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The country where history meets modern day.

Would you like to organize a conference or congress in a nice quiet place or directly in the centre?

Are you expecting participants from all over Europe or the world and you would like to offer something centrally located and still not very well known?

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Slovakia

- Slovakia, a unique country located in the heart of Europe.
- A perfect destination for meetings, incentives, congresses and events.
- Modern cities and their surroundings supported by infrastructure, quality and service.
- Unexplored country
- The countryside is brimming with unspoiled natural beauty.
- Delicious Slovak food and drinks, with the influence of Hungarian, Czech and Austrian regional cuisines, are out of this world.
- Slovakia is a new destination, attractive country for your business.

References

- **42ND ORDINARY UEFA CONGRESS – 2018**
- **101ST WORLD ESPERANTO CONGRESS – 2016**
- KOŠICE – CITY OF CULTURE – **2013**
- UIC WORLD SECURITY CONGRESS – **2012**
- ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP – **2011**
- NORWEGIAN ROYAL COUPLE VISIT – **2010**
- GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE RDA – **2010**
- WORLD DOG SHOW – **2009**
- NATO SUMMIT – **2008, 2010**
- THE VISIT OF QUEEN ELISABETH II. AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH – **2008**
- BUSH – PUTIN SUMMIT – **2005**
- VISITS OF THE POPE JOHN PAUL II. TO SLOVAKIA – **1990, 1995, 2003**



TOP 10 Reasons for MICE in Slovakia

1. Stable & Safe Destination
2. Great location and easy to reach
3. Scenery
4. Bratislava – The capital city
5. Cities & Towns
6. History, Culture & Heritage
7. Thermal water & Spas
8. Active holidays
9. Gastronomy, traditions & folklore
10. Busy cultural and social life, not limited to the capital city



Largest MICE Potential Places

- **Bratislava** – The capital city of Slovakia
- **Tatra Mountains**
- **Košice** – European capital of culture 2013
- **Spiš castle**
- **Slovak Paradise**
- **Vlkolíneč** – Monument Reservation listed in the UNESCO World Heritage List
- **Spa Piešťany**



The best of Slovakia

Discover Slovakia – a country with many cultural, historical and technical monuments and natural beauties and attractions:



- The largest medieval castle complex in Central Europe – Spiš Castle ($40,000 \text{ m}^2$).
- Late Gothic wing altar with the largest collection of 48 window paintings on its wings in Europe – main altar of St. Elisabeth in St. Elisabeth's Cathedral in Košice.
- The largest wooden Gothic altar in the world – the main altar by master Pavol in St. James' Church in Levoča.
- The broadest karst area in Central Europe – Slovak Karst (440 km^2).



- The oldest art memory – statue of Venus (made from a mammoth tooth), 22 800 years old.
- The only aragonite cave in Europe – the Ochotínska Aragonite Cave.
- The largest river island in Europe – Rye Island ($132\,612 \text{ ha}$) lying between the Danube river and its left arm.
- The oldest mining university in Europe – the Mining School in Banská Štiavnica (founded in 1735).
- The oldest continuously operating manufacturing factory in Slovakia – the Kremnica mint, founded in 1328. Also belongs among the longest active mints in Europe.
- Museum of Modern Art, Andy Warhol, Medzilaborce – unique in Europe.
- The highest situated apartment in Central Europe – apartment at the top of Lomnický Peak (2634 m) in the High Tatras.





Slovak Republic

The Foundation of the Slovak Republic:

1st January 1993

Area: 49 035 km²

Population: 5 408 148 (k 30. 9. 2012)

Capital city: Bratislava

Official language: Slovak

Currency: EURO (from 1/1/2009)

Boarders with neighbouring countries:

Hungary (655 km), Poland (541 km),
Czech Republic (252 km), Austria (107 km),
Ukraine (98 km)

