Slovak Carpathian Highwayman from the early 18th century. His motto was to rob the rich and give the loot to the poor and he's the star of many novels and films. There's often more tourists than locals here, and you may have to wait a bit, but at least they serve some national dishes and real Kofola. All in all, still a must.

37 RELAXING WITH WINE

(Mon to Sat 14:00 - 02:00 / Sunday 16:00 - 02:00) Apart from beer and hard alcohol we also produce decent wine in Slovakia. Don't believe us? Just go downstairs into **SPIRIT OF WINE** to try good quality Slovak and Czech wines for a good price (2zl for €1). You'll meet many people looking for the truth in wine, so help each other searching.

38 DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY

(Closed on Sun). All electronic music freaks are welcome in the small **RADOŠŤ** (Happiness) music club, for house, fidget, dubstep, uk funky, techno,... Have some shisha to get in the right mood.

39 FEEL FRENCH IN BRATISLAVA

(Mon to Fri 10:00 - 22:00 / Weekends 10:00 - 20:00) Get into

45 ALWAYS WELCOME

(24/7) Ever found yourself too wasted but not ready to go home yet? Well, at that moment of the night, **STORM** is the right bar. Open nonstop with the real Kofola and cheap shots. And if you are not that wasted, go to play some PC games in the internet space downstairs.

46 GET ON BOARD

(Mon to Sat / 10:00 - 24:00 / Sun 12:00 - 24:00) Step into the big hallway and follow every stair you find to end up on the top level floor of **FLAGSHIP**. This giant restaurant with its old dark brown wooden cinema interior is an excellent place to try some traditional Slovak food. Ask for the garlic soup in bread and don't forget to eat your bowl as well!

47 POETIC OASIS

DOMINIKA

(Summer Mon to Sun 09:00 - 19:00) If you are visiting our city from May to September, have a seat at the reading garden **U ČERVENÉHO RAKA** (At a Red Crawfish). These former city trenches are now a quiet oasis where you can sometimes listen to a Slovak literature reading or a live concert. Listening to literature may even be more relaxing if you don't understand what's being said, so don't let your poor knowledge of Slovak hold you back. On the bridge above there's a couple of tourist souvenir sellers. Some of them are artists who sell beautiful handmade stuff, others just sell mass-production. You decide. Getting there is a bit tricky: the small brown entrance gate is behind the corner next to Havana restaurant/bar.

48 MICHAEL'S GATE

(Tue to Fr 10:00 - 17:00 / Weekends 11:00 - 18:00 / adults € 4,30 / students € 2,50). **MICHAEL'S GATE** is a tourist classic that houses the weapon museum and the pharmacy museum. But the real reason to go here is the view you can get from the tower. There's a saying that when a single woman walks through the gate she should be quiet or she will never get married. So girls SHHH! Stop gossiping for a while! And if you wonder how far you are from home, check the floor.

49 CHEESE PARADISE

(Every day / 11:00 - 20:00) In Slovakia we have a long tradition of making cheese from sheep milk. The most famous ones are Bryndza, Oštiepok and Korbáčik. At **RAJ SYROV** they have them all, plus Dutch cheese, French Brie and Italian pesto cheese. Cheese freaks, over here!

