



**SLOVAKIA**

**Small with Size, Big with Uniquenesses**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Capital city:</b>	Bratislava
<b>Political system:</b>	parliament democracy
<b>Memberships:</b>	EU, NATO, OECD, UN, WTO
<b>Population:</b>	5. 389.180 /31.12. 2005/
<b>Area:</b>	48.845 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Borders:</b>	Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic Austria , Ukraine
<b>Currency:</b>	EURO
<b>Shanghai:</b>	direct flight connection to Europe

### BRATISLAVA - Little Big City

- One of the most visited cities in Europe
- The coronation city
- The city of rich culture and history
- Host city of Ice Hockey World Championship in 2011



**The Spis castle** – the largest castle complex in Central Europe

**18 urban heritage areas:** including Košice, Kežmarok, Kremnica, Levoča, Banská Bystrica, Trnava, Nitra and many others

**All periods of European architecture:** Romanesque, Gothic, Baroque, even Art Nouveau

**About 180 registered** and protected castles and ruins

**Nature:** 9 national parks, 14 preserved reservations, 40% of territory cover by forests, 12 000 km of marked hiking trails, more than 5000 caves, two geysers, 250 waterfalls, and cascades

**MICE** - Congress and conferences facilities  
business meeting facilities, investment possibilities, incentive trips



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## THE HIGH TATRAS MOUNTAINS

The tallest mountains of Slovakia so called „Miniature Alps“

The oldest protected area in Slovakia, the National Park of Tatras (TANAP), founded in 1949

More than 100 alpine lakes and several waterfalls



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## THE TATRA CHAMOIS

You will not find this kind  
anywhere else in the World

A completely unique chamois kind  
which differs from its related  
chamois in the Alps or Apennines

Sometimes one can see this  
unique animal while tracking in  
the mountains.



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## SPAS AND MINERAL SPRINGS

Almost 1500 mineral springs in Slovakia

23 Health Spas providing curative power of thermal springs, mud and unique climatic conditions

The water with similar composition as in Spa Dudince can be found only in the well known french Spa Vichy and in Japan



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## OCHTINSKA ARAGONITOVA JASKYNA CAVE

The only one of its type in Europe

One of the three accessed caves of  
its type in the world  
(Mexico, Argentina)

UNESCO Heritage

In Slovakia there are 12 caves  
open to the public



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## THE WORLD HIGHEST WOODEN GOTHIC ALTAR

Situated in the St. James Church in  
Levoča

18,6 m high altar was carved of  
lime wood at the beginning of  
16th century

The author is Master Pavol of  
Levoča and the work took him 10  
years





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## ST. ELISABETH'S CATHEDRAL IN KOSICE

Situated in Košice – Gem of the  
East Slovakia

The most eastern situated  
western-type cathedral in Europe

The largest European set of 48  
Gothic table paintings



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## KREMNICA MINT

The oldest enterprise in the world  
which operates without any break

The coins have been made here  
since 1328

Euro-coins will be stamped here as  
well



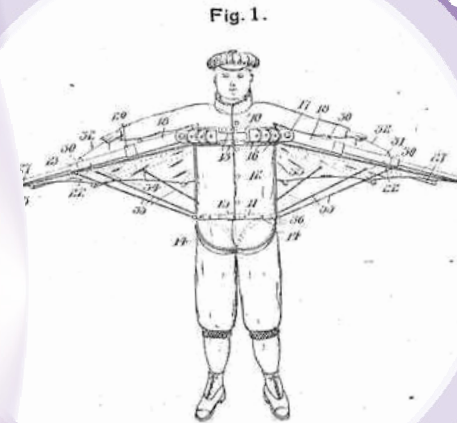
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## THE PARACHUTE

The inventor of the parachute was the Slovak Štefan Banič (1870-1941)

He tested his invention in USA, 1914

The parachute later belonged to the standard equipment of the US Army during World War I.



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## ANDY WARHOL POP ART MUSEUM

Situated in the Eastern part of  
Slovakia – in town Medzilaborce

The only one museum of its type  
in Europe

Founded as the first in the world  
in 1991



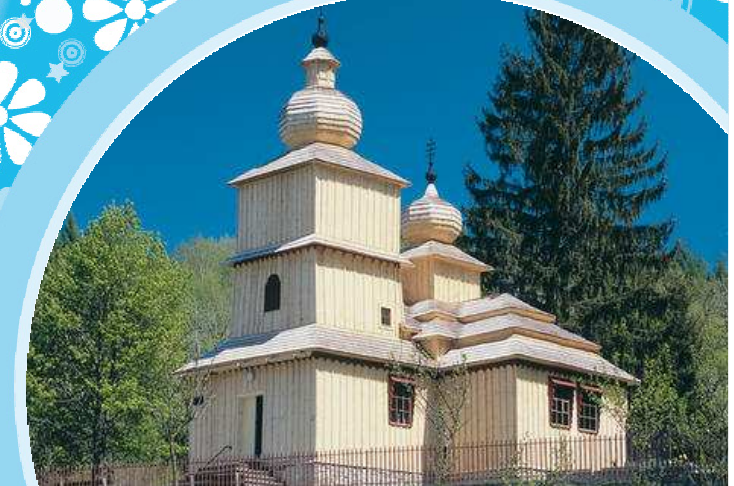
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## THE WOODEN CHURCHES

3 types – Gothic wooden churches, „articled“ churches, Greek Catholic

Almost 30 wooden churches situated mostly in the eastern Slovakia

Built without using any nails or metal materials





## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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