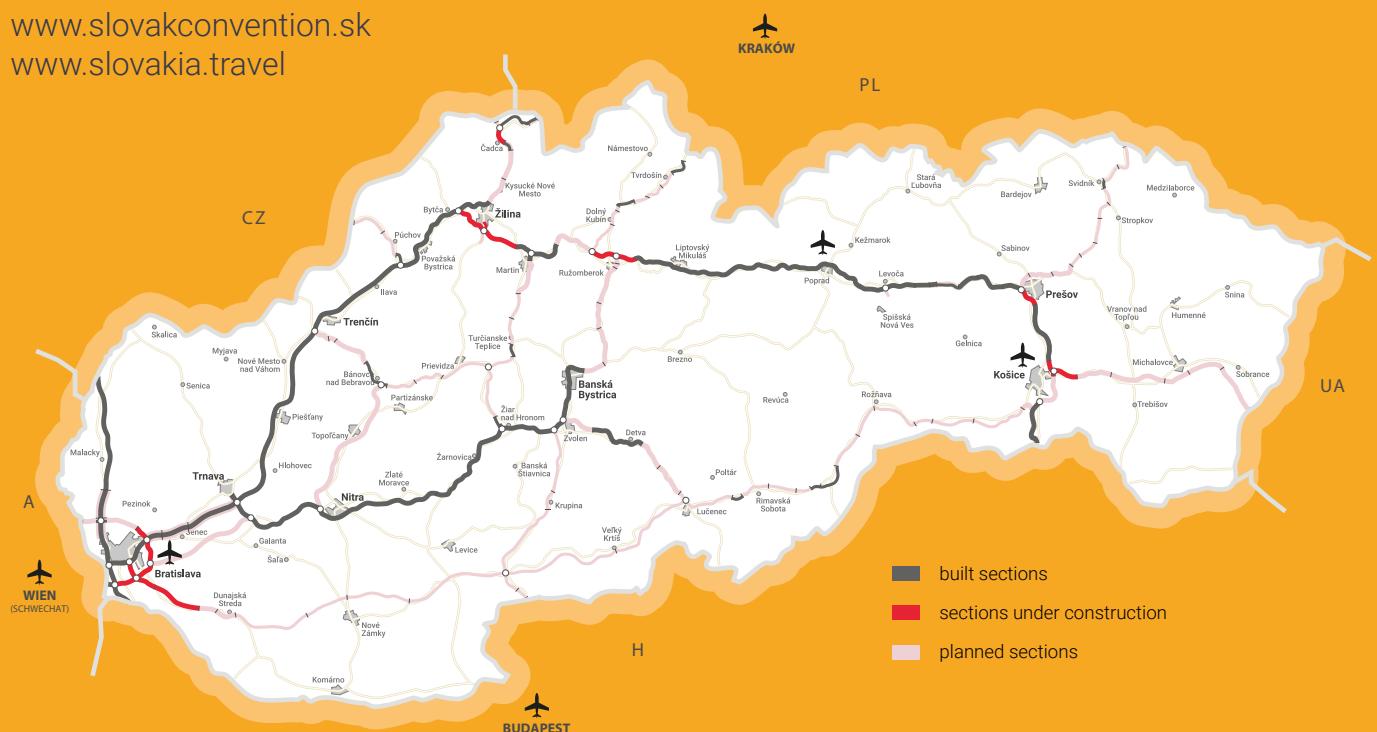
Time zone:

Central European time (+1 hour from GMT),
Summer time (from March to November:

+2 hours from GMT)

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Distances

Bratislava – Wien / Schwechat-Airport:

80 km / 60 km

Budapest / Airport: 200 km / 218 km

Banská Bystrica: 210 km

Košice: 400 km

Poprad: 332 km

Žilina: 202 km

Košice – Budapest-Airport: 268 km

Poprad: 118 km

Poprad – Kraków-Airport: 156 km



Slovak Convention Bureau

The Slovak Convention Bureau platform is your partner for any and all meetings, incentives, conventions and events you plan to hold in Slovakia.

The Slovak Convention Bureau was established in October 2010 under the auspices of the Slovak Tourist Board. However, in 2016 organizational changes were made and Slovak Convention Bureau platform has become a part of the Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic. Since 2018, the Slovak Convention Bureau platform has operated under the auspices of the Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic to support congress and incentive tourism. The main goal of SCB is to actively promote Slovakia and its congress potential thus ensuring a growth of events in the specific regions of Slovakia, supporting tourism in regions and supporting promotion of individual member subjects.

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From economic point of view congress tourism as a part of MICE (meetings, incentives, congress/conferences, events) for a long time belongs to the most profitable forms of tourism, it brings profit to entrepreneurs, town, region, balances seasonality.

In November 2006, Slovak Convention Bureau becomes a member of ICCA and other international tourism organizations and by means of this membership it may participate at specialized international events.



We are member of the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA).



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