50 THE NARROWEST HOUSE

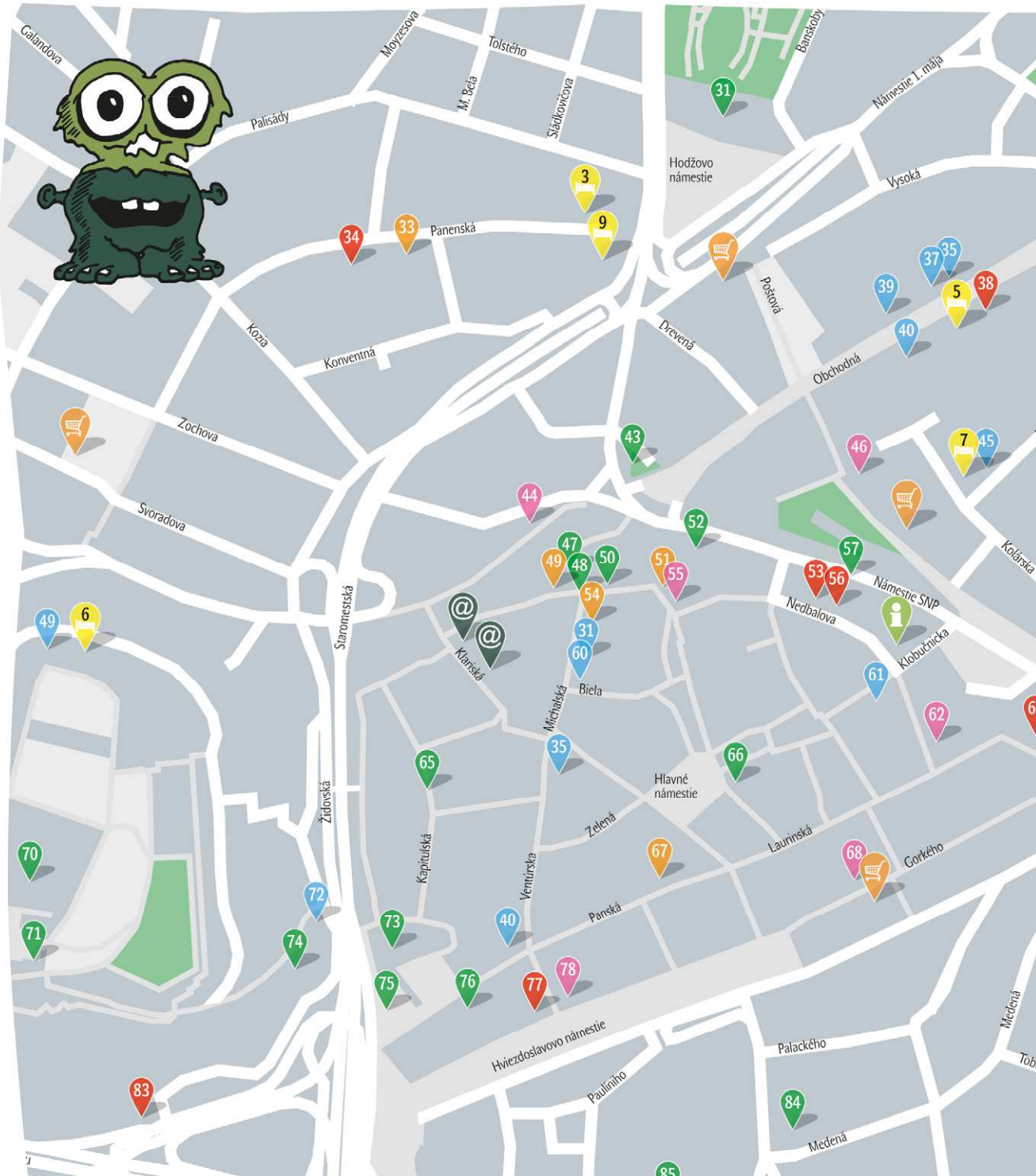
House number 15 next to Michael's gate is the narrowest house in Bratislava. It was only 1,30m wide. Imagine living here with the family: must be like playing Twister 24/7.

51 HANDMADE BEAUTY

Want to take home a unique Slovak souvenir? **KRÁSA VESMÍRNA** is full of beautiful jewellery, cute knitted teddies, cactuses, mushrooms, ducks, storks, deer and other crazy stuff, all handmade with love.

52 ART DECO POST OFFICE

(Mon to Fri 07:00 - 20:00 / Sat 07:00 - 18:00 / Sun 09:00 - 14:00) As you've probably noticed Bratislava is not only about commie architecture. There's also some really impressive old places. Some of them are hidden gems though. This **Hlavná Pošta** (Main Post Office) is not exactly the prettiest from the outside, but just enter to buy a stamp for the postcard you'll buy later. Now enjoy the beautiful Art Deco inner hall. Free sightseeing!



funky, techno... Have some shisha to get in the right mood.

39 FEEL FRENCH IN BRATISLAVA

(Mon to Fri 10:00 – 22:00 / Weekends 10:00 – 20:00) Get into **ST. GERMAIN BISTRO** to escapethe busy streets. This stylish vintage café is hidden in one of the courtyards and it's a perfect place to have a lavender lemonade (€1,50). Make sure to pay a visit to the toilet, with its wonderful vintage flower-decorated porcelain washing basin you'll want to pack into your backpack!

40 LEARN OLD SLOVAK

(Every day / 10:00 – 21:00) At **SHTOOR** the beautiful girls and boys of Bratislava serve homemade ginger lemonade, mango cheesecake, homemade sandwiches, coffee and tea to other beautiful girls and boys of Bratislava. It's such a success that there's already three SHTOOR cafes. At the one on Obchodná Street you can even grab a book as it's located inside a big book store, with a nice view on the busy street. The place is named after the man who codified the Slovak grammar, based on the central Slovak dialect, that's why we think the menu in old Slovak is hilarious. The one in English is just a menu, though.

