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#### **ACCOMODATION**

**Hotel Devin** is located in the historical centre, on the banks of the Danube River. The hotel is a protected monument and one of the most famous buildings from the functionalist period. In 2011–2012, the hotel underwent a complex renovation aiming to build on the tradition of a prominent hotel in the centre of Bratislava and to sensitively renew the hotel premises in accordance with its original character. Hotel Devin has been a special place for meetings since its opening in 1954.





#### **Hotel Devín**

Riečna 4 811 02 Bratislava Slovakia

phone: +421 2 599 85 856

website:

www.hoteldevin.sk

## **HOW TO GET TO THE HOTEL**

From the bus station: Bus number 70 - get off at the Most SNP stop (buy a ticket for 0,70 cents)

**From the train station:** Bus number 61 or 74 or trolleybus number 201 - get off at Trnavské mýto stop change to tram number 4 or 9 - get off at the Most SNP stop (buy a ticket for 0,90 cents)

**Taxi:** If you are taking a taxi in front of the train station, bus station or airport, choose a taxi which is clearly marked with some logo (usually on the door).

**Prices:** Bus station - Hotel Devín around 4 €, Train Station - Hotel Devín around 5 €, Airport - Hotel Devín around 8 €



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### Taxi providers:

I recommend you to call a taxi, it's usually cheaper.

Fun Taxi +421 216 777 Hello Taxi +421 216 321 Profi Taxi +421 216 222 Trend Taxi +421 216 302

#### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

In the Bratislava time tariff is applied in city public transportation. The passenger is obliged to buy a one-way ticket, combined ticket, ticket for a defined number of ways **before** entering the vehicle and **immediately** after the ticket must be marked in the nearest ticket marker. The ticket validity time also includes the time of drive interruption, i. e. waiting at the stop for the next connection. If during the drive the ticket time validity expires, the passenger must mark another ticket.

**Single tickets** (available at the self-service ticket machines, DPB stores or in newsstands):

- basic non-transferable one way ticket for 15 minutes costs 0,70 cents
- basic transferable ticket for 60 minutes (on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays for 90 minutes) costs 0,90 cents
- when transporting **luggage** (bigger than 30x40x60 cm) you should buy another discounted ticket (**0,35 cents**) or a combined ticket (**0,45** cents) for a luggage.

**Multiply touristic tickets** (available at the self-service ticket machines, DPB stores or in newsstands):

These tickets are for an unlimited number of trips by public transport in the city (including night buses) during the period of its validity. At the first boarding is necessary to mark the tourist ticket in the marker in transport means.

- touristic ticket for 24 hours costs 4,5 €
- touristic ticket for 48 hours costs 8.3 €
- touristic ticket for 3 days costs 10 €

For further information please visit: www.imhd.zoznam.sk/ba/public-transport.html



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#### **CITY OF BRATISLAVA**

Known as Pressburg to German-speakers or Pozsony to Hungarian-speakers, Bratislava got its present name only 90 years ago. But the city has a long and proud history that dates back to pre-Roman times.

In the city itself there is plenty to see and do. Bratislava's long history - as home to Celts, Romans, Germans, Hungarians, Jews, and of course Slovaks - means there is an impressive range of architecture, languages and cuisine.

The handsome homes of the Austro-Hungarian noble families who built palaces here dot the city, and many of them are now open to the public as museums and galleries. The castle, with its long and chequered history (it has been destroyed more than once) recently underwent a major reconstruction. There are great views over the mediaeval old town and the Danube valley from its fortifications.

Communism too left its mark: across the river, the unmistakable ranks of concrete housing blocks - paneláky in Slovak - line the horizon, with the unique UFO-style New Bridge in the foreground.

The Danube River itself is, of course, one of the city's main assets. There are several cafes along its banks, within walking distance of the centre. The 'UFO' itself contains an eponymous bar high above the river. The pedestrian decks of the New and Old Bridges are good places to watch the river traffic, including huge Danube barges, glide past. Alternatively, you can take to the water yourself: daily hydrofoil services link the city with nearby Vienna.

Big pop acts often play concerts in Bratislava, while the Slovak Philharmonic and the opera and ballet of the Slovak National Theatre regularly put on world-class performances.

Numerous restaurants offering international cuisine - from Slovak to French to Argentinian to Japanese - and excellent local beer and wine fill the city centre, alongside lively bars, lounges and clubs.

The hillsides on the edge of the city have been home to vineyards for centuries, and close to Bratislava are wine towns.

For more information please visit: <a href="https://www.visit.bratislava.sk/EN/">www.visit.bratislava.sk/EN/</a>



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#### CONFERENCE

The final program will be distributed on Thursday.

### LINKS OF INTEREST and SUGGESTIONS FOR SUNDAY

CENTRAL TOURIST INFORMATION IN THE CITY CENTRE

Klobúčnícka 2, 811 01 Bratislava

Opening times: Monday - Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

phone: + 421 2 16 186

e-mail: touristinfo@bratislava.sk website: www.visit.bratislava.sk/en/

- BRATISLAVA CASTLE www.bratislava-hrad.sk/en RECOMMENDED, estimated time 1,5-3hours
- CITY HISTORY MUSEUM in the old town hall http://www.muzeum.bratislava.sk/en/ RECOMMENDED
- NEDBALKA GALERY: Street Nedbalova 17, Open daily (except Mondays) from 1pm to 9pm www.nedbalka.sk RECOMMENDED, estimated time 1,5 hour
- MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION current exhibition "On Danube waves" www.fiaheritagemuseums.com/154-bratislava-museum-of-transport.html
- SLOVAK NATIONAL MUSEUM current exhibition "Style and fashion of the 1960s" http://www.snm.sk/?about-the-museum

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