

LIFE IN SLOVAKIA

ACCOMMODATION

For a long-term accommodation it is possible to rent or buy a house or flat. There are also various fixed or variable costs associated with housing (heating, electricity, water, sewage etc.). It is recommended to contact a lawyer or use the services of a real estate agency in order to avoid unnecessary risks.

www.reality.sk, www.topreality.sk, www.nehnutelnosti.sk

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Slovakia has 10 years of compulsory education. Most schools, especially universities, are owned by the state, though there are also church-owned and private schools.

Ministry of education www.minedu.sk

Study in Slovakia www.mzv.sk/web/en/slovakia/study-in-slovakia

TRANSPORT

The public transport system is performed by system of buses, trains, trolleybuses, tramways or taxis. However, whilst public transport is very popular with a lot of the local residents and foreigners, many people also choose to drive their own cars. Many of the roads are subject to toll charges (long or short term tolltickets).

Travel Schedule www.cp.sk

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL LIFE

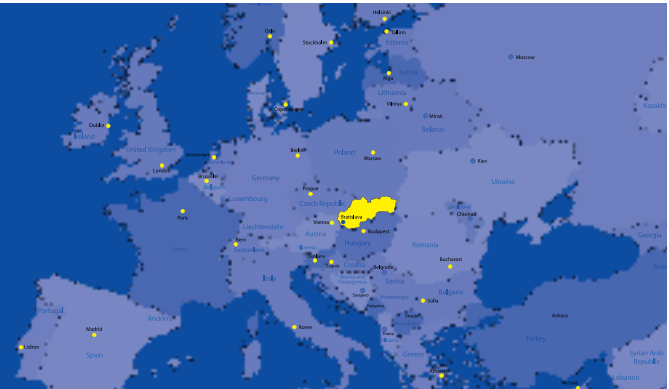
Slovakia is a small and colorful country, full of lovely surprises. Slovaks share a common culture despite regional and even local differences in dialect, local customs, and religion.

Ministry of Culture www.culture.gov.sk

Cultural Events Portal www.navstevnik.sk

Did you know that...?

Slovakia with its 9 national parks and 14 protected landscape areas is literally a paradise for tourists.



OTHER USEFUL WEBPAGES

- Your Europe www.europa.eu/youreurope
- Economic overview www.focus-economics.com/countries/slovakia
- Statistical Office of the Slovak republic www.statistics.sk
- Slovak investment and trade development agency www.sario.sk
- National Labour Inspectorate www.safework.gov.sk
- Federation of Employers Association - AZZZ SR www.azzz.sk
- Slovak news in English www.slovakspectator.sk
- IOM Migration Information Centre www.mic.iom.sk
- Learn Slovak for free www.slovake.eu/en
- Wages in Slovakia www.platy.sk
- The Guide to the Slovak Republic www.slovakia.org
- Travel in Slovakia Good Idea www.slovakia.travel/en/about-slovakia
- Come to Slovakia! www.slovakia.com

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

- 112** SOS EMERGENCY CALL
- 158** POLICE
- 150** FIRE BRIGADE
- 155** AMBULANCE
- 1181** HOTLINE



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www.eures.europa.eu
www.eures.sk



SLOVAKIA



Official name:	Slovak Republic
Capital:	Bratislava
Official language:	Slovak
State formation date:	1 January 1993
Political system:	parliamentary democracy
International codes:	SK, SVK, bar code 858
Area:	49 035 km ²
Population:	5 435 343
Administrative divisions:	8 self-governing regions (Bratislava, Trnava, Nitra, Trenčín, Žilina, Banská Bystrica, Prešov, Košice)
Currency:	€ EURO
Dialling code:	+421
Mobile phone operators:	Orange, Telekom, O2, 4ka



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www.employment.gov.sk • www.esf.gov.sk • www.ludskezdroje.gov.sk

ABOUT SLOVAKIA:

Slovakia is a landlocked country in Central Europe, bordered by Austria to the west, the Czech Republic to the northwest, Hungary to the south, Poland to the north and Ukraine to the east. Even in such a small area, you'll find everything from natural treasures and historical monuments to rich folk culture and modern entertainment in the busy city streets.

Did you know that...?

Bratislava is the only capital in the world bordering two countries.



MOVING TO SLOVAKIA:

As an EU citizen you can stay in Slovakia for up to 3 months without any obligations. All you need is a valid travel document (passport, national identity card or equivalent identity document). If you plan to stay longer then you have to register with the local Aliens Police Department within 10 working days from your entry to Slovakia. You may also apply for a residence permit valid for five years. EU citizens have a right to a permanent residence once they have resided legally in Slovakia for a continuous period of five years.

For more detailed information contact the local Aliens Police Department or visit. www.minv.sk, www.mzvs.sk

WORKING IN SLOVAKIA:

Citizens from the EU/EEA country are not required to have any permit and no restrictions are applied to them when they enter the labour market of the Slovak Republic.

FINDING A JOB IN SLOVAKIA:

- search online: www.eures.europa.eu, www.istp.sk, www.profesia.sk, www.kariera.zoznam.sk
- search through job advertisements in print media – daily and weekly newspapers
- contact PES – Public Employment Services (Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family) www.upsvar.sk
- contact Private Employment Services
- send out general job applications to any company of interest (visit their web pages)

APPLYING FOR A JOB:

Job application – a letter, to which a Curriculum Vitae (CV) must be attached along with copies of any documents specifically required by the employer (education, training, courses...)

Motivation letter – the applicant responds to a specific job offer or advertisement. The letter must clearly show that the applicant understood the offer, the nature of the position and the employer's requirement.

www.europass.cedefop.europa.eu/sk/documents/curriculum-vitae,
www.zivotopis-online.sk

HEALTHCARE:

Slovakia has a state healthcare system, managed by the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic, where residents are entitled to free basic healthcare and further treatment by specialists, hospitalization, prescriptions, and pregnancy and childbirth services. However, some other services are only partially subsidized or must be paid for in full by local residents and expatriates alike.

If you are an EU citizen moving to Slovakia, you will be able to use your EU health card to obtain free state healthcare. However, some services may not be available for free under this plan, and you are advised to contact the Ministry of Health for more specific information. If you are not an EU citizen, or you want to supplement the free healthcare, then it is highly recommended that you take out private healthcare insurance instead.

Ministry of Healthcare www.health.gov.sk
Health Insurance Agencies www.vszp.sk,
www.dovera.sk, www.union.sk



Questions on living and working conditions in Slovakia?
www.eures.europa.eu

SOCIAL SECURITY IN SLOVAKIA:

Social security covers three general areas: social insurance, which covers pensions, sickness, unemployment and accident insurance; social assistance, which allows individuals below the subsistence rate to claim unemployment benefits; and social state support, which covers situations where individuals might need extra support, for example after the birth of a child or the death of a family member. Eligibility for social security is not dependent on residence, but on occupational activity. For your personal circumstances you are advised to contact the relevant ministries and departments for more information.

Social Insurance Agency www.socpoist.sk
Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family
www.employment.gov.sk/sk

TAXES IN SLOVAKIA:

The tax year is the calendar year. Income tax rate is progressive (depends on the amount of income). Value added tax (VAT) is 20%, reduced VAT rate 10% (medical products, books)
www.finance.gov.sk, www.drsr.sk



IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THAT...

www.slovensko.sk is the Central Government Portal (an information system designed to provide service and information to the public through the common internet access point)