41 PIECE OF MOTHER RUSSIA

(Mon to Fri 07:30 – 22:00 / Weekends 08:30 – 12:00) It's all about style. Cafe bar **U PIONIERA** looks like a museum of communism. It's packed with the stuff that was typical when we were growing up: Rubic's cubes, oldschool radios, phones, walkmans and lots of other retro stuff. Perfect place for a cheap breakfast (€2-3) or some Slovak snacks: "Chrumky" peanut crisps or the perfect backpacker snack "Horalka". Thirsty? Have an elderberry lemonade or a typical socialist yellow lemonade. All served by nice staff.

42 LUNCH BETWEEN TWO LIONS

(Mon to Fri 10:00 – 22:00 / Weekends 11:00 – 22:00) **U DVOCH LEVOV** consists of three parts: the first one is a regular pub, the second is a restaurant and the third one is a terrace with two lions made of stone. If you're lucky you can witness girls fighting in a mud pool. If not, hopefully you'll catch at least a live sport match at the TV. Daily lunch (11:30 – 14:30) costs €3,29 (+ coffee €0,59). We recommend the „Misa hladného pivára /pre 3-4 osoby/“ which is more than a kilogram of pure meat pleasure (€8). Swallow it with an XXL beer (one liter of pleasure for €2,50).

43 BACK TO CHILDHOOD

This place is that kind of little thing that makes your life a bit happier for a while. We won't tell you what exactly to look for or what to do here. Just let your mind be childish for a while and forget about what other people will think about you. Don't worry, nobody knows you here anyway. Just one hint: Jingle Bells.

44 AFTERPARTY

(Mon to Thu 09:30 – 05:00 / Fri to Sat 09:30 – 06:00 / Sun 19:00 – 04:00) Thrown out of a bar and still in party mode? **CHANNELS** is one of the few options to continue the party till early morning. It's lightly pricey and the staff may be a bit arrogant during peak hours, but at this time you cannot be choosy. It might look small but it goes deep.

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53 CULTURAL CENTRE OR A PUB?

ADAM

(Every day / 16:00-00:00 / sometimes longer) From the outside **KC DUNA** looks like an abandoned haunted building. That's actually what it used to be until recently when some young people with good ideas changed it into a bar / exhibition space / alternative party place. Take the scary elevator to the fourth floor to check it out. During the day it's a nice bar with a perfect view of the city centre. At night the place changes into an alternative party place with a soundtrack skipping from electro swing to afro and everything in between. There's also workshops, discussions and movies. But try to go to one of the retro parties with barbabapa, nintendo, old movies and even typewriters. If you manage to get in, that is, because the place is getting really popular...

54 VINTAGE AND SECOND HAND

SABINA

(Mon to Fri 11:00 – 18:00 / Weekends 13:00 – 17:00) Wanna own a Slovak grandma bracelet, some nice earrings, a unique handbag or a stylish vintage dress? Then don't miss this cute little second hand shop **NOX SECOND HAND** in the heart of the city. Vintage lovers shouldn't miss this.

55 ROMANTIC RESTAURANT

(Daily 11:00 – 23:00) **PRAŠNÁ BAŠTA** is a nice and calm restaurant, which makes it a good hideout from the crowded Old Town and an ideal place for a romantic dinner. It's a bit more expensive, but hey – romance usually come with a price.

56 SPACE ZERO

(Tue to Sun 10:00–18:00) Great Slovak artists like Palo Hammel, Janko Lehotský or Boris Filan were partying here back in the 60's and 70's when it was known as „Večko“ and used to be the best party place. Today, the name has changed to A4 and it's become a centre for contemporary art, new media, performing arts, experimental theatre, dance, classic and electronic music and film from Slovakia and abroad.

57 A PLACE TO REMEMBER

NÁMESTIE SNP was dedicated to the Slovak National Uprising. It was built as a symbol of victory of the Red Army against the Nazis. Ironically, the biggest protests during the Velvet Revolution of 1989 took place here so today it is actually more a symbol of the failure of communism. There's still statues from that era, so you can feel the atmosphere of old times. But for today's Bratislavans it's become a meeting place where we go for festivals or to celebrate another ice hockey victory.



58 GOD IS EVERYWHERE

NATALIYA

Bratislava's motto is „Little big city“. Pretty accurate. **KOSTOL SV. LADISLAVA** church is also small, but that's what makes it so special. Nevertheless, it's full of golden paintings. If you're eager to pray, the Sunday service at 11:00 is also available in English. The church doesn't look like a church at first sight, but the entrance is in a white building on the other side of the tram stop at Kamenné námestie (MY Bratislava).

59 SLOW DOWN A BIT

(Mon to Fri 9:00 – 23:00 / Sat 16:00 – 23:00 / Sun 16:00 – 22:00) Mankind has always wondered what the meaning of life is. Have a cup of coffee from anywhere in the world at **AXIOMA** and grab a book. Maybe the answer is in there. There's even books in the toilet here and all of them are for sale for 1€. They have stylish steampunk tables on the terrace. But if you can't stand smokers: stay away.

60 BEER ME UP, BUTTERCUP

(Sun to Thu 15:00 – 01:00 / Fri to Sat 15:00 – 02:00) We sure are proud of our Slovak beers, but we also like the Czech ones that are served at **KRISTIAN**. In this bar they follow the proper rules on how to chill and pour a decent beer. Prices are ok and thanks to the good atmosphere (somewhere between a village pub and a city bar) this is one of the few places in the city centre that has more locals than tourists. Nice.

61 HAVE A REST AND A BEER

(Every day) Tired of sightseeing? Sit down in one of the comfortable sofas and armchairs at **LA PUTIKA** and have your choice from a big selection of English and Belgian beers.

62 ROLL ME OVER

(Mon to Fri / 11:00 – 18:00) Don't have time for big lunch and need something fast to kill your hunger? Have some crepes from the window at **FUNKI PUNKI**. Don't worry if there's a small queue of young people waiting: the waiters are fast and friendly. They also have a lunch menu and crepes without wheat suitable for coeliacs.

63 LATE NIGHT DINNER

(Mon to Fri 15:00 – 06:00 / Sat and Sun 17:00 – 06:00) **MALÍ FRANTIŠKÁNI** is the best you can get when you're hungry at 3am after a night of partying in the centre. Have a pizza or a meaty dish (around €4) and then continue the party in the ancient candle-lit cellar downstairs with the resident DJs.

64 NEED A GIFT?

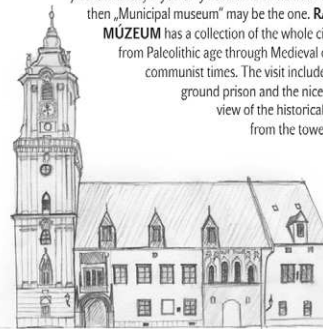
If your home is full of cups with different flags, your wardrobe includes T-shirts with I (heart) Randomcity and your fridge is full of magnets and postcards, try **U ŠELMY ZUBATEJ** shop. If you want to be sure to buy the real handmade stuff, have a look at the workshop at the corner. Most of the stuff sold here is made there and the seller is also the artist.

65 FORGOTTEN STREET

Stone flooring, antique houses, no people and beautiful scenery: that's the image of the oldest street in the city founded between 1204-1221, **KAPITULSKÁ**, located just behind 74. Almost the entire street is owned by the Church, there never was any bar and it hasn't changed much over time.

66 BRATISLAVA ORIGINS

(Tue to Fri 10:00 – 17:00 / Weekends 11:00 – 18:00 / adults €5 / students €2) If you only have time to visit one museum, then „Municipal museum“ may be the one. **RADNIČNÉ MÚZEUM** has a collection of the whole city history from Palaeolithic age through Medieval days until the communist times. The visit includes the underground prison and the nice panorama view of the historical city centre from the tower.



67 JUST A CHERRY ON THE TOP

(Mon to Fri 09:00 – 22:00 / Weekends 11:00 – 22:00) **BON-BON** offers you a piece of chocolate heaven on earth. Not cheap, but definitely worth it. Try some of the hot chocolate they offer in different tastes. Chocolate fondue is highly recommended!

68 BEER & VEGAN FOOD & STEAK

(Every day) The name speaks for itself: **BEER PALACE** is the kind of place you go to enjoy the different kinds of beer. But they also offer healthy food and there's even some vegan dishes on the menu! But more importantly, the tartar beefsteak. Will you dare?

69 DANCING RESTAURANT

(Mon to Fri 11:00 – 01:00) During the day **LÚČNICA KLUB** is a typical folk restaurant in the city centre. But at night the place changes into a party place. Especially on Thursday evenings when young people from folk groups are coming here for crazy parties with Slovak folk music, singing, drinking and dancing. Have a go at our national songs and dances.

70 THE CASTLE

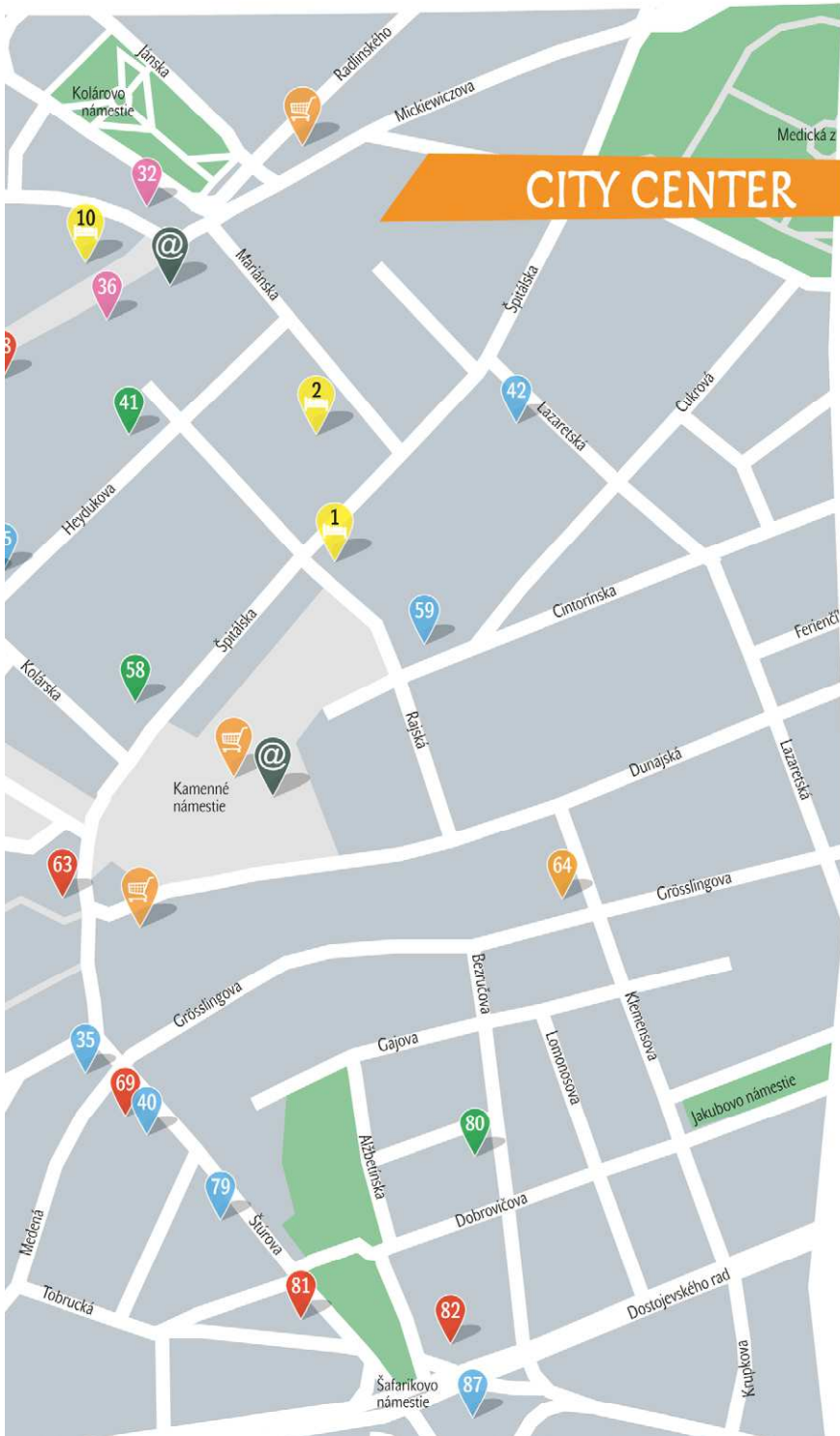
The history of Bratislava Castle starts in the year 907, when it was mentioned for the first time. As a key economic and administrative frontier city, Bratislava (and its castle) was seized multiple times during the history: it burned down twice and had to be reconstructed five times. Nowadays the upside-down table shape is the most important part of the city's skyline. When you feel like you need a bit of exercise, take a walk up the hill: within a few minutes you will be rewarded with a beautiful view of the city. Inside the castle you will find the museum of Slovak history (Closed on Mon / Winter 09:00 – 16:15 / Summer 10:00 – 17:30 / adults €4 / students €2).



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79 COMMUNIST CANTEN
(Mon to Fri 10:00 - 22:00 / Sat 12:30 - 22:00) If you want to know what communism looked like, **KARMINA** is a good and authentic place to visit. Have some traditional Slovak food and eat it while standing among and meeting all sorts of locals.

80 A LITTLE PIECE OF HEAVEN
You might think you ended up in a fairytale about the smurfs. The name **MODRY KOSTOL** (Blue Church) says it all. Only a few people know that it's actually called the Church of St. Elizabeth. It was built in 1907 in Hungarian Art Nouveau style. Don't forget to enter: the inside is equally pretty and cake-y. The nearby gymnasium Grösslingova used to be blue as well, but two years ago someone decided it should be orange. Whatever.

81 CATCH THAT SPIRIT
(Sun and Mon closed, Tue to Sat 20:00 - 6:00) **NUSPIRIT CLUB** is not a mainstream disco. It's THE club with good funky and groovy music like nowhere else in Bratislava. There's nujazz, nudance, deephouse, r'n'b and live concerts. Most famous is the M.I.E. (music is everything) house party with international DJ's. The famous Slovak drum'n'bass DJ B-complex and jazz player Oskár Róza and the Austrian musician Parov Stelar sometimes perform here.

82 ROCK IS OK
(Mon to Thu 11:00 - 04:00 / Fri to Sun 18:00 - 05:00) During the day **ROCK OK** is a cheap restaurant where students from the Comenius University across the street come for good pizza. At night, they come back for live music. Happy hour with any pizza for €3,50 till 16:00 and 0,5L beer for €0,95 till 18:00. OK?

83 CLUB UNDER THE CASTLE
(Thu to Sun 22:00 - 05:00 / entrance usually €3) **SUBCLUB** is built in an old atomic shelter, right under the castle. It's the best place to meet the Bratislava alternative scene. There's always 100% non-commercial music, whether it's dubstep, d'n'b, reggae, indie (last Sat of the month is dedicated to indie hits), techno, ... Sometimes there are concerts: Icelandic pop like Kira Kira, soundscapes by Valgeir Sigurdsson or a live set by dubstep-meister Kode9. You can drink, dance and even play table football, all under our No. 1 touristic attraction and in front of the Danube river.

84 CLASSICAL MUSIC
Built at the beginning of the 20th century, the **REDUTA** building is the home of the Slovak Philharmonic. It was reconstructed in 2011 so if you're a fan of classical music, give it a go. Otherwise, try to count all the ornaments on the outside.

85 CONSTRUCTION OF DESTRUCTION SLOVAK NATIONAL GALLERY is one of the most controversial buildings in Slovakia. It's also one of the ugliest galleries in the world. The original building exists since 1948, but in 1979 the architect V. Dedecik started his work on it. The international architect community think it's a masterwork, but most Slovaks think it's just a huge metallic monster that destroyed our nice gallery. Luckily, the exhibitions are usually more interesting than the building. (Tue to Sun 10:00 - 18:00 / Thu 10:00 - 20:00 / adults €3,50 / students €1,30)

86 UNDER THE BRIDGE
Under the **MOST SNP** („SNP Bridge“) there's a big bus station, but not only that. Every year during the summer street art festival artists paint the walls under the bridge, so there's always lots of new graffiti. It's like a free open air museum full of anti-politics posters, pictures of famous Slovaks and expressions of love.

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SLOVAK FOOD

DUMPLINGS WITH SHEEP CHEESE (BRYNDZOVÉ HALUŠKY)

is our national food from very many years ago when there was no Bratislava, no city, just shepherds, chalets and pasturing sheep. Try the meal of our ancestors and imagine yourself in the herd of sheep grazing fresh-green Slovak pastures. Potato dumplings (gnocchi-like) with special sheep cheese provides you an unexpected taste you have never had before. Comes with fried bacon for predators, or without for vegetarians. If you want to have a real authentic experience, combine it with natural sour milk („zákvas“) to drink. Available in almost every restaurant for €3-€5. Try in [46, 36](#).

COD IN MAYONNAISE (TRESKA V MAJONÉZE) became popular during our communist history among the working class. It consists of mixed fish with some carrots and spices dipped in mayonnaise. One portion available for €0,70 in every supermarket. This salad must be eaten with a special soft roll "rožok". This piece of pastry is extremely popular in Slovakia, especially for its price, around €0,09. But if you are lucky you find retro-fastfood „Lahôdky“ (communist version of fast food) and enjoy this meal in an authentic environment, preferably standing. Try in [19](#).

FRIED CHEESE (VYPRAŽANÝ SYR)

Absolute must for everyone prepared to enjoy the most popular meal in Slovakia. Fried cheese became a cult during the Czechoslovak socialist republic: a paradise in the mouth of the working class as well as Communist party members. Today it's still the most desired option among students. Served with french fries or potatoes and tatar sauce in every budget restaurant for €3 - €5. Suitable for vegetarians, but optionally with a slice of ham included. Fully recommended with a glass of beer or kofola.

TATAR BEEFSTEAK (TATARÁK)

Even if it's Hungarian, we've adopted this dish - it's a beefsteak made of minced raw beef. That's why you should eat it at your own risk, but it's definitely worth it! Try in [69](#).

CABBAGE SOUP (KAPUSTNICA)

is a Slovak thick soup traditionally prepared at the end of the year - for Christmas and New Year's Eve. Kapustnica can be prepared in a lot of ways and may contain smoked meat, sausages, mushrooms and even plums. It could be thickened with white plain halušky (gnocchi-like), cream and potatoes. Other soups we enjoy: Garlic soup (cesnačka) and Onion soup (Cibuľačka). Try in [46, 36](#).

ŽEMLOVKA

It's a sweet pudding made from apples (or pears) and white bread steeped in sweetened milk or eggs. Do not forget to have your „žemlovka“ poured with syrpu!

TRDELNÍK

is a traditional Central European dessert. It is made of rolled dough, wrapped around a stick, then grilled and topped with sugar and walnut mix, vanilla or cinnamon. If you have a choice, grab the "Škalicý trdelník" which is sold in little stands, mostly during festivals. It is usually the best one and its special recipe is also registered by the European Union.

KORBÁČIK

original handmade string cheese from the Orava region. You can find it in the shape of woven strings. It is usually remarkably salty or smoked. They can be either bought in the supermarkets or little wooden stands. Try in [50](#).



PRACTICAL INFO



The price of a **TAXI** should be around €5 - €10 for a trip from the main train station to the bus station (€3 starting fee + €0,50 - €0,70 per km). Taking a taxi from the stand is 2x more expensive than calling the taxi service by phone. Ask for the price before getting into a cab. Drivers are tricky. If you don't ask for the rest of the money back, they will think it's a tip.

Funtaxi +421 216 777
Happy taxi +421 905 222 333
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BIKES are not a very common way of transport in Bratislava. There are cycle routes around the city centre and we have a very good connection with Austria and Hungary, but in the city centre they are missing. The picking order on the street is: bus > car > pedestrian > bike. So be careful when you are crossing the road even at pedestrian zebra. Also watch out for the trams which are officially preferred against pedestrians.

Most **RESTAURANTS** stop serving food after 22:00 (we have dinner early).

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It is prohibited to smoke in public places (restaurants, bus or tram stops). But in most bars it is allowed. It is prohibited to drink alcohol on the streets (€33 fine).

SHOPS are normally open 08:00 - 17:00. On Sunday they're usually closed. Shopping centers are open all week long (daily 09:00 - 21:00, cinemas longer). Slovaks love to go shopping during the weekend.

You can buy a **TRANSPORT TICKET** at the kiosks or at the selling machines at the bus stop. (€0,70 - 15 minutes, €0,90 - 60 minutes, €1,60 - Night buses, €4,50 - 1 day, €10 - 3 days). If you are a student in another country you can't buy students public transport tickets. You have to buy a normal one (for adults) otherwise you



71 AN UGLY STATUE

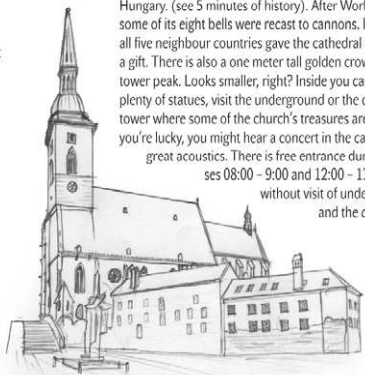
Let us introduce you to **SVÄTOPLUK** and his horse. The guy is said to be the 9th century king of Slovans (that's not the same as Slovaks, and there's a LOT of different opinions on this). This ugly statue was put here by our prime minister Fico, but it's really hard to find Bratislavans who actually like it. Some just don't like the minister, others don't like the artist who also built a lot of communist statues, back in the day. Judge for yourself and enjoy the really weird proportions.

72 BARS ON THE HILL

This hill leads to the Bratislava Castle **70**. As we love exercising, most locals go to the four bars that are located here on Beblavého and Židovská streets (**AZYL**, **DRINK IN GALLERY ANDY**, **VYDRICA** and **U ČERTA**) for starting the night before going to the discos in the neighbourhood. As these bars are pretty small, you'll probably meet lots of young people sitting or standing in front of them. In the end it doesn't matter which bar you go to: just breathe the atmosphere.

73 BIRTHPLACE OF KINGS AND QUEENS

(Mon to Sat 09:00 - 16:00 in winter, 09:00 - 18:00 in summer, / Sun 13:30 - 16:00 / entrance €2) The greatest church in Bratislava, **DŮM SV. MARTINA** (St. Martin's Cathedral) is a must, not only for history geeks. It was the main coronation church of the Kingdom of Hungary. (see 5 minutes of history). After World War I some of its eight bells were recast as cannons. In 2000 all five neighbour countries gave the cathedral a bell as a gift. There is also a one meter tall golden crown on the tower peak. Looks smaller, right? Inside you can find plenty of statues, visit the underground or the church tower where some of the church's treasures are kept. If you're lucky, you might hear a concert in the cathedral's great acoustics. There is free entrance during masses 08:00 - 9:00 and 12:00 - 13:00, but without visit of underground and the church tower.



74 CASTLE VS. HOUSE

There was a lot of arguing about this place. On the way up to the castle they're building a new modern house in a strong contrast with the historical castle. It's so high that we are losing the wonderful view from the castle area. There were a lot of protests, so we will see if the power of money is stronger.

75 IMPORTANT BRIDGE

This is where the biggest synagogue in Europe used to be. In 1969 the communist party destroyed it to make space for Most SNP (SNP Bridge). A whole neighbourhood under the castle, called Podhradie, where the poorest people and prostitutes used to live, was destroyed as well. Today there is a memorial for the victims of WWII. In June a replica of the old synagogue arose, in the same place it used to be. Inside, you can see a documentary about the synagogue's history. The replica will be there until September and then again next summer.

76 ST. SALVADOR'S FURNITURE

Have a peek through the window. This used to be **ST. SALVADOR** pharmacy with a unique and wonderful 1727 baroque interior. But then someone decided all the valuable furniture had to go. Now all that's left is the beautiful ceiling, the mosaic floor and the Christ statue on the façade. Shame...

77 PERFECT CINEMA

(Mon to Sun / one hour before the screening to 20:00 / tickets usually under €4). Like in most countries these days, big cinemas are located in big malls, and are more about selling popcorn than the pure love for movies. Not at **KINO MLADOST**: it's been here since 1913 and the focus is still on high-quality European movies without advertisements or trailers. And the best thing: after the screening you're surrounded by loads of bars perfect for philosophizing about the movie over a beer.

78 AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS

(Every day) The café / restaurant **VERNE** is situated in the building of the University of Fine Arts, so there's always lots of alternative young people there. The place is named after Jules Verne because the famous writer visited Bratislava in 1892. We love this cellar bar for its cosy corners with antique red velvet seats and Paris-style tavern stools and Verne's books that are all over the place.

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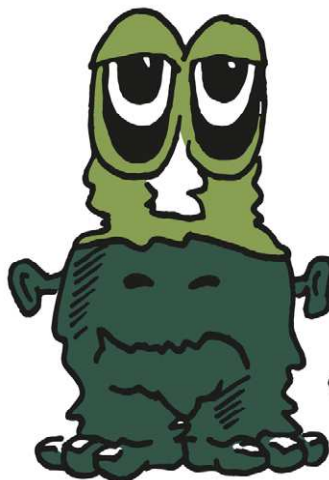
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88 VIENNA BY BOAT

For travelling to Vienna you can choose between a comfortable train or a cheap bus. But a boat on the Danube is of course the most romantic option. If your budget allows you and the weather is nice, it's the best way to get there (one way ticket: €18 / return ticket: €28 / 1h 45 minute ride). If you're on a budget you can go for a shorter ride to Devin Castle for €7 return. You'll see the city from a different perspective and have one hour at the castle. Perfect if you want to have a little rest. Check the website www.lod.sk.

89 OLD BRIDGE

In Bratislava, there's five bridges across the Danube. **STARÝ MOST** (Old Bridge) is the oldest one, from 1891. The iron construction looks like the Eiffel tower has fallen down. For more than twenty years it was the only bridge connecting both sides of the city. When crossing the river, watch out for bikes, you wouldn't be the first one to get knocked out.